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Date: April 19, 2017  
To: Board of Retirement  
From: James Wilbanks, Retirement Administrator  
Subject: Designation of Disability Hearing Officer Panel

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Rule 11(b) of MCERA's Disability Retirement Procedures state: "The Board may designate a panel of hearing officers at the beginning of each calendar year. New cases will be assigned to the hearing officer on a rotational basis." The Board has not designated a panel and needs to do so now as we have a case heading toward hearing. In the past, MCERA has used the Arbitration and Mediation Center in Santa Rosa for these hearing officers. Below is an alphabetized list of the attorneys from that organization that serve as hearing officers.

- William D. Anderson
- Karin P. Beam
- Frederic L. Hirschfield
- Phillip H. Kelly
- Robert A. Murray
- Leslie R. Perry
- Brian Purtill
- Richard R. Rudnansky
- Laurence K. Sawyer
- Tad S. Shapiro
- Ivan Weinberg
- W. Barton Weitzenberg
- Thomas D. Wright

I recommend that the Board designate this list as the Disability Hearing Officer Panel and that they be selected for cases in alphabetical order.