



Board of Administration

Agenda Item 8b3

March 15, 2023

Item Name: Petition for Reconsideration – In the Matter of the Appeal of Reinstatement from Industrial Disability Retirement of MICHELLE L. MONTANO, Respondent, and VALLEY STATE PRISON, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, Respondent.

Program: Disability and Survivor Benefits Division

Item Type: Action

Parties' Positions

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

Respondent Michelle Montano (Respondent) argues that the Board of Administration 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 January 17, 2023, meeting adopted the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge. The Decision denied Respondent's appeal of CalPERS' determination that she is no longer substantially incapacitated from the performance of her job duties as a Certified Nursing Assistant and would be reinstated to her former position.

Respondent submitted a Petition for Reconsideration on February 8, 2023. A Stay of Execution in the above matter has been granted so that the Petition for Reconsideration may be presented to the Board.

Respondents 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 March 15, 2023.

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 Michelle L. Montano concerning

the Board's Decision of January 17, 2023; the Board's Decision of January 17, 2023, is effective immediately and the Respondents have 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 Michelle L. Montano concerning the Board's Decision dated January 17, 2023; 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 taking of further evidence:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System grants the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Michelle L. Montano and concerning the Board's Decision dated January 17, 2023; 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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