



## **RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING  
August 14, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

Board Conference Room  
1200 Concord Avenue, Suite 350  
Concord, California

Present: Candace Andersen, Dennis Chebotarev, Donald Finley, Scott Gordon, Jerry Holcombe, Louis Kroll, Jay Kwon, David MacDonald, Dan Mierzwa, John Phillips, Mike Sloan and Samson Wong

Absent: None

Staff: Christina Dunn, Chief Executive Officer; Karen Levy, General Counsel; and Tim Price, Chief Investment Officer

Outside Professional Support:  
None

Representing:

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**2. Accept comments from the Public**

No member of the public offered comment.

**3. Recognition of Gary Wayne for 35 years of service**

Gordon recognized Gary Wayne for 35 years of service.

**4A. Consider and take possible action on Consent Items if previously removed, if any**

It was **M/S/C** to approve all consent items of the August 14, 2024, meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).

**4B. Consider and take possible action on Consent Items if previously removed, if any**

No consent items were removed.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board moved into Closed Session pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957 to consider recommendations from the medical advisor and/or staff regarding disability retirement applications.

The Board moved into open session and reported the following:

### **5. Disability Applications:**

- a. It was **M/S/C** to accept the Medical Advisor's recommendation and grant the following disability benefits: Elizabeth Stewart – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).
  - b. It was **M/S/C** to accept the Medical Advisor's recommendation and grant the following disability benefits: Cecelia Parrish Barruel – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).
  - c. It was **M/S/C** to accept the Medical Advisor's recommendation and grant the following disability benefits: Timothy Robertson – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips and Wong).
  - d. It was **M/S/C** that there was insufficient evidence to grant the following disability benefits: James Martin – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips and Wong).
  - e. It was **M/S/C** to accept the Medical Advisor's recommendation and grant the following disability benefits: Kevin Dotts – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).
6. It was **M/S/C** to approve and adopt the recommendation regarding the disability application for Mark Spaulding. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).

### **7. Presentation of investment annual funding plan**

Price presented the investment annual funding plan.

### **8. Consider authorizing attendance of the Board:**

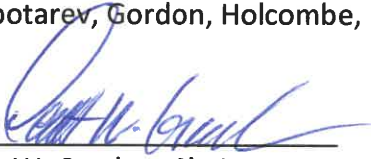
- a. There was no action was taken on this item. NCPERS Accredited Fiduciary Program (NAF), October 26-27, 2024, Palm Springs, CA.
- b. It was **M/S/C** to authorize the attendance of 1 Board member at the NCPERS Program for Advanced Trustee Studies (PATs), October 26-27, 2024, Palm Springs, CA. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).

- c. There was no action taken on this item. CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy, November 3-6, 2024, San Rafael, CA.

**9. Miscellaneous:**

- a. Staff Report – Dunn announced that Colin Bishop will join CCCERA August 20, 2024 as the Deputy CEO. She also reported on the first Employer Workshop, which was well received and provided highlights from this year's Staff Development Day.  
Price reported on recent commitments CCCERA has made to private equity buyout funds.
- b. Outside Professionals' Report – None
- c. Trustees' Comments – Sloan will resend a draft of the upcoming CCCREA conference. MacDonald requested that we adjourn today's meeting in honor of two County Doctors that recently passed.

It was **M/S/C** to adjourn the meeting in honor of the memory of Dr. Charles Berletti and Dr. Stephen Daniels who both served Contra Costa County for many years. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott W. Gordon, Chairperson

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry R. Holcombe, Secretary