

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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

9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

PRESENT:

Shawn R. Kehoe, Chair

Alan Bernstein, Vice Chair (Arrived at 9:13 a.m.)

William de la Garza, Secretary

Anthony Bravo

Yves Chery

Vivian H. Gray (Arrived at 9:08 a.m.)

Joseph Kelly

David L. Muir (Alternate Retired)

William Pryor (Alternate Member)

Ronald A. Okum

Les Robbins

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Gregg Rademacher, Chief Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Steven Rice, Chief Counsel

Fern M. Billingsy, Senior Staff Counsel

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kehoe at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Chery led the Board Members and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2015

Mr. de la Garza made a motion, Mr. Chery seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was nothing to report at this time.

V. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

A. For Information

1. Awards

Mr. Rademacher recognized several Board members for their service on LACERA's Boards. Mr. William Pryor was recognized for his term ending in 2013 on the Board of Retirement and Board of Investments, Messrs. Chery and Okum were recognized for term ending in 2014 on the Board of Retirement, and Mr. Kehoe was recognized for his term ending in 2013 on the Board of Retirement.

V. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

A. For Information

1. Awards (Continued)

In addition, Mr. Rademacher presented Rosalind White with an award for her 40 Years of Service.

Lastly, Mr. Rademacher presented an award to Mary Arenas, Joie Dang, Laura Delgado, Teresa Demara, Xue-Mei Gao, Christian Perez, Fabio Ramirez, Gersom Salmeron, Rebecca Sun, Christina Tung, Letha Williams-Martin and Alexandra Hollis for successfully completing the LACERA University Core Benefits Course of 2015. Mr. Rademacher also recognized Quality Assurance trainers, Nora Jackson, Arlene Owens, Dana Brooks, Phuong Reyes, Melissa Salazar and Sevan Simonian and Alisa Gavaller who supervised and mentored these individuals during their training.

2. August 2015 All Stars

Mr. Popowich announced the eight winners for the month of August: Cynthia Juvinal, Debbie Semnanian, Amy Tao, Linda Moss, Anh Tu-Huynh, Donna Hansen, Valery Ptacek, and Andrea Ellison for the Employee Recognition Program and Tamara Caldwell for the Webwatcher Program. Chona Labtic-Austin, Kyona Dunbar, Gena Fuller, and Van Bonifacio were the winners of LACERA's RideShare Program.

V. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report
(Memo dated October 6, 2015)

Mr. Rademacher provided a brief overview of his Chief Executive Officer's Report with a quick update on what transpired at the previous Board of Investments meeting. (Board of Investments minutes are available to view on LACERA's Website www.lacera.com.)

Mr. Rademacher updated the Board regarding the revisions to the Voters Empowerment Act of 2016. This ballot measure has been replaced with two new ballot initiatives called the Voters Empowerment Initiative and the Government Pension Cap Act. Details on these two new initiatives will be presented to the Board in November.

Mr. Rademacher shared with the Board that Los Angeles County has reached a tentative agreement with SEIU. The agreement includes salary increases, an increase in County contribution for medical premiums, additional vacation accrual for long-term employees, and a new paid holiday.

In addition, retired LACERA members will be receiving a letter from RELAC sharing the benefits of joining the organization.

Mr. Rademacher announced that the Board of Supervisors approved to amend the County's salary ordinance. Mr. Rademacher thanked Mr. Kelly for his help in communicating the details of this item with the Board of Supervisor's staff.

V. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report (Continued)

Lastly, Mr. Rademacher reminded the Board that the next meeting will be a joint Board of Retirement meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katherine H. Edwards addressed the Board regarding her administrative appeal on the agenda, Item VIII. A. 1.

VII. NON-CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Recommendation as submitted by the Ad Hoc Fiduciary Counsel Selection Committee: That the Board retain Nossaman LLP, Reed Smith LLP, and Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP as fiduciary counsel.
(Memo dated October 2, 2015)

Mr. Muir made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Recommendation as submitted by Gregg Rademacher, Chief Executive Officer: That the Board review the 2015 meeting schedule and consider rescheduling the Thursday, December 10, 2015 meeting.
(Memo dated September 10, 2015)

Mr. Chery made a motion, Chair Kehoe seconded, to reschedule the Thursday, December 10, 2015 Administrative meeting to Wednesday, December 2, 2015. This meeting will include both Administrative and Disability agenda items. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of
Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9

1. Administrative Appeal of Katherine H. Edwards

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 in which the Board unanimously voted to deny the appeal.

2. Case

Prior to going into Executive Session, Mr. Rice requested that the Board entertain a motion for approval to discuss a potential claim and anticipated litigation not on the posted agenda pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.2 Subdivision B and 54956.9, Paragraph 2 of Subdivision D. This would permit the Board to meet in Closed Session to take action on a matter not on the posted agenda if it finds there is a need for immediate action and the immediate action came into contention after the agenda was posted. These two criteria were met.

Mr. Bernstein made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to make the required findings and approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (D)(2) to discuss anticipated litigation. The Board provided instructions to Legal counsel.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued)

B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation:

1. Performance Evaluation
Title: Chief Executive Officer

The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Section 549567 in which there is nothing to report at this time.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER
(For information purposes only)

There was nothing to report during the Good of the Order.

Green Folder Information (Information distributed in each Board Members Green Folder at the beginning of the meeting)

1. LACERA Legislative Report - Bills Amending CERL/PEPRA
(Dated October 14, 2015)
2. Report on Meeting with Legislative Consultants on September 18, 2015
(For Information Only) (Memo dated October 13, 2015)

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

WILLIAM DE LA GARZA, SECRETARY

SHAWN R. KEHOE, CHAIR