

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

This meeting was conducted by the Board of Investments both in person and by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953 (f).

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Gina Sanchez, Chair (In-Person)

Herman Santos, Vice Chair (In-Person)

Keith Knox, Ex-Officio Trustee (In-Person)

David Green (In-Person)

Jason Green (In-Person)

Onyx Jones (In-Person)

Patrick Jones (In-Person)

David Ryu (By Teleconference)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Joseph Kelly

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Jonathan Gabel, Chief Investment Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Luis Lugo, Deputy Assistant Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer

Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Michael Herrera, Senior Staff Counsel

Christine Roseland, Senior Staff Counsel

Scott Zdrazil, Principal Investment Officer

James Rice, Principal Investment Officer

Didier Acevedo, Investment Officer

Cindy Rivera, Investment Officer

Noah Damsky, Senior Investment Analyst

Meketa Investment Group (General Investment Consultants)
Leandro Festino, Managing Principal

StepStone Group LP (Real Assets Consultants)
Margaret McKnight, Partner
James Maina, Vice President

Albourne
James White, Partner
Jennifer Yeung, Senior Portfolio Analyst

Buchalter Law Firm
Jenni Kregel, Shareholder

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sanchez at 9:12 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Knox led the Trustees and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PROCEDURE FOR TELECONFERENCE MEETING ATTENDANCE UNDER AB 2449, California Government Code Section 54953(f) (Memo dated February 23, 2023)

- A. Just Cause
- B. Action on Emergency Circumstance Requests
- C. Statement of Persons Present at AB 2449 Teleconference Locations

A physical quorum was present at the noticed meeting location. Trustee Ryu participated via teleconference having claimed just cause under Section 54953(f).

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2023

A motion was made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee D. Green, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2023. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Knox, D. Green, Santos, J. Green, P. Jones, O. Jones, Sanchez, Ryu

No: None

Absent: Kelly

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

VI. EXECUTIVE UPDATE

- A. Chief Investment Officer's Report

Mr. Grabel provided a brief presentation on the Chief Investment Officer's Report and answered questions from the Board.

- B. Member Spotlight

Mr. Popowich recognized LACERA member, Ricardo Toscana.

- C. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Lugo provided a brief presentation on the Chief Executive Officer's Report and answered questions from the Board.

VII. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

- A. **CFA Institute's Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Code Signatory Recommendation** as submitted by Scott Zdrzil, Principal Investment Officer and Didier Acevedo, Investment Officer: That the Board approve LACERA becoming a signatory to the CFA Institute's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Code. (Memo dated March 21, 2023)

Messrs. Zdrzil and Acevedo provided a presentation and answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee D. Green, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Knox, D. Green, Santos, J. Green, Ryu, P. Jones, O. Jones, Sanchez

No: None

Absent: Kelly

VIII. REPORTS

- A. **Taxability of Trustee Travel Expenses for Board and Committee Meetings and Other Payments Made to Enable Trustees to Perform Their Duties**

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Jenni Kregel, Buchalter - Tax Counsel

(Memo dated March 28, 2023) (Attachment is Privileged and Confidential/Attorney-Client Communication/Attorney Work Product)

Mr. Rice and Ms. Kregel were present and answered questions from the Board.

- B. **Nomination Window for International Corporate Governance Network Board of Governors**

Scott Zdrzil, Principal Investment Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 15, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

VIII. REPORTS (Continued)

- C. **Council Of Institutional Investors Member Ballot**
Scott Zdrazil, Principal Investment Officer
(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 15, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

- D. **Monthly Status Report on Legislation**
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer
(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 28, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

- E. **2022 Audit Committee Annual Report**
Onyx Jones, Audit Committee Chair
Richard P. Bendall, Chief Audit Executive
(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 28, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

- F. **Legal Projects**
Christine Roseland, Senior Staff Counsel
(For Information Only) (Memo dated April 4, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

- G. **Selection of Securities Litigation Monitoring and Approved Counsel**
Michael D. Herrera, Senior Staff Counsel
(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 28, 2023)

A motion was made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee J. Green, to refer back to staff for further development. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Knox, D. Green, Santos, J. Green, Ryu, P. Jones, O. Jones, Sanchez

No: None

Absent: Kelly

VIII. REPORTS (Continued)

H. **Monthly Trustee Travel & Education Reports – February 2023**

Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer

(For Information Only) (Memos dated March 22, 2023)

Monthly Trustee Travel & Education Report

Comprehensive Monthly Trustee Travel & Education Report

(Confidential Memo – Includes Pending Travel)

This item was received and filed.

I. **March 2023 Fiduciary Counsel Contact and Billing Report**

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 28, 2023)

(Privileged and Confidential/Attorney-Client Communication/Attorney Work Product)

This item was received and filed.

J. **In Re FirstEnergy Corp. Securities Litigation Case Nos. 2:20-cv-3785 & 2:20-cv-4287**

Michael D. Herrera, Senior Staff Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated April 3, 2023)

(Privileged and Confidential Attorney-Client Communication)

This item was received and filed.

IX. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

The Board requested for staff to provide a short video of the Member for the Member Spotlight. In addition, the Board requested for staff to provide information regarding internal promotion vs. new hires.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There was nothing to report.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For Information Purposes Only)

This item was received and filed.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Conference with Staff and Legal Counsel to Consider the Purchase or Sale of Particular, Specific Pension Fund Investments (Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.81)

1. Separate Account Real Estate Asset Dispositions

James Rice, Principal Investment Officer

Margaret McKnight, Stepstone Group (Real Estate)

(Presentation) (Memo dated April 1, 2023)

Messrs. Grabel, James Rice, and Ms. McKnight of StepStone Group provided a presentation and answered questions from the Board.

This item was in connection with the real estate separate account portfolio sale process as reported in the Supplemental Report Out from the January 12, 2022, Board of Investments meeting. Mr. Santos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Knox, to receive and file staff's memo in support of this item and to direct that priority be given to a comprehensive update of the plan for LACERA's separate account real estate program and staffing. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Knox, D. Green, Santos, J. Green, Ryu, P. Jones, O. Jones, Sanchez

No: None

Absent: Kelly

2. Macquarie Global Infrastructure Fund SCSP

James Rice, Principal Investment Officer

Noah Damsky, Senior Investment Analyst

(Memo dated March 30, 2023)

Mr. Santos made a motion, seconded by Mr. D. Green, to approve a commitment of up to \$600 million in Macquarie Global Infrastructure Fund SCSP, which is an open-end fund with a global core infrastructure strategy in energy/renewables, utilities, telecom, and transportation and a geographic focus predominantly in North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued)

Yes: Knox, D. Green, Santos, J. Green, Ryu, P. Jones, O. Jones, Sanchez

No: None

Absent: Kelly

3. One Item

James Rice, Principal Investment Officer
Cindy Rivera, Investment Officer
(Memo dated April 5, 2023)

There is nothing to report at this time. The Board took action, which will be reported out a future date in accordance with the Brown Act

4. Real Assets Investment Update - I

Daniel Joye, Investment Officer
Noah Damsky, Senior Investment Analyst
(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 15, 2023)

The Board received an information only report that, on February 21, 2023, LACERA approved a \$50 million co-investment commitment alongside DIF, a Board of Investments approved manager for DIF VI and CIF III. The co-investment is compliant with LACERA's real assets co-investment guidelines.

5. Real Assets Investment Update - II

Daniel Joye, Investment Officer
Noah Damsky, Senior Investment Analyst
(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 15, 2023)

The Board received an information only report that, on February 23, 2023, LACERA approved a \$46 million co-investment commitment alongside Partners Group, a Board of Investments approved manager for Partners Group Direct Infrastructure 2020. The co-investment is compliant with LACERA's real assets co-investment guidelines.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued)

6. Private Equity Investment Update

Derek Kong, Investment Officer

Cheryl Lu, Investment Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 14, 2023)

The Board received an information only report that, on October 16, 2022, LACERA approved a secondary purchase commitment of up to €70.0million, or \$69.0 million at the time of commitment, in a special purpose vehicle managed by Rivean Capital B.V., formerly known as Gilde Buyout, a LACERA Board of Investments approved private equity manager. The commitment is compliant with LACERA's private equity secondary investment parameters.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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JOSEPH KELLY, SECRETARY

Signature on File

GINA SANCHEZ, CHAIR