



Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association
BOARD OF RETIREMENT

NOTICE and AGENDA

ACERA MISSION:

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

**Thursday, October 15, 2026
2:00 p.m.**

LOCATION AND TELECONFERENCE	BOARD OF RETIREMENT TRUSTEES	
ACERA C.G. "BUD" QUIST BOARD ROOM 475 14TH STREET, 10TH FLOOR OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612-1900 MAIN LINE: 510.628.3000 FAX: 510.268.9574 The public can observe the meeting and offer public comment by using the below Webinar ID and Passcode after clicking on the below link or calling the below call-in number. Link: https://zoom.us/join Call-In: 1 (669) 900-6833 US Webinar ID: 879 6337 8479 Passcode: 699406 For help joining a Zoom meeting, see: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193	TARRELL GAMBLE	APPOINTED
	CHAIR	
	ELIZABETH ROGERS	ELECTED RETIRED
	FIRST VICE-CHAIR	
	ROSS CLIPPINGER	ELECTED SAFETY
	SECOND VICE-CHAIR	
	OPHELIA BASGAL	APPOINTED
	KEITH CARSON	APPOINTED
	SCOTT FORD	ELECTED GENERAL
	HENRY LEVY	TREASURER
	KELLIE SIMON	ELECTED GENERAL
	STEVEN WILKINSON	APPOINTED
	KATHY FOSTER	ALTERNATE RETIRED¹
	VACANT	ALTERNATE SAFETY

¹ The 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 Safety Member and an Elected General Member, are absent.

Note regarding accommodations: If you require a reasonable modification or accommodation for a disability, please contact ACERA between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at least 72 hours before the meeting at accommodation@acera.org or at 510-628-3000.

Public comments are limited to four (4) minutes per person in total. The order of items on the agenda is subject to change without notice.

Board and Committee agendas and minutes and all documents distributed to the Board or a Committee in connection with a public meeting (unless exempt from disclosure) are posted online at www.acera.org and also may be inspected at 475 14th Street, 10th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Board will adopt the entire Consent Calendar by a single motion, unless one or more Board members remove one or more items from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion(s) and possible separate motion(s).

A. REPORT ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS:

Appendix A

B. LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS:

Appendix B

C. LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS:

Appendix C

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

None

E. APPROVE UNCONTESTED STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISABILITY RETIREMENTS AND DEATH BENEFITS:

Appendix E

F. APPROVE UNCONTESTED HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENTS AND DEATH BENEFITS:

None

G. APPROVE MINUTES of BOARD and COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

September 17, 2026 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

October 7, 2026 Retirees Committee Minutes

October 7, 2026 Investment Committee Minutes

H. MISCELLANEOUS:

- *Statement of Reserves as of 06/30/26*
- *Operating Expenses as of 08/31/26*
- *Approve Staff Recommendation regarding the County's New Pay Code: Payoff Non-Expiring In Lieu Balance – INE*

-----End of Consent Calendar----

---(MOTION)

1. Summary of October 15, 2026 Meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Possible Motion to Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (or His Designee) on How to Vote ACERA's Proxy on Behalf of the Board of Retirement at the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Fall Conference Business Meeting.
- B. Update on 2026 California Pension Legislation.
- C. Discussion regarding 2027 Board Off-Site.
- D. Informational Item: Articles on pensions by UC Berkeley Professor Sarah Anzia. Below are the links to the articles per Trustee Basgal's request at the September 17, 2026 Board Meeting:
 - 1. [Interest Groups on the Inside: The Governance of Public Pension Funds](#)
 - 2. [The Hidden Crisis in America's Public Pension System](#)
- E. Chief Executive Officer's Report.

8. CONFERENCE/ORAL REPORTS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. BOARD INPUT

11. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Evaluation (Chief Executive Officer).

13. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

**APPENDIX A
REPORT ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS**

BAO, Dingbang
Effective: 8/1/2026
Zone 7

KARONOVICH, Beth
Effective: 9/1/2026
District Attorney

BIRMAN, Marina
Effective: 8/1/2026
Alameda Health System

LEACH, Debore
Effective: 7/17/2026
Probation

CHAN, Gary
Effective: 6/15/2026
Assessors Department

LEVNO, Melanye
Effective: 7/23/2026
Social Service Agency

COSIO, Susana
Effective: 8/11/2026
Non-Member

LU, Dejuan
Effective: 8/1/2026
Social Service Agency

ESCOBAR, Wilfredo
Effective: 8/1/2026
Alameda Health System

MARQUEZ, Nancy
Effective: 8/1/2026
Sheriff's Office

FARRELL, Sabrina
Effective: 7/18/2026
District Attorney

MARQUEZ, Nancy
Effective: 8/1/2026
Non-Member

FIRMEZA, Richard
Effective: 7/17/2026
Sheriff's Office

MCCARDELL, Ronald Jr.
Effective: 7/11/2026
Alameda Health System

HARBIN, Tracy
Effective: 7/18/2026
Alameda Health System

MCCLAIN, William
Effective: 8/1/2026
Courts

HEROLD, Ailene
Effective: 8/15/2026
Social Service Agency

MIJARES, Mildred
Effective: 8/1/2026
Courts

HILL-BAPTISTE, Katrina
Effective: 7/14/2026
District Attorney

MORRIS, John
Effective: 8/4/2026
Courts

JOHNSON, Lisa
Effective: 8/1/2026
ACERA

PALAS, Gil
Effective: 7/18/2026
Alameda County Health

**APPENDIX A
REPORT ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS**

RAMELB, Julieta
Effective: 8/1/2026
Child Support Services

SUICO, Lonna
Effective: 7/29/2026
Sheriff's Office

RANKIN, Alma
Effective: 8/1/2026
Sheriff's Office

SYLVESTER, Scott
Effective: 7/18/2026
Sheriff's Office

RASCH, Thomas
Effective: 7/25/2026
Courts

VILLANUEVA, Divinagracia
Effective: 8/1/2026
Auditor-Controller

SHERRY, Susan
Effective: 7/7/2026
Alameda Health System

WATTS, Mark
Effective: 7/9/2026
Alameda Health System

SMITH, Tracy
Effective: 8/1/2026
Social Service Agency

WHITTLEY, Veronica
Effective: 8/1/2026
Social Service Agency

**APPENDIX B
LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS**

AZIMI, Emran
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective Date: 8/14/2026

BROCK, Richard
Alameda Health System
Effective: 8/24/2026

BARNES, Michael
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 8/14/2026

BUENO, Nadia
District Attorney's Office
Effective: 8/14/2026

BATTULGA, Byambasuren
Alameda County Health
Effective: 8/24/2026

CHADALAVADA, Rini
Child Support Services
Effective: 8/11/2026

BELTRAN MARTINEZ, Josselyn
Child Support Services
Effective: 8/14/2026

CHU, Grace
Child Support Services
Effective: 8/11/2026

**APPENDIX B
LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS**

CLINTON, Takenya
Alameda Health System
Effective: 8/18/2026

GRAYNER, Alexandra
District Attorney's Office
Effective: 8/26/2026

COOMBS MUMUNI, Angela
Alameda County Health
Effective: 8/28/2026

GROSS, Natalie
First 5 Alameda County
Effective: 8/5/2026

CRUZ, Melissa
Social Services Agency
Effective: 8/3/2026

GUVENC, Lindsay
Alameda Health System
Effective: 8/28/2026

DUENAS, Christina
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 8/6/2026

HAREBOTTLE, Austin
Social Services Agency
Effective: 8/6/2026

EKHATOR, Ikpomwnosa
Alameda Health System
Effective: 8/17/2026

HARTJE, Fay
First 5 Alameda County
Effective: 8/14/2026

ESCUDERO, Elexis
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 8/28/2026

HUNTER, Brandon
Assessor
Effective: 8/27/2026

FAN, Andrew
Probation
Effective: 8/28/2026

LA, James
Assessor
Effective: 8/21/2026

GARCIA, Moises
Probation
Effective: 8/4/2026

LAL, Lois
Treasurer-Tax Collector
Effective: 8/27/2026

GHEBREYESUS, Yacob
Public Works Agency
Effective: 8/7/2026

LAN, Justin
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 8/20/2026

GOMEZ, Vanessa
Alameda Health System
Effective: 8/17/2026

LANDRY, Kenneita
Social Services Agency
Effective: 8/26/2026

GQOBOSE ONYEIJE, Ifechukude
Social Services Agency
Effective: 8/13/2026

MATUZ, Tomacita
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 8/3/2026

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LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS**

MEYERS, Cole
Public Defender
Effective: 8/14/2026

PORCIUNCULA, Corrina
Social Services Agency
Effective: 8/21/2026

NAVA, Eduardo
Probation
Effective: 8/4/2026
Years of Service: .01

REAL, Mariana
Community Development Agency
Effective: 8/14/2026

NGOM, Rhonda
County Counsel
Effective: 8/7/2026
Years of Service: .76

SAMUEL, Shoni
County Counsel
Effective: 8/28/2026

NGUYEN, Jack
Sheriff's Office
Effective Date: 8/12/2026

SEIBERT, Lanetta
Assessor
Effective: 8/21/2026

OLSEN, Caelum
Public Defender
Effective: 8/14/2026

SPEARS, Timani
Social Services Agency
Effective: 8/14/2026

PAGE, Thema
Alameda County Health
Effective: 8/27/2026

TICZON, Joseph
Treasurer-Tax Collector
Effective: 8/27/2026

WONG, Henry
Social Services Agency
Effective: 8/21/2026

**APPENDIX C
LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

ALLEN, Loretta A.
Non-Member Survivor of JACIE ALLEN
6/22/2026

CABRAL, Lester F.
Public Works Agency
9/16/2026

BOYKIN, Muriel
Social Services Agency
9/1/2026

CAMPBELL, Robert A.
Probation
9/7/2026

BRAGG, Judy A.
Alameda Health System
9/3/2026

CLAYTON, Earl A.
Public Works Agency
9/1/26

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CLENDENEN, Karyl B.
Social Services Agency
8/29/2026

CORREIA, Kevin P.
Zone 7 Water Agency
9/19/2026

CROWELL, Lois W.
Social Services Agency
9/12/2026

CRUZ, Diana D.
Behavioral Health Care Services
9/18/2026

FUCLES JR., Vodhen G.
Non-Member Survivor of Emily Ruth
Fucles
5/16/2026

GARRIGAN, James William
Sheriff's Office
9/20/2026

GRIGSBY, Cal M.
Social Services Agency
9/9/2026

HAMILTON, Cleveland L.
Non-Member Survivor of BERNICE
HAMILTON
6/16/2026

HORNES, Harold
Social Services Agency
8/28/2026

JANSSEN, Alfred E.
Non-Member Survivor of BONNIE
JANSSEN
11/5/2025

JOHNSON, Jesse
Non-Member Survivor of CLARENCE
JOHNSON
6/24/2026

KENNON, Rolalynn B.
Alameda County Superior Court
9/17/2026

KIRKPATRICK, Josephine.
Alameda County Health
9/3/2026

LIVINGSTON, Eddie
Alameda Health System
7/15/2026

MADISON, Margaret M.
Health Care Services Agency
9/13/2026

MATHEWS, Raymond Andre
General Services Agency
8/26/2026

MEDEIROS, Mary Marcella
Housing Authority
8/23/2026

PERKINS, Gregory Darryl
Sheriff's Office
9/14/2026

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SMID, Richard Joseph
Public Works Agency
8/20/2026

WONG, Elizabeth T.
Assessor
9/25/2026

WATTS, Rosa
Alameda Health System
9/4/2026

YIP, Grace
Alameda Health System
9/15/2026

ZONA, William Theodore
Sheriff's Office
9/7/2026

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

Name: Ball, Geoffrey
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. Ball's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Deny the request for an earlier effective date. Applicant was able to ascertain the permanency of their disability before their last date of compensation.

Name: Belton-Irving, DeAngela
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. Belton-Irving's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

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Name: Munoz, Anthony
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. Munoz's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires.

Name: Phillips, Joshua
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. Phillip's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Name: Sexty, William
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. Sexty's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Name: Verbeck, Gerald
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. Verbeck's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires.



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

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Chair Tarrell Gamble called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Trustees Present: Ophelia Basgal (*Arrived After Roll Call*)
Keith Carson
Ross Clippinger
Tarrell Gamble
Elizabeth Rogers
Kellie Simon
Vishal Thacker (*Designee for Treasurer Levy; Arrived After Roll Call*)
Steven Wilkinson (*Zoom for "just cause"*)
Kathy Foster (*Alternate*)

Trustees Excused: Scott Ford
Henry Levy

Staff Present: Victoria Arruda, Human Resource Officer (*via Zoom*)
Carlos Barrios, Assistant Chief Executive Officer-Benefits
Angela Bradford, Executive Secretary
Satjit Dale, Assistant Chief Executive Officer-Operations
Sandra Dueñas-Cuevas, Benefits Manager
Harsh Jadhav, Chief of Internal Audit
Vijay Jagar, Retirement Chief Technology Officer, ACERA
David Puente, Fiscal Services Officer
Jeff Rieger, Chief Counsel
Betty Tse, Chief Investment Officer

Staff Excused: Jessica Huffman, Benefits Manager
David Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR
REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS**

REPORT ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS

Appendix A

LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS

Appendix B

LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Appendix C

**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**

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**APPROVE UNCONTESTED HEARING OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
DISABILITY RETIREMENTS AND DEATH BENEFITS**

Appendix F

APPROVE MINUTES of BOARD and COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 20, 2026 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

August 20, 2026 Operations Committee Minutes

September 2, 2026 Retirees Committee Minutes

September 2, 2026 Investment Committee Minutes

MISCELLANEOUS

- *Operating Expenses as of 07/31/26*
- *Quarterly Report on Member Underpayments and Overpayments*
- *2nd Quarter 2026 Call Center Report*

26-55

It was moved by Elizabeth Rogers and seconded by Keith Carson that the Board adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 8 yes (*Basgal, Carson, Clippinger, Gamble, Rogers, Simon, Thacker, Wilkinson*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

**REGULAR CALENDAR
REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS**

DISABILITY, DEATH AND OTHER BENEFIT CLAIMS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS

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

Retirees:

The Retirees Committee met on September 2, 2026. Trustee Elizabeth Rogers reported that there were no Action Items. However, the Committee was presented with and discussed the following Information Items: *1) ACERA-Sponsored Medical Plans and Premiums for Plan Year 2027; and 2) Communication Plan for the New Individual Plan Option.*

Minutes of the meeting were approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

Investment:

The Investment Committee met on September 2, 2026. Trustee Tarrell Gamble reported that there were no Action Items. However, the Committee was presented with and discussed the following Information Items: *1) Review of the ACERA Placement Agent Disclosure Policy; and 2) Semiannual Performance Review for the Period Ending June 30, 2026 – Total Fund Highlighting Public Market Asset Classes.*

Minutes of the meeting were approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS:

State Association of County Retirement System (SACRS) Voting Proxy

Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Benefits Carlos Barrios referred the Board to Mr. Nelsen's September 17, 2026 memo included in the agenda backup, requesting authorization to vote ACERA's Proxy on behalf of the Board of Retirement.

26-56

It was moved by Ophelia Basgal and seconded by Elizabeth Rogers that the Board grant Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dave Nelsen (or his Designee) authority to vote ACERA's proxy on behalf of the Board of Retirement at the upcoming SACRS Fall Conference Business Meeting. The motion carried 8 yes (*Basgal, Carson, Clippinger, Gamble, Rogers, Simon, Thacker, Wilkinson*), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Barrios referred the Board to Mr. Nelsen's September 17, 2026 written CEO Report included in the agenda backup. Mr. Nelsen's memo provided an update on: **1)** Committee/Board Action Items; **2)** Conference/Event Schedule; **3)** Other Items: **a)** Business Planning; **b)** Legislation; **c)** Stand-By Pay Issue; **d)** Budget; **e)** Superior Court of California, Alameda County- Social Security Coverage Issue for Court Employees; and **4)** Key Performance Indicators.

Chief Counsel Jeff Rieger responded to questions regarding the status of the bills listed under *Legislative Update* in Mr. Nelsen's September 17th written CEO Report.

CONFERENCE/ORAL REPORTS

Trustee Kellie Simon reported that she and Trustee Scott Ford attended Value Edge's Public Funds Summit. The discussions focused on foreign policy and SEC proposals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

BOARD INPUT

Trustee Wilkinson raised concerns about how the Board receives meeting minutes and information about the rebalancing process. Staff responded and will bring further information to future meetings as necessary.

Trustee Ophelia Basgal reported that she attended a meeting at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy which featured an expert panel on Democratic Justice. Trustee Basgal reported that Professor Sarah Anzia, a panelist who writes extensively on pensions, was among the speakers. Trustee Basgal requested that Staff obtain Prof. Anzia's publications for inclusion as an Information Item for discussion at the October Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Conference With Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1)): *Jennifer Estolas v. Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No: 25CV131331.

Mr. Rieger stated that there was no new information to report regarding the *Estolas v. ACERA* matter listed above. Therefore, the Board did not adjourn into Closed Session.

It was noted that the SACRS Fall Conference does not conflict with any ACERA Committee and/or Board meeting, as the Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, through Friday, November 13, 2026.

[Click Here](#) to view the September 17, 2026 Board meeting YouTube video in its entirety.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Nelsen
Chief Executive Officer

10/15/26

Date Adopted

APPENDIX A
REPORT ON SERVICE RETIREMENTS

ANDERSON, Brian
Effective: 7/18/2026
Social Service Agency

HO, Anh
Effective: 7/3/2026
Alameda County Health

BAYER, Janet
Effective: 7/7/2026
Social Service Agency

HORA, Paul
Effective: 7/4/2026
District Attorney

BERRY, Rickey
Effective: 7/1/2026
Sheriff's Office

LIU, Xiaowen
Effective: 6/20/2026
Assessors Department

BEYERS, Matthew
Effective: 7/18/2026
Alameda County Health

MOLLOY, Susan
Effective: 6/27/2026
Sheriff's Office

CADO, Jennifer
Effective: 7/16/2026
Housing

NEE, Marta
Effective: 6/19/2026
Alameda Health System

CONCEPCION, Dean
Effective: 6/23/2026
Sheriff's Office

PRIETO, Maria
Effective: 7/23/2026
Information Technology

CRUZ, Martha
Effective: 7/18/2026
General Service Agency

QUINONES, Edward
Effective: 6/20/2026
Probation

DEBRUM WIEDENFELD, Vicki
Effective: 7/11/2026
LARPD

RIVERA, Robyn
Effective: 6/8/2026
Sheriff's Office

GIL, Daniel Jr.
Effective: 6/5/2026
Sheriff's Office

SJOLIN, Lora
Effective: 6/18/2026
Alameda Health System

HINTON, Yvette
Effective: 7/17/2026
Alameda Health System

WALTERS-SENHOUSE, Yolanda
Effective: 6/19/2026
Probation

WASHINGTON, Brian
Effective: 6/20/2026
County Counsel

**APPENDIX B
LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS**

ABDELHADI, Ola
First 5 Alameda County
Effective Date: 7/22/2026

ANDERSON, Kara
Alameda County Health
Effective: 7/13/2026

AZIZI, Susan
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/13/2026

BASURTO, Raymond
District Attorney's Office
Effective: 7/10/2026

BLACKMON, Sari
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/31/2026

CAMERON, Monica
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/16/2026

CASEY MEZA, Jonathan
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 7/29/2026

CUTRIGHT, Robbin
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/13/2026

DOAN, Don
Assessor
Effective: 7/31/2026

FLOREN, Elena
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/31/2026

GARCIA, Crystal
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 7/29/2026

GEDDIS, Joshua
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/6/2026

HOPKINS, Lucretia
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/24/2026

HSI, Paul
Alameda County Health
Effective: 7/17/2026

HSIUNG, Ta chung
Public Works Agency
Effective: 7/7/2026

HUGHES, Hanana
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 7/31/2026

JESSE, Michelle
Alameda County Health
Effective: 7/25/2026

JORDAN, Pamela
Community Development Agency
Effective: 7/10/2026

LAM, Hainan
Alameda County Health
Effective: 7/10/2026

LOPES, Noah
First 5 Alameda County
Effective: 7/31/2026

LOPEZ SANCHEZ, Ambar
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 7/31/2026

LOPEZ, Javier
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 7/6/2026

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LIST OF DEFERRED RETIREMENTS**

LOPEZ, Lynnde
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/17/2026

ROBINSON, Natalie
Public Defender
Effective: 7/31/2026

LOYA- PACHECO, Franci
Alameda County Health
Effective: 7/18/2026

SINGH, Manavjeet
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 7/10/2026

MCCLAIN, William
Alameda County Superior Court
Effective: 7/31/2026

SOK, Leonna
Alameda Health System
Effective Date: 7/24/2026

MCNAMARA, Romany
Public Defender
Effective: 7/31/2026

TAYLOR, David
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 7/31/2026

MONICO MORALES, Daniel
ACERA
Effective: 7/8/2026

TRAWALLAY, Tapha
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/8/2026

PHAN, Lyla
County Administrator's Office
Effective: 7/31/2026

TRUJILLO, Ashley
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/20/2026

QUINCE, Joz-bruer
Information Technology Dept.
Effective: 7/27/2026

TYLER-FUNES, Briana
Alameda Health System
Effective: 7/18/2026

REGALADO, Diana
Alameda Co Housing Authority
Effective: 7/8/2026

VILLANUEVA, Divinagracia
Auditor-Controller Agency
Effective: 7/31/2026

ROBINSON, Apollonia
Social Services Agency
Effective: 7/31/2026

WOOTTON, Gabrielle
ACERA
Effective: 7/30/2026

YAP, Keegan
Sheriff's Office
Effective: 7/17/2026

APPENDIX C
LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

BJORNSON, Dolores L.
Alameda County Superior Court
8/27/2026

MORRIS, Nancy A.
Social Services Agency
8/3/2026

BROWER, Marjorie J.
Alameda Health System
7/29/2026

NELSON, Edith
Alameda Health System
7/18/2026

CHRISTENSEN, Neal W.
Sheriff's Office
8/8/2026

NGUYEN, Trung D.
Social Services Agency
8/7/2026

GARVIN, Dolores M.
Social Services Agency
7/27/2026

RINALDI, Wanda G.
Alameda Health System
8/10/2026

GERVOLSTAD, Janet ladd
Social Services Agency
7/19/2026

RUIZ, Juan
Alameda County Health
8/1/2026

HOWELL-WATKINS, Diane
Non-Member Survivor of THOMAS
WATKINS
6/10/2026

SHEEHAN, Catherine
Non-Member Survivor of PETER
SHEEHAN
6/10/2026

HYATT, Frances E.
Alameda County Superior Court
7/27/2026

SHEPPARD, Sharron D.
Non-Member Survivor of RICHARD SHANNON
7/30/2026

JONES, Lee W.
District Attorney
8/9/2026

STEELE, Don L.
Alameda Co Housing Authority
8/9/2026

LEWIS, Stewart D.
Assessor
7/25/2026

TAKAYANAGI, Paul W.
Alameda County Health
7/24/2026

MELVIN, Geraldine P.
Non-Member Survivor of BRUCE MELVIN
7/31/2026

WHEELOCK, Edward L.
Alameda Health System
7/27/2026

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

Name: **Allshouse, Tara**
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. Allshouse's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Name: **Copley, Matthew**
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. Copley's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Name: **Olson, Layne**
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. Olson's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

Name: **Wharton, Brandon**
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. Wharton's application for service-connected disability and waiving annual medical examinations and questionnaires at this time.

APPENDIX F
APPROVE UNCONTESTED HEARING
OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Name: **Asplin-Halog, Jennifer**
Type of Claim: Service-Connected Disability

Staff's Recommendation:

Adopt the Hearing Officer's Proposed Findings of Fact and Recommended Decision as the Board's own final decision to grant Jennifer Asplin-Halog's application for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement. No future medical examinations or questionnaires required.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**October 7, 2026
Retirees Committee Minutes
For approval under October 15, 2026
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MEMORANDUM TO THE RETIREES COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF RETIREMENT

DATE: October 7, 2026

TO: Members of the Retirees Committee and Board of Retirement

FROM: J. David Puente, Fiscal Services Officer *J. D. Puente*

SUBJECT: Statement of Reserves and Supplemental Retiree Benefits Reserve (SRBR) Status as of June 30, 2026

The Statement of Reserves as of June 30, 2026, is attached for your review. The semi-annual interest crediting as of June 30, 2026, was completed on August 27, 2026.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2026, approximately \$525.8 million of total interest (\$458.8 million in regular earnings and \$67.0 million in excess earnings) was credited to all the valuation reserve accounts, including the 401(h) account, the advanced UAAL contribution reserves and the SRBR.

- Regular earnings of \$458.8 million were credited to the valuation reserve accounts, the 401(h) account, the SRBR, and the advance UAAL contribution reserves, at crediting rate of 3.5000%.
- 50% of the \$67.0 million earnings above the assumed rate of return (excess earnings) or \$33.5 million were posted to SRBR at the crediting rate of 2.6276%.
- The remaining 50% of the earnings above the assumed rate of return (excess earnings) or \$33.5 million were posted to the valuation reserve accounts, the 401(h) account, and County-Safety and LARPD advance UAAL contribution reserves, at a crediting rate of 0.2717%. The County-General advance UAAL contribution reserve was credited at rate of 0.6096 %; a higher crediting rate compared to all other reserves due to the exclusion of \$77.3 million in losses that were deferred prior to June 30, 2025.

The total interest crediting rates were 3.7717% to the valuation reserve accounts, the 401(h) account, and County-Safety and LARPD advance UAAL contribution reserves, 6.1276% to the SRBR, and 4.1096% to the County-General advance UAAL contribution reserve (see table below).

Earnings Classification	Valuation Reserves, 401(h) Account, & County-Safety and LARPD Advance UAAL Contribution Reserves		SRBR		County-General Advance UAAL Contribution Reserve	
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
Regular Earnings	\$ 400,306,781	3.5000%	\$ 44,614,181	3.5000%	\$ 13,886,052	3.5000%
Excess Earnings	31,074,999	0.2717%	33,493,729	2.6276%	2,418,730	0.6096%
Total Interest Credited	\$ 431,381,780	3.7717%	\$ 78,107,910	6.1276%	\$ 16,304,782	4.1096%

The process for crediting interest as of June 30, 2026, is presented in the table below. Note that for this semi-annual interest crediting period, the Contingency Reserve Account (CRA) was adjusted to 1% of total assets, \$153.1 million as of June 30, 2026. There were no subsequent withdrawals from the CRA.

Interest Crediting Methodology as of June 30, 2026	
Expected Actuarial Earnings for the period	\$ 489,391,737.78
10 % Amortization of deferred amounts – (Sum of the last 10 periods)	45,626,768.07
Actuarial earnings on a smoothed basis	535,018,505.85
CRA adjustment to 1% of total assets as of 6/30/2026	(9,224,033.89)
Actuarial earnings available for interest crediting @ 3.5000%	525,794,471.96
CRA usage to cover the interest crediting shortfall	0.00
Total amount available for interest crediting @ 3.5000%	\$ 525,794,471.96
Interest credited at a rate of 3.5000% to valuation reserves, 401(h) account, and County-Safety & LARPD advance UAAL contribution reserves	400,306,780.80
Interest credited at a rate of 3.5000% to SRBR	44,614,180.54
Interest credited at the rate of 3.5000% to the County-General advance UAAL contribution reserve	13,886,052.45
Excess Earnings - Earnings above the assumed rate of return	\$ 66,987,458.17
50% of Excess Earning credited to the SRBR at the rate of 2.6276%	33,493,729.08
Excess Earning credited to the other reserves, including the County-Safety & LARPD advance UAAL contribution reserves at the rate of 0.2717%	31,074,999.58
Excess Earning credited to the County-General advance UAAL contribution reserve at the rate of 0.6096%	2,418,729.51

There was a market **gain** of approximately \$1.2 billion for the six-month period ended June 30, 2026, which was higher than the expected actuarial earnings of approximately \$489.4 million. As a result, \$681.4 million in **gains** were added to the market stabilization reserve (the difference between the actual market gain/loss and the expected actuarial earnings). In addition, \$45.6 million in net **gains** from the previous ten (10) interest crediting cycles were recognized in the current interest crediting period. Thus, the market stabilization reserve increased from net deferred **gain** of \$761.8 million as of December 31, 2025, to \$1.4 billion in deferred **gains** as of June 30, 2026.

Supplemental Retiree Benefits Reserve (SRBR)

The interest credited to the SRBR for the six-month period ended June 30, 2026, was approximately \$44.6 million in regular earnings and \$33.5 million in excess earnings.

- For the six-month period ended June 30, 2026, the net deductions from SRBR were approximately \$36.5 million. These deductions include the net transfer to/from the employer advance reserve for 401(h) contributions of \$26.2 million, transfer to the employer advance reserve for implicit subsidy of \$9.4 million, and payments of supplemental COLA and retired death benefits of \$0.9 million.

Attachments:

- Statement of Reserves as of June 30, 2026
- SRBR Status as of June 30, 2026

ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF RESERVES
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2026

	Beginning Balances 1/1/2026	Net Contributions Benefits, Refunds & Transfers 1/1 - 6/30/2026	Transfer Employers UAAL Adv Rsrv	Interest Crediting Process 1/1 - 6/30/2026 (3.5000%)	Allocation of Excess Earnings 1/1 - 6/30/2026 (0.2717%)	Ending Balances 6/30/2026
Member Reserves:						
Active Member Reserves	\$ 2,134,809,540	\$ (30,152,781)	\$ -	\$ 69,811,010 ¹	5,419,286 ¹	\$ 2,179,887,055
Employer Advance Reserve	2,301,422,648	(16,842,923)	54,954,414	75,415,225	5,854,330	2,420,803,694
401(h) Account - OPEB	10,309,803	(2,108,447)	-	360,843	28,012	8,590,211
Total Employer Reserves	2,311,732,451	(18,951,370)	54,954,414	75,776,068 ¹	5,882,342 ¹	2,429,393,905
Retired Member Reserves	6,419,472,401	(58,757,492)	18,048,329	233,389,138 ¹	18,117,523 ¹	6,630,269,899
Supplemental Retiree Benefits Reserve	1,274,690,873	(36,479,526)		44,614,181 ¹	33,493,729 ¹	1,316,319,257
Contingency Reserve	143,829,996			9,224,034 ²		153,054,030
Market Stabilization Reserve	761,754,025				635,768,901	1,397,522,926
Total All Other Reserves and SRBR	13,046,289,286	(144,341,169)	73,002,743	432,814,431	698,681,781	14,106,447,072
Advance UAAL Contribution Reserve						
County-Safety UAAL Advance Reserve	598,718,918	-	(45,143,959)	20,955,162 ¹	1,626,707 ¹	576,156,828
LARPD-General UAAL Advance Reserve	10,725,800	-	(524,690)	375,403 ¹	29,141 ¹	10,605,654
County-General UAAL Advance Reserve	396,744,356	-	(27,334,094)	13,886,052 ¹	2,418,730 ¹	385,715,044
Total Reserves at Fair Value / Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 14,052,478,360	\$ (144,341,169)	\$ -	\$ 468,031,048	\$ 702,756,359	\$ 15,078,924,598

Notes: 1. Interest credited as of 6/30/26 includes \$458,807,014 of regular earnings allocation at a crediting rate of 3.500% to the SRBR, all other non-SRBR reserves, and to the UAAL advance reserves. Excess earnings of \$66,987,458 were allocated at a rate of 2.6276% to the SRBR, 0.2717% to all other non-SRBR reserves, including the County-Safety and LARPD UAAL advance reserves. The County-General UAAL advance reserve received excess earning allocation at 0.6096%.

2. Amount includes an increase of the CRA by \$9,224,034 to adjust the balance at 1% total assets as of 6/30/26. After CRA was restored to 1% total assets, there was no subsequent withdrawal of funds from the CRA.

ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREE BENEFITS RESERVE (SRBR)
For the Ten Years Ended December 31, 2016 - December 31, 2025 and Six Months Ended June 30, 2026

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>6/30/2026</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 853,842,371	\$ 874,385,246	\$ 893,770,614	\$ 919,488,617	\$ 924,709,823	\$ 931,754,157	\$ 1,131,048,474	\$ 1,168,608,503	\$ 1,186,387,821	\$ 1,214,317,136	\$ 1,274,690,873
Deductions:											
Transferred to Employers Advance Reserve	33,818,832	38,327,914	43,777,409	44,858,371	45,456,100	46,772,130	47,476,858	49,339,096	51,852,028	53,984,733	27,313,281
Employers Implicit Subsidy	6,021,451	8,787,596	5,800,563	6,899,139	6,446,702	7,484,411	5,593,922	7,842,215	4,037,312	2,453,953	9,375,256
Supplemental Cost of Living	1,350,784	1,231,500	1,134,613	1,181,244	1,116,523	932,177	943,290	1,134,334	1,242,635	1,300,181	784,919
Death Benefit - Burial - SRBR	187,081	187,060	196,576	216,834	230,747	256,683	240,383	228,463	379,459	192,650	114,072
ADEB (Active Death)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Deductions	<u>41,378,148</u>	<u>48,534,070</u>	<u>50,909,161</u>	<u>53,155,588</u>	<u>53,250,072</u>	<u>55,445,401</u>	<u>54,254,453</u>	<u>58,544,108</u>	<u>57,511,434</u>	<u>57,931,517</u>	<u>37,587,528</u>
Additions:											
Interest Credited to SRBR	60,730,023	66,715,938	64,827,682	57,022,294	58,878,406	69,152,162	79,407,948	74,612,926	83,483,749	85,695,486	44,614,181
Excess Earnings Allocation	-	-	10,574,982	-	-	184,050,056	10,749,534	-	-	30,447,266	33,493,729
Transferred from Employers Advance Reserve	1,191,000	1,203,500	1,224,500	1,354,500	1,416,000	1,537,500	1,657,000	1,710,500	1,957,000	2,162,502	1,108,002
Total Additions	<u>61,921,023</u>	<u>67,919,438</u>	<u>76,627,164</u>	<u>58,376,794</u>	<u>60,294,406</u>	<u>254,739,718</u>	<u>91,814,482</u>	<u>76,323,426</u>	<u>85,440,749</u>	<u>118,305,254</u>	<u>79,215,912</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 874,385,246</u>	<u>\$ 893,770,614</u>	<u>\$ 919,488,617</u>	<u>\$ 924,709,823</u>	<u>\$ 931,754,157</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,048,474</u>	<u>\$ 1,168,608,503</u>	<u>\$ 1,186,387,821</u>	<u>\$ 1,214,317,136</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,690,873</u>	<u>\$ 1,316,319,257</u>

Notes

Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar and include <\$1 rounding differences.



MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

DATE: October 15, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Retirement

FROM: David Puente, Fiscal Services Officer *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Operating Expenses & Budget Summary for August 31, 2026

ACERA's operating expenses are \$873K under budget for the period ending August 31, 2026. The budget surpluses and overage worth noting are as follows:

Budget Overage of \$12K

Insurance is \$12K over budget

The overage is primarily attributed to a higher than anticipated increase in 2026-2027 insurance premiums.

Budget Surpluses of \$885K

Staffing Expense is \$623K under budget

The surplus is attributed to the temporary staffing of \$73K, and 5% staff vacancy adjustment of \$699K; offset by surpluses in salaries of (\$376K) and fringe benefits of (\$1,019K).

Staff Development is \$25K under budget

The surplus in staff development is due to unattended training & timing of training reimbursement claims.

Office Expense is \$41K under budget

The surplus in office expense is primarily due to lower-than-expected spending on office supplies, equipment and furniture, and building operating expenses.

Member Services Expense is \$59K under budget

The member services expense is currently under budget, primarily due to fewer cases in medical disability review cases, disability Arbitration cases and timing of vendor invoicing.

Systems Expense is \$2K under budget

The surplus in systems expense is primarily due to in-house execution of intrusion testing project that reduced external costs and the timing of vendor invoicing.

Depreciation Expense is \$13K under budget

Depreciation expense is under budget due to lower-than-anticipated cost for the post PGv3 implementation.

Board of Retirement is \$122K under budget

The surplus is attributed to board compensation (\$4K), board conferences & training (\$63K), board employer reimbursement (\$58K), offset overage in board software maintenance & support \$3K.

Staffing Detail

Vacant positions as of August 31, 2026:

Department	Position	Qty	Comments
Administration	Administrative Specialist II	1	Vacant – currently budgeted for the year
Benefits	Retirement Benefit Specialist	1	Vacant – currently budgeted for the year
Benefits	Retirement Technician	1	Vacant – currently budgeted for the year
Investments	Administrative Support Specialist	1	Vacant – currently budgeted for the year
	Total Positions	4	

Attachments:

- Total Operating Expenses Summary
- Professional Fees – Year-to-Date – Actual vs. Budget
- Actual Operating Expenses comparison with last year



ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES SUMMARY

YEAR TO DATE - ACTUAL VS. BUDGET					
<u>August 31, 2026</u>					
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>% Actual to</u>
	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
			<u>(Under)/Over</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Staffing	\$ 12,654,648	\$ 13,277,280	\$ (622,632)	\$ 20,313,000	62.3%
Staff Development	151,690	176,680	(24,990)	290,000	52.3%
Professional Fees (Next Page)	956,411	956,890	(479)	1,255,000	76.2%
Office Expense	291,579	332,080	(40,501)	497,000	58.7%
Insurance	444,347	432,520	11,827	658,000	67.5%
Member Services	354,868	414,120	(59,252)	720,000	49.3%
Systems	889,577	891,700	(2,123)	1,379,000	64.5%
Depreciation	1,341,185	1,354,520	(13,335)	2,079,000	64.5%
Board of Retirement	315,405	437,010	(121,605)	658,000	47.9%
Uncollectable Benefit Payments	-	-	-	25,000	0.0%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 17,399,710	\$ 18,272,800	\$ (873,090)	\$ 27,874,000	62.4%



ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
PROFESSIONAL FEES
YEAR TO DATE - ACTUAL VS. BUDGET
August 31, 2026

	<u>Actual Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Budget Year-To-Date</u>	<u>YTD Variance (Under)/Over</u>	<u>2026 Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Actual to Annual Budget</u>
<u>Professional Fees</u>					
Consultant Fees - Operations and Projects ¹	\$ 312,847	\$ 316,000	\$ (3,153)	\$ 458,000	68.3%
Actuarial Fees ²	441,182	427,250	13,932	550,000	80.2%
External Audit ³	143,531	147,000	(3,469)	147,000	97.6%
Legal Fees ⁴	58,851	66,640	(7,789)	100,000	58.9%
Total Professional Fees	\$ 956,411	\$ 956,890	\$ (479)	\$ 1,255,000	76.2%

	<u>Actual Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Budget Year-To-Date</u>	<u>YTD Variance (Under)/Over</u>	<u>2026 Annual Budget</u>	<u>% Actual to Annual Budget</u>
¹ <u>CONSULTANT FEES - OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS:</u>					
Administration					
CEM Benchmarking	34,980	35,000	(20)	35,000	99.9%
Total Administration	34,980	35,000	(20)	35,000	99.9%
Benefits					
Alameda County HRS (Benefit Services)	95,750	84,000	11,750	126,000	76.0%
Segal (Benefit Consultant/Retiree Open Enrollment)	82,250	96,000	(13,750)	144,000	57.1%
Total Benefits	178,000	180,000	(2,000)	270,000	65.9%
Human Resources					
Lakeside Group (County Personnel)	99,867	101,000	(1,133)	153,000	65.3%
Total Human Resources	99,867	101,000	(1,133)	153,000	65.3%
Total Consultant Fees - Operations	312,847	316,000	(3,153)	458,000	68.3%
² <u>ACTUARIAL FEES</u>					
Actuarial Valuation	92,500	92,500	-	92,500	100.0%
GASB 67 & 68 Valuation	56,500	28,250	28,250	56,500	100.0%
GASB 74 & 75 Actuarial	17,000	8,500	8,500	17,000	100.0%
Actuarial Standard of Practice 51 Pension Risk	35,000	35,000	-	35,000	100.0%
Supplemental Consulting	149,182	172,000	(22,818)	258,000	57.8%
Triennial Experience Study	44,000	44,000	-	44,000	100.0%
Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve valuation	47,000	47,000	-	47,000	100.0%
Total Actuarial Fees	441,182	427,250	13,932	550,000	80.2%
³ <u>EXTERNAL AUDIT</u>					
External audit	123,574	123,000	574	123,000	100.5%
GASB 67 & 68 audit	10,735	12,000	(1,265)	12,000	89.5%
GASB 74 & 75 audit	9,222	12,000	(2,778)	12,000	76.9%
Total External Audit Fees	143,531	147,000	(3,469)	147,000	97.6%
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⁴ <u>LEGAL FEES</u>					
Fiduciary & Litigation, Tax & Benefit Issues, and Misc.	58,851	66,640	(7,789)	100,000	58.9%
Total Legal Fees	58,851	66,640	(7,789)	100,000	58.9%

ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
TOTAL EXPENDITURES VS. PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL
For the Eight Months Ending 8/31/2026

	<i>For the Month of August 2026</i>	<i>For the Month of August 2025</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Year-To-Date 2026</i>	<i>Year-To-Date 2025</i>	<i>Variance</i>
STAFFING						
Salaries	1,056,616	1,050,635	5,981	8,679,470	8,359,499	319,971
Fringe Benefits	436,891	348,590	88,301	3,728,492	3,969,662	(241,170)
Temporary Staffing Cost	29,795	36,337	(6,542)	246,686	320,599	(73,913)
Staffing Total	<u>1,523,302</u>	<u>1,435,562</u>	<u>87,740</u>	<u>12,654,648</u>	<u>12,649,760</u>	<u>4,888</u>
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	15,544	15,655	(111)	151,690	124,800	26,890
PROFESSIONAL FEES						
Actuarial Fees	21,500	21,500	0	441,182	373,987	67,195
Consultant Fees - Operations	34,734	34,400	334	312,847	323,695	(10,848)
Consultant Fees - Legal	2,820	7,124	(4,304)	58,851	71,478	(12,627)
External Audit	(3,469)	0	(3,469)	143,531	145,000	(1,469)
Professional Fees Total	<u>55,585</u>	<u>63,024</u>	<u>(7,439)</u>	<u>956,411</u>	<u>914,160</u>	<u>42,251</u>
OFFICE EXPENSE						
Bank Charges & Misc. Admin	5,734	7,198	(1,464)	49,822	48,713	1,109
Building Expenses	13,921	7,044	6,877	91,484	43,216	48,268
Communications	5,129	4,595	534	39,108	39,336	(228)
Equipment Lease/Maintenance	9,725	7,324	2,401	69,091	69,735	(644)
Minor Equipment and Furniture	1,258	1,912	(654)	1,641	3,293	(1,652)
Office Supplies/Maintenance	8,431	1,930	6,501	28,953	30,101	(1,148)
Printing & Postage	1,685	1,755	(70)	11,480	18,155	(6,675)
Office Expense Total	<u>45,883</u>	<u>31,758</u>	<u>14,125</u>	<u>291,579</u>	<u>252,549</u>	<u>39,030</u>
INSURANCE	62,480	53,231	9,249	444,347	458,486	(14,139)
MEMBER SERVICES						
Disability - Legal Arbitration & Transcripts	18,650	0	18,650	34,230	41,871	(7,641)
Disability Medical Expense	0	100	(100)	107,253	128,378	(21,125)
Disability Claims Management	3,850	3,850	0	30,800	30,800	0
Health Reimbursement Acct. (HRA)	7,668	7,976	(308)	61,884	63,188	(1,304)
Member Training & Education	1,973	623	1,350	9,796	7,682	2,114
Printing & Postage - Members	4,464	26,905	(22,441)	67,584	85,656	(18,072)
Virtual Call Center	5,434	5,212	222	43,321	49,032	(5,711)
Member Services Total	<u>42,039</u>	<u>44,666</u>	<u>(2,627)</u>	<u>354,868</u>	<u>406,607</u>	<u>(51,739)</u>

ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
TOTAL EXPENDITURES VS. PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL
For the Eight Months Ending 8/31/2026

	<i>For the Month of August 2026</i>	<i>For the Month of August 2025</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Year-To-Date 2026</i>	<i>Year-To-Date 2025</i>	<i>Variance</i>
SYSTEMS						
Business Continuity Expense	27,540	21,506	6,034	174,491	166,449	8,042
County Data Processing	429	17,098	(16,669)	98,910	103,954	(5,044)
Minor Computer Hardware	2,817	1,466	1,351	19,725	30,765	(11,040)
Intangible right to use SBITA - GASB96	8,168	7,376	792	65,643	59,281	6,362
Software Maintenance & Support	78,078	(86,315)	164,393	530,808	253,015	277,793
Systems Total	<u>117,032</u>	<u>(38,869)</u>	<u>155,901</u>	<u>889,577</u>	<u>613,464</u>	<u>276,113</u>
DEPRECIATION						
Depreciation Expense	167,473	152,075	15,398	1,341,185	1,218,505	122,680
BOARD OF RETIREMENT						
Board Compensation	2,000	1,900	100	15,700	14,600	1,100
Board Conferences & Training	6,700	4,656	2,044	76,365	111,775	(35,410)
Board Employer Reimbursement	27,160	32,490	(5,330)	201,280	247,220	(45,940)
Board Miscellaneous Expense	548	476	72	7,293	6,499	794
Board Software Maint. & Support	1,424	1,379	45	14,767	10,899	3,868
Board of Retirement Total	<u>37,832</u>	<u>40,901</u>	<u>(3,069)</u>	<u>315,405</u>	<u>390,993</u>	<u>(75,588)</u>
GRAND TOTALS	<u><u>2,067,170</u></u>	<u><u>1,798,003</u></u>	<u><u>269,167</u></u>	<u><u>17,399,710</u></u>	<u><u>17,029,324</u></u>	<u><u>370,386</u></u>



MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

DATE: October 15, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Retirement

FROM: Sandra Dueñas-Cuevas, Benefits Manager 

SUBJECT: **New Pay Code: Exclude from “Compensation Earnable” and
“Pensionable Compensation” – County of Alameda**

The County requested that new pay code INE – Pay Off Non-Expiring In Lieu Balance be reviewed to determine whether it qualifies as “compensation earnable” and “pensionable compensation.” This new pay code establishes a cap and payout for all members who are promoted into or enter the bargaining unit on or after August 16, 2026, ACMEA Sheriff’s Sworn Units 026, 027 and 028. Employees eligible for the payout are in classifications of Lieutenant (Job Code 8620), Captain (Job Code 8625) and Division Commander (8635). This is a one-time cash payment for accrued, unused Holiday in Lieu (HIL) hours in excess of 800 hours. Such payment shall be made at the employee’s base hourly rate including any recurring applicable premiums normally included in HIL payouts, in effect immediately prior to the promotion or entry into the bargaining unit.

Staff and Chief Counsel reviewed the required supporting documentation (attached) and determined that pay code INE – Pay Off Non-Expiring In Lieu Balance does not qualify as “compensation earnable” under Gov’t Code § 31461 for Legacy members or “pensionable compensation” under Gov’t Code § 7522.34 for PEPRAs members.

“Compensation earnable” does not include “payments for unused vacation, annual leave, personal leave, sick leave, or compensatory time off ... in an amount that exceeds that which may be earned and payable in each 12-month period during the final average salary period, regardless of when reported or paid.” Gov’t Code § 31461(b)(2). The pay at issue falls under that exclusion per *Ventura County Employees’ Retirement Assn. v. Criminal Justice Attorneys Assn. of Ventura County* (2026) 20 Cal.5th 229. Also this pay falls under ACERA’s historical practices regarding the exclusion of most one-time payments.

“Pensionable compensation” does not include any one-time or ad hoc payments (Gov’t Code § 7522.34(c)(3)) or payments for unused paid leave (Gov. Code § 7522.34(c)(5)).

Staff informed the County that its determination will be included on the Board’s Consent Calendar for its October 15, 2026, meeting. If this item is not pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion, the Board will approve Staff’s determination to exclude pay code INE – Pay Off Non-Expiring in Lieu Balance from “pensionable compensation” for PEPRAs members and “compensation earnable” for Legacy members.

Attachments:

Pay Item Request, 8/24/2026
ACMEA Sworn MOU Sideletter, (p. 43)



ALAMEDA COUNTY
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AGENCY
MELISSA WILK
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/CLERK-RECORDER

REQUEST FOR ACERA'S REVIEW OF A NEW PAY ITEM/CODE

Employer Name:	County of Alameda
Date of Request	08/24/26
Employer Department Submitting the Request	Auditor-Controller's Agency
Contact Person/Employer (include title/position)	Trina Caballero
Contact Person Telephone incl area code	(510) 272-6557
Contact Person Email address	trina.caballero@acgov.org
Pay Item Name (and code Number)	INE – Payoff Non-Expiring In Lieu Balance
Pay Item Effective Date per authorization:	08/16/26
State if additional documentation is attached	None

NOTE: The following information is required before ACERA can review and respond to the request. To meet ACERA's requirements, please provide substantive responses below or on a separate paper and return, with this form, all of the supporting documentation prior to issuing (paying) the pay item to any employee who is an ACERA member.

1. State the job classification of employees eligible for the pay item (i.e. Job Code 0499-Nurse Practitioners II may receive this pay item)

RESPONSE #1: Job Codes 8620 – Lieutenant, 8625 – Captain, 8635 – Division Commander

2. State employment status of employees eligible to receive the pay item (i.e. full time employees, part time employees)

RESPONSE #2: Full Time

3. State the number of members or employees who are eligible to receive the pay item (i.e. all members or employees in a job classification eligible to receive the pay item, or "not to exceed one employee")

RESPONSE #3: All members who promote into or enter the bargaining unit ACMEA Sheriff's Sworn Units 026, 027 and 028 on or after 8/16/26 and have an excess of 800 Holiday In Lieu hours accrued

4. State whether pay item is for overtime or regular base pay

RESPONSE #4: Payoff of Holiday In-Lieu hours in excess of 800 hours

5. State whether pay item is calculated as a fixed amount or percentage of the base pay

RESPONSE #5: Based on the employee's hourly rate and the number of hours in excess of 800

6. State whether the pay item is paid one time (i.e. incentive pay, referral pay, bonus, award)

RESPONSE #6: Pay Off Holiday In Lieu in excess of 800 hours

Office of the Auditor-Controller
1221 Oak St., Suite 249
Oakland, CA 94612
Tel: (510) 272-6565
Fax: (510) 272-6502

Central Collections Division
1221 Oak St., Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94612
Tel: (510) 208-9900
Fax: (510) 208-9932

Clerk-Recorder's Office, Main
1106 Madison St., 1st Floor
Oakland, CA 94607
Tel: (510) 272-6362
Fax: (510) 208-9858

Clerk-Recorder's Office, Tri-Valley
7600 Dublin Blvd.
Dublin, CA 94568
Tel: (510) 272-6362
Fax: (510) 208-9858

7. State whether the pay item is an ad hoc payment (i.e, stipend, payment for attending a meeting during the working hours, payment for attending a meeting during non-working hours)

RESPONSE #7: No

8. State whether the pay item is a reimbursement (i.e., car allowance, housing allowance, uniform allowance, mileage payment, cell phone allowance)

RESPONSE #8: No

9. State regular working hours of the employees who will receive the pay item (i.e., 37.5 hour workweek employees, 40 hour workweek employees)

RESPONSE #9: 40.0 Hour Work Week

10. State whether pay item is for work performed outside of the regular workweek (i.e., payment for work or services performed outside of the employee's 37.5 hour workweek, or outside the employee's 40 hour workweek)

RESPONSE #10: No

11. State whether the pay item is for deferred compensation

RESPONSE #11: No

12. State whether the pay item is for retro payments

RESPONSE #12: No

13. State whether the pay item is for accrued unused leaves (i.e., sick leave, annual leave, floating holiday, vacation, comp time)

RESPONSE #13: Holiday In Lieu

14. State whether the payment is compensation that had previously been provided in kind to the member by the employer or paid directly by the employer to a third party other than the retirement system for the benefit of the member or employee

RESPONSE #14: No

15. State whether the payment is severance or other payment in connection with or in anticipation of a separation from employment (and state if this payment is made while employee is working)

RESPONSE #15: No

16. State whether the pay item is paid in one lump sum or biweekly (or over some other time period-monthly, quarterly, annually)

RESPONSE #16: Biweekly

17. State the basis for eligibility for the pay item (i.e., certification of completion of training program conducted by an accredited university, or employee assigned as supervisor of badge distribution)

RESPONSE #17: Sideletter/Board Letter

2. Holiday-in-Lieu (“HIL”) Cap and Payout for Employees Entering the Bargaining Unit.
Employees who promote into or enter the bargaining unit on or after August 16, 2026, and who have more than 800 hours of accrued, unused HIL will receive a one-time cash payment for accrued unused HIL hours in excess of 800 hours. Such payment shall be made at the employee’s base hourly rate including any recurring applicable premiums normally included in HIL payouts, in effect immediately prior to the promotion or entry into the bargaining unit.

SIDELETTER OF AGREEMENT
Between
THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
And
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
(Sheriff's Management Units, 026, 027, & 028)

CASH PAYMENT FOR COMPENSATORY TIME OFF AND CAP AND
CASH PAYMENT FOR HOLIDAY-IN-LIEU

May 14, 2026

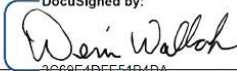
The County of Alameda and the Alameda County Management Employees' Association Sheriff's Sworn Units 026, 027, and 028, (collectively, the "Parties"), hereby agree as follows:

1. **Compensatory Time Off ("CTO") Payout.** During the term of the MOU, employees are encouraged to use their CTO to reduce their balances. Upon expiration of the MOU, employees shall receive a one-time cash payment for all accrued and unused CTO balances at the employee's base hourly rate, including any recurring applicable premiums normally included in CTO payouts, in effect at the time of such payout.
2. **Holiday-in-Lieu ("HIL") Cap and Payout for Employees Entering the Bargaining Unit.** Employees who promote into or enter the bargaining unit on or after August 16, 2026, and who have more than 800 hours of accrued, unused HIL will receive a one-time cash payment for accrued unused HIL hours in excess of 800 hours. Such payment shall be made at the employee's base hourly rate including any recurring applicable premiums normally included in HIL payouts, in effect immediately prior to the promotion or entry into the bargaining unit.

For the County:

Signed by: 
Desiree Moseley, IEDA
5/21/2026
Date

For ACMEA:

DocuSigned by: 
Dennis M. Wallach, ACMEA
5/21/2026
Date



*Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Office of Administration*

DATE: October 15, 2026
TO: Members of the Board of Retirement
FROM: Dave Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: SACRS Business Meeting Direction

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SACRS is conducting its Business Meeting at the Fall Conference on November 13, 2026. Based upon information from SACRS, the likely action items are as follows:

- Secretary's Report-Receive and File
- Treasurer's Report-Receive and File

The above referenced items are common, and fairly pro-forma.

Additionally, there will be a legislative proposal from the SACRS Legislative Committee. In August the SACRS Board approved a number of legislative proposals, being called the CERL Modernization Act, which updates outdated provisions in the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to reflect modern governance practices, constitutional authority, and longstanding case law. We have attached the full proposal that was approved by the SACRS Board and will discuss this at the Board meeting.

Recommendation

I would recommend you advise me to vote to receive and file or approve any pro forma motions and to vote to support the SACRS legislative proposal, as recommended by the SACRS Legislative Committee.

Your options are to:

1. Instruct the CEO (or his Designee) on how to vote on each individual SACRS business item, as recommended above; or
2. Give the CEO (or his Designee) authority to vote proxy on all the SACRS business items using his discretion on behalf of the Board of Retirement.

Enclosure: 1) SACRS 2026 Business Meeting Packet

ENCLOSURE 1



August 25, 2026

RE: SACRS Legislative Proposals 2027

Dear SACRS Board of Directors,

The SACRS Legislative Committee has developed a legislative package for consideration in the upcoming 2027 legislative session. This proposal, called the CERL Modernization Act, reflects the input of SACRS member systems and is intended to provide administrative clarity and consistency for county retirement systems.

The CERL Modernization Act updates outdated provisions in the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to reflect modern governance practices, constitutional authority, and longstanding case law. Many of the proposed updates address statutory language that predates Proposition 162 (1992), which granted retirement boards plenary authority over the administration and investment of retirement system assets under Article XVI, Section 17 of the California Constitution. As a consortium of 20 independent county retirement systems, the 1937 Act systems have historically lacked the large legislative staffing resources available to statewide systems such as CalPERS and CalSTRS. As a result, portions of CERL still contain outdated references that no longer align with current constitutional governance standards or operational practice.

The proposed legislation clarifies the retirement boards' authority over administrative and procedural matters, consistent with the recent California Supreme Court ruling *LACERA v LA County*. It does not address retirement system staffing or personnel matters.

Clarifies Governance Roles

- Clarifies the respective roles of Boards of Retirement and Boards of Supervisors.
- Aligns CERL governance authority with constitutional standards established by Proposition 162.
- Aligns Board of Retirement authority more closely with governance standards applicable to CalPERS and CalSTRS.

Modernizes Administrative Authority

- Removes outdated statutory provisions requiring Board of Supervisors approval over actuarial and administrative functions now constitutionally vested in Boards of Retirement.



- Clarifies Board of Retirement authority over actuarial assumptions, contribution rates, administrative regulations, and reserve policies.
- Modernizes election administration and technical statutory provisions.

Promotes Administrative Efficiency

- Streamlines outdated procedural requirements.
- Eliminates obsolete administrative restrictions inconsistent with modern retirement system operations.
- Supports efficient, transparent, and accountable retirement system governance.

Preserves County Authority

- Does not change the authority of Boards of Supervisors to adopt retirement benefit formulas and other benefit provisions.
- Does not alter employer contribution obligations or collective bargaining responsibilities.
- Maintains existing county appointment authority for retirement board trustees.
- Does not alter retirement system staffing or personnel matters.

We thank the Legislative Committee for reviewing these proposals and engaging in a collaborative, deliberative process to achieve consensus on issues. These amendments represent governance and process improvements that will provide administrative efficiencies to retirement systems and members.

A summary table and proposed bill language is attached. Please note that draft language is subject to change during the legislative process.

Respectfully,

/s/

Eric Stern
Chair, SACRS Legislative Committee, and
Chief Executive Officer, Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

ATTACHMENTS

- SACRS 2027 Legislative Proposal – Summary Table
- Chart: Administrative Rate by System Assets
- SACRS 2027 Legislative Proposal – Draft Language

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Issue	Gov Code	Topic	Issue/Justification
1	31452	Garnishments	This amendment corrects an irregularity in state law to clarify that a member's pension is not subject to an Order to Withhold (OTW) from the California Franchise Tax Board, consistent with other retirement systems. Under current law, the following retirement systems are generally restricted from garnishing pension payments by "any other process whatsoever," which include FTB orders: •US Government (5 USC 8346) •CalPERS (GC 21255) •CalSTRS (EDC 22005) •Legislators' Retirement Fund (GC 9359.3) •Municipal Utility District Retirement Systems •Transit District Retirement Systems However, for CERL systems, the Government Code restrictions on garnishments are tied to "any other process of court," which has created confusion over FTB orders because "process of court" refers to orders from the judicial branch of government. The FTB is an executive branch agency and thus not be covered under "process of court. However, it is the common practice of CERL systems to not recognize FTB orders to garnish pension payments.
2	31453	Actuarial valuation	This amendment clarifies that the Board of Retirement need only communicate actuarial information to the Board of Supervisors, updating outdated references that the Board of Supervisors must approve actuarial assumptions. The plenary authority to establish actuarial assumptions and contribution rates rests with the Board of Retirement, under Proposition 162. However, it is still necessary to provide this information to the Board of Supervisors (and plan sponsors) for budgeting purposes and transparency.
3	31456	"Actuarial Equivalent" defined	This amendment updates outdated phrasing from 1947 that refers to the adoption of mortality tables by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Retirement has plenary authority under Article XVI of the California Constitution to adopt actuarial assumptions.
4	31459 31459.1	Board of Investments cross references	This amendment updates cross references to the LACERA Board of Investments

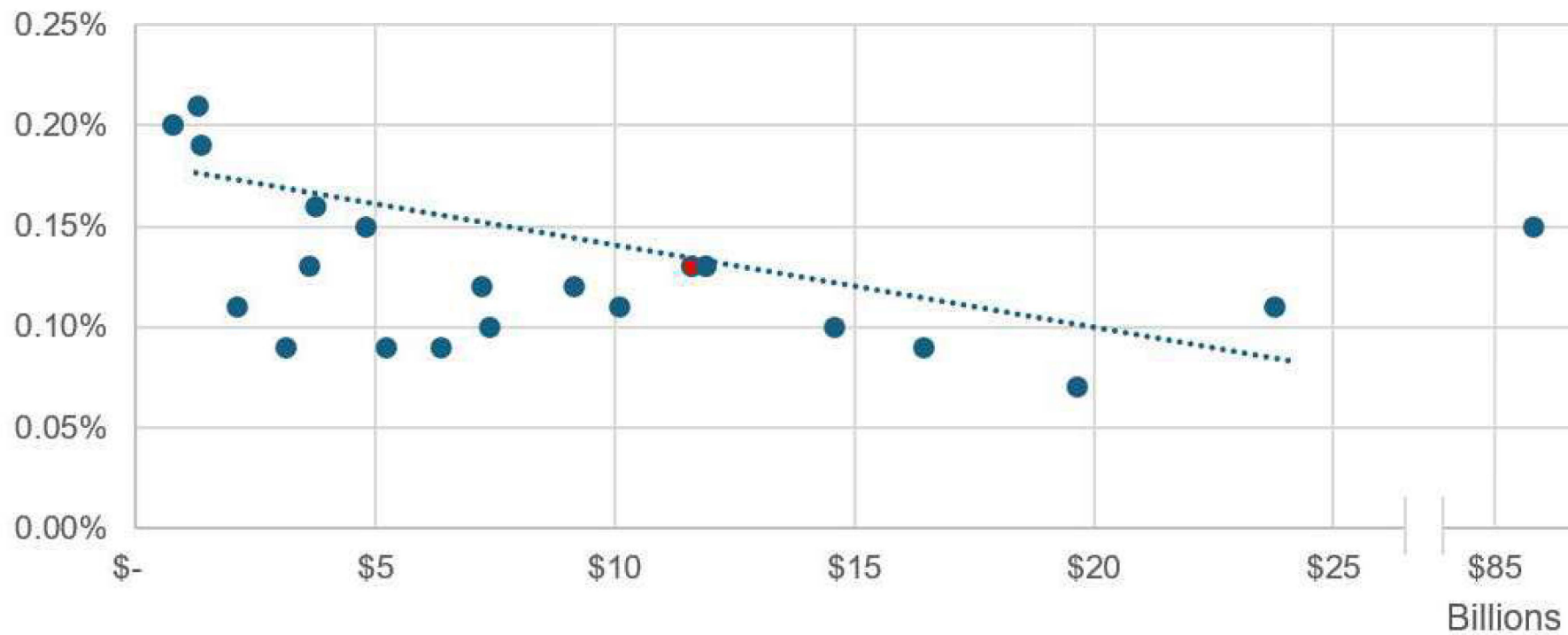
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5	31522	Employer Reimbursement for Trustees	This amendment provides a mechanism for the retirement system, upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors, to reimburse an employing agency of an elected Board of Retirement trustee when the trustee is fulfilling Board duties while on leave from work. This provision creates a pathway to encourage employer support for elected Board Members to attend training sessions to fulfill statutory education requirements. This language is similar to section 20092 for CalPERS elected members, adopted in 1985.
6	31523 31523.1	Trustee Elections	This amendment directs the Board of Retirement, and not the Board of Supervisors, to declare an unopposed board of retirement candidate the winner of the election. More and more CERL systems are not using the Registrar of Voters to conduct elections and are self-administering their board elections.
7	31525	Regulations; approval	This amendment deletes the requirement that Board of Retirement regulations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. This language is a holdover from when CERL systems were managed as an internal county department, and was adopted prior to the passage of Prop. 162 in 1992, which provided plenary authority to the Board of Retirement. Many county retirement systems have already evolved its practices to adopt "policies" instead of "regulations," which is a distinction in name only. It is not inappropriate for the Board of Supervisors to make decisions on practical and procedural administrative retirement matters, when the Board of Retirement is a bona fide administrative rule-making body. The Board of Supervisors still maintains appointment authority for four Board of Retirement trustees and maintains authority to adopt or discontinue numerous benefit options in the CERL.

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8	31580.2	Annual budget; expenses of administration	This amendment removes an outdated and unforceable provision that established an administrative cap on county retirement system expenses. The Board of Retirement has plenary authority under Article XVI of the California Constitution and is charged under this section to adopt its own budget using trust fund earnings. The purpose in enacting 31580.2 was to transfer costs of operating the retirement system from the county's General Fund to investment earnings, placing fiscal responsibility in the Retirement Board. Removing the administrative cap provides conformity with CalPERS statutes; the Legislature repealed a similar administrative cap for CalPERS under section 20202.5 (renumbered to 20173) in 1975. The CERL provision has been amended over the years to exclude investment, technology, and legal costs (as well as moving to a threshold based on total liabilities instead of assets) which has made the cap more arbitrary. The Board of Retirement has the appropriate budgetary control to ensure fiscal restraint, and almost all CERL systems adopt administration budgets far below the cap, the exceptions being the smallest systems that lack of economies of scale.
9	31591	Interest credits	This amendment updates outdated phrasing from 1947 that refers to the adoption of mortality tables by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Retirement has plenary authority under Article XVI of the California Constitution to adopt actuarial assumptions.
10	31611	Actuarial valuation	This amendment removes references regarding Board of Supervisor approval of contribution rates and actuarial assumptions. This is an outdated practice that conflicts with the Board of Retirement authority under Article XVI, Section 17, of the California Constitution. This language should have been updated after voters approved Prop 162 in 1992.
11	31612	"Actuarial rate" defined	This amendment updates phrasing to indicate that interest rate assumptions fall under the jurisdiction of and are adopted by the Board of Retirement, not the Board of Supervisors.
12	31615	Interest	This amendment updates phrasing to indicate that mortality tables fall under the jurisdiction of and are adopted by the Board of Retirement, not the Board of Supervisors.
13	31616	Reserve Policy	This amendment removes the 3% cap on reserves and authorizes the Board of Retirement to establish a reserve level it deems appropriate.

Admin Rate vs Plan Assets, FYE 2025



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1. 31452 – Garnishments

Section 31452 of the Government Code is amended to read:

The right of a person to a pension, annuity, retirement allowance, return of contributions, the pension, annuity, or retirement allowance, any optional benefit, any other right accrued or accruing to any person under this chapter, the money in the fund created or continued under this chapter or the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, and any property purchased for investment purposes pursuant to this chapter, are exempt from taxation, including any inheritance tax, whether state, county, municipal, or district. They are not subject to execution or any ~~other process of court~~ **process** whatsoever except to the extent permitted by Section 31603 of this code and Section 704.110 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and are unassignable except as specifically provided in this chapter.

2. 31453 – Actuarial Valuation reporting

Section 31453 of the Government Code is amended to read:

(a) An actuarial valuation shall be made within one year after the date on which any system established under this chapter becomes effective, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed three years. The valuation shall be conducted under the supervision of an actuary and shall cover the mortality, service, and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries, and shall evaluate the assets and liabilities of the retirement fund. Upon the basis of the investigation, valuation, and recommendation of the actuary, the board shall, at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the succeeding fiscal year, ~~recommend~~**transmit** to the board of supervisors the changes in the rates of interest, in the rates of contributions of members, and in county and district appropriations as are necessary. With respect to the rates of interest to be credited to members and to the county or district, the board may, in its sound discretion, ~~recommend~~**provide** a rate that is higher or lower than the interest assumption rate established by the actuarial survey. No adjustment shall be included in the new rates for time prior to the effective date of the revision.

(b) (1) Upon the basis of the investigation, valuation, and recommendation of the actuary, the board shall, at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the succeeding fiscal year, ~~recommend~~**transmit** to the governing body of a district within the county system that is not governed by the board of supervisors the changes in the rates of contributions of district members and in district appropriations as are necessary.

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(2) This subdivision shall not be operative in any county until the board of supervisors, by resolution adopted by majority vote, makes the provision applicable in that county.

3. 31456 – “Actuarial Equivalent” defined

Section 31456 of the Government Code is amended to read:

“Actuarial equivalent” means a benefit of equal value when computed upon the basis of the mortality tables adopted by the board of supervisors and regular interest thereon.

4. 31459, 31459.1 – Board of Investments cross-references

Section 31459 of the Government Code is amended to read:

(a) In a county in which a board of investments has been established pursuant to Section 31520.2:

(1) As used in Sections 31453, 31453.5, 31454, 31454.1, 31454.5, **31456**, 31472, 31588.1, 31589.1, 31591, 31592.3, 31594, 31595.1, 31595.9, 31596, 31596.1, 31601.1, 31607, 31611, **31612, 31615**, 31616, 31625, 31784, and 31872, “board” means a board of investments.

(2) As used in the first paragraph of Section 31592.2, “board” means a board of investments.

(3) Sections 31510.4, 31522, 31523, 31524, 31525, 31528, 31529, 31529.5, 31595, 31618, 31680, and 31680.1 apply to both the board of retirement and board of investments, and “board” means both “board of retirement” and “board of investments.”

(b) In Article 17 (commencing with Section 31880), “board” means the Board of Administration of the Public Employees’ Retirement System.

(c) In all other cases, “board” means the board of retirement.

Section 31459.1 is amended to read:

(a) In a county in which a board of investments has been established pursuant to Section 31520.2:

(1) As used in Sections 31453, 31453.5, 31454, 31454.1, 31454.5, **31456**, 31472, 31588.1, 31589.1, 31591, 31592.3, 31594, 31595.1, 31595.9, 31596, 31596.1, 31601.1, 31607, 31610, 31611, 31612, 31613, **31615**, 31616, 31618, 31621.11, 31625, 31639.26, 31784, and 31872, “board” means board of investments.

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(2) As used in the first paragraph of Section 31592.2 and the first paragraph and subdivision (c) of the second paragraph of Section 31595, “board” means a board of investments.

(3) Sections 31521, 31522, 31522.1, 31522.2, 31523, 31524, 31525, 31528, 31529, 31529.5, 31535.1, 31580.2, 31614, 31680, and 31680.1, apply to both the board of retirement and board of investments, and “board” means either or both the board of retirement and board of investments.

(4) Subdivision (a) of Section 31526 and subdivisions (a) and (b) of the second paragraph of Section 31595 apply to both the board of retirement and board of investments, and “board” means either or both the board of retirement and board of investments.

(b) In Article 17 (commencing with Section 31880) of this chapter, “board” means the Board of Administration of the Public Employees’ Retirement System.

(c) In all other cases, “board” means the board of retirement.

(d) This section shall apply only in a county of the first class, as defined in Section 28020, as amended by Chapter 1204 of the Statutes of 1971, and Section 28022, as amended by Chapter 43 of the Statutes of 1961.

5. 31522 – Duties of board members; additional compensation

Section 31522 is amended to read:

(1) The official duties of elected board members who are employees of the county or a district shall be included as part of their county or district employment and their board duties shall normally take precedence over any other duties, **except as provided in (2).** The elected board members who are county or district employees shall not receive any additional compensation by virtue of their election to the board.

(2) **Upon approval of the governing entity, each county or district that employs an elected member of the board shall be reimbursed by the retirement fund in an amount equal to the salary and benefits paid to the elected board member by the county or district for the percentage of the elected board member’s regular work schedule during which the elected board member is on leave from the county or district to attend meetings or activities of the board, or meetings of committees or subcommittees of the board, or to otherwise fulfill his or her responsibilities to the system. The system shall establish procedures for the reimbursement process, and the reimbursement shall not exceed 25% of the board member’s regular work schedule.**

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6. 31523, 31523.1 – Retirement Board Elections

Section 31523 of the Government Code is amended to read:

(a) In the event of a vacancy in the second, third, seventh, eighth, or alternate seventh member position on the board of retirement, the board shall cause an election to fill the vacancy to be held at the earliest possible date, except as provided in Sections 31520.3 and 31520.5. The vacancy in the second, third, or eighth member position on the board of retirement shall be filled for the duration of the current term except that, if the remaining portion of the current term is six months or less on the date of the election, a single election may be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current term and to fill the position for the succeeding term. With respect to a vacancy in the seventh member position, candidates shall be a safety member from a group which is not represented by an incumbent alternate seventh member. With respect to the alternate seventh member position, the candidates shall be limited to the group under Section 31470.2 or 31470.4, or any other eligible safety member in a county if there is no eligible candidate from the groups under Sections 31470.2 and 31470.4 that is not represented by an incumbent seventh board member. The successful candidate shall serve for the duration of the current term.

(b) If there is a vacancy with respect to the alternate retired member, the board of retirement shall, by majority vote, appoint a replacement alternate member in the same manner as prescribed in Sections 31520.3 and 31520.5 for the initial appointment of an alternate retired member, who shall serve until the expiration of the current term of the current eighth member.

(c) If an election has been called on the expiration of the term of office of any member or alternate member, or to fill a vacancy for the second, third, seventh, eighth, or alternate seventh member of a board of retirement, and only one candidate has been duly nominated in accordance with the rules established for the holding of that election, the board supervisors shall order that no election be held and shall ~~direct the clerk to~~ cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the candidate.

Section 31523.1 of the Government Code is amended to read:

(a) In the event of a vacancy in the second, third, fourth, or eighth member position on a board of investments established pursuant to Section 31520.2, the board of investments shall cause an election to be held at the earliest possible date to fill the vacancy. The vacancy in the second, third, fourth, or eighth member position shall be filled for the duration of the current term except that, if the remaining portion of the current term on the date of the election is six months or less, a single election may be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current term and to fill the position for the succeeding term.

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(b) If an election has been called on the expiration of the term of office of any member, or to fill a vacancy for the second, third, fourth, or eighth member position of a board of investments, and only one candidate has been duly nominated in accordance with the rules established for the holding of that election, the board ~~to supervisors~~ shall order that no election be held and shall ~~direct the clerk to~~ cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the candidate.

7. 31525 – Regulations; approval

Section 31525 of the Government Code is amended to read:

The board may make regulations not inconsistent with this chapter, **the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, and any other provisions of law applicable to county retirement systems.** ~~The regulations become effective when approved by the board of supervisors.~~

8. 31580.2 – Annual Budget Limit

Section 31580.2 of the Government Code is amended to read:

~~(a) In counties in which the board of retirement, or the board of retirement and the board of investment, have appointed personnel pursuant to Section 31522.1, 31522.5, 31522.7, 31522.9, 31522.10, or 31522.11, the respective board or boards shall annually adopt a budget covering the entire expense of administration of the retirement system, which expense shall be charged against the earnings of the retirement fund. The expense incurred in any year may not exceed the greater of either of the following:~~

~~(1) Twenty-one hundredths of 1 percent of the accrued actuarial liability of the retirement system.~~

~~(2) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000), as adjusted annually by the amount of the annual cost of living adjustment computed in accordance with Article 16.5 (commencing with Section 31870).~~

~~(b) Expenditures for computer software, computer hardware, and computer technology consulting services in support of these computer products shall not be considered a cost of administration of the retirement system for purposes of this section.~~

9. 31591 – Interest Credits

Section 31591 of the Government Code is amended to read:

(a) Regular interest shall be credited semiannually on June 30th and December 31st to all contributions in the retirement fund which have been on deposit for six months

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immediately prior to that date. Interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent per annum, until otherwise determined by the board, compounded semiannually, shall be used in the calculation of benefits under any mortality table adopted by the board of supervisors.

(b) No interest shall be credited to a member's account after the membership of the member in the retirement association has ceased, except under any of the following circumstances:

(1) The former member has left his or her accumulated contributions in the retirement fund and has either elected, in writing, a deferred retirement allowance, or is eligible to so elect under Section 31700 but has failed to do so.

(2) The surviving spouse of a deceased member or the legally appointed guardian of the member's unmarried children under age 18 has elected to leave a death benefit on deposit as provided for in Section 31781.2.

(3) The former member, regardless of service, has left his or her accumulated contributions in the retirement fund and has not terminated employment.

10. 31611 – Actuarial Valuation

Section 31611 is amended to read:

An actuarial valuation shall be made within one year after the date on which any system established under this chapter becomes effective, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed three years. The valuation shall be conducted under the supervision of an enrolled actuary and shall cover the mortality, service, and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries, and shall evaluate the assets and liabilities of the retirement fund. Upon the basis of the investigation, valuation, and recommendation of the actuary, the board shall, at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the succeeding fiscal year, transmit ~~recommend~~ to the board of supervisors of such changes in the rates of interest, in the rates of contributions of members, in county and district appropriations as are necessary, and appropriate mortality tables. ~~In making recommendations to the board of supervisors, the board shall act with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.~~ No adjustment shall be included in the new rates for time prior to the effective date of the revision. The cost of actuarial valuations and investigations may, in the sound discretion of the board, be charged against the earnings of the retirement fund.

11. 31612 – “Actuarial rate” defined

Section 31612 is amended to read:

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“Actuarial rate” means the interest assumption rate established by the most recent actuarial survey adopted ~~recommended by the board of retirement and adopted by the board of supervisors.~~

12. 31615: Interest

Section 31615 is amended to read:

Regular interest at the actuarial rate, or at the highest rate possible if net earnings, as defined in Section 31613 are not sufficient to credit the full actuarial rate, shall be credited semiannually on June 30 and December 31 to all contributions, reserves, and accounts in the retirement fund, except the Contingency Reserve Account, which have been on deposit for six months immediately prior to those dates.

Interest at the actuarial rate, compounded semiannually, shall be used in the calculation of benefits under any mortality table adopted by the board of supervisors. No interest shall be credited to a member’s account after the termination of the member’s county service, unless the member has elected, in writing, to leave his or her accumulated contributions in the retirement fund and be granted a deferred retirement allowance, or the surviving spouse of a deceased member or the legally appointed guardian of the member’s unmarried children under age 18 has elected to leave a death benefit on deposit as provided for in Section 31781.2.

13. 31616: Reserves

Section 31616 is amended to read:

After the semiannual application of Section 31615, earnings of the retirement fund in excess of the total interest credited to contributions and reserves shall remain in the fund as a reserve against deficiencies in interest earnings, losses on investments, or payments made pursuant to Section 31588.1 or 31589.1, if applicable.

These funds shall be placed in an account known hereafter as the Contingency Reserve Account. The size of this account shall be determined semiannually by the board ~~but shall not exceed 3 percent of the total assets of the retirement fund.~~

If, at the end of any semiannual period, the balance of the Contingency Reserve Account falls below 1 percent of system assets, the board shall, by the end of the subsequent semiannual period, provide funds from earnings of fund assets from the subsequent semiannual period, to bring the level of the Contingency Reserve Account to at least 1 percent of system assets.

No funds in the Contingency Reserve Account shall be available for the payment of benefits.

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Net earnings remaining after the application of this section shall be applied as provided in Sections 31617, 31618, and 31619.



Office of the Chief Executive Officer

DATE: October 15, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Retirement

FROM: Dave Nelsen, Chief Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Chief Executive Officer's Report

Senior Manager Recruitment

None

Committee/Board Action Items

Follow-Up Board Item	Assigned Senior Leader	Estimated Completion Date	Completion Date	Notes
Communication regarding expanded health care coverage options for early retirees.	Carlos Barrios	November of 2026		

Conference/Event Schedule

I will attend the SACRS Fall Conference in Rancho Mirage, CA from November 10 through the 13th.

Other Items

Business Planning Update

Please see the attached update on ACERA's Strategic Business Goals for 2026.

Other Items

Stand-by Pay Issue: We are continuing to work with employers to determine whether stand-by pay has been appropriately reported to ACERA and whether other actions are being explored to potentially mitigate the impact of the fact finding. We are working with the County to begin determining if there may be any sub-groups of employees for whom the stand-by pay may remain pensionable. Additionally, we have contacted those retirees who's stand-by pay was excluded from their benefit calculation due to it being unreportable and have begun the process of refunding the contributions they paid on the excluded pay.

Budget: As of the end of August, ACERA is under budget by 4.78%, which amounts to \$873,000.

Superior Court of California, Alameda County- Social Security Coverage Issue for Court Employees:

The Social Security Administration has determined that most of the Superior Courts should have held an election for Social Security Coverage when they split from the Counties. Since they didn't, many of them are holding those elections now. Since ACERA integrates their pension benefits with Social Security, changes to the status of some employees could require adjustments to past contributions, and application of different salary caps for PEPRA members. We are working with the Courts to clearly explain the impact of the election and ensure member's accounts are accurately maintained and funded appropriately.

Key Performance Indicators

Below are the high-level performance indicators for ACERA, with the latest scores included:

Scorecard KPI	2026 Performance Goal
PRUDENT INVESTMENT PRACTICES	
Portfolio Performance vs. Policy Benchmark	<i>Annualized 10-year return will meet or exceed Policy benchmark at the total fund level</i> As of August of 2026: 10 year net return 9.56%, policy index 9.51%.
EFFECTIVE PLAN ADMINISTRATION	
Actual Spent vs. Approved Budget	<i>On budget or 10% below 2026 approved budget</i> As of August of 2026: 4.78% under budget.
COMPREHENSIVE ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT	
Employee Engagement Survey Results	<i>80% of responses in top two rating boxes on the question: "Is ACERA a great place to work?"</i> As of the latest survey (October of 2025): 84%. This year's survey is currently underway and results will be available later this month.
SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE	
Service Excellence Survey	<i>80% of responses in top two rating boxes on the question: "Did ACERA meet or exceed my expectations for my customer service experience?"</i> For 2nd Quarter of 2026: 100%.

**ACERA 2026 BUSINESS
PLANNING PROJECTS UPDATE**

1. **CEM Benchmarking**

Goal 3 (Completion Goal - December 1, 2026)

This project will review administrative benchmarking process and tools available to help measure, compare and guide assessment of our pension administration costs, resource levels and the value of service we provide to our members. The Benchmarking process provides peer Intelligence and information sharing with objective actionable benchmarking across pension fund activities such as emerging trends in the pension market, customer journeys, digital services, self-service, service to Employers, and Staffing Service Models. We have received the draft report from CEM and staff is reviewing the results. We will debrief with CEM in October and finalize the report. It will be presented to the Board at the November or December Board meeting.

2. **General Ledger System - New Product Implementation**

Goal 3 (Completed in September 2026)

The General Ledger system will be updated with a new product, Microsoft Dynamic 365 Business Central. The goals of the project are to maintain vendor support, enhance real-time reporting capabilities, introduce a more intuitive, user-friendly interface, streamline system updates and security management and to provide an enhanced view of cash flow. After working with the vendor to define functional requirements, we received a detailed project scope document for the system design requirements. The system solutions review meetings continue. Staff is working in the live production environment as of October 1. We will continue to monitor and update procedures as we shift to Business Central.

3. **Information Risk Management Framework- (SAM Phase 1)**

Goal 3 (Completion Goal - December 1, 2026)

This initiative involves planning and implementing a structured process to capture and protect institutional knowledge, support consistency in resource material management and keep our systems and data secure with a documentation governance framework. The pilot of our document governance tool used to register documentation of critical processes and capabilities during project implementations is live. A process for document QA and integration of the Risk Management Framework across ACERA projects is complete. The departments will be trained on the document intake review and approval process and information security best practices in a series of user training sessions. The process will be presented to the project delivery team in October.

4. **Improving Member Experience**

Goal 4 (Completed in September 2026)

This is a research and development project to explore how retirement systems elevate the member experience in a transformational way. We reviewed areas of digital member experience satisfaction; member privacy protection; expedient member service delivery and seamless interactive member portal navigation.

Team members in management attended the CEM conference in person to participate in sessions about member ease of access and best practices using secure systems. Participants at CEM shared their successes with using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to develop training programs, summarize large reports, and develop presentations. Participants noted they used enterprise limited CoPilot and Claude to prevent sensitive information from reaching the web. A participant reported reduced phone calls by increasing the frequency of email blasts to members because they found it kept members more well informed. Staff met with Socure, an identity verification platform, as an option to enhance interactive member portal navigation. To protect member privacy, staff met with JP Morgan to review a new platform for electronically verifying member accounts before changes are made, which enhances the security of direct deposit changes making it easier for members to make direct deposit changes through the portal. To improve the member's digital experience, enhancements to DocuSign will allow for automated routing to a spouse to digitally sign documents. It also allows for automated reminders to a member or spouse thereby alleviating a cumbersome manual process.

5. **Agencywide New Employee Training-Cross Training Plan - 2026 Deliverables**

Goal 2 & 3 (Completion Goal December 16, 2026)

A project implementation schedule designed to create a career development program for cross-training to strengthen ACERA's workforce, build more comprehensive skill sets across units, and continue building business resilience at ACERA was completed in the first quarter. The curriculum framework for the Retirement Technician using a chronological process map of the member journey is also complete. The standard documentation requirements and roles for lesson planning are now available. The first phase of our readiness plan for a November dry run was completed in late September. Final preparation details for a November dry run is the focus for October.

6. **HR Workflow Product Selection**

Goal 3 (Completion Goal - October 15, 2026)

The initiative centers on assessment and selection of a Cloud-Based HR tool to optimize and scale storage and availability of information; also bringing efficiency to onboarding and building HR file disaster recovery resilience. Currently, three products have been evaluated. Product evaluation continues including planned outreach to other retirement agencies on the use of other HR solutions. After reviewing several potential solutions, the team is preparing to have four vendors present a product demonstration. Product demonstrations are underway.

7. **ADA Compliance**

Goal 4 (Completion Goal – October 31, 2026)

This project is to ensure accessibility for all web users by meeting ADA and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA standards across public-facing and internal web-based systems. The benefits include updating digital experiences and workforce readiness. Compliance to the member services portal is complete and substantial progress has been made on compliance with ACERA.org. Staff expects to complete an initial round of changes to the website by the end of October and is seeking a vendor to support and validate compliance. Staff is in discussions with a vendor that appears to be a good fit, but staff is investigating alternative vendors to ensure

competitive pricing. Staff expects to have a vendor engaged by the end of October. The process of working with the vendor is expected to take several months after that. Staff will then apply lessons learned from that process to improving its internal systems and complying with all legal requirements for those internal systems. The legal deadline for ACERA's compliance is April 26, 2028, so ACERA is on target to reach full compliance well before that deadline.

8. Investment Committee Meeting (ICM) Visibility Enhancement

Goal 1 (Completion Goal – 4th Quarter 2026)

The primary goals of this initiative are streamlining access to meeting materials, enhancing reporting and outreach, and aligning with industry best practices to foster an excellent Trustee experience. Planned enhancements include optimizing the IPSI intake and reporting process, and continuous improvement of the BoardEffect navigation experience. The project team presents the final deliverables of the project to the Trustees in November.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



TO: State Association of County Retirement Systems
FROM: Cara Martinson, Capitol Advocacy
Laurie Johnson, LJ Consulting & Advocacy
DATE: October 6, 2026

RE: Legislative Update – October

The 2026 California legislative session has officially wrapped, with the Legislature sending 1,160 bills to Governor Gavin Newsom for final action. The Governor ultimately signed 1,040 bills and vetoed 120, meaning approximately 90% of measures reaching his desk were signed and 10% were vetoed.

Among the most significant actions for SACRS was the veto of AB 1383, which would have lowered the full-retirement age for public safety employees from 57 to 55 and permitted increased pension formulas. The bill passed the Legislature with strong bipartisan support, receiving votes of 33 - 0 in the Senate and 69 - 2 in the Assembly. In his veto message, the Governor noted the bill's impact on PEPRA reforms and its significant implications for state and local finances. Newsom also vetoed AB 1054, which addressed a deferred retirement option program and public employee health benefits. On infrastructure and disaster recovery, the Governor vetoed SB 872, which would have provided additional funding for Delta levee improvements, citing funding already included in the budget. He also vetoed two wildfire insurance claims measures while signing other reforms intended to strengthen protections for policyholders following disasters.

The Governor's broader actions included signing legislation prohibiting marriage for anyone under 18; measures addressing immigration enforcement; new laws governing artificial intelligence in the workplace and health care; and measures intended to strengthen competition and streamline business permitting. He also signed AB 2222, establishing refundable tax credits for local news organizations, and SB 895, placing a \$7.5 billion state research bond on the March 2028 ballot.

With final bill actions complete, attention shifts to implementation and preparation for the 2027–28 legislative cycle. Focus is also turning to the November election and the upcoming transition to a new Governor and administration, whose priorities will help shape the state's approach to pension policy, local government funding and other issues important to SACRS members.



Legislative Update:

- **AB 1054 (Gipson)** - Creates the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) – a voluntary program – for California Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS) safety plan members of State Bargaining Units 5 (Highway Patrol) and 8 (CAL FIRE). The bill also states that the DROP becomes effective and applicable only after: 1) the applicable Bargaining Unit has entered into a MOU with the employer to implement the program; 2) The program has been certified via an actuarial analysis that it is cost neutral by the CalPERS Board of Administration; and 2) CalPERS has adopted regulations to implement and administer the program.
 - Status: The bill passed out of the Legislature and was vetoed by the Governor. In his veto message the Governor noted that the design and establishment of a DROP is more appropriately handled through the collective bargaining process.
 - Position: No Position/Watch
- **AB 1383 (McKinnor)** – The bill includes the following provisions:
 - Increases, on and after January 1, 2027, the PEPRA pensionable compensation limit to the Social Security compensation limit for members covered by Social Security and 120% of that amount for members not covered by Social Security;
 - Freezes existing 2013 PEPRA safety formulas to apply only to service from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2026 and lowers the retirement age on a prospective basis from age 57 to 55 for three existing safety DB retirement formulas;
 - Authorize a public employer to create a fourth PEPRA safety formula of three percent (3%) at age 55, to be applied prospectively.
 - Amendments earlier this year removed a provision that would have permitted collective bargaining over the 50-50 normal cost sharing requirement.
 - Status: This bill was vetoed by the Governor
 - Position: Neutral
- **AB 1439 (Garcia)** - The bill would have required labor protection standards on pension system investments in development projections. The bill was amended coming out of the Assembly to require CalPERS and CalSTRS to contract with the University of California Labor Centers to conduct an



- independent study to determine the impacts on public employee retirement funds of prohibiting the boards from investing in California development projects that do not provide labor standards protections for workers. The bill no longer applies to the CERL systems and removes SACRS' opposition.
- Status: The bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.
 - Position: No position/watch
- **AB 1601 (Rogers)** – This bill would permit the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment to the retirement allowances, optional death allowances, or annual death allowances payable by the retirement system.
 - Status: This bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.
 - Position: Neutral
 - **AB 1619 (Valencia)** – This bill allows county Boards of Supervisors to authorize an increase in the Board of Retirement trustee per diem from \$100 to \$320. The bill would then require action by the Board of Retirement to establish the increased compensation rate. This bill was amended to apply the same increase in compensation to CalPERS and CalSTRs Board Members.
 - Status: This bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.
 - Position: Neutral
 - **AB 1660 (Schiavo)** – This bill was amended to permit, as opposed to require, a court to award sanctions of no less than \$1,000 per violation if a financial institution, private agency, retirement fund administrator, insurance company, or other person fails to comply with existing requirements to provide information or surrender property of a decedent, minor, or conservatee to a public administrator or public guardian that is authorized to take possession and control of such property. Recent amendments require that the financial institution or other person or entity must receive notice of a violation.
 - Status: This bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.
 - Position: No position/watch
 - **AB 1844 (Pacheco)** – This bill modifies the Judges' Retirement System II, to give judges more flexibility in designating beneficiaries for their retirement benefits. This bill would authorize a judge who elects one of the optional



retirement payment plans in lieu of receiving the maximum retirement allowance to designate a beneficiary other than their spouse to receive the payment or allowance after the judge's death, subject to the community property rights of the judge's spouse. Additionally, the bill extends existing survivor benefits to non-spouse beneficiaries, removing the stipulation that the judge must have served a minimum of 20 years if they die in office.

- Status: This bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.
 - Position: No position/watch
- **AB 2519 (McKinnor)** – The bill expands who must be included in the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) membership. Under current law STRS administers a defined-benefit retirement program funded by employer and employee contributions and applies to positions that generally require a valid credential or license; charter school positions were excluded. This bill adds permitholders and comparable positions at charter schools that receive state apportionment and perform specified directing, coordinating, supervising, or administrative functions to the definition of "position subject to membership." It also removes a board-triggered timing requirement and makes the new definition operative on July 1, 2027.
 - Status: This bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.
 - Position: No position/watch
- **AB 2780 (Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement) – Public Retirement Systems: Omnibus Bill** - This bill includes the SACRS-sponsored legislative package in the Legislature's annual omnibus bill for technical changes to laws affecting CalSTRS, CalPERS, and the CERL systems. The proposed changes in the CERL include the following:
 - Clarifying that deferred members cannot run for or vote in active member Miscellaneous and Safety trustee elections.
 - Establishing a 10-year statute of limitations for recovery of overpayments due to fraudulent reports of overpaid death benefits.
 - Formalizing the practice of the majority of CERL systems that only the last system pays a lump-sum burial allowance for reciprocal members.
 - Defining "concurrent retirement" to allow reciprocal members to retire on different dates with 30 days of each retirement date, as long as there is not overlapping service.
 - Status: This bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.



- Position: Support
- **SB 1187 (Durazo)** – This bill was amended to remove the language access requirements established in SB 707 (Chapters 327, 2025). Specifically, the bill would repeal several public participation and language access requirements, including requirements related to translation of meeting materials, interpretation services, multilingual website content, public outreach to underrepresented communities, and opportunities for the public to provide additional agenda translations. It would reduce the administrative obligations placed on eligible legislative bodies related to multilingual access and public engagement.
 - Status: This bill passed out of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor.
 - No position/watch
- **SB 1207 (Laird)** – This bill authorizes CalPERS members to buy back not more than three years of service credit for their prior service in the California Conservation Corps (CCC). The bill also makes changes to CCC's statutes to clarify the scope of authorized projects and to specifically permit CCC to contract with corps established by California Native American tribes
 - Status: This bill was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.
 - No position/watch

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CLOSED SESSION

12A. Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Evaluation (Chief Executive Officer).

IF THERE ARE ANY MATERIALS TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR AGENDA ITEM 12A. ABOVE, THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.