

ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

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Thursday, May 19, 2022

Chair Jaime Godfrey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Dale Amaral

Ophelia Basgal (Arrived After Roll Call)

Keith Carson Tarrell Gamble Jaime Godfrey Liz Koppenhaver

Henry Levy (Arrived After Roll Call)

Kellie Simon George Wood

Nancy Reilly (*Alternate*)

Darryl Walker (Alternate) (Arrived After Roll Call)

Staff Present: Victoria Arruda, Human Resource Officer

Angela Bradford, Executive Secretary Sandra Dueñas-Cuevas, Benefits Manager

Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer-Benefits

Erica Haywood, Fiscal Services Officer Jessica Huffman, Benefits Manager Harsh Jadhav, Chief of Internal Audit

Vijay Jagar, Retirement Chief Technology Officer, ACERA

Lisa Johnson, Chief Executive Officer-Operations

David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer

Jeff Rieger, Chief Counsel

Betty Tse, Chief Investment Officer

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

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REPORT ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS

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LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

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APPROVE REQUEST(S) FOR UP TO 130 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO RE-DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTIONS AND GAIN CREDIT

None

APPROVE UNCONTESTED STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISABILITY RETIREMENTS AND DEATH BENEFITS

Appendix E

APPROVE UNCONTESTED HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENTS AND DEATH BENEFITS

None

APPROVE MINUTES of BOARD and COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 21, 2022 Governance Committee Minutes

April 21, 2022 Actuarial Committee Minutes

April 21, 2022 Audit Committee Minutes

April 21, 2022 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

MISCELLANEOUS

- Proposed Findings Regarding State of Emergency Pursuant to Gov't Code § 54953(e)(3): Staff Recommendation: The Board finds that it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and (2) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
- Approve Staff Recommendations regarding County of Alameda's New Pay Items/Codes:
 - Incentive Mental Health Specialist/Rehabilitation Counselor 744
 - Incentive Behavioral Clinician Health I 745
 - Incentive Behavioral Clinician Health II 746
 - Incentive Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor 747
 - Incentive Behavioral Health Clinical Manager 748
 - *Incentive Assistant Director, Forensic, Diversion & Re-Entry 749*

MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

- Operating Expenses as of 3/31/22
- Quarterly Cash Forecast as of 3/31/22
- Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statements as of 3/31/22
- Board Conference Expense Report as of 3/31/22
- Senior Manager Conference & Training Report as of 3/31/22
- Quarterly Report on Member Under/Overpayments
- 1st Quarter Call Center Report

<u>22-28</u>

It was moved by Keith Carson and seconded by Tarrell Gamble that the Board adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Trustee Basgal was not present for the vote on the motion.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

DISABILITY AND DEATH BENEFIT CLAIMS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS

This month's Committee reports were presented in the following order:

Investment:

Tarrell Gamble gave an oral report stating that the Investment Committee met earlier today and that the Committee reviewed and discussed amendments to ACERA's General Investment Guidelines, Policies and Procedures.

22-29

It was moved by Tarrell Gamble and seconded by Kellie Simon that the Board approve amendments to ACERA's General Investment Guidelines, Policies and Procedures (Policy), as shown in the redlined Policy included in the Investment Committee agenda packet. The motion carried 7 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Simon, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Trustees Basgal and Levy were not present for the vote on the motion.

Trustee Gamble further reported that the Committee discussed an additional investment of up to \$50 million in PRISA III as part of ACERA's Real Estate Portfolio – Value Added.

<u>22-30</u>

It was moved by Tarrell Gamble and seconded by Dale Amaral that the Board approve an additional investment of up to \$50 million in PRISA III, as part of ACERA's Real Estate Portfolio – Value Added, pending completion of Legal and Investment due diligence and successful contract negotiations. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Trustee Basgal was not present for the vote on the motion.

There were no Information Items.

Minutes of the meeting will be presented to the Board for adoption on the Consent Calendar at the June 16, 2022 Board meeting.

Actuarial:

Vice-Chair Henry Levy gave an oral report stating that the Actuarial Committee met earlier today and that the Committee completed its review of the draft Actuarial Valuation and Review as of December 31, 2021.

<u>22-31</u>

It was moved by Henry Levy and seconded by Dale Amaral that the Board adopt the Actuarial Valuation and Review as of December 31, 2021. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Trustee Basgal was not present for the vote on the motion.

There were no Information Items.

Minutes of the meeting will be presented to the Board for adoption on the Consent Calendar at the June 16, 2022 Board meeting.

Audit:

Henry Levy gave an oral report stating that the Audit Committee met earlier today and that Williams Adley & Company completed its review of ACERA's *Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report* as of December 31, 2021.

22-32

It was moved by Henry Levy and seconded by Liz Koppenhaver that the Board approve the *Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report* as of December 31, 2021. The motion carried 8 yes (*Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. *Trustee Basgal was not present for the vote on the motion*.

Trustee Levy further reported that Staff completed its review of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67 Valuation and addendum as of December 31, 2021 and Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 74 Valuation and addendum as of December 31, 2021 (Conducted by The Segal Group).

22-33

It was moved by Henry Levy and seconded by Kellie Simon that the Board adopt Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67 Valuation and addendum as of December 31, 2021. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Trustee Basgal was not present for the vote on the motion.

22-34

It was moved by Henry Levy and seconded by Kellie Simon that the Board adopt Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 74 Valuation and addendum as of December 31, 2021. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Trustee Basgal was not present for the vote on the motion.

Staff presented the Committee with the following Information Items: 1) Progress report on the Internal Audit Plan; and 2) Review of completed audits.

Minutes of the meeting will be presented to the Board for adoption on the Consent Calendar at the June 16, 2022 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Participating Employers' Recommended Contributions to their Alameda County</u> <u>Employees' Retirement Association 40l(h) Accounts for the 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year</u>

Chief Executive Officer Dave Nelsen explained the 401(h) process wherein ACERA's Actuary recommends the amount of contributions each Participating Employer is required to make to their respective ACERA 401(h) Accounts in order to fund ACERA's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) (non-vested medical benefits) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. For more detail regarding the 401(h) process, see Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Operations Lisa Johnson's May 19, 2022 memo.

22-35

It was moved by Liz Koppenhaver and seconded by Dale Amaral that after contributions are made to the 401(h) accounts by the respective Participating Employers, ACERA, in accordance with the CERL, treat an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) assets as employer contributions for pensions and transfer the amount equal to the pro rata share of the 401(h) contributions for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for each Participating Employer. The exact amount will be adjusted by the balance remaining in each of their 401(h) accounts and is contingent upon receipt by ACERA of an authorizing resolution from each of the Participating Employers' governing bodies. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Trustee Basgal was not present for the vote on the motion.

<u>Discussion and Possible Motion about the Possible Formation and Scope of a New Ad Hoc Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Committee</u>

Trustees expressed their concerns regarding whether or not a new ESG Ad Hoc Committee should be established at this time. Trustee Basgal suggested that the Investment Staff provide the Board with periodic updates on ESG. Trustee Levy reported that ESG is still relevant in the investment field and that the conferences he has attended focus on ESG. Chief Investment Officer Betty Tse referred to pages 5 and 6 of ACERA's ESG Policy which outlines the responsibilities of the Board, Investment Staff and ACERA's Investment Managers/Consultant's. After discussion, Trustee Godfrey stated he is in favor of ESG, but instructed the Investment Staff to provide additional information before the Board makes its final decision regarding whether or not a new ESG Ad Hoc Committee should be established. Ms. Tse assured the Board that the Investment Staff, with input from Investment Counsel and ACERA's Investment Managers/Consultants, will obtain additional information on this issue and will provide the Board with a status update at the next Investment Committee and/or Board meeting.

David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer's Report

Chief Executive Officer Dave Nelsen presented his May 19, 2022 written CEO Report which provided an update on: 1) Senior Management Recruitment; 2) Committee and Board Action Items; 3) Conference Schedule; 4) Other Items: a) COVID-19 Responses; b) Pension Administration System Project; c) Russian Divestment; d) Staff Transitions; and 5) Key Performance Indicators.

Mr. Nelsen reported that he submitted ACERA's re-opening plan to the County Labor Unions and stated he received one request for a "meet and confer" from one of the groups. Mr. Nelsen reminded the Board that ACERA is open twice a week for appointments (Tuesdays and Thursdays) in order to assist its members. However, the majority of appointments are still being done remotely, which is the preference of ACERA's customers.

Mr. Nelsen reported that he is in conversations with ACERA's Strategic Planning Consultant who will assist the Board with facilitating the process. Mr. Nelsen anticipates that the process should be completed by this summer, but will keep the Board apprised of the status.

Mr. Nelsen announced that the Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Benefits recruitment will go live before the end of May 2022, as Kathy Foster, the current Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Benefits, is retiring in September 2022.

Mr. Nelsen further reported that he voted ACERA's Proxy on behalf of the Board of Retirement, as instructed, at the SACRS Spring Conference Business Meeting and that the vote regarding the SACRS Board of Directors slate was voted on unanimously.

Trustee Godfrey and Mr. Nelsen discussed inviting CalPERS' new Chief Investment Officer to a future Committee and/or Board meeting to speak on various topics of interest to the Board for training/educational purposes; the Trustees agreed.

CONFERENCE/ORAL REPORTS

Some Trustees reported that they attended the Milken Global and SACRS Spring Conferences and that they were both excellent.

Trustees Wood and Walker believe that the Milken Global Conference was very beneficial and valuable, as it included World Leaders that had discussions on medicine, politics and investment and social related issues that may impact the economy. Trustee Carson also attended the Milken Global Conference.

Trustee Reilly reported that a couple of Economists were at the SACRS Spring Conference who discussed the impact COVID-19 has had on the economy and what we can expect in the future. Trustee Reilly also reported that Keisha Lance-Bottoms spoke on her experiences when she was the Mayor of Atlanta, GA and that Retired General David Petraeus spoke on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and his prospective on the issue. There was also a discussion about China. Trustee Simon reported that there were several high-caliber speakers at the SACRS Spring Conference and one of the more interesting topics of discussion was about investing in Blockchain, Crypto, Metaverse, etc. and investing in other Countries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

BOARD INPUT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): <u>Alameda Health System v. ACERA</u>, San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CGC-19-516795.

The Board reconvened into Open Session and the following Trustees returned: *Amaral, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Simon, Reilly and Wood*

Chair Godfrey stated that the Board took no reportable action on the *AHS v. ACERA* matter. Chief Counsel Jeff Rieger reported that Trustee Keith Carson was not present in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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David Nelsen	Date Adopted
Chief Executive Officer	

APPENDIX A REPORT ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS

AGERS, Rhonda CANALIN, Philip Effective: 2/26/2022 Effective: 3/5/2022

Assessor

ALFONSO, Leony CARMINER, Joycelyn Effective: 3/5/2022 Effective: 3/19/2022 Alameda Health System Social Services Agency

BASS, April

COLGAN, Stephen Effective: 2/12/2022 Effective: 3/19/2022 Alameda Health System Health Care Services Agency

BAUTISTA, Alex CORONA, Javier Effective: 2/26/2022 Effective: 3/19/2022 Public Works Agency Sheriff's Department

BECKER, Barbara Effective: 3/19/2022

Health Care Services Agency

BLACKMON, Charlene Effective: 3/17/2022 Sheriff's Department

BOWIE, Sharlene Effective: 3/5/2022 Child Support Services

BRADBERRY, Peggy Effective: 3/4/2022 Alameda Health System

BRAUN, Eduard Effective: 2/19/2022 **Probation Department**

BRIGHAM, Robert Effective: 3/20/2022 **Probation Department**

BROAS, Teresita Effective: 3/18/2022 Retirement (ACERA)

BROCK, Gregory Effective: 3/15/2022 Zone 7

CRAWFORD, Paul Effective: 2/19/2022 Public Works Agency

Health Care Services Agency

DE RIO, Virgina Effective: 3/19/2022 Sheriff's Department

DELA CRUZ, Susana Effective: 2/19/2022 Treasurer-Tax Collector

DE LA CRUZ, Wilfredo Effective: 3/5/2022 Treasurer-Tax Collector

DETTERMAN, Karel Effective: 3/18/2022

Health Care Services Agency

DOOLEY, Mary Effective: 3/12/2022 District Attorney

DOWNIE, Margaret Effective: 3/1/2022 **Superior Court**

ESPINOSA, Lupe Effective: 3/15/2022 Child Support Services

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FERRRIRA, Mary Effective: 2/5/2022 Superior Court

FORD, Michael Effective: 3/1/2022

Information Technology Department

FRANCK, Catherine Effective: 3/5/2022

Health Care Services Agency

GATISON, Marva Effective: 3/2/2022 Social Services Agency

GLEASON, Mark Effective: 3/5/2022 Sheriff's Department

GRAVER, Douglas Effective: 2/2/2022

Zone 7

HITOMI, Brian Effective: 3/5/2022

Assessor

IZON, Ruben

Effective: 12:00:00 AM Public Works Agency

JAMES, Autrey Effective: 3/19/2022 District Attorney

JUDY, Caroline Effective: 2/9/2022 General Services Agency

KING, Charles Effective: 3/19/2022 Probation Department

KLAUS, David Effective: 3/19/2022 Public Defender LAHAIE, Keith Effective: 3/31/2022 Public Works Agency

LAM, Chui-Chun Effective: 3/5/2022

Health Care Services Agency

LEDDA, Marianne Effective: 2/15/2022

Library

LOZANO, Frank Effective: 3/6/2022 Probation Department

MAFNAS, Eugene Effective: 3/5/2022

Assessor

MAPES, Denise Effective: 2/19/2022 Alameda Helath System

MARTIN, Tamiko Effective: 3/5/2022 Probation Department

MC KENZIE, Howard Effective: 3/18/2022 Sheriff's Office

MC ADAMS, Norman Effective: 1/25/2022 Sheriff's Department

MOLLOY, Michael Effective: 3/5/2022 Sheriff's Department

MONEZ, Vicki Effective: 3/19/2022 District Attorney

ORTEGA-MENDEZ, Patricia

Effective: 3/12/2022 Superior Court

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OTSUKA, Andrew SENG, Vanny

Effective: 2/19/2022 Effective: 3/19/2022

Public Works Agency Health Care Services Agency

PARRIS, Emilio SHAVER, Joseph Effective: 2/19/2022 Effective: 3/19/2022

Social Services Agency Zone 7

PAYNE, Colleen SOUSA, Steven Effective: 2/19/2022 Effective: 3/19/2022

Health Care Services Agency Public Works Agency

PIERCE, Cecelia STRICKLAND, Craig Effective: 2/19/2022 Effective: 2/19/2022 Superior Court Sheriff's Department

RACHAL, Andre VANDEUSEN, Lawrence Effective: 3/19/2022 Effective: 3/19/2022

District Attorney Library

RAZAVI, Madeline WARREN, Kenya Effective: 3/5/2022 Effective: 3/14/2022 Social Services Agency Social Services Agency

RODRIGUES, Delores WHITE, Paula Effective: 2/16/2022 Effective: 3/5/2022 Alameda Health System Superior Court

SALES JR., Robert WOODS, Debbie Effective: 3/19/2022 Effective: 3/5/2022

Public Works Agency Human Resource Services

APPENDIX B LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS

O'BRIEN, Olivia M. SREY, Beerangsey

Sheriff's Department General Services Agency Effective Date: 4/6/2022 Effective: 3/18/2022

APPENDIX C LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

ANGULO, Leonides Social Services Agency

4/11/2022

ASAI, Yoneko

Social Services Agency

3/31/2022

AVILLA, Shirley

Non-Mbr Survivor of Manuel Avilla, jr

3/27/2022

BAKER, Luretha

Social Services Agency

3/20/2022

BARGANEY, Harold

Probation Department

4/15/2022

BARLOW, Richard Sheriff's Department

4/21/2022

BELLINGER, Janis

Public Defender

4/10/2022

BOSTER, Linda

Probation Department

4/19/2022

CAMPBELL, Emma Dell

Alameda Health System

4/7/2022

CARTER, Lenora

Alameda Health System

4/23/2022

CHAVEZ, Ella

Non-Mbr Survivor of Maguin Chavez

4/1/2022

COLEMAN, William

Social Services Agency

4/18/2022

COPES, Deborah Superior Court

3/18/2022

CULPEPPER, James

Probation Department

4/23/2022

DE VERA, Norma

Non-Mbr Survivor of Jacobo De Vera

4/10/2022

DENNY, Robert

District Attorney

4/2/2022

DIXON, Yvonne

Social Services Agency

4/22/2022

ESTELLER, Nancy

General Services Agency

3/22/2022

FLEGAL, Barbara

Alameda Health System

3/10/2022

FRIAS, Paz

Alameda Health System

4/24/2022

GLASS, Mary

Sheriff's Department

3/22/2022

HANCOCK, J D

Environmental Health

4/6/2022

HANSON, Jean

Health Care Services Agency

3/28/2022

HARRIS, Jacob

Non-Mbr Survivor of Zetta Harris

4/5/2022

APPENDIX C LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

HEIDENREICH, Paul MABINI, Ruben

Superior Court Non-Mbr Survivor of Lourdes Mabini

4/8/2022 4/25/2022

KELLY, John MYERS, Kenise
Public Defender Sheriff's Department

3/23/2022 3/28/2022

KILER, Diane RICH, Paul

Auditor-Controller Health Care Services Agency

4/1/2022 3/26/2022

LEDESMA, Thomas SOARES, Ramona Social Services Agency Probation Department

4/26/2022 3/28/2022

LINN, George STEPHENS, Winfred

Alameda Health System Probation Department

4/5/2022 4/1/2022

WATSON, Annie

Health Care Services Agency

3/25/2022

APPENDIX E APPROVE UNCONTESTED STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISABILITY RETIREMENTS AND DEATH BENEFITS

Name: Hicks Beard, Dorothy
Type of Claim: Service-Connected

Staff's Recommendation:

Adopt the findings and conclusions and approve and adopt the recommendation contained in the Medical Advisor's report, including but not limited to, granting Ms. Hicks Beard's application for a service-connected disability, and waiving future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

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Name: Kelly, Brendan
Type of Claim: Service-Connected

Staff's Recommendation:

Adopt the findings and conclusions and approve and adopt the recommendation contained in the Medical Advisor's report, including but not limited to, granting Mr. Kelly's application for a service-connected disability, and waiving future annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Name: Landry, Pamela Type of Claim: Service-Connected

Staff's Recommendation:

Adopt the findings and conclusions and approve and adopt the recommendation contained in the Medical Advisor's report, including but not limited to, granting Ms. Landry application for a service-connected disability, and waiving future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

Name: Sawyerr, Taiwo
Type of Claim: Service-Connected

Staff's Recommendation:

Adopt the findings and conclusions and approve and adopt the recommendation contained in the Medical Advisor's report, including but not limited to, granting Ms. Sawyerr's application for a service-connected disability, and waiving future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.