



# BOARD OF RETIREMENT

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 19-1004

**Agenda Date:** 9/3/2020

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**FROM:** Barbara Hannah, Chief Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Disability Retirement Application of Edna Zelinski

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement application of Edna Zelinski - County of San Bernardino - Sheriff.

Requested Benefit:

1. Service-Connected Disability Retirement

Staff Recommendation:

1. Edna Zelinski is permanently incapacitated for the performance of duties and a disability retirement should be granted.
2. Edna Zelinski's disability is service-connected based on the claimed injury(ies)/disease as listed in Exhibit A; therefore, grant a service-connected disability benefit.
3. Staff shall initiate disability benefit payments with an effective date of the day after the last day of regular compensation as determined by staff.

**BACKGROUND:**

Medical Advisor - Bruce P. Hector, M.D.

Attorney - Jane Oatman, Esq. - Faunce, Singer & Oatman

Staff recommends a grant of a service connected disability retirement benefit in opposite of Dr. Hector's recommendation that Ms. Zelinski is not disabled. Based on the evidence presented herein there is substantial evidence to support a finding that Ms. Zelinski is permanently incapacitated and Ms. Zelinski's incapacity is service connected.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Barbara Hannah

David Lantzer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A: Claimed Injury or Disease

Exhibit B: Demographic Information

Exhibit C: Medical Advisor's Report - Dr. Hector - 4/28/2020

Exhibit D: Medical Advisor's Report - Dr. Hector - 6/16/2020

Exhibit E: Independent Medical Examiner's Report - Dr. Latteri - 3/6/2020

Exhibit F: Independent Medical Examiner's Report - Dr. Latteri - 6/3/2020

Exhibit G: Applicant's Statement of Facts and Physician's Report  
Exhibit H: Department Statement of Facts  
Exhibit I: Job Description, Physical Requirements  
Exhibit J: CONFIDENTIAL Memorandum to Board of Trustees