



RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 2022

9:00 a.m.

The Board of Retirement meeting was accessible telephonically at (669) 900-6833, Webinar ID 817 3480 6212 Passcode 574719, as permitted by Government Code Section 54953(e).

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Candace Andersen, Dennis Chebotarev, Donald Finley, Scott Gordon, Jerry Holcombe, Louie Kroll, Jay Kwon, David MacDonald, John Phillips, Russell Watts and Samson Wong.

Absent: Mike Sloan

Staff: Gail Strohl, Chief Executive Officer; Christina Dunn, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Karen Levy, General Counsel; Tim Hoppe, Retirement Services Manager and Jasmine Lee, Member Services Manager

Outside Professional Support:
Vivian Shultz

Representing:
Law Offices of Vivian Shultz

3. Accept comments from the public

Carol Nowicki spoke about her husband's experience in 2015 with CCCERA and provided more information.

Pete Nowicki spoke about his experience with CCCERA through litigation and provided more information.

4. Approve of Minutes

It was **M/S/C** to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts).

5. Approval of Routine Items

It was **M/S/C** to approve the routine items of the October 12, 2022 Board meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts).

6. Acceptance of Routine Items

It was **M/S/C** to accept the routine items of the October 12, 2022 Board meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts).

Wong now present for subsequent discussion and voting

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 the following disability retirement applications:

The Board moved into open session.

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

- a. Javier Espinoza – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts).
- b. Julie Murphy – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, Watts and Wong).

8. The Board continued in closed session pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957 to consider the Hearing Officer's recommendation regarding the disability application for Mark Emery

It was **M/S/C** approve and adopt the Hearing Officer's recommendation to deny Mark Emery's disability application. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips, and Watts).

9. Presentation of disability retirement process

Hoppe presented the disability retirement process overview report.

10. Presentation of Semi-Annual Disability Retirement Report.

Hoppe presented the Semi-Annual Disability Retirement report.

11. Presentation of travel reimbursement and education tracking process

Dunn and Luz Casas presented the travel reimbursement and education tracking process.

12. Consider and take possible action to authorize the Board to conduct teleconference meetings under Government Code section 54953 (e) and to make related findings

It was **M/S/C** to authorize the Board and its committee(s) to continue to conduct teleconference meetings for the next 30 days under Government Code Section 54953 (e) and make the following findings:

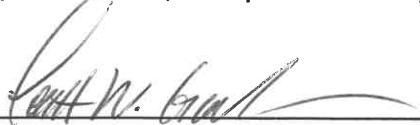
1. The Board has reconsidered the circumstance of the statewide state of emergency proclaimed on March 4, 2020 and the countywide local emergency proclaimed on March 10, 2020.
2. The following circumstances currently exist:
 - a. The statewide state of emergency and the countywide local emergency continue to directly impact the ability of the Board and its committee(s) to meet safely in person at meeting that are open to the general public because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - b. The County Health Officer's recommendations for safely holding public meetings, which recommend virtual meeting and other measures to promote social distancing, are still in effect. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts).

16. Miscellaneous

- a. Staff Report- Dunn provided clarification regarding a member and their tier change listed in agenda item 5.
- b. Outside Professionals – None
- c. Trustee' comments – Kwon reported he attended the ILPA Private Equity for the Trustee and it was an educational conference.

MacDonald reported he attended the on-site due diligence visit with Blackstone yesterday and it was a great meeting that was very informative.

It was **M/S/C** to adjourn the meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts)



Scott Gordon, Chairman



Jerry R. Holcombe, Secretary