

#### Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association BOARD OF RETIREMENT

#### NOTICE and AGENDA

#### **ACERA MISSION:**

<u>To provide ACERA members and employers with flexible, cost-effective, participant-oriented benefits through prudent investment management and superior member services.</u>

Thursday, August 16, 2018 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION	BOARD OF RETIREMENT - MEMBERS	
ACERA	TARRELL GAMBLE	APPOINTED
C.G. "BUD" QUIST BOARD ROOM 475 14 <sup>TH</sup> STREET, 10 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612-1900 MAIN LINE: 510.628.3000	CHAIR	
	GEORGE WOOD FIRST VICE-CHAIR	ELECTED GENERAL
FAX: 510.268.9574		
	HENRY LEVY SECOND VICE-CHAIR	TREASURER
	DALE AMARAL	ELECTED SAFETY
	OPHELIA BASGAL	APPOINTED
	KEITH CARSON	APPOINTED
	KEITH CARSON	APPOINTED
	JAIME GODFREY	APPOINTED
	LIZ KOPPENHAVER	ELECTED RETIRED
	ELIZABETH ROGERS	ELECTED GENERAL
	NANCY REILLY	ALTERNATE RETIRED <sup>1</sup>
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	DARRYL L.WALKER	ALTERNATE SAFETY <sup>2</sup>

Note regarding public comments: Public comments are limited to four (4) minutes per person in total.

The order of agendized items is subject to change without notice. Board and Committee agendas and minutes are available online at <a href="https://www.acera.org">www.acera.org</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alternate Retired Member (Votes in the absence of the Elected Retired Member, or, if the Elected Retired Member is present, then votes if both Elected General members, or the Elected Safety Member and an Elected General member, are absent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Alternate Safety Member (Votes in the absence of (1) the Elected Safety, (2) either of the two Elected General Members, or (3) both the Retired and Alternate Retired members).

*Note regarding accommodations*: The Board of Retirement will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with special needs of accessibility who plan to attend Board meetings. Please contact ACERA at (510) 628-3000 to arrange for accommodation.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:
- 2. ROLL CALL:
- **3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL:** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting:

July 19, 2018

- 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** 
  - A. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT:

Appendix A

**B. APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT, DEFERRED:** 

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C. APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED TRANSFER:

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D. LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS:

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E. REQUESTS FOR 130 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO RE-DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTIONS AND GAIN CREDIT:

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F. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT – NON CONTESTED ITEMS:

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G. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT – HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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H. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:

July 19, 2018 Actuarial Committee Minutes

I. MISCELLENOUS MATTERS:

None

-----End of Consent Calendar----(MOTION)

## REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

#### 5. A. DISABILITIES, CURRENT, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS:

(Item(s) will be heard in Closed Executive Session)

 Spikes, Cecile Eligibility Services Technician III Alameda County Service: 20.85791 Years Social Service Agency Application for Service Connected Disability

## B. DISABILITIES, CONTINUING, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS:

(Item(s) will be heard in Closed Executive Session)

• None.

#### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS:

#### A. Operations:

- 1. Summary and Approval of the Minutes of the August 1, 2018, Meeting.
- 2. Motion that the Board approve Staff engaging directly with LRS for the procurement of the new pension administration system.
- 3. Motion that the Board approve the inclusion of Pay Item 42B Department HR & Supervision Assignment (Department Human Resource and Supervision Assignment) as pensionable compensation for PEPRA members and compensation earnable for Legacy members with entry dates before, on or after January 1, 2013, based on Government Code Section 7522.34 and 31461.

#### **B.** Retirees:

- 1. Summary and Approval of the Minutes of the August 1, 2018, Meeting.
- 2. Motion to continue the dental plan contributions for Plan Year 2019, which provides a monthly subsidy equal to the single-party dental plan coverage premium of \$44.15 for the PPO plan and \$22.18 for the DeltaCare USA plan for retirees who are receiving ACERA allowances with ten or more years of ACERA service, are service connected disability retirees, or are non-service connected disability retirees as of January 31, 2014. This is a non-vested benefit funded by contributions from the ACERA employers to the 401(h) account. After contributions are made in accordance with the County Employees Retirement Law, ACERA treats an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve assets as employer contributions for pensions.

3. Motion to continue the vision plan contributions for Plan Year 2019, which provides a monthly subsidy equal to the single-party vision plan coverage premium of \$4.24 for retirees who are receiving ACERA allowances with ten or more years of ACERA service, are service connected disability retirees, or are non-service connected disability retirees as of January 31, 2014. This is a non-vested benefit funded by contributions from the ACERA employers to the 401(h) account. After contributions are made in accordance with the County Employees Retirement Law, ACERA treats an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve assets as employer contributions for pensions.

#### **C.** Investment:

- 1. Summary and Approval of the Minutes of the August 8, 2018, Meeting.
- 2. Motion to approve an up to \$34 million Investment in Audax Private Equity Fund VI as part of ACERA's Private Equity Portfolio Buyouts.
- 3. Motion to amend the International Equity Manager Structure and appoint Bivium to Manage a New Emerging Investment Manager Mandate International Equity.

#### D. Budget:

- 1. Oral report of August 16, 2018, Budget Committee Meeting. (Note: The formal written Budget Committee minutes will be included for approval on the September 20, 2018, Board Consent Calendar.)
- 7. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

- 8. NEW BUSINESS:
  - **A.** Legislative Update
  - **B.** Chief Executive Officer's Report.
- 9. CONFERENCE REPORTS/ORAL REPORTS:
- 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- 11. PUBLIC INPUT:
- 12. BOARD INPUT:
- 13. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

#### 14. CLOSED SESSION:

A) Personnel Matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 & 88 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 16—Application of Cecile Spikes for Disability Retirement — Alameda County Social Services Agency.

#### 15. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT:**

## APPENDIX A APPLICATION FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT

ALEGRIA, Reyna Effective: 06/02/2018 Alameda Health System

ARMENDARIZ, Enrique Effective: 04/23/2018 Alameda Health System

BATIN, Abdul Rahman Effective: 05/07/2018 General Services Agency

BIRDEN, Mary A. Effective: 10/02/2016 Alameda Health System

BECKER, Sandra Effective: 04/20/2018

Sheriff's Department (Non-Member)

BOCKOVER, Julie L. Effective: 05/26/2018 Superior Court

BRIONES, Maria T. Effective: 03/31/2018 Treasurer Tax-Collector

BROWN, Jerry L. Effective: 03/31/2018 Public Works Agency

BRUNO, Melanie A. Effective: 02/10/2018 Child Support Services

DAVIES, Roberta F. Effective: 03/24/2018 Public Works Agency

DILLON, Christine G. Effective: 03/24/2018 Information Technology

DOBBECK, Vicki Effective: 03/30/2018 Housing Authority EADIE, Susan S. Effective: 06/02/2018 Child Support Services

ESLAO, Johnny L. Effective: 04/27/2018 Alameda Health System

GLORIA, Renaldo L. Effective: 12/30/2017

Assessor

HARDMAN, Jeffrey O. Effective: 02/24/2018

Health Care Services Agency

HAYES, Carole A. Effective: 02/10/2018 Superior Court

HOLIFIELD, Timothy Effective: 05/24/2018 Alameda Health System

JUNG, Judy

Effective: 03/31/2018 Public Works Agency

LANNON, David P. Effective: 03/31/2018 Sheriff's Office

LAUREN, Jason Effective: 03/31/2018 County Counsel

MEZA, Derek A. Effective: 04/01/2018 Sheriff's Office

REED, John A.

Effective: 06/16/2018 Public Works Agency

ROOD, Richard Effective: 06/14/2018

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RYAN, Susan M. Effective: 01/15/2017 Alameda Health System

SANCHEZ, Larry Effective: 06/16/2018 Social Services Agency

SCOTT, Valerie A. Effective: 06/15/2018 Probation

TANG, Paulette C. Effective: 04/21/2018 Health Care Services Agency

VALLESTEROS, Edgardo S. Effective: 06/02/2018 Sheriff's Office

VANDERBECK, Mary E. Effective: 01/20/2018 Assessor

WIEMERS, Cal G. Effective: 10/31/2015 Information Technology

WOOLDRIDGE, Kerry S. Effective: 06/05/2018 Sheriff's Office

YEE, Theodore W. Effective: 08/01/2017 Alameda Health System

## APPENDIX B APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED RETIREMENT

AMES, Lizra L.

Alameda Health System Effective: 02/05/18

CAVAGNARO, Christopher D.

District Attorney Effective: 02/05/2018

DE BACA, Sonya Superior Court Effective: 06/29/18

FARMANIAN, Debra I.

Sheriff's Office Effective: 07/13/18

HARRIS, Estella M.

Community Development Agency

Effective: 06/02/18

HUYNH, Davann P.

Probation

Effective: 07/13/2018

JACKSON, James J. Alameda Health System Effective: 05/11/18

JEFFERSON, Michelle S. Alameda Health System Effective: 05/18/18

KHALSA, Harinder K.

Sheriff's Office Effective: 03/23/18

KNIFFIN, John

Alameda Health System Effective: 05/14/18

LAZARO, Edmer R. Alameda Health System Effective: 06/01/18

LEE, Korey J.

Health Care Service Agency

Effective: 04/20/18

MADDEN, Jeffrey L.

Zone 7

Effective: 06/22/18

MARSHALL James, Stephanie A.

Superior Court Effective: 01/12/18

NAKAMURA, Lilybell A. Human Resource Services

Effective: 03/09/18

PARROTT, Dawn R. Alameda Health System Effective: 06/01/18

PASCUAL, Carl J.

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 04/06/18

PATTERSON, Aisha S.

Probation

Effective: 05/15/18

PAYNE, Louis

Alameda Health System Effective: 06/11/18

PUMMER, Eileen P. Alameda Health System Effective: 06/11/18

AKUBUKO, Prescilla O. Alameda Health System Effective: 03/20/2018

ALDERSON, Leo Human Resource Services Effective: 06/29/2018

AMANZADEH, Baharak Health Care Services Agency Effective: 03/09/2018

ANDREWS, Matthew J. Alameda Health System Effective: 04/24/2018

BAKER, Kameron N. Social Services Agency Effective: 06/15/2018

BARNES, Carson A. Social Services Agency Effective: 01/30/2018

BECERRA, Rosario A. District Attorney Effective: 02/15/2018

BEST, Sasha E. Alameda Health System Effective: 06/22/2018

BHATTACHARYA, Srila Alameda Health System Effective: 06/22/2018

BLANCARD KALUSHCH, Charlene

Alameda Health System Effective: 05/01/2018

CALIMERIS, Alexis R. Alameda Health System Effective: 04/26/2018

CARBAJAL, Ivana C. Alameda Health System Effective: 02/28/2018 CARNES, Johnathan R. Alameda Health System Effective: 05/25/2018

CASTILLO, Carmen H.R. Child Support Service Effective: 03/14/2018

CHAMBERS, Zenobia B. Alameda Health System Effective: 04/27/2018

CORBIN, Lynn M. Alameda Health System Effective: 05/09/2018

DAGNEAU, Carolyn M.

Sheriff's Office

Effective: 05/16/2018

DIAZ, Marisol A. Superior Court

Effective: 05/11/2018

DUPART, Shahneka S.

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Effective: 03/30/2018

DUREN, Kye M.

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 06/20/2018

FAIR, Marcus F.

Social Services Agency Effective: 01/23/2018

FISCHER, Cara F. Social Services Agency Effective: 06/19/2018

GARVIN, Teelee S. Social Services Agency Effective: 06/07/2018

GIANG, Alice C. District Attorney Effective: 06/29/2018

GOLUB, David Superior Court

Effective: 06/29/2018

HICKS, David Superior Court

Effective: 07/03/2018

HOWARD, Maina K. Social Services Agency Effective: 06/19/2018

IBANEZ, Mayra J. Alameda Health System Effective: 03/06/2018

JIMENEZ, Erica L. Alameda Health System Effective: 06/23/2018

JOACHIN, Neydi Alameda Health System Effective: 06/13/2018

JOHNSON, Jesse

Human Resource Services Effective: 06/29/2018

JORDAN, Jimmy a. Alameda Health System Effective: 08/31/2017

KAPLAN, Elise Superior Court Effective: 06/15/2018

LAM, Kristin

Health Care Services Agency Effective: 06/15/2018

LANGER, Elena A. District Attorney Effective: 06/29/2018

LEARY, Katherine E. Social Services Agency Effective: 05/22/2018

LESH, Kevin D. County Counsel Effective: 06/20/2018

LIN, Maria W.

Alameda Health System Effective: 06/04/2018

LINARES-HERRERA, Sharon c.

Social Services Agency Effective: 06/04/2018

LITTLE, Aliana M. Alameda Health System Effective: 06/04/2018

LUCZYNSKI, Decio Information Technology Effective: 03/16/2018

MARTINDALE, Ashley N.

District Attorney Effective: 02/23/2018

McHUGH, Todd D.

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 03/09/2018

MEANEY, Tim M. Information Technology Effective: 02/01/2018

MICHEFF, Holly L.

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 06/28/2018

MONLUX, Roxanne M. Alameda Health System Effective: 05/22/2018

MOTEN, Sutrina J. Sheriff's Office

Effective: 03/21/2018

MUISE, Erik R.

Alameda Health System Effective: 06/21/2018

MURO II, Fermin F. Social Services Agency Effective: 01/02/2018

MURPHY, Andre B. Human Resource Services Effective: 06/29/2018

OCHOA, Evelisse Y.E. County Counsel Effective: 05/08/2018

QUIAMBAO, Mercredi S. Social Services Agency Effective: 06/12/2018

#### APPENDIX D LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

AGUAYO-RIFFEL, Raquel Public Health Family Health Services 07/06/2018

DODDS, Rudy General Services Agency 01/13/2018

ENG, Dorothy C. Alameda Health System 06/29/2018

HALPERN, Carl A. Health Care Services Agency 06/15/2018

HOLMAN, Marie F. Alameda Health System 07/25/2018

LEROY, Lloyd P. Sheriff's Department 06/28/2018

MABINI, Lourdes M. Information Technology 05/01/2018

McCANN, Patricia Social Services Agency 07/03/2018 MONGI, Anthony Sheriff's Department 07/12/2018

MOREIRA, Virginia M. Assessor 02/17/2018

RANDELL, Doris M. General Services Agency 06/25/2018

RANKINE, Bonnie C. Social Services Agency 04/14/2018

RODRIGUES, Julia A. Superior Court 06/29/2018

SIMS, Robbie J. Superior Court 06/29/2018

SPANGER, Jessie Non-Member Survivor of Joseph Spangler 04/18/2018

TOMLINSON, Cheryl R. Alameda Health System 05/22/2018

VARILLA-De GUZMAN, HEIDI L. Social Service Agency 05/28/2018

## APPENDIX F APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Name: Jacobs, Michelle
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. Jacobs's application for a service connected disability and requiring future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

Name: Jones, Rachel

Type of Claim: Annual Review for SCD (Granted on 6/22/17)

Staff's Recommendation:

Adopt the findings and conclusions and approve and adopt the recommendation contained in the Medical Advisor's report to continue the allowance for Ms. Jones's service connected disability and to require future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

Name: Vales, Timothy

Type of Claim: Annual Review for SCD (Granted on 6/22/17)

Staff's Recommendation:

Adopt the findings and conclusions and approve and adopt the recommendation contained in the Medical Advisor's report to continue the allowance for Mr. Vales's service connected disability and to require future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.



## ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

#### Thursday, July 19, 2018

Chair Tarrell Gamble called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Dale Amaral

Ophelia Basgal Keith Carson Tarrell Gamble Jaime Godfrey Liz Koppenhaver Henry Levy Elizabeth Rogers George Wood

Nancy Reilly (*Alternate*) Darryl Walker (*Alternate*)

Staff Present: Margo Allen, Fiscal Services Officer

Victoria Arruda, Human Resource Officer Angela Bradford, Executive Secretary Sandra Dueñas-Cuevas, Benefits Manager Harsh Jadhav, Chief of Internal Audit

Vijay Jagar, Retirement Chief Technology Officer, ACERA

Kathy Mount, Chief Counsel

David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer Betty Tse, Chief Investment Officer

Staff Excused: Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer

#### <u>18-79</u>

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 21, 2018, were accepted on a motion, by Elizabeth Rogers, seconded by George Wood, and approved by a vote of 7 yes (Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 1 abstention (Basgal).

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### **REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS**

#### APPLICATION FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT

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#### APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT, DEFERRED

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#### **APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED TRANSFER**

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#### **LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

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## REQUESTS FOR 130 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO RE-DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTIONS AND GAIN CREDIT

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## <u>APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT – NON-CONTESTED ITEMS:</u> Appendix F

## <u>APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT – HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

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#### APPROVAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 21, 2018 Audit Committee Minutes

#### **MISCELLANOUS MATTERS:**

None

It was moved by George Wood, seconded by Elizabeth Rogers, and approved by a vote of 7 yes (Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions that the following resolution is adopted. (Dale Amaral recused because one or more of the consent calendar items involved his employing Department):

#### <u>18-80</u>

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD that the Consent Calendar is approved as presented.

#### REGULAR CALENDAR - REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

## <u>DISABILITIES, CURRENT AND CONTINUING RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS</u>

None.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS

Note: Per Committee Chairs, copies of the Committee meeting minutes were available for attendees. All **June/July** Committee meeting minutes are posted on the ACERA website (www.acera.org) after approval at the **June 21, 2018**, Board meeting. This month's Committee reports were presented in the following order:

#### Investment:

Elizabeth Rogers reported that the Investment Committee met on July 11, 2018, at 9:32 a.m. and highlighted the following:

Staff and representatives of Verus presented the timeline, minimum qualifications, and evaluation matrix for ACERA's U.S. small cap growth manager search. Staff and Verus explained that they will apply a series of screens to select qualified candidates from the small cap growth universe called eVestment Alliance Database and from ACERA's IPSI Program. Once the qualified candidates are selected and included in a list called focus-list, a questionnaire will be sent to the selected candidates to determine and match their qualifications with the minimum qualifications approved by the Board. Staff and Verus will then analyze and recommend a short list of candidates to the Committee for further due diligence.

The Committee discussed various aspects of the screens to be used, as well as the nature of the eVestment database. The Committee also discussed and reviewed the tenets of the Evaluation Matrix, specifically the importance of evaluating the organization and the investment team in addition to performance. Staff plans to provide the list of selected qualified managers to the Committee in conjunction with Staff's short list of candidates.

#### 18-81

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers and seconded by Liz Koppenhaver that the Board approve the proposed timeline, minimum qualifications, and evaluation matrix for ACERA's U.S. Small Cap Growth Manager Search – Domestic Equities, using a focus – list approach. The motion carried 8 yes (*Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Representatives from Staff and Callan presented to the Committee a potential investment called AG Realty Value Fund X, which includes a variety of value-add and opportunistic investment opportunities. AG (Angelo Gordon) Realty Value Fund X can invest up to 20% of the fund in international real estate assets. This would be the second opportunistic investment in ACERA's Real Estate Portfolio.

Representatives from AG Realty presented to the Committee the history, background, and culture of the firm's real estate business which accounts for about 1/3 of the firm's AUM. In addition, the representatives discussed the Fund's strategy, objectives, and risk-averse approach by describing their investment results in the previous funds. Through its network of 50 operating partners, AG focuses on light value-add (improve operations, lease-up) to heavy value-add (repositioning, change of use) opportunities. The representatives also discussed the diversification in property type and geography, as well as their bottoms-up approach to investing since most of the employees have decades of real estate experience.

Staff noted that this opportunity had originated from ACERA's IPSI program.

#### <u>18-82</u>

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers and seconded by George Wood that the Board approve a \$35 million investment in AG Realty Value Fund X as a part of ACERA's Real Estate Portfolio – Opportunistic, pending completion of legal and investment due diligence, background investigations, and successful contract negotiation. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

In October 2017, the Board changed the investment mandate for the Emerging Investment Manager (EIM) to international equities from domestic equities. Accordingly, Staff and representatives from Verus sought input from the Committee regarding a few possible methods of funding and selecting a manager for the new EIM mandate.

With the input from the Trustees, Staff plans to bring to the Investment Committee next month an action item with an amended international equity manager structure carved out of the International Equity Index passive allocation to fund the EIM. And, Staff also plans to recommend maintaining the current manager for the new EIM-international equity mandate.

#### <u>18-83</u>

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers and seconded by Liz Koppenhaver that the Board approve the July 11, 2018 Investment Committee minutes. The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

#### **Operations:**

Dale Amaral reported that the Operations Committee met on July 11, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. and highlighted the following:

Staff presented the draft agenda for the 2018 Board Off-Site scheduled for October 29, 2018.

#### <u>18-84</u>

It was moved by Dale Amaral and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers that the Board that the Board approve the Board Off-Site Agenda, with possible amendments to content and speakers. The motion carried 8 yes (*Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 1 abstention (*Godfrey*).

Staff presented a proposal to the Operations Committee to recommend to the Board of Retirement that the Board adopt Pay Code 42C for Alameda County.

#### 18-85

It was moved by Dale Amaral and seconded by George Wood that the Board approve the inclusion of Pay Item 42C – Ovrsight Fac Mgt/Staff Dev. (Oversight Facilities Management/Staff Development) as not pensionable compensation for PEPRA members however compensation earnable for Legacy members with entry dates before, on or after January 1, 2013, based on Government Code Section 7522.34 and 31461. The motion carried 9 yes (*Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Staff presented a proposal to the Operations Committee to recommend to the Board of Retirement that the Board adopt Pay Code 42D for Alameda County.

#### 18-86

It was moved by Dale Amaral moved and seconded by Liz Koppenhaver that the Board approve the inclusion of Pay Item 42D – Janitor-Santa Rita Jail Loc. as pensionable compensation and compensation earnable for a members with entry dates before, on or after January 1, 2013, based on Government Code Section 7522.34 and 31461. The motion carried 9 yes (*Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Staff reviewed the revised Administrative Hearings Policy, which includes an amendment to the provision related to hearing officer selection.

#### **18-87**

It was moved by Dale Amaral and seconded by Liz Koppenhaver that the Board adopt the Administrative Hearings Policy with changes. The motion carried 9 yes (*Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Staff presented the year-to-date Budget vs. Actual Operating Expense Report. As of May 31, 2018, actual expenses were \$225K under budget. Budget overages noted were Staffing (\$49K over budget). Budget surpluses noted were Staff Development (\$113K under budget), Professional Fees (\$5K under budget), Office Expense (\$23K under budget), Member Services (\$15K under budget), Systems (\$20K under budget), Depreciation (\$2K under budget), and Board of Retirement (\$96K under budget).

Staff presented and discussed the quarterly report on active and retiree members' underpayments and overpayments.

PRISM Staff reported current and future technology projects at ACERA.

#### <u>18-88</u>

It was moved by Dale Amaral and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers that the Board approve the July 11, 2018 Operations Committee minutes. The motion carried 9 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

#### Retirees:

Liz Koppenhaver reported that the Retirees Committee met on July 11, 2018, at 1:50 p.m. and highlighted the following:

Staff presented group plans Monthly Medical Allowance (MMA) cost comparisons for the 2018 and 2019 Plan Years. Staff recommended increasing the 2019 Group Plan MMA in accordance with the substantive plan definition adopted under GASB 43 equal to 50% of the rate of health care inflation assumptions provided by ACERA's actuary, which results in a MMA maximum of \$558.00 for Plan Year 2019.

Pete Albert, President of the Alameda County Retired Employees retiree council, and Michael Smart, Director of the Retired Employees of Alameda County, Inc., reported that both of their retiree associations voted in support of the recommendation to increase the MMA by the maximum allowable, and expressed appreciation to ACERA Staff and Trustee Koppenhaver for the extensive and helpful information related to the MMA provided at the June Committee meeting.

#### 18-89

It was moved by Liz Koppenhaver and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers that the Board increase the 2019 Group Plan Monthly Medical Allowance (MMA) for eligible retirees in the group plans, in accordance with the substantive plan definition adopted under GASB 43 equal to 50% of the rate of health care inflation assumptions provided by ACERA's actuary, which results in a MMA maximum of \$558.00 for Plan Year 2019. The MMA contribution is a non-vested benefit subject to possible reduction or elimination if Board policies change or funds are unavailable. This benefit is funded by contributions from ACERA employers to the 401(h) account. After contributions are made, in accordance with the County Employees Retirement Law, ACERA treats an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve assets as employer contributions for pensions. The motion carried 9 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Staff presented early (non-Medicare) retiree Individual Plans Monthly Medical Allowance (MMA) costs for the 2018 Plan Year based on the maximum MMA provided. Staff recommended increasing the 2019 Individual Plan MMA, in accordance with the substantive plan definition adopted under GASB 43 equal to 50% of the rate of health care inflation assumptions provided by ACERA's actuary, which results in a MMA maximum of \$558.00 for Plan Year 2019.

#### **18-90**

It was moved by Liz Koppenhaver and seconded by Ophelia Basgal that the Board increase the 2019 Individual Plan Monthly Medical Allowance (MMA) for eligible qualified early (non-Medicare) retirees enrolled in individual plans through the Health Exchange, in accordance with the substantive plan definition adopted under GASB 43 equal to 50% of the rate of health care inflation assumptions provided by ACERA's actuary, which results in a MMA maximum of \$558.00 for Plan Year 2019. The MMA contribution is a non-vested benefit subject to possible reduction or elimination if Board policies change or funds are unavailable. This benefit is funded by contributions from ACERA employers to the 401(h) account. After contributions are made, in accordance with the County Employees Retirement Law, ACERA treats an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve assets as employer contributions for pensions. The motion carried 9 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Staff presented Medicare eligible retiree Individual Plans Monthly Medical Allowance (MMA) costs for the 2018 Plan Year based on the maximum MMA provided. Staff recommended increasing the 2019 Individual Plan MMA, in accordance with the substantive plan definition adopted under GASB 43 equal to 50% of the rate of health care inflation assumptions provided by ACERA's actuary, which results in a MMA maximum of \$427.46 for Plan Year 2019.

#### <u>18-91</u>

It was moved by Liz Koppenhaver and seconded by Keith Carson that the Board increase the 2019 Individual Plan Monthly Medical Allowance (MMA) for qualified Medicare eligible retirees enrolled in individual plans through the Medicare Exchange, in accordance with the substantive plan definition adopted under GASB 43 equal to 50% of the rate of health care inflation assumptions provided by ACERA's actuary, which results in a MMA maximum of \$427.46 for Plan Year 2019. The MMA contribution is a non-vested benefit subject to possible reduction or elimination if Board policies change or funds are unavailable. This benefit is funded by contributions from ACERA employers to the 401(h) account. After contributions are made, in accordance with the County Employees Retirement Law, ACERA treats an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve assets as employer contributions for pensions. The motion carried 9 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Keenan & Associates (Keenan), ACERA's Benefits Consultant, provided information on ACERA's current contracts, recent claims experience and plan utilization, and renewal rates for both Delta Dental (ACERA's dental plan) and VSP (ACERA's vision plan). In addition, Keenan provided information on the percentages of members who reached the PPO and Premier maximum benefit levels. The additional plan costs to modify the plan design so that the dental Premier benefit levels match those of the PPO benefit levels, and to add Delta Dental's SmileWay benefit were also provided.

Staff reported that ACERA's inaugural activity of its new wellness plan is the Wellness Walk, which will be held at Lake Merritt on August 3, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. In addition, ACERA worked with Keenan & Associates, ACERA's Benefits Consultant, to create a wellness logo to brand all ACERA's wellness initiatives. At today's Board meeting, Trustee Koppenhaver encouraged Trustees and Staff to participate in the Wellness Walk.

#### 18-92

It was moved by Liz Koppenhaver and seconded by Ophelia Basgal that the Board approve the July 11, 2018 Retirees Committee minutes. The motion carried 9 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

#### Actuarial:

Dale Amaral gave an oral report stating that the Actuarial Committee met today at approximately 1:00 p.m. wherein there was a discussion and presentation of Cheiron's replication of the Actuarial Valuation and Review as of December 31, 2017, and the replication of the GASB Statement No. 43 (OPEB) and non-OPEB Actuarial Valuation of the Benefits provided by the Supplemental Retiree Benefits Reserve (SRBR), Including Sufficiency of Funds as of December 31, 2016. It was noted that Cheiron confirmed that the liabilities and costs computed in ACERA's Valuation as of December 31, 2017, were reasonably accurate and were computed in accordance with the Generally Accepted Actuarial Principles. Trustee Amaral stated Segal is moving forward in the manner that the Board expects it to do so.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Nelsen presented his July 19, 2018, written Chief Executive Officer's Report which provided an update on the following items: 1) Senior Manager Recruitment; 2) Committee/Board Action Items; 3) Conference/Vacation Schedule; and 4) Other Items.

Mr. Nelsen reported that he will be on vacation for approximately a week and a half (Friday, July 20 through Monday, July 30, 2018) and in his absence, Assistant CEO Kathy Foster and Fiscal Services Officer Margo Allen will be in charge. However, Mr. Nelsen can be reached via Cell Phone, if necessary.

Mr. Nelsen announced that we have made a number of enhancements to the ACERA Website. Communications Manager Michael Fara gave a presentation on the information and resources that are now available on the Website which include: 1) Retirement Planning Handbook (94 pg. pdf); 2) eight (8) single topic pamphlets; 3) brief, but comprehensive, introductory video tutorials giving an explanation of ACERA membership and descriptions on how the benefit is calculated. It was noted that the Handbook, pamphlets and video tutorials are kept current and will be accessible to our members at all times for viewing from their homes, phone, etc. Mr. Fara reported that he is also in the process of creating a section on the Website for the Participating Employers. The Trustees expressed their satisfaction regarding the new enhancements to the Website.

Mr. Nelsen's CEO Report also included information regarding the status of ACERA's Process Excellence Activities.

#### CONFERENCE REPORTS

Trustee Elizabeth Rogers reported that she attended the RFK Compass Investor Conference at Cape Cod (MA) that was recommended by Margaret Jadallah of Verus Advisory, Inc. A couple of the topics discussed during the Conference consisted of limited partnership (explanation of how do minority and women firms get involved in investment consulting) and ESG (environmental, social and governance) investing. Trustee Rogers announced that during the Conference, she learned about a new athletic sport called "plogging," which is jogging and picking up trash simultaneously. There was a Dinner Session which featured governors of North Carolina (Democrat) and New Hampshire (Republican, Chris Sununu) who spoke about public education. Trustee Rogers made her Conference agenda available and recommended that Trustees attend a future Compass Conference.

Trustee Darryl Walker announced that he attended the California Labor Trustee Meeting, which also focused on discussions regarding ESG and diversity. It was noted that Michael Ring sent ACERA a survey which requested information regarding diversity within the Board, Leadership Staff and within the Investment arena. Mr. Nelsen reported that ACERA Staff is currently working on responses to the survey.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

#### **BOARD INPUT**

None.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

A) Personnel Matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 & 88 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 16 — Disability Application of Elyria Zuniga — Alameda Health Systems.

#### REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened into Open Session wherein Chair Gamble announced that the Board took the following action in Closed Session:

#### <u>18-93</u>

It was moved by Liz Koppenhaver and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers that the Board vacate its April 20, 2017 decision and grant Ms. Elyria Zuniga's application for a service connected disability retirement benefit. The motion carried 9 yes (*Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dard More	8/16/18
David Nelsen	Date Adopted
Chief Executive Officer	

#### **APPENDIX A** APPLICATION FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT

ABDOLHOSSEINI, Penelope A. CHUNG, Lynn K. Effective: 12/306/04/2018 Effective: 03/31/2018

Health Care Services Agency Health Care Services Agency

AGUON, Kenneth A. DAVIS, Darrell C. Effective: 03/27/2018 Effective: 03/31/2016 Health Care Services Agency **Superior Court** 

ANDOLA-LOPEZ, Margarita T. DEL RIO, Arturo Effective: 04/28/2018 Effective: 03/31/2018

Alameda Health System Public Works Agency BECKER, Matthew E. DIMMOCK. Valentina

Effective: 03/24/2018 Effective: 03/24/2018 Sheriff's Department Public Works Agency

BECKER, Sandra DUREING, Gilberte F. Effective: 04/20/2018 Effective: 03/31/2018

Sheriff's Department (Non-Member) Flood Control Zone 7

BETANCE, Rita M. DUGAY, Lilia O. Effective: 03/30/2018 Effective: 01/27/2018

**Judicial Services Administration** Social Services Agency

BURGER, Janis R. ERVEN-COLLINS, Nanci B.

Effective: 02/03/2018 Effective: 03/24/2018 Health Care Services Agency Public Works Agency

CARDOZA, Nancy B. FOX, Florence Effective: 03/24/2018 Effective: 03/31/2018 **Superior Courts** Social Services Agency

CARONE, Carrie-Ana GALINDO, Michelle J. Effective: 05/01/2018 Effective: 03/31/2018 Sheriff's Department (Non Member)

Sheriff's Department

CASTILLO, Julia GRESSEL, Jose

Effective: 01/21/2017, Effective: 03/30/2018 Health Care Services Agency **Superior Court** 

HILDING, Caroline E CHAN, Philie Effective: 07/15/2017 Effective: 11/27/2015

Health Care Services Agency **Probation** 

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HODSON, Adelyn U. McROBERTS, James Effective: 01/27/2018 Effective: 10/20/2017 Health Care Services Agency Housing Authority

HOPSON, Brian R.

Effective: 03/24/2018

Probation

MOSELY, Arthelia F.

Effective: 03/30/2018

Superior Court

HU, Rosemary W.MUNOZ, Teresa I.Effective: 03/31/2018Effective: 03/24/2018Auditor ControllerChild Support Services

KNAPP, Robert H.

Effective: 03/31/2018

Public Works Agency

RIO, Diogenes

Effective: 03/25/2017

Social Services Agency

KUJAWSKI, Rebecca L.ROMERO, Juan G.Effective: 03/17/2018Effective: 03/24/2017Sheriff's OfficeSocial Services Agency

LAMAR, Karen R. ROQUEMORE, Robbie T. Effective: 03/10/2018 Effective: 03/24/2018 Social Services Agency Alameda Health System

LOUIE, Patricia SALVADOR, Azucena P. Effective: 03/31/2018 Effective: 05/01/2018 Health Care Services Agency Alameda Health System

McFADDEN, Patricia A. SANCHEZ, Dolores Effective: 03/24/2018 Effective: 04/29/2018 Auditor Controller Superior Court

SCHEIBNER, Thomas Effective: 03/25/2018 Sheriff's Department

## APPENDIX B APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED RETIREMENT

BAPTISTA, Tamara E.

Zone 7

Effective: 04/20/2018

BROAS, Teresita F.

Alameda County Retirement Association

Effective: 05/01/2018

CHIN, Janice

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 06/01/208

DEMONSANT, Erika L.

Alameda Health System

Effective: 05/11/2018

DEPRATO, Denise

LARPD

Effective: 06/14/2017

FRIAS, Katherine M.

Social Services Agency

Effective: 05/21/2018

GREENBAUM, Rick E.

Treasurer Tax-collector

Effective: 06/01/2018

GIRARD, Jeffrey M.

Alameda Health System

Effective: 06/02/2018

GOLTZ, Brianna R.

Alaemda Health System

Effective: 05/02/2018

GONZALES, Beverly L.

**Superior Court** 

Effective: 03/16/2018

HAILER, Janet K.

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 04/20/2018

HALLINAN, Neil P.

Public Defender

Effective: 04/16/2018

HERNANDEZ BERBER, Bibiana

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 01/19/2018

LAYTON, Neil A.

**District Attorney** 

Effective: 04/20/2018

SOHN, HAEYOUNG

Alameda Health System

Effective: 04/16/2018

CASTELO, May Joyce G.G.

Assessor

Effective: 05/18/2018

FOLEY, Brian J. Sheriff's Office

Effective: 05/31/2018

GEARY, Robin

Alameda Health System

Effective: 06/18/2017

GOMEZ, Leticia H.

Alameda Health System Effective: 06/01/2018

HAHN, Kenneth J.

Alameda Health System Effective: 05/18/2018

HARRIS, Nikia D.

Alameda Health System

Effective12/29/2017

HESS, Anna L.

Alameda Health System

Effective: 03/28/2018

HICKS, D'Jon B. District Attorney

Effective: 05/11/2018

KIM, Susie h.

Alameda Health System

Effective: 03/28/2018

LEUNG, JEREMY GSA Purchasing

Effective: 05/15/2018

MCCOY, Desiree

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 05/04/2018

ORTIZ-GUITERREZS, Maricela

Children and Family Services

Effective: 06/08/2018

PEREZ, Gabriela

Youth and Family Services

Effective: 05/02/2018

RELUCIO, Catherine D.

Public Defender

Effective: 03/23/2018

SARDELLA, Nichole K.

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 01/12/2018

SHOTWELL, Mark E.

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 02/23/2018

THACHET, Lisu M.

Assessor

Effective: 03/23/2018

TURUNEN, Barbara

Health Care Services Agency

Effective: 02/23/2018

#### APPENDIX D LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

CHAPMAN, Robert MARQUEZ, Sandra

District Attorney Health Care Services Agency

05/23/2018 06/20/2018

COSSMAN, NEIL MERRILL, Myrtle

Probation Non-Member Survivor of Ulysses Merrill

06/06/2018 05/08/2018

DETMAR, Terryl POLLEN, Rita Non-Member Survivor of Arthur Detmar District Attorney

06/04/2018 05/28/2018

DUTCHLER, MARILYN SAPER, Barbara

Non-Member Survivor of George Dutchler Social Services Agency

06/18/2018 05/16/2018

JONES, Jasper SUTTON, Leroy

Non-Member Survivor of Willie Jones Non-Member Survivor of Nola Sutton

05/28/2018 04/06/2018

LOWELL, Gladys WONG, Beatrice

Alameda Health System Behavioral Health Care Services

05/22/2018 04/11/2018

## APPENDIX F APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Name: Beek, Amy

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. Beek's application for a service connected disability and requiring future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

Based on the Medical Advisor's and Staff's review and determination of Ms. Beek's ability to determine the permanency of her incapacity, to grant Ms. Beek's request for an earlier effective date.

Name: Buggy, Kevin
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. Buggy's application for a service connected disability and requiring future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

Name: Kennedy, Rhonda
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. Kennedy's application for a service connected disability and requiring future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

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Name: Peoples, Denise
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. Peoples's application for a service connected disability and requiring future annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

# July 19, 2018 Actuarial Committee Minutes For approval under August 16, 2018 Board "Consent Calendar"



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July 19, 2018

To: Members of the Actuarial Committee

From: Dale Amaral, Chair

Subject: Summary of the July 19, 2018 Actuarial Committee Meeting

Actuarial Committee Chair, Dale Amaral, called the July 19, 2018 Actuarial Committee meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Committee members present were Dale Amaral, Chair, Keith Carson, Elizabeth Rogers, and Ophelia Basgal. Other Board members present were Liz Koppenhaver, Tarrell Gamble, Jamie Godfrey, Nancy Reilly, and George Wood. Staff present were David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer; Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer; Kathy Mount, Chief Counsel; Margo Allen, Fiscal Services Officer; and Betty Tse, Chief Investment Officer.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

None

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Presentation and discussion of Cheiron's replication of the Actuarial Valuation and Review as of December 31, 2017, and the replication of the GASB Statement No. 43 (OPEB) and non-OPEB Actuarial Valuation of the Benefits provided by the Supplemental Retiree Benefits Reserve, Including Sufficiency of Funds as of December 31, 2016

Cheiron reported its findings and suggested its recommendations to Segal Consulting, ACERA's Actuary. Cheiron confirmed that the liabilities and costs computed in ACERA's Valuation as of December 31, 2017, were reasonably accurate and were computed in accordance with the Generally Accepted Actuarial Principles. Staff and Segal agreed with all of Cheiron's recommendations and will include the following two additional reporting components in future funding valuations:

- a. Projections of employee contribution rates and funding status in its valuation reports; and,
- b. The impact of future Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) outflows on those projections to illustrate the dynamics of ACERA's Funding Policy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

None

#### TRUSTEE/PUBLIC INPUT

None

#### **Future Discussion Items**

Presentation and discussion of:

- Interest Posting Policy
- Actuarial Funding Policy
- Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 51, Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Contributions

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

October 18, 2018, at 11am

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm



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Date: August 1, 2018

To: Members of the Operations Committee

From: Ophelia Basgal, Chair

Subject: Summary of the August 1, 2018, Operations Committee Meeting

Operations Committee Chair Ophelia Basgal called the August 1, 2018 Operations Committee Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Committee members present were Ophelia Basgal, Chair; Dale Amaral, Vice-Chair; Liz Koppenhaver, Elizabeth Rogers, and George Wood. Other Board members present were: Keith Carson, Tarrell Gamble, Jaime Godfrey and Alternates Nancy Reilly and Darryl Walker. Staff present were David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer; Margo Allen, Fiscal Services Officer; Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer; Kathy Mount, Chief Counsel; Harsh Jadhav, Chief of Internal Audit; Betty Tse, Chief Investment Officer; Victoria Arruda, Human Resource Officer; and Vijay Jagar, Chief Technology Officer.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

## 1. Presentation and possible motion regarding procurement of a new pension administration system

Staff provided a review and analysis of possible new pension administration systems. A new system is needed to improve service and efficiency. Moving forward ACERA can engage with LRS directly to implement version 3 of Pension Gold, or conduct an RFP to select a new pension retirement system.

The trustees provided several items of consideration as we proceed in this initiative. First, we should ensure that since the new system provides additional self-service options on-line, it should also provide ample security to protect members from fraudulent activities. We should also ensure that the system provides or fully integrates with customer relations management software, so our customer interactions are streamlined. In the eventual contract, there should be assurances of vendor on-site support once the new system becomes operational, and there should be provisions to protect from cost overruns. Finally, if new upgrades are released shortly after the new system becomes operational, they should be included at no additional cost.

It was moved by Tarrell Gamble and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers, that the Operations Committee recommend to the Board of Retirement that the Board approve staff engaging directly with LRS for the procurement of the new pension administration system.

The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, 0 abstention.

#### 2. Adoption of New Pay Item – Pay Code 42B for County

Staff presented a proposal to the Operations Committee to recommend to the Board of Retirement that the Board adopt Pay Code 42B for Alameda County.

It was moved by Tarrell Gamble and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers, that the Operations Committee recommend to the Board of Retirement that the Board approve the inclusion of Pay Item 42B – Department HR & Supervision Assignment (Department Human Resource and Supervision Assignment) as pensionable compensation for PEPRA members and compensation earnable for Legacy members with entry dates before, on or after January 1, 2013, based on Government Code Section 7522.34 and 31461.

The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, 0 abstention.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 1. Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2018

Staff presented the Unaudited Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2018. Staff stated the net position held in trust for pension benefits totaled \$8.1 billion. The fiduciary net position held in trust compared to the same period in 2017 increased by \$568 million. The year-over-year change in net position decreased by \$578 million.

#### 2. Operating Expenses

Staff presented the Total Operating Expense Budget Summary for June 30, 2018. As of June 30, 2018, actual expenses were \$340K under budget. Budget overages noted were Staffing (\$13K over budget). Budget surpluses noted were Staff Development (\$131K under budget), Professional Fees (\$69K under budget), Office Expense (\$18K under budget), Member Services (\$22K under budget), Systems (\$18K under budget), Depreciation (\$3K under budget), and Board Expenses (\$92K under budget).

#### 3. Quarterly Cash Forecast Report

Staff presented the Cash Forecast Report for July 1, 2018 – June 2019. With the exception of the two three-pay-period months, the average monthly negative cash position for the period is -\$17,059,583.

#### 4. Board Member Conference Expense Report

Staff presented the Board Member Conference and Training Report for the period January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Reported expenses for the period were \$112,089.

#### 5. Senior Manager Conference and Training Expense Report

Staff presented the Senior Manager Conference and Training Expense Report for the period January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Reported expenses for the period were \$47,008.

#### 6. Call Center Report

Staff reported on the call center service levels for the 2nd quarter of 2018.

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#### TRUSTEE/PUBLIC INPUT

None.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee recommends, and I move, that the Board of Retirement approve staff engaging directly with LRS for the procurement of the new pension administration system.

The Committee recommends, and I move, that the Board of Retirement approve the inclusion of Pay Item 42B – Department HR & Supervision Assignment (Department Human Resource and Supervision Assignment) as pensionable compensation for PEPRA members and compensation earnable for Legacy members with entry dates before, on or after January 1, 2013, based on Government Code Section 7522.34 and 31461.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



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August 1, 2018

To: Members of the Retirees Committee

From: Liz Koppenhaver, Chair, Retired Trustee

Subject: Summary of the August 1, 2018 Retirees Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Liz Koppenhaver called the August 1, 2018 meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Committee members present were Liz Koppenhaver, George Wood, Dale Amaral, Keith Carson, and Jamie Godfrey. Also present were Ophelia Basgal, Tarrell Gamble, and Elizabeth Rogers, and alternate members Nancy Reilly and Darryl Walker. Staff present were David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer; Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer; Margo Allen, Fiscal Services Officer; Kathy Mount, Chief Counsel; and Harsh Jadhav, Chief of Internal Audit.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chair Koppenhaver moved the following information item to the top of the agenda at the request of Staff to provide for more complete background before considering the action items:

# 1. Review of Dental and Vision Plan Premiums for 2019 and Report on Dental and Vision Plan Utilization

Keenan & Associates, ACERA's Benefits Consultant, and Staff provided information on ACERA-sponsored dental and vision plan renewal summaries including premiums for Plan Year 2019, and plan utilization. Trustees directed Staff to provide information on the impact of members overall health related to good dental hygiene, in consideration of possible plan design options for the 2020 Plan Year renewal of ACERA's contract with Delta Dental. In addition, Trustees directed Staff to promote the diabetic eye care coverage currently available with ACERA's contract with Vision Service Plan (VSP).

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 1. Adoption of Dental Plan Contributions for 2019

Staff reported that for Plan Year 2019, based on the single retiree premium rates, which include a 1.10% increase for the PPO plan and no rate increase for the DeltaCare USA plan, the projected annual cost to provide this non-vested benefit for 2019 is \$4,148,913.

It was moved by Tarrell Gamble and seconded by Ophelia Basgal that the Committee recommend to the Board of Retirement a motion to continue the dental plan contributions for Plan Year 2019, which provides a monthly subsidy equal to the single-party dental plan coverage premium of \$44.15 for the PPO plan and \$22.18 for the DeltaCare USA plan for

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retirees who are receiving ACERA allowances with ten or more years of ACERA service, are service connected disability retirees, or are non-service connected disability retirees as of January 31, 2014.

The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

#### 2. Adoption of Vision Plan Contributions for 2019

Staff reported that based on the single retiree premium rate for Plan Year 2019, which is the same as that for 2018, the projected annual cost to provide this non-vested benefit for 2019 is \$350,004.

It was moved by Tarrell Gamble and seconded by Ophelia Basgal that the Committee recommend to the Board of Retirement a motion to continue the vision plan contributions for Plan Year 2019, which provides a monthly subsidy equal to the single-party vision plan coverage premium of \$4.24 for retirees who are receiving ACERA allowances with ten or more years of ACERA service, are service connected disability retirees, or are non-service connected disability retirees as of January 31, 2014.

The motion carried 8 yes (Amaral, Basgal, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, 0 abstentions.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

# 2. Report on Health Reimbursement Arrangement Account Balances as of June 2018

Staff provided information on retirees' Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) account balances as of June 30, 2018 categorized by years of service, along with the balances for the same time period for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

#### 3. Miscellaneous Updates

Staff provided an update on the preparations and number of registered participants for ACERA's First Wellness Walk, which will be held at Lake Merritt on August 3, 2018. In addition, Staff launched its new Wellness section of ACERA's website, which provides information on wellness events, articles and resources.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1. Adoption of Dental Plan Contributions for 2019

The Committee recommends, and I move that the Board of Retirement continue the dental plan contributions for Plan Year 2019, which provides a monthly subsidy equal to the single-party dental plan coverage premium of \$44.15 for the PPO plan and \$22.18 for the DeltaCare USA plan for retirees who are receiving ACERA allowances with ten or more

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years of ACERA service, are service connected disability retirees, or are non-service connected disability retirees as of January 31, 2014. This is a non-vested benefit funded by contributions from the ACERA employers to the 401(h) account. After contributions are made in accordance with the County Employees Retirement Law, ACERA treats an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve assets as employer contributions for pensions.

#### 2. Adoption of Vision Plan Contributions for 2019

The Committee recommends, and I move that the Board of Retirement continue the vision plan contributions for Plan Year 2019, which provides a monthly subsidy equal to the single-party vision plan coverage premium of \$4.24 for retirees who are receiving ACERA allowances with ten or more years of ACERA service, are service connected disability retirees, or are non-service connected disability retirees as of January 31, 2014. This is a non-vested benefit funded by contributions from the ACERA employers to the 401(h) account. After contributions are made in accordance with the County Employees Retirement Law, ACERA treats an equal amount of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve assets as employer contributions for pensions.

#### TRUSTEE REMARKS

None.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



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Date:

August 16, 2018

To:

Members of the Board of Retirement

From:

Angela Bradford

Subject:

**April Committee Minutes** 

Due to the unusual scheduling of Committee meetings this month, the following Committee minutes will be sent under separate cover for this month's Board meeting.

• Investment Committee (8/8/18)

Thank you.

Minutes for the August 16, 2018

Budget Committee

Will be included on the September 20, 2018,
Board "Consent Calendar" for approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.A. Legislative Update.
- 8.B Chief Executive Officer's Report.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

8.A. Legislative Update.



#### **AUGUST 2018 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

#### **BILLS IMPACTING ACERA - SACRS SPONSORED**

#### SB 1270 (Vidak) County employees' retirement: system personnel.

Five retirement boards already have the ability to appoint assistant administrators and chief investment officers as at-will employees of the county who are thus not covered by county charter, civil service, or merit system rules, and serve at the pleasure of the appointing boards. This bill grants to any CERL agency the same ability to appoint these employees on an at-will basis if the board of supervisors for that county adopts a resolution making those provisions applicable in the county.

**Status:** Approved by the Governor and signed into law on July 16, 2018. Therefore, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors could, by resolution, make this law applicable to ACERA.

#### **CERL BILLS OF INTEREST**

#### AB 2076 (Rodriguez) County employees' retirement: disability: date of retirement.

This bill authorizes Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA) to correct a prior board decision determining the effective date of retirement for a member permanently incapacitated for disability that was made between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2015, and was based upon an error of law existing at the time of the decision. The bill authorizes a member seeking correction under these provisions to file an application with the board no later than one year from the date these provisions become operative.

**Status:** Approved by the Governor and signed into law on July 17, 2018. The bill was sponsored by LACERA and is only applicable to LACERA.

#### PENSION BILLS OF INTEREST IMPACTING CALPERS

#### SB 1166 (Pan) Contributions

This bill requires a California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) contracting agency to notify members and retired members of the agency, or their beneficiaries, when the agency fails to make the required employer's contributions within the applicable time limitations.

Status: Re-referred to Appropriations Committee on June 20, 2018.

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#### **OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST**

### AB 2770 (Irwin) Privileged communications: communications by former employer: sexual harassment.

This bill codifies California defamation case law as it relates to allegations of workplace sexual harassment, making it explicit in statute that: (1) employees who report sexual harassment to their employer are not liable for any resulting injury to the alleged harasser's reputation, so long as the communication is made based on credible evidence and without malice; (2) communications between employers and anyone with an interest in a sexual harassment complaint, such as victims and witnesses, are not liable for any resulting damage to the alleged harassers reputation, as long as the communication is made without malice; and (3) former employers are not liable for any resulting injury to a former employee's reputation if, in response to inquiries from prospective employers, the former employers indicate that they would not rehire the former employee based on a determination that the former employee engaged in sexual harassment, so long as the statement is made without malice.

Status: Approved by the Governor and signed into law on July 9, 2018.

#### BILLS OF INTEREST UNLIKELY TO BECOME LAW

#### AB 2085 (Cooley) Retirement systems: surviving spouse.

After a member's death, the CERL provides that any retirement allowance earned but not yet paid to the member will be paid to the member's designated beneficiary. Current law deems the surviving spouse, upon application, to be the beneficiary if the member did not designate a beneficiary prior to death.

Retirement systems had differing views on whether a legally separated spouse is considered a surviving spouse. This bill would define "surviving spouse" as a person legally married to the member who is neither divorced nor legally separated at the time of the member's death, and who meets other relevant requirements. LACERA opposed that position.

**Status:** Hearing before committee canceled at the request of the author on April 16, 2018. The author elected not to move forward without a consensus of the retirement systems. The retirement systems are considering whether to propose another bill defining surviving spouse.

# AB 2571 (Fletcher) Public employee retirement systems: investments: race and gender pay equity.

Requires a public investment fund to require an alternative investment vehicle (AIV) to, at least annually, report specified information relating to hospitality employers pertaining to race and gender pay equity, and sexual harassment, among other provisions.

Status: Hearing before committee canceled at the request of the author on April 18, 2018.

#### SB 1031 (Moorlach) Public employees' retirement: cost of living adjustments: prohibition.

This bill would prohibit a cost of living adjustment to beneficiaries or survivors if the unfunded liability for that retirement system is great than 20%. This is one of the "pension reform" bills by Senator Moorlach for the purpose of reducing unfunded liabilities of retirement systems.

Status: The bill failed passage in committee on April 24, 2018.

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#### SB 1433 (Moorlach) County employees' retirement: Deferred Retirement Option Program.

The CERL permits creation of a Deferred Retirement Option Program to provide eligible members who elect to participate in the program access to a lump sum or monthly payments for a specified period in addition to a monthly retirement allowance. This bill would on and after January 1, 2019, prohibit a county or district from allowing a member to participate in a Deferred Retirement Option Program who was not participating in the program on or before December 31, 2018. This is another one of Senator Moorlach's "pension reform" bills.

Status: The bill failed passage in committee on April 24, 2018.

#### AB 3084 (Levine) Public employees: other postemployment benefits: annual report.

Existing law requires all state and local public retirement systems to submit audited financial statements to the Controller at the earliest practicable opportunity within six months of the close of each fiscal year.

This bill requires the governing body of a public agency to show it has achieved specified goals related to the provision of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) in its annual finance statements submitted to the State Controller's Office (SCO). If the public agency has not met those goals, it must detail why and what it is doing to meet those goals.

**Status:** Held under submission in committee on May 25, 2018.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

8.B. Chief Executive Officer's Report.



# Office of the Chief Executive Officer Office of Administration

DATE: August 16, 2018

TO: Members of the Board of Retirement

FROM: Dave Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Chief Executive Officer's Report

#### **Senior Manager Recruitment**

No vacancies needing recruitment.

#### **Committee/Board Action Items**

ASSIGNED FOLLOW-UP ITEMS				
Follow-Up Board Item	Assigned Senior Leader	Estimated Completion Date	Completion Date	Notes
Develop a policy regarding pre-payment of contributions by employers.	Dave Nelsen	To be scheduled		A new law passed in 2017 expanded the circumstances regarding employers prepaying retirement contributions. ACERA needs to develop a policy regarding this option.
Develop a Diminishing Employer Payroll Policy	Kathy Mount	<del>July 2018</del> September 2018	This will be presented at the August Participating Employers meeting for feedback.	This policy will address the issues of how to allocate liability and determine funding requirements for an employer whose payroll is permanently decreasing.
Develop a Withdrawing Employer Policy	Kathy Mount	<del>July 2018</del> September 2018	This will be presented at the August Participating Employers meeting for feedback.	This policy will address the issues of how to allocate liability and determine funding requirements for an employer that withdraws from the system.

#### **Conference Schedule**

I will attend training at the CALAPRS Administrator's Institute on Wed, Sep 26 thru Fri, Sep 28, 2018 in Carmel, CA.

#### Other

ASOP 51- The Actuarial Standards Board has issued the Actuarial Standard of Practice 51. It is available at the link below. This ASOP addresses new disclosures for funding valuations to show the risks and impacts of possible funding outcomes others than those assumed. Segal will discuss the impacts of this new ASOP during our October Actuarial Committee meeting.

http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/asops/assessment-disclosure-risk-associated-measuring-pension-obligations-determining-pension-plan-contributions-3/

#### Process Excellence Activities:

- Our first Lean Project Team evaluated the Retirement Application Process, and has begun implementing the changes designed through this process. The goal of this initiative would be to decrease the number of retirees who receive the initial 80% benefit and provide more retirees with a final retirement value by their first check. More information on this initiative will be provided at the September Operations Committee meeting.
- The second project continues the work of developing employee personal development plan templates and processes.
- All but about 25 ACERA team members have been trained in the methodology, and have been challenged to apply the training at their own process level. These are being called "just do it projects". There are many of these projects underway.
- Senior Leaders continue their work on two initiatives: 1) developing agency-wide operational effectiveness measures, and 2) developing a process to identify, prioritize and balance resources for the many projects of the association. High level measures being implemented include:
  - Adherence to budget
  - Team engagement survey scores
  - Customer satisfaction survey scores
  - Top quartile investment performance on a rolling 10 year basis