

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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

9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

This meeting was conducted by the Board of Investments both in person and by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953 (f).

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Patrick Jones, Chair

Keith Knox, Vice Chair

Herman Santos, Secretary

Mike Gatto (Left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.)

Jason Green (Joined the meeting at 9:28 a.m.) (Left the meeting at 12:54 p.m.)

Debbie Martin

Nicole Mi

David Ryu (Joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.) (Left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.)

Seventh Trustee Seat is Vacant

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS:

Jonathan Gabel, Chief Investment Officer

Santos Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer

Jude Pérez, Deputy Chief Investment Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

James Rice, Principal Investment Officer

Scott Zdrazil, Principal Investment Officer

Christopher Wagner, Principal Investment Officer

Derek Kong, Investment Officer

Pushpam Jain, Investment Officer

Daniel Joye, Investment Officer

Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Christine Roseland, Senior Staff Counsel

Ronald Senkandwa, Investment Officer

Adrian Gonzalez, Senior Investment Analyst

Meketa Investment Group (General Investment Consultants)
Timothy Filla, Managing Principal
Aysun Kilic, Managing Principal

Albourne (Illiquid Credit, Real Assets and Hedge Funds Consultants)
Mark White, Partner
Steven Kennedy, Partner

StepStone Group LP (Real Assets Consultants)
Tom Hester, Partner

StepStone Group LP (Equity Consultants)
Jose Fernandez, Partner & Co-COO

Zeno AN Solutions
Vinod Pakianathan, Managing Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Pérez led the Trustees and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RATIFICATION OF OFFICERS

A. Board of Investments Board Officers – 2024 Calendar Year

Recommendation as submitted by Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer: That the Board ratify its slate of board officers who will serve their term in the 2024 calendar year under the Board's Board Officer Rotation Policy: Patrick Jones as Chair, Keith Knox as Vice Chair, and Herman Santos as Secretary.
(Memo dated December 26, 2023)

A motion was made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Knox, to ratify and approve its slate of board officers for 2024. The motion passed by following roll call vote:

Yes: Gatto, Jones, Knox, Martin, Mi, Santos,

Absent: Ryu, Green

IV. ELECTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Election of Trustees to Joint Organizational Governance Committee (1 Trustee) and Audit Committee (3 Trustees)

Trustee Jones announced that Trustee Santos, on a nomination by Trustee Jones, was elected to the position of Joint Organizational Governance Committee Member for 2024. There were no other nominations.

Trustee Martin (on a nomination by Trustee Knox) and Trustee Santos and Trustee Green (both by nomination of Trustee Jones) were nominated to the position of Audit Committee Member. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Trustee Jones announced that Trustee Martin, Trustee Santos, and Trustee Green were elected to the position of Audit Committee Member for 2024.

V. 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 was nothing to report. No trustees participated under Section 54953(f).

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2023

A motion was made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Knox, to approve the minutes of the Board of Investments meetings of December 13, 2023. The motion passed by following roll call vote:

Yes: Gatto, Jones, Knox, Martin, Mi ,Santos,

Absent: Ryu, Green

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Mr. Ryu joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.)

Messrs. Fein, Dressbach and Ms. Mejia from Unite Here Local 11 addressed the Board regarding an investment in Areas by PAI Europe VII.

VIII. EXECUTIVE UPDATE (Mr. Green joined the meeting at 9:28 a.m.)

A. Chief Investment Officer's Report

Mr. Grabel provided a brief presentation on the Chief Investment Officer's Report and answered questions from the Board.

B. Member Spotlight

Mr. Popowich recognized LACERA member, Gloria D'Orazi.

C. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Kreimann provided a brief presentation on the Chief Executive Officer's Report and answered questions from the Board.

IX. CONSENT ITEM

A. **Real Assets Structure Review**

Recommendation as submitted by Patrick Jones, Chair, Real Assets Committee: That the Board approve the Real Assets Structure Review (Attachment A) including initiatives, guidelines, and recommendations throughout the document as well as those summarized on slides 34-38. (Memo dated January 2, 2024)

A motion was made by Trustee Knox, seconded by Trustee Gatto, to approve Consent Item A. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Gatto, Green, Jones, Knox, Mi, Martin, Santos, Ryu,

No: None

X. NON-CONSENT ITEM

A. **Towards Best-In-Class Investor: 2024 Strategic Initiatives and Work Plan**

Recommendation as submitted by Jonathan Grabel, Chief Investment Officer: That the Board approve the 2024 Strategic Initiatives and Work Plan. (Memo dated December 20, 2023)

A motion was made by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Knox to approve the 2024 Strategic Initiatives and Work Plan. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Gatto, Green, Jones, Knox, Mi, Martin, Santos, Ryu,

No: None

XI. REPORTS

A. **Strategic Asset Allocation Benchmark Review**

Jonathan Grabel, Chief Investment Officer
Jude Pérez, Deputy Chief Investment Officer
Tim Filla, Principal - Meketa Investment Group
(Presentation) (Memo dated January 2, 2024)

XI. REPORTS (Continued)

Messrs. Grabel and Pérez, Mr. Filla and Ms. Aysun of Meketa

Investment Group provided a presentation and answered questions from the Board. This item was received and filed.

B. Trade Cost Analysis Education

Esmeralda V. del Bosque, Principal Investment Officer
Ron Senkandwa, Investment Officer
Adrian Gonzalez, Senior Investment Analyst
Vinod Pakianathan, Managing Director, Zeno AN Solutions
(Presentation) (Memo dated December 28, 2023)

(This item was held after item XV.A. 1)

Messrs. Grabel, Senkandwa, and Gonzalez and Mr. Pakianathan of Zeno AN Solutions provided a presentation and answered questions from the Board. This item was received and filed.

C. Principles For Responsible Investment Signatory Ballot

Scott Zdrazil, Principal Investment Officer
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 8, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

D. Update regarding Council of Institutional Investors Nomination

Scott Zdrazil, Principal Investment Officer
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 26, 2023)

Following discussion regarding this item, it was received and filed.

E. StepStone Group Self-Evaluation

Jose Fernandez, Natalie Walker, Daniel Krikorian
StepStone Group LP
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 21, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

XI. REPORTS (Continued)

F. **StepStone Real Estate Self-Evaluation**

Margaret McKnight, Thomas Hester, Kristen Moore, James Maina
StepStone Real Estate
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 29, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

G. **Meketa Investment Group Self-Evaluation**

Tim Filla, Aysun Kilic, Leandro Festino, Imran Zahid
Meketa Investment Group
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 22, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

H. **Albourne - Self-Assessment**

James Walsh, Stephen Kennedy, Tom Cawkwell, Mark White
Albourne America LLC
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 11, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

I. **Legal Projects**

Christine Roseland, Senior Staff Counsel
(For Information Only) (Memo dated January 2, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

J. **Semi-Annual Report on Approved Engagements**

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 21, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

K. **Board of Retirement Board Officers – 2024 Calendar Year**

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer
(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 17, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

XI. REPORTS (Continued)

L. **2023 Audit Committee Annual Report**

Onyx Jones, 2023 Audit Committee Chair

Richard P. Bendall, Chief Audit Executive

(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 15, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

M. **FPPC Formal Advice Letter**

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 26, 2023)

This item was received and filed.

N. **Monthly Trustee Travel & Education Reports - November 2023**

Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer

(Public memo dated December 21, 2023) (Confidential memo dated December 21, 2023 – Including Pending Travel)

This item was received and filed.

O. **December 2023 Fiduciary Counsel Contact and Billing Report**

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 26, 2023) (Privileged and Confidential/Attorney-Client Communication/Attorney Work Product)

This item was received and filed.

XII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

Trustee Gatto requested a discussion regarding PAI Europe VII.

Trustee Santos requested that information regarding the Stanford Law Educational program be provided to the Board of Investments.

XIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There was nothing to report.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER
(For Information Purposes Only)

Trustees and staff welcomed new Trustees, Mses. Mi and Martin and Mr. Gatto to the Board. In addition, Trustees thanked the 2023 officers and congratulated the 2024 officers.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (This item was held before item XI.B)

A. Conference with Staff and Legal Counsel to Consider the Purchase or Sale of Particular, Specific Pension Fund Investments
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.81)

1. **Secondary Sale**

(Presentation) (Memo dated December 24, 2023)

There is nothing to report.

2. **One Item - I**

Christopher J. Wagner, Principal Investment Officer

Didier Acevedo, Investment Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 22, 2023)

The Board received an information only memo reporting that LACERA's Chief Investment Officer, within his Board-approved authority, approved a commitment of \$250 million to Centerbridge Capital Partners Fund V, which is a private equity fund that will focus on value-oriented private equity transactions in North America and Europe, with an industry focus in financials, health care, industrials, and technology.

3. **One Item - II**

Christopher J. Wagner, Principal Investment Officer

Calvin Chang, Senior Investment Analyst

(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 22, 2023)

The Board received an information only memo reporting that LACERA's Chief Investment Officer, within his Board-approved authority, approved a commitment of \$115 million to Wynnchurch Capital VI, L.P., which is a private equity fund that will focus on a value-based, middle market buyout strategy focused on equity and debt investments primarily in

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued)

the United States and Canada, with an industry focus including industrials, consumer discretionary, and materials.

4. Update On Real Assets Emerging Manager Program

James Rice, Principal Investment Officer

Pushpam Jain, Investment Officer

Cindy Rivera, Investment Officer

Mel Tsao, Senior Investment Analyst

Inga Tadevosyan, Investment Analyst

(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 22, 2023)

The Board received an information only memo reporting that LACERA will issue an RFP for the selection of a firm to manage the Emerging Manager Programs for Real Estate and Real Assets, either jointly or separately.

B. Conference With Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation
(Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9)

LACERA v. County of Los Angeles

LASC Case No. 21STCP03475,

Court of Appeal Case No. B32697

(For Information Only) (Memo dated December 27, 2023)

There is nothing to report.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Santos Kreimann's stepson, Raymie Sanchez at 1:45 p.m.

Signature on File

HERMAN SANTOS, SECRETARY

Signature on File

PATRICK JONES, CHAIR

