

# 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, AUGUST 13, 2020, 10:17 A.M. – 11:02 A.M.

This meeting was conducted by the Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee by teleconference under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Les Robbins, Chair  
Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair  
Wayne Moore  
Ronald Okum  
Shawn R. Kehoe, Alternate

## ALSO ATTENDING:

### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Herman B. Santos (*left at 10:40 a.m.*)

### STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare  
Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer  
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

Stephen Murphy, Vice President  
Segal Consulting

Paul Sadro, Senior Actuary  
Segal Consulting

Joseph Ackler, State Legislative Advocate  
Ackler & Associates

Naomi Padron, State Legislative Advocate  
McHugh Koepke & Associates

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 10:17 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2020

Mr. Moore made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee consider whether to recommend that the Board of Retirement propose an amendment to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to provide for a COVID-19 presumption for disability retirement. (Memorandum dated August 4, 2020)

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Moore seconded, to recommend that the Board of Retirement approve submission of a legislative proposal for inclusion in the SACRS 2021 Legislative Platform to amend the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to provide for a COVID-19 presumption for disability retirement. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement approve submission of a legislative proposal for inclusion in the SACRS 2021 Legislative Platform that would enable benefit option changes for members retired for service who subsequently apply for and are granted disability retirement. (Memorandum dated July 31, 2020)

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

III. ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

- C. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement approve submission of a legislative proposal for inclusion in the SACRS 2021 Legislative Platform regarding clarifying and technical amendments to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. (Memorandum dated July 31, 2020)

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

IV. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Engagement Report for July 2020  
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

The engagement report was discussed.

- B. Staff Activities Report for July 2020  
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

The staff activities report was discussed.

- C. LACERA Claims Experience  
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

The LACERA Claims Experience reports through June 2020 were discussed.

- D. Federal Legislation  
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

*(for discussion purposes)*

Segal Consulting gave an update on federal legislation.

V. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There was nothing to report.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 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.**