

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020

This meeting was conducted by the Board of Retirement by teleconference under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

PRESENT: Herman Santos, Chair

Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair

Gina Zapanta, Secretary

JP Harris (Alternate Retired)

Shawn R. Kehoe (Joined the meeting at 9:28 a.m.)

Keith Knox

Wayne Moore

Ronald Okum

William Pryor (Alternate Safety)

Les Robbins

Thomas Walsh

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer

John Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

James Brekk, Chief Information Officer

Fern Billingsy, Senior Staff Counsel

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Barry Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

Ackler & Associates

Joseph Ackler, State Legislative Advocate

McHugh Koepke & Associates

Naomi Padron, State Legislative Advocate

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Santos at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the memory of Deputy Public Defender Sal Salgado, who recently passed away due to complications from COVID-19, following 21 years of service.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2020

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2020. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Robbins, Santos, Pryor, Ms. Gray, and Ms. Zapanta voting yes.

IV. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

A. For Information

1. Awards

Mr. Popowich thanked Tom and Francie Tate and Vivian Gutierrez from On the

IV. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

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2. April 2020 All Stars

Plaza Cafe, for their 28 years of services at the Gateway Building.

Mr. Popowich announced the eight winners for the month of April: Kathy Delino, Allen Molina, Dana Brooks, Angeles Garcia, Andrea Ellison, Stephanie Ashley, Deanna Hernandez, and Melissa Salazar for the Employee Recognition Program and Persian Petrov was the winner for the Web Watcher. Rebecca Sun, Dale Johnson, Edward Wong, Arlene Owens were the winners of LACERA's RideShare Program.

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report
(Memo dated May 27, 2020)

Mr. Kreimann provided an update and answered questions from the Board regarding topics included in the report, the civil unrest, as well as an update on the transition plan for staff. Trustees discussed a public statement regarding the civil unrest. Lastly, Mr. Kreimann introduced Dr. Carly Ntoya as the new Human Resources Director.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Ratification of Service Retirement and Survivor Benefit Application Approvals. (Memo dated May 27, 2020)

Mr. Pryor made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the item. The motion passed (roll call) with Messrs. Knox, Okum, Walsh, Moore, Robbins, Santos, Pryor, and Ms. Gray voting yes.

VII. REPORTS

- A. For Information Only as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer; Joseph J. Ackler, State Legislative Advocate, and Naomi Padron, State Legislative Advocate, regarding a State Legislative Update. (Memo and Presentation dated May 25, 2020)

Messrs. Lew, Ackler and Ms. Padron provided a brief presentation and answered Questions from the Board.

- B. For For Information Only as submitted by Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer, regarding the Notice of the Chief Executive Officer's Emergency Purchase of IT Consulting Services. (Memo dated May 28, 2020)

Messrs. Kreimann and Brekk answered questions from the Board.

- C. For Information Only as submitted, Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer, regarding the Monthly Status Report on Legislation. (Memo dated May 26, 2020) (Mr. Kehoe joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.)

Mr. Lew provided an update to the Board and answered questions.

The following Items were received and filed.

- D. For Information Only as submitted by Ted Granger, Interim Chief Financial Officer, regarding the following reports:

Monthly Education and Travel Reports for April 2020

(Public Memo dated May 21, 2020)

(Confidential Memo dated May 21, 2020 – Includes Anticipated Travel)

- E. For Information Only as submitted by Fern M. Billingsy, Senior Staff Counsel, regarding the Report of Pensionable Compensation and Compensation Earnable Items. (Memo dated May 21, 2020)

- F. For Information Only as submitted by Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel, regarding the May 2020 Fiduciary Counsel Contact and Billing Report. (Privileged and Confidential Attorney-Client Communication/Attorney Work Product) (Memo dated May 26, 2020)

VIII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

The Board requested that the Executive Office work with our Public Relations firm to make a statement regarding the national community and civil unrest. Lastly, the Board requested The Board requested additional information and that staff work with LACERA's state legislative advocates as to the possibility of including all front-line workers in a COVID-19 presumption for disability retirement, including application to CERL systems.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER
(For information purposes only)

The Board welcomed Dr. Carly Ntoya as the new Human Resources Directors. Lastly, Chair Santos recognized Ms. Zapanta for her service to the community.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m. in memory of Los Angeles Public Defender, Sal Salgado.

Signature on File

GINA ZAPANTA, SECRETARY

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HERMAN SANTOS, CHAIR