



ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF RETIREMENT
MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Chair Henry Levy called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Dale Amaral
Ophelia Basgal (*Arrived During Discussion of New Business Item No. 2*)
Keith Carson
Tarrell Gamble
Jaime Godfrey
Liz Koppenhaver
Henry Levy
Elizabeth Rogers
George Wood
Darryl Walker (*Alternate*)

Trustees Excused: Nancy Reilly (*Alternate*)

Staff Present: Margo Allen, Fiscal Services Officer
Angela Bradford, Executive Secretary
Kathy Foster, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Jessica Huffman, 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: Victoria Arruda, Human Resource Officer
Sandra Dueñas-Cuevas, Benefits Manager

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

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APPROVAL OF BOARD and COMMITTEE MINUTES

*August 14, 2019 Investment Committee Minutes
August 15, 2019 Budget Committee Minutes
August 15, 2019 Governance Committee Minutes
August 15, 2019 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 4, 2019 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
September 11, 2019 Investment Committee Minutes*

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

*Quarterly Report on Member Underpayments and Overpayments
Operating Expenses as of July 31, 2019*

19-64

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers seconded by Keith Carson, and approved by a vote of 7 yes (Gamble, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Levy, Rogers, Wood), 0 no, and 0 abstentions (Dale Amaral and Darryl Walker recused themselves because one or more of the consent calendar items involved their employing Departments):

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD that the Consent Calendar is approved, with the exception of the September 4, 2019 minutes of the Special Board meeting.

19-65

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers and seconded by Dale Amaral that the Board approve the amended minutes of the September 4, 2019 Special Board meeting. The motion carried 7 yes (*Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 1 abstention (*Koppenhaver*).

REGULAR CALENDAR
REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

DISABILITIES, CURRENT AND CONTINUING RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS

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

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS

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

Investment:

Elizabeth Rogers gave an oral report stating that the Investment Committee met on September 11, 2019 and was presented with, reviewed information for and/or discussed adoption of an up to \$80 million Investment in Owl Rock First Lien Fund, L.P. as part of ACERA's Private Credit Portfolio.

19-66

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers and seconded by Dale Amaral that the Board adopt an up to \$80 million Investment in Owl Rock First Lien Fund, L.P. as part of ACERA's Private Credit Portfolio, pending completion of legal and investment due diligence and successful contract negotiations. The motion carried 8 yes (*Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

The Committee was also presented with, reviewed information for and/or discussed adoption of amendments to ACERA's Emerging Investment Manager Policy.

19-67

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers and seconded by Jaime Godfrey that the Board adopt the amendments to ACERA's *Emerging Manager Policy*. The motion carried 8 yes (*Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Koppenhaver, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

There were no Information Items.

It was noted that Trustee Gamble participated at the September 11, 2019 Investment Committee meeting at a remote location.

Minutes of the meeting were presented to the Board for adoption on the Consent Calendar at today's Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

SACRS Proxy Voting

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dave Nelsen presented his September 19, 2019, memo requesting to vote ACERA's Proxy on behalf of the Board of Retirement at the upcoming SACRS Fall Conference Business Meeting. Mr. Nelsen recommended that ACERA Assistant CEO Kathy Foster and Board Trustee Liz Koppenhaver be designated as first and second alternate voting delegates, respectively, in the event he is unable to vote.

19-68

It was moved by Keith Carson and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers that the Board direct Dave Nelsen Chief Executive Officer to vote ACERA's proxy on behalf of the Board of Retirement at the upcoming SACRS Fall Conference Business Meeting. The Board also designates ACERA Assistant CEO Kathy Foster as the first alternate voting delegate and designates Board Trustee Liz Koppenhaver as a second alternate voting delegate in the event Mr. Nelsen is unable to vote. The motion carried 7 yes (*Amaral, Carson, Gamble, Godfrey, Levy, Rogers, Wood*), 0 no, and 1 abstention (*Koppenhaver*).

Mr. Nelsen reported that the SACRS Business Packet will be provided to the Board Trustees for review prior to the October 2019 Board meeting at which time the Board can direct CEO Dave Nelsen on how to vote on the SACRS' business items.

Report on ACERA-Sponsored Medical Plans and Premiums for Plan Year 2020

Ms. Foster presented her September 19, 2019 memo summarizing the ACERA-Sponsored Medical Plans and Premiums for Plan Year 2020, and introduced Alameda County Human Resource Division Benefits Manager Ava Lavender who presented background information, overall blended and unblended individual and family medical premium rates for Plan Year 2020. The 2020 premium rates are as follows:

- Kaiser Permanente HMO increased 2.66% (monthly premium for retiree only is \$785.44);
- UnitedHealthcare (UHC) HMO Signature Value increased 3.88% (monthly premium for retiree only is \$1,087.80);
- UnitedHealthcare (UHC) HMO Signature Value Advantage decreased -15.19% (monthly premium for retiree only is \$831.92); and
- Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage (KPSA) plan increased 4.4% (monthly premium for retiree only is \$411.54).

Ms. Lavender reported that Kaiser and UHC had no plan design changes for Plan Year 2020. Ms. Lavender also provided the low-income premium subsidy amounts. Staff reported that the additional per member per month premium cost Kaiser quoted to offer the Kaiser Permanente Silver&Fit® Exercise & Health Aging Program in the KPSA plan is \$2.65 for Plan Year 2020.

Revised Draft of Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve Benefits Survey

Communications Manager, Michael Fara presented a revised draft of the Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve Survey reporting that the only difference from the initial survey was that Question 2 was revised to ask responders to re-rank all the different benefits, considering that the Lump Sum Death Benefit could be increased and/or the Active Death Equity Benefit could be reinstated. Mr. Fara reported that a link to the Survey will be included on post cards and distributed via U.S. First Class Mail, with ACERA's Open Enrollment Packet and via email blast.

David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Nelsen presented his September 19, 2019, written CEO Report which provided an update on the following items: **1)** Senior Manager Recruitment, which included notice of recruitment for a new Chief Counsel. Mr. Nelsen reported he will be using an external Search Firm for the recruitment; **2)** Committee/Board Action Items; **3)** Conference/Event Schedule; **4)** Other Items: Mr. Nelsen reported that Staff is finalizing the speakers and the topics for the November 1, 2019 Board Off-Site; and **5)** Key Performance Indicators.

Mr. Nelsen reported that California Governor Gavin Newsome signed Assembly Bill (AB) 5 into law today, which codifies the California Supreme Court's decision in the *Dynamex* case and simplifies and clarifies California's independent contractor rules. Reed Smith LLC Attorney Harvey Leiderman will present more detailed information on this topic at the SACRS Fall Conference.

CONFERENCE/ORAL REPORTS

Trustees Ophelia Basgal, Henry Levy and Elizabeth Rogers attended the Nossaman Fiduciaries Forum and that the *Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs Association v. ACERA* case was discussed. It was noted that oral arguments in the *Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs Association v. ACERA* case could occur before the end of 2019 and the California Supreme Court could arrive at a decision by early 2020. Trustee Levy reported that he also attended the PIMCO Institute Event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

BOARD INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Nelsen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

David Nelsen
Chief Executive Officer

10/17/19

Date Adopted

**APPENDIX A
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT**

BARRY, Timothy
Effective: 7/6/2018
LARPD

CUNNINGHAM, Diana G.
Effective: 12/23/2017
Health Care Services Agency

BELLO, Kamal
Effective: 7/27/2019
Assessor

DALY, Philip G.
Effective: 7/13/2019
District Attorney

BERBER, Maria D.
Effective: 7/13/2019
Social Services Agency

DANZIG, Allison I.
Effective: 6/21/2019
District Attorney

BROADHURST, Tobin C.
Effective: 7/31/2019
Information Technology

ELENDU, Ann U.
Effective: 8/15/2018
Alameda Health System

CALAYAG, Maria C.
Effective: 6/15/2019
Alameda Health System

ELLIOTT, Barbara L.
Effective: 3/30/2018
Sheriff's Office

CANDIES, Carolyn
Effective: 6/29/2019
Superior Court

ENOS-CONNER, Bridget
Effective: 6/22/2019
Superior Court

CANO, Cindy L.
Effective: 7/13/2019
Child Support Services

ESCOBAR, Yvette
Effective: 7/16/2019
First 5

CAVALIERI, Michael T.
Effective: 6/22/2019
Zone 7

FRAZIER, Charles E.
Effective: 6/29/2019
Sheriff's Office

CHO, Sangsook
Effective: 12/2/2017
Health Care Services Agency

FREITAS, Michael C.
Effective: 5/31/2017
Probation

CREQUE, Geri
Effective: 7/2/2019
Non-Member

FRYE, Denise Y.
Effective: 6/4/2019
Alameda Health System

CRUZ, Jose C.
Effective: 7/24/2019
LARPD

GALEHZAN, Jamshid
Effective: 6/28/2019
Community Development Agency

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GEE, Nancy
Effective: 7/6/2019
Social Services Agency

JOHNSON, Diana J.
Effective: 1/3/2015
Alameda Health System

GRAY-SHAVIES, Lorice
Effective: 7/13/2019
Social Services Agency

KING-PALMER, Linda D.
Effective: 6/26/2019
Probation

HALL, Mona
Effective: 6/16/2019
Alameda Health System

KO, Jessica
Effective: 5/28/2019
Non-Member

HINISH, Lonnie O.
Effective: 5/21/2017
Public Works Agency

LAZAR, Rebecca
Effective: 6/29/2019
Alameda Health System

HOQUE, Josefina E.
Effective: 10/21/2017
Sheriff's Office

LEE, Michele D.
Effective: 6/20/2019
Social Services Agency

HORTON, Carolyn
Effective: 3/11/2017
Social Services Agency

LIVELY, Sybil D.
Effective: 7/27/2019
Social Services Agency

HUGHES, Harold E.
Effective: 6/29/2019
Zone 7

LORENZANA, Maria L.
Effective: 7/25/2019
Sheriff's Office

HUGO, Susan L.
Effective: 7/13/2019
Health Care Services Agency

MAPLES, Diane M.
Effective: 7/12/2019
Sheriff's Office

HWANG, Donald C.
Effective: 6/1/2019
Health Care Services Agency

MELENDRES, Amelita
Effective: 3/30/2019
Alameda Health System

JACOB, Neva S.
Effective: 7/13/2019
General Services Agency

MOORE, Vincent L.
Effective: 7/14/2019
Probation

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MORGAN, Blaise
Effective: 7/13/2019
Social Services Agency

SMITH, Louis P.
Effective: 1/4/2019
Alameda Health System

ORANGI, Lila
Effective: 7/10/2019
Social Services Agency

SPENCE, William R.
Effective: 7/13/2019
Sheriff's Office

ORTEGA, Richard A.
Effective: 8/3/2019
Public Defender

THOMPSON, Sherrann E.
Effective: 7/6/2019
Superior Court

PERRY, Charlene M.
Effective: 7/6/2019
Superior Court

TUANQUIN-REYES, Renita B.
Effective: 9/30/2018
Alameda Health System

RYAN, Victoria
Effective: 6/29/2019
Health Care Services Agency

VALENCIA, Perry O.
Effective: 7/13/2019
General Services Agency

SAN AGUSTIN, Enrique A.
Effective: 7/13/2019
Public Works Agency

WEINER, Laurie L.
Effective: 6/29/2019
District Attorney

SHERIDAN, Evelyn
Effective: 11/15/2018
Alameda Health System

WONG, Craig A.
Effective: 7/27/2019
Sheriff's Office

SMITH, Edward J.
Effective: 6/29/2019
General Services Agency

WOOD, Dale D.
Effective: 6/29/2019
Health Care Services Agency

**APPENDIX B
APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED RETIREMENT**

BORG, Thomas T.J.
Sheriff's Office
Effective Date: 7/12/2019

JAMESON, Naima A.
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/12/2019

BROWN, Aisha N.
Human Resource Services
Effective: 7/12/2019

KOBERNICK, Phillip J.
General Services Agency
Effective: 7/11/2019

DIXON, Sukari A.
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/24/2019

LAW, Keith
Alameda Health System
Effective: 6/30/2019

GARCIA, Maricela
Social Services Agency
Effective: 6/26/2019

MAGNER, Carlie E.
Health Care Services Agency
Effective: 7/5/2019

GORDON, Nina M.
Social Services Agency
Effective: 6/19/2019

MEDEIROS, Clinton E.
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 7/26/2019

GROW, Jordan A.
Human Resource Services
Effective: 7/12/2019

PANGILINAN, Emilissa M.
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/12/2019

HO, Lisa S.L.
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/26/2019

PONCE, Antonio L.
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/20/2019

**APPENDIX B-1
APPLICATION FOR NON-VESTED DEFERRED**

AJAYI, Yvette B.
Alameda Health System
Effective Date: 6/30/2019

GREEN, Dylan E.
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 7/6/2019

BRYANT, Jaynell D.
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/12/2019

LANDEROS, Brenda E.
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/4/2019

GINSBERG, Joel B.
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/12/2019

MENDOZA, Leonardo B.
Social Services Agency
Effective: 6/28/2019

**APPENDIX B-1
APPLICATION FOR NON-VESTED DEFERRED**

MUNOZ, Jessica
Auditor-Controller
Effective: 7/26/2019

REYES, Chryzel P.
Health Care Services Agency
Effective: 7/11/2019

NDUBUIZU, Christopher O.
Health Care Services Agency
Effective: 7/12/2019

RIVERA, Briana C.
District Attorney
Effective: 7/5/2019

NGUYEN, Johnny
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/12/2019

ROBINSON, Deidre L.
Child Support Services
Effective: 7/8/2019

PAYOPAY, Anna L.
Public Defender
Effective: 7/12/2019

SCOTT, Cathy L.
Alameda Health System
Effective Date: 7/10/2019

PHILLIPS, Don E.
Alameda Health System
Effective: 6/16/2019

WATERMAN, Jandera C.
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/12/2019

POORAK, Mahsa M.
Public Defender
Effective: 7/5/2019

WELLS, Arika C.
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/1/2019

**APPENDIX D
LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

ABBOTT, Rose
Alameda County Office of Education
8/15/2019

LOCKHART, Marcus
Alameda Health System
8/6/2019

AGUILAR, Norma
Alameda Health System
8/5/2019

MATTAL, Larry A.
Non-Mbr Survivor of Edith S. Mattal
7/24/2019

BONETE, Josefina R.
Social Services Agency
7/12/2019

MC GEE, Thomas A.
Health Care Services Agency
8/7/2019

BROWN, Henry C.
Non-Mbr Survivor of Mary E. Brown
7/7/2019

NELSON, Renee
District Attorney
8/16/2019

CALDWELL, Michael J.
Sheriff's Office
8/3/2019

PANNELL, Verniece E.
Non-Mbr Survivor of Ashrious F. Pannell
8/2/2019

CHARLESTON, William
Non-Mbr Survivor of Patricia A.
Charleston
4/23/2019

REEDY, Joseph D.
Health Care Services Agency
7/22/2019

DRIEHAUS, Donald C.
Social Services Agency
8/22/2019

REGO, Manuel J.
Non-Mbr Survivor of Gladys A. Rego
8/10/2019

FOSTER, William M.
Sheriff's Office
7/20/2019

STEINBERG, Fred
Probation
8/5/2019

HARRIS, Burdette L.
Superior Court
7/18/2019

THOMAS, Marjorie M.
Auditor-Controller
6/22/2019

LAU, Donna
Alameda Health System
8/5/2019

WRIGHT, Etheridge E.
Non-Mbr Survivor of Cassie M. Wright
8/14/2019

LAZOWICK, Lionel M.
Health Care Services Agency
7/5/2019

ZIMA, Cathleen M.
Probation
8/20/2019

APPENDIX F
APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Name: Costanzo, Angelo
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. Costanzo's application for a service-connected disability. Since Mr. Costanzo is over 55 years old, future annual medical examinations and questionnaires will not be required.

Name: Piyamanothamkul, Jintapa
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. Piyamanothamkul's application for a service-connected disability, pending a determination on the earlier effective date, and waiving future annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Name: Skoldqvist, Kathleen
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. Skoldqvist's application for a service-connected disability, and waiving future annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.
