

# APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
and  
BOARD OF RETIREMENT\*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019, 9:45 A.M. – 10:39 A.M.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Shawn R. Kehoe, Chair  
Thomas Walsh, Vice Chair  
Les Robbins  
Vivian H. Gray, Alternate

ABSENT: Keith Knox

## ALSO ATTENDING:

### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

JP Harris  
Ronald Okum

### STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer  
Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer  
Bernie Buenaflor, Benefits Division Manager  
Louis Gittens, Benefits Division  
Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
John Harrington, Staff Counsel  
Michael Huang, Financial and Accounting Services Division  
Shonita Peterson, Benefits Division  
David Simpson, Investment Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kehoe at 9:45 a.m. Due to the absence of Mr. Knox, the Chair announced that Ms. Gray, as the alternate, would be a voting member of the Committee.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 2019

Mr. Walsh made a motion, Ms. Gray seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

*(Mr. Robbins arrived after the vote had been taken on the minutes.)*

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation as submitted by Bernie Buenaflor, Benefits Division Manager: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement approve and submit to the Board of Supervisors for their approval the amendments to Regulation V as noted in Exhibit A – Redlined Board of Retirement Regulation V. Prior Service; and authorize staff to implement procedures and processes to comply with the revised Regulation V upon its approval by the Board of Supervisors and submit such procedures and processes to the Operations Oversight Committee for their review and, subsequently, to the Board of Retirement for their approval. (Memorandum dated November 21, 2019)

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

IV. REPORTS

A. LACERA Operations Briefing  
JJ Popowich

Mr. Popowich presented the monthly briefing on LACERA's operations, including the status of the Strategic Plan Goals and Operations Improvement initiatives.

- Public Records Request Update
- Report of Felony Forfeiture Cases Processed

B. Knowledge/Matter Management System – Vendor Selection Update  
John Harrington, Staff Counsel  
David Simpson, Investment Officer

This report was presented for information only.

IV. REPORTS (Continued)

C. Fiscal Year 2018-19 Financial Review  
Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Ted Granger and Michael Huang presented LACERA's financial statement highlights for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, which included:

- Net Position Restricted for Benefits ended the fiscal year at \$58.3 billion
- Total pension fund returned 6.4% net of fees
- Pension plan funded ratio increased to 80.6%
- Net Pension Liability in accordance with GASB 67 was \$12.0 billion

D. Disability Board Action – The Workflow After the Granting of a Disability  
Shonita Petersen, Benefits Division

Ms. Petersen gave a brief discussion regarding the processing time between the granting of a Disability Retirement and the date LACERA issues the first payment. The Process Management Group of the Benefits Division worked closely with the other divisions involved to restructure the process to improve the interactions and service provided to members.

The Committee requested this item be agendaized as an information item for the Board of Retirement.

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 10:39 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.**