

SBCERS

Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System

DATE: April 24, 2024

Consent Item # 1.4

TO: SBCERS BOARD OF RETIREMENT

FROM: Katrina Peña, Disability Retirement Analyst

RE: **Bryan Nipper, Applicant for Disability Retirement**

Recommendation

Grant Referee Irene Ayala's request for extension of her jurisdiction to June 28, 2024, to accommodate an agreed upon hearing of June 24, 2024.

Attachments

(1) Request from Referee Ayala

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April 4, 2024

Board of Retirement
Santa Barbara County Employees'
Retirement System
130 Robin Hill Road, Suite 100
Goleta, California 93117

Re: Bryan Nipper
Request for Jurisdiction Extension
Scheduled Hearing Date: April 29, 2024

Dear Board Members:

I have been assigned as Referee in the case of Bryan Nipper, a 42-year-old Deputy Sheriff, regarding his application for a service-connected disability retirement. He is represented by Steven Rosales, Attorney at Law. SBCERS is represented by Philip Moncharsh, Attorney at Law. The appeal hearing in this case was scheduled for April 29, 2024. My jurisdiction was to end on May 7, 2024.

SBCERS received notification on February 28, 2024 that Mr. Rosales had been retained to represent Mr. Nipper in this case. On April 3, 2024, Mr. Rosales requested a continuance of the April 29, 2024 hearing due to the time needed to provide care for his wife, who is suffering from a serious health condition. Mr. Rosales will not be able to adequately prepare for Mr. Nipper's hearing prior to the expiration of my jurisdiction. A new hearing date has been set for June 24, 2024, a date agreed upon by the parties.

Accordingly, based on these facts, I found there is good cause for an extension of my jurisdiction to June 28, 2024. I would sincerely appreciate the granting of the jurisdiction extension as requested.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Irene P. Ayala

Irene P. Ayala
Referee

Cc: Katrina Pena