DATE: May 24, 2023 **Agenda Item # C-5**

TO: SBCERS BOARD OF RETIREMENT

FROM: Katrina Peña, Disability Retirement Analyst

RE: John Brenner, Applicant for Disability Retirement

Recommendation

Grant Referee Irene Ayala's request for extension of her jurisdiction to September 14, 2023, to accommodate an agreed upon hearing of September 14, 2023.

Attachments

(1) Request from Referee Ayala

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Board of Retirement Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System 130 Robin Hill Road, Ste. 100 Goleta, CA 93105

Re:

John Brenner

Request for Extension of Referee Jurisdiction

Extended to: September 14, 2023

Dear Board Members:

I have been assigned as Referee in the case of John Brenner regarding his application for a service-connected disability retirement. He will be represented by attorney Jane H. Oatman. SBCERS will be represented by attorney Chris Kroes. My jurisdiction to hear the case was to end on July 25, 2023.

Due to scheduling commitments of both attorneys, the hearing in this case cannot take place before the expiration of the current July 25, 2023 jurisdiction date. A new hearing date has been set for September 14, 2023, a date agreed upon by all the parties.

Based on these facts, I find there is good cause for an extension of my jurisdiction to September 14, 2023. Please advise if you need additional information from me. I would sincerely appreciate the granting of the extension of jurisdiction as requested.

Very truly yours,

Irene P. Ayalla

Referee

Cc: Katrina Gutierrez