

# Board of Administration Educational Day

# Action Item – Proposed Decisions of Administrative Law Judges 13. Migterry R. Solinap

January 17, 2023

**Item Name**: Proposed Decision – In the Matter of the Appeal for an Earlier Effective Date of Disability Retirement of MIGTERRY R. SOLINAP, Respondent, and DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, Respondent.

Program: Disability and Survivor Benefits Division

Item Type: Action

### **Parties' Positions**

Staff argues that the Board of Administration should adopt the Proposed Decision.

Respondent Migterry R. Solinap's (Respondent Solinap) position is included in Attachment C, if any.

### 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**

Respondent Solinap submitted an appeal for an earlier effective retirement date under Government Code section 20160, and the matter was heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings on November 3 and 22, 2022. Respondent Department of Developmental Services (Respondent DDS) did not appear at the hearing, and the matter proceeded as a default against Respondent DDS only, pursuant to Government Code section 11520. A Proposed Decision was issued on December 6, 2022, affirming CalPERS' determination and denying the appeal.

### **Alternatives**

A. For use if the Board decides to adopt the Proposed Decision as its own Decision:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System hereby adopts as its own Decision the Proposed Decision dated December 6, 2022, concerning the appeal of Migterry R. Solinap; RESOLVED FURTHER that this Board Decision shall be effective 30 days following mailing of the Decision.

B. For use if the Board decides not to adopt the Proposed Decision, and to decide the case upon the record:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, after consideration of the Proposed Decision dated December 6, 2022, concerning the appeal of Migterry R. Solinap, hereby rejects the Proposed Decision and determines to decide the matter itself, 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; RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board's Decision shall be made after notice is given to all parties.

C. For use if the Board decides to remand the matter back 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, after consideration of the Proposed Decision dated December 6, 2022. concerning the appeal of Migterry R. Solinap, hereby rejects the Proposed Decision and refers the matter back to the Administrative Law Judge for the taking of additional evidence as specified by the Board at its meeting.

- D. Precedential Nature of Decision (two alternatives; either may be used):
  - 1. For use if the Board wants further argument on the issue of whether to designate its Decision as precedential:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System requests the parties in the matter concerning the appeal of Migterry R. Solinap, as well as interested parties, to submit written argument regarding whether the Board's Decision in this matter should be designated as precedential, and that the Board will consider the issue whether to designate its Decision as precedential at a time to be determined.

2. For use if the Board decides to designate its Decision as precedential, without further argument from the parties.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, hereby designates as precedential its Decision concerning the appeal of Migterry R. Solinap.

## **Budget and Fiscal Impacts:** Not applicable

### **Attachments**

Attachment A: Proposed Decision

Attachment B: Staff's Argument

Attachment C: Respondent(s) Argument(s)

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