

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT

COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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

1:04 P.M. – 1:52 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

**This meeting was conducted by the Operations Oversight
Committee both in person and by teleconference under California
Government Code Section 54953(f)**

COMMITTEE TRUSTEES

PRESENT: Alan Bernstein, Chair (In-Person)

Herman B. Santos, Vice Chair (In-Person)

Jason E. Green, Alternate Trustee (In-Person)

ABSENT: Keith Knox, Trustee

Antonio Sanchez, Trustee

OTHER BOARD OF RETIREMENT TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Ginsberg, Alternate Ex-Officio (In-Person)

Vivian H. Gray, Trustee (In-Person)

JP Harris, Trustee (In-Person)

STAFF, ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer

Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Chaitanya Errande, Information Security Officer

Kathy Delino, Chief, Information Technology

Bernie Buenaflor, Chief, Quality Assurance & Metrics

Roberta Van Nortrick, Interim Division Manager,
Administrative Services

James Beasley, Supervising Administrative Assistant II,
Administrative Services

Michael A. Herrera, MHA Consulting, Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Chair Bernstein at 1:04 p.m. Due to the absence of Trustees Knox and Sanchez, the Chair announced that Trustee Green, as the alternate, would be a voting member of the Committee.

II. PROCEDURE FOR TELECONFERENCE MEETING ATTENDANCE UNDER AB 2449, California Government Code Section 54953(f)

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

There were no requests received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2023

Trustee Santos made a motion, Trustee Green seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2023. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Santos, Green, Bernstein

No: None

Absent: Knox, Sanchez

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

A. **LACERA Policy for Processing Disability Retirement Applications and Appeals Filed by Internal and Internal-Related Applicants**

Recommendation as submitted by Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt the LACERA Policy for Processing Disability Retirement Applications and Appeals filed by Internal and Internal-Related Applicants. (Memo dated October 20, 2023)

Trustee Bernstein made a motion, Trustee Santos seconded, to approve staff recommendation. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Santos, Green, Bernstein

No: None

Absent: Knox, Sanchez

VI. REPORTS

A. **LACERA Operations Briefing**

Luis A. Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer
Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer
(For Information Only)

The Executive team presented the monthly briefing and was available to answer questions from the Committee. This item was received and filed.

B. **RFI Results for Death Audit Services**

Sylvia Botros, Section Head, Benefits
(For Information Only) (Memo dated October 19, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

C. **Change to LACERA's Pay Stub for Monthly Benefits**

Kevin Hawkins, Process Management Group, Benefits Division
(For Information Only) (Memo dated October 24, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

D. **Annual Quality Assurance Audit Report**

Bernie Buenaflor, Chief, Quality Assurance & Metrics Division
(Presentation) (Memo dated October 20, 2023)

Mr. Buenaflor was available to answer questions from the Committee. This item was received and filed.

VII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

(This item summarizes requests and suggestions by individual trustees during the meeting for consideration by staff. These requests and suggestions do not constitute approval or formal action by the Board, which can only be made separately by motion on an agenda item at a future meeting.)

There was nothing to report.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

(This item provides an opportunity for trustees to identify items to be included on a future agenda as permitted under the Board's Regulations.)

There was nothing to report.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For Information Purposes Only)

There was nothing to report.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **Potential Threats to Public Services or Facilities**

(Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of California Government Code Section 54957)

Consultation with: LACERA Chief Executive Officer Santos H. Kreimann, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Luis Lugo, Assistant Executive Officers JJ Popowich and Laura Guglielmo, Chief, Information Technology Kathy Delino, Information Security Officer Chaitanya Errande, and Other LACERA Staff.

There was nothing to report.

B. **Potential Threats to Public Services or Facilities**

(Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of California Government Code Section 54957)

Consultation with: LACERA Chief Executive Officer Santos H. Kreimann, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Luis Lugo, Assistant Executive Officers JJ Popowich and Laura Guglielmo, Chief, Information Technology Kathy Delino, Information Security Officer Chaitanya Errande, James Beasley, Supervising Administrative Assistant, Administrative Services, Roberta Van Nortrick, Interim Division Manager, Administrative Services, and Other LACERA Staff.

There was nothing to report.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

***The Board of Retirement has adopted a policy permitting any member of the Board to attend a standing committee meeting open to the public. In the event five or more members of the Board of Retirement (including members appointed to the Committee) are in attendance, the meeting shall constitute a joint meeting of the Committee and the Board of Retirement. Members of the Board of Retirement who are not members of the Committee may attend and participate in a meeting of a Board Committee but may not vote on any matter discussed at the meeting. The only action the Committee may take at the meeting is approval of a recommendation to take further action at a subsequent meeting of the Board.**