

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INSURANCE, BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
and
BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017, 11:40 A.M. – 1:10 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair
Ronald Okum
David L. Muir, Alternate

ABSENT: William de la Garza, Chair
Alan Bernstein

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Marvin Adams
Anthony Bravo
Shawn R. Kehoe
Keith Knox (Chief Deputy to Joseph Kelly)

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith
Steve Rice
Barry Lew
Dr. Vito Campese, Medical Advisor

Segal Consulting

Stephen Murphy
Paul Sadro

Ackler & Associates/McHugh, Koepke & Associates

Joseph Ackler
Shari McHugh

Alston & Bird

David Godofsky Kathleen Hill
Maureen Gorsen John Kabateck

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gray at 11:40 a.m. Due to the absence of Messrs. de la Garza and Bernstein, the Chair announced that Mr. Muir, as the alternate, would be a voting member of the Committee.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2017

Mr. Okum made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation as submitted by Robert Hill, Assistant Executive Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement approve the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Actuarial Valuation and Audit Policy. (Memorandum dated August 21, 2017)

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

B. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt an "Oppose" position on ACA 15, which would enact The Protecting Schools and Keeping Pension Promises Act of 2018. (Memorandum dated August 25, 2017)

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

III. ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

- C. Recommendation as submitted by Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel: That the Committee 1) Interview the two finalists on the California state legislative advocacy services Request for Proposal, and 2) Recommend to the Board of Retirement that one or more candidate(s) be engaged. (Memorandum dated August 28, 2017)

Ackler & Associates/McHugh, Koepke & Associates and Alston & Bird both provided brief presentations and answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Muir seconded, to recommend to the Board of Retirement that LACERA engage Ackler & Associates/McHugh, Koepke & Associates to provide state legislative advocacy services. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Senate Bill 562 – The Healthy California Act (*Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer*)

Submitted for information only.

- B. Social Security Numbers Removal Initiative

To combat identity theft, fraud, and the illegal use of Social Security Numbers (SSN), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will remove SSNs from all Medicare identification cards by April 2019. Beginning April 2018, CMS will begin mailing redesigned Medicare cards with a new randomly selected Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). LACERA staff will maintain communication with our carriers in order to coordinate and maintain accurate eligibility reporting between all agencies during the transition.

- C. Staff Activities Report for August, 2017

The staff activities report was discussed.

IV. FOR INFORMATION (Continued)

D. LACERA Claims Experience

The LACERA Claims Experience reports through July 2017 were discussed.

E. Federal Legislation
(for discussion purposes)

Segal gave an update on federal legislation.

V. REPORT ON STAFF ACTION ITEMS

There was nothing to report on for staff action items.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 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.**