



## **RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

The Board of Retirement meeting will be accessible telephonically at (408) 650-3123, access code 306-520-693 due to the Contra Costa County and State of California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Shelter In Place Orders, and as permitted by Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board and staff joined in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### **2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Candace Andersen, Donald Finley, Scott Gordon, Jerry Holcombe, Louie Kroll, Jay Kwon, David MacDonald, John Phillips, Mike Sloan, Todd Smithey and Russell Watts

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Gail Strohl, Chief Executive Officer; Christina Dunn, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Timothy Price, Chief Investment Officer; Karen Levy, General Counsel; Wrally Dutkiewicz, Compliance Officer; Anne Sommers, Administrative/HR Manager; Henry Gudino, Accounting Manager; Tim Hoppe, Retirement Services Manager; and Jasmine Lee, Member Services Manager

**Outside Professional Support: Representing:**

Susan Hastings      Laughlin Falbo Levy and Moresi

### **3. Accept comments from the public**

No member of the public offered comment.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

It was **M/S/C** to approve the minutes from the November 18 and December 9, 2020 meetings. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)

**5. Routine Items**

It was **M/S/C** to approve the routine items of the January 13, 2021 meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board moved into Closed Session pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957.

The Board moved into open session.

**6.** It was **M/S/C** to accept the Medical Advisor's recommendation and grant the following disability benefits:

a. Mark Emery – Non-Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)

**7.** It was **M/S/C** to approve the service connected disability retirement application for Rhonda Barksdale as recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts. No: Holcombe)

**8.** It was **M/S/C** to deny the service connected disability retirement application for Sandra Eschliman as recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)

**9.** It was **M/S/C** to approve the service connected disability retirement application for Theresa Nino as recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts. No: Holcombe)

**10.** It was **M/S/C** to grant the service connected disability retirement application for Tavane Payne as recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)

**11. Consider and take possible action to authorize the CEO to execute an agreement with Contra Costa Superior Court for contribution and reporting deadlines**

It was **M/S/C** to authorize the CEO to execute an agreement with Contra Costa Superior Court for contribution and reporting deadlines. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)

**12. Presentation of the Contra Costa County Assessor's Office employer audit report**

Dutkiewicz presented the Contra Costa County Assessor's Office employer audit report.

**13. Consider authorizing the attendance of Board:**

- a. There was no action taken on this item. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Risk & Liquidity Forum, Institutional Investor Forums, January 26-28, 2021, Virtual.
- b. It was **M/S/C** to authorize the attendance of 3 Board members at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Sit Investment Client Workshop, February 11-12, 2021, Virtual. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)
- c. There was no action taken on this item. NASRA Winter Meeting & Joint Legislative Conference, February 22-24, 2021, Virtual.
- d. It was **M/S/C** to authorize the attendance of all Board members at the CALAPRS General Assembly, March 8-9, 2021, Virtual. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)

**14. Miscellaneous**

(a) Staff Report –

Strohl reported 1099R's will be mailed to all retirees by the end of the month. She also thanked CCCERA staff for all of their hard work.

(b) Outside Professionals' Report -

None

(c) Trustees' comments –

Gordon asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of C. L. Morris, former Contra Costa County Deputy District Attorney.

It was **M/S/C** to adjourn the meeting in memory of C. L. Morris. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Smithey and Watts)



Todd Smithey, Chairman



David MacDonald, Secretary