



## Board of Administration Agenda Item 9c

June 15, 2016

**ITEM NAME:** Petition for Reconsideration -- In the Matter of the Application for Death Benefits Payable Upon the Death of MARK A. SOTO by ANNETTE SOTO, Respondent, and MARINA SOTO HERNANDEZ, Respondent.

**PROGRAM:** Benefit Services Division

**ITEM TYPE:** Action

### **PARTIES' POSITIONS**

Staff argues that the Board of Administration should deny the Petition for Reconsideration.

Respondent Annette Soto (Respondent Soto) argues that the Board of Administration should deny the Petition for Reconsideration.

Respondent Marina Soto Hernandez (Respondent Hernandez) argues that the Board of Administration should grant the Petition for Reconsideration.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item is not a specific product of either the Strategic or Annual Plans. The determination of administrative appeals is a power reserved to the Board of Administration.

### **PROCEDURAL SUMMARY**

The Board at its May 18, 2016, meeting adopted the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge. The Decision granted the appeal of Respondent Soto to be recognized as the beneficiary of the death benefits payable upon the death of Mark A. Soto.

Respondent Hernandez filed a Petition for Reconsideration. Respondent Hernandez and Respondent Soto have been notified of the date of the Board meeting and of their opportunity to submit written argument in advance of the Board meeting on June 15, 2016.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

A. For use if the Board decides to deny the Petition for Reconsideration:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System denies the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by

Marina Soto Hernandez concerning the Board's decision of May 18, 2016; the Board's Decision of May 18, 2016, is effective immediately and the Respondent has 30 days to appeal to the courts.

- B. For use if the Board decides to grant the Petition for Reconsideration and decide the matter upon the record. A transcript of the hearing would be provided to each Board member, and the Board would receive written and/or oral argument at a subsequent meeting and adopt a new decision upon reconsideration:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, grants the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Marina Soto Hernandez concerning the Board's decision dated May 18, 2016; RESOLVED FURTHER that the reconsideration shall be made at a subsequent Board meeting, after notice is given to all affected parties, based upon the record produced before the Administrative Law Judge and such additional evidence and arguments that are presented by the parties and accepted by the Board.

- C. For use if the Board decides to grant the Petition for Reconsideration and assign the case to an Administrative Law Judge, subject to the procedures provided in Government Code section 11517. The matter would be remanded to the Office of Administrative Hearings for the taking of further evidence:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System grants the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Marina Soto Hernandez and concerning the Board's decision dated May 18, 2016; RESOLVED FURTHER that the reconsideration shall be scheduled for hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, after notice is given to all affected parties, where the Administrative Law Judge may base his or her findings upon the record produced before the Administrative Law Judge at prior hearing(s) and any additional evidence including written and oral argument presented by the parties as may be permitted.

**BUDGET AND FISCAL IMPACTS:** Not applicable

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A: Respondent's Petition for Reconsideration
- Attachment B: Staff's Argument
- Attachment C: Respondent(s) Argument(s)
- Attachment D: Decision
- Attachment E: Proposed Decision

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