

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018, 9:40 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Les Robbins, Chair
Shawn R. Kehoe, Vice Chair
Herman B. Santos
Gina Zapanta-Murphy
Thomas Walsh, Alternate

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Marvin Adams
Alan Bernstein
Joseph Kelly
William Pryor

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith Barry Lew
Robert Hill Steven Rice

Segal Consulting

Stephen Murphy

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 9:40 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2017

Mr. Santos made a motion, Ms. Zapanta-Murphy seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2017. The motion passed with Mr. Robbins abstaining.

B. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2018

Mr. Santos made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation as submitted by Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel: That the Committee make a recommendation to the Board of Retirement (Board) that the Board authorize staff to execute Retiree Health Care (RHC) Related Administrative Services Agreements with (1) the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO), (2) the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and (3) the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). (Memorandum dated February 6, 2018)

The motion to be amended to negotiate and execute a similar agreement with the Little Lake Cemetery District without the need for further action by the Board.

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to approve the recommendation as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt the revised Legislative Policy. (Memorandum dated February 6, 2018)

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Santos seconded, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Single-Payer Healthcare Update
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

Mr. Lew provided a summary of a recent informational hearing related to Senate Bill 562, which would enact the Healthy California Act and establish a universal single-payer health care system in California.

- B. Engagement Report for January 2018
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

The engagement report was discussed.

- C. Anthem Blue Cross Benefit Plans – Lifetime Maximum
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

Ms. Smith discussed a letter from the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer, serving as notification that the County is unable to support removing the lifetime maximum at this time. The Committee directed staff to continue discussions with the County, as there appeared to be some flaws in the assumptions used to arrive at this decision.

- D. Staff Activities Report for January 2018
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

The staff activities report was discussed.

- E. LACERA Claims Experience
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

The LACERA Claims Experience reports through December 2017 were discussed.

- F. Federal Legislation
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

(for discussion purposes)

Segal Consulting gave an update on federal legislation.

V. REPORT ON STAFF ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Smith reported on a research company who contacted the Board of Supervisors proposing they could save LACERA money on claims for those individuals under 65 who are on Medicare. Ms. Smith is in contact with a deputy at Supervisor Barger's office with regard to this matter.

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VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.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.**