

Board of Retirement Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order: Chair Cavness called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Trustees Present: Alex Land, Charles Kelly, Kathryn Cavness, Dan Gjerde, Quincy Cromer, Richard Shoemaker, Jerilyn Harris, Lenord Swope and Sara Pierce. **Absent:** 0.

Staff Present: Doris Rentschler, Executive Director, Jeff Berk, Legal Counsel, F. Robert Reveles, Financial Investment Officer, Judy Zeller, Retirement Analyst.

Consultants Present: Paul Angelo and Andy Yeung of Segal, Greg DeForrest and Hannah Viera of Callan LLC, and Larry Jensen of Enterprise-wide Risk Assessment.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Items not on Agenda: None

1) Consent Agenda

All matters on the Consent Agenda are to be approved by one action without discussion unless a Board Member requests separate action on a specific item.

- a) Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Board Meeting
- b) February 2024 Retirement Report
- c) February 2024 Preliminary Monthly Financial Report

Presenter/s: Chair Cavness referenced the consent agenda which was approved by unanimous consent.

2) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Segal Actuarial Risk Report

Presenter/s: Director Rentschler explained the Actuarial Risk Report. Mr. Angelo and Mr. Yeung presented the report.

3) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Change in Allocation of the Cost of Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Benefits for Legacy Members with 30 Years of Service

Presenter/s: Mr. Angelo and Mr. Yeung referenced a recommendation regarding adopting a change in the allocation of the cost of COLA benefits for legacy members with 30 or more years of service.

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Board Action: Motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to accept the recommended change in allocation of the cost of COLA for legacy members with 30 years or more of service. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which failed by the following vote: Ayes: 0. Noes: Alex Land, Charles Kelly, Kathryn Cavness, Dan Gjerde, Quincy Cromer, Richard Shoemaker, Jerilyn Harris, and Sara Pierce. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Board Action: Motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker to reconsider his motion to accept the recommended change in allocation of the cost of COLA for legacy members with 30 years or more of service. Ms. Harris seconded the motion which was approved by the following vote: Ayes: 0. Noes: Alex Land, Charles Kelly, Kathryn Cavness, Dan Gjerde, Quincy Cromer, Richard Shoemaker, Jerilyn Harris, and Sara Pierce. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Mr. Shoemaker withdrew his motion to accept the recommended change in allocation of the cost of COLA for legacy members with 30 years or more of service.

Board Direction: Staff and legal counsel will review the recommended COLA change for legacy members with 30 years or more of service and will bring the item back to the board at a future meeting.

4) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Investment Matters

- a) Report on Board of Supervisors Meetings
 1. Memo from Dan Gjerde
- b) Small and Mid-Cap (SMID) Investment Manager Recommendation, MCERA Staff
- c) Small and Mid-Cap (SMID) Investment Manager Review, Callan
- d) Preliminary Monthly Investment Performance Report

Presenter/s: Director Rentschler referenced recent Board of Supervisor's meetings and discussions regarding MCERA's investments. Mr. Gjerde referenced his memo to the board regarding MCERA investments. Mr. Reveles referenced his recommendation regarding MCERA's Domestic Equity Structure and SMID options. Mr. DeForrest and Ms. Vieira referenced MCERA's asset allocation, Domestic Equity Structure, and fund performance.

5) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Audit and Risk Management Services Enterprise-Wide Risk Assessment

Presenter/s: Mr. Jensen referenced MCERA's Risk Assessment report.

6) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Compensation Earnable and Pensionable Compensation Resolutions

- a) Resolution 2024-03 Defining Compensation Earnable Pursuant to Government Code Section 31461
- b) Resolution 2024-04 Defining Pensionable Compensation Pursuant to Government Code Section 7522.34

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Presenter/s: Ms. Rentschler referenced two resolutions defining compensation earnable and compensation payable and recommended approval.

Board Action: Motion was made by Mr. Land to approve resolution 2024-03 and 2024-04 as presented. Ms. Harris seconded the motion which was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Alex Land, Charles Kelly, Kathryn Cavness, Dan Gjerde, Quincy Cromer, Richard Shoemaker, Jerilyn Harris, and Sara Pierce. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

7) Discussion Regarding Administrative Report

- a) Administrative and Operations Update
- b) State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Business Meeting

Presenter/s: Ms. Rentschler referenced the Administrative Report and requested board direction.

Board Direction: Staff will submit an Amicus letter to the Court regarding the Ventura County Employees Retirement Association (VCERA) decision.

8) General Board Member Discussion

Mr. Gjerde requested staff review of his memo regarding investments and that it be placed on the agenda for discussion in April.

9) Closed Session

- a) Service Connected Disability Application, Maria Gonzalez Magana, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

Report Out of Closed Session Item 9a) The Board granted Maria Gonzalez Magana a Service Connected Disability Retirement by the following vote: Ayes: Alex Land, Charles Kelly, Kathryn Cavness, Quincy Cromer, Richard Shoemaker, Jerilyn Harris, and Sara Pierce. Noes: Dan Gjerde. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

10) Adjournment and Notice of Next Board of Retirement Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board of Retirement meeting will be held in the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah CA, on **Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** Please visit www.mendocinocounty.org/retirement for meeting information.

Disabled Accommodation: If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact the Retirement Office at (707) 463-4328, at least 72 hours in advance to ensure arrangements for accommodations.