

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, JULY 11, 2019, 9:38 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Les Robbins, Chair
Vivian H. Gray
Ronald Okum
JP Harris, Alternate

ABSENT: Shawn R. Kehoe, Vice Chair

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Joseph Kelly
William Pryor (*left at 9:46 a.m.*)
Herman B. Santos

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare
Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Segal Consulting

Stephen Murphy, Vice President

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 9:38 a.m. Due to the absence of Mr. Kehoe, the Chair announced that Mr. Harris, as the alternate, would be a voting member of the Committee.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of May 1, 2019

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Harris seconded, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 1, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2019

Mr. Harris made a motion, Mr. Okum seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2019. The motion passed with Mr. Robbins abstaining.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kurt Scott spoke in support of SB 343, which relates to healthcare data disclosure.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee review and recommend the Board of Retirement adopt the revised Legislative Policy. (Memorandum dated June 3, 2019)

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

B. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt a "Support" position on Assembly Bill 199, which would enact the California Online Notary Act of 2019. (Memorandum dated June 3, 2019)

Mr. Okum 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 consider whether to recommend that the Board of Retirement adopt a position on SB 343, which relates to healthcare data disclosure. (Memorandum dated June 3, 2019)

Mr. Okum made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to take no position on SB 343.

Ms. Gray made a substitute motion to adopt a "Support" position on SB 343. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A vote was taken on the original motion to take no position on SB 343. The motion passed with Ms. Gray voting no.

- D. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee provide further instruction to staff on potential LACERA sponsorship of legislation on the authority of alternate board members of the Board of Retirement to vote in the absence of other board members. (Memorandum dated June 3, 2019)

No action was taken on this item. The memo was received and filed.

- E. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement:
1. Approve submission of a legislative proposal for inclusion in the SACRS 2020 Legislative Platform regarding service retirements with pending civil service appeals; or
 2. Alternatively, if the legislative proposal is not approved by the SACRS membership for inclusion in the SACRS 2020 Legislative Platform, sponsor legislation regarding service retirements with pending civil service appeals.

(Memorandum dated July 2, 2019)

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

III. ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

- F. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee consider whether to recommend the Board of Retirement:
1. Approve submission of a legislative proposal for inclusion in the SACRS 2020 Legislative Platform relating to board self-evaluations held in closed session; or
 2. Alternatively, if the legislative proposal is submitted to but not approved by the SACRS membership for inclusion in the SACRS 2020 Legislative Platform, sponsor legislation relating to board self-evaluations held in closed session.

(Memorandum dated July 2, 2019)

Mr. Okum made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to take this item to the Board of Retirement without a recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt a "Watch" position on Assembly Bill 1400, which relates to expanding the cancer presumption under workers' compensation for civilian employees in firefighting operations. (Memorandum dated July 2, 2019)

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

IV. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Engagement Report for June 2019
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

The engagement report was discussed.

- B. LACERA Anthem Blue Cross Lifetime Maximum Update
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

Per the Committee's request, staff presented an updated estimate on the annual cost of eliminating the lifetime maximum from three Anthem Blue Cross plans. In light of this updated estimate, Ms. Smith will be initiating further discussion with the plan sponsor regarding eliminating the lifetime maximum.

IV. FOR INFORMATION (Continued)

- C. Staff Activities Report for June 2019
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

The staff activities report was discussed.

- D. LACERA Claims Experience
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

The LACERA Claims Experience reports through May 2019 were discussed.

- E. 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 10:45 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.**