# COMMITTEE MEETING VIRTUAL & IN PERSON



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 650, PASADENA, CA

#### AGENDA

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

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

#### 300 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810 PASADENA, CA 91101

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022 - 9:00 A.M.\*\*

This meeting will be conducted by the Operations Oversight Committee both in person and by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Any person may view the meeting in person at LACERA's offices or online at http://lacera.com/leadership/board-meetings

> The Committee may take action on any item on the agenda, and agenda items may be taken out of order.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Alan Bernstein, Chair Herman B. Santos, Vice Chair Keith Knox Antonio Sanchez JP Harris, Alternate

#### I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### A. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of October 6, 2022

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Written Public Comment – You may submit written public comments by email to <u>PublicComment@lacera.com</u>. Correspondence will be made part of the official record of the meeting. Please submit your written public comments or documentation as soon as possible and up to the close of the meeting.

Verbal Public Comment – You may also request to address the Committee at <u>PublicComment@lacera.com</u> before and during the meeting at any time up to the end of the Public Comment item. We will contact you with information and instructions as to how to access the meeting as a speaker. If you would like to remain anonymous at the meeting without stating your name, please let us know.)

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#### III. REPORTS

- A. <u>LACERA Operations Briefing</u> Luis A. Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer (For Information Only)
- B. <u>Project Update: Board & Committee Agenda and Meeting</u> <u>Management Solution</u> Luis A. Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Bonnie L. Nolley, Executive Board Assistant Linda EI-Farra, Executive Board Assistant (Presentation)

#### IV. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

(This item summarizes requests and suggestions by individual trustees during the meeting for consideration by staff. These requests and suggestions do not constitute approval or formal action by the Board, which can only be made separately by motion on an agendized item at a future meeting.)

#### V. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

(This item provides an opportunity for trustees to identify items to be included on a future agenda as permitted under the Board's Regulations.)

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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\*\*Although the meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., it can start anytime thereafter, depending on the length of the Board of Retirement meeting preceding it. Please be on call.

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#### 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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022, 12:25 P.M. – 1:02 P.M.

This meeting was conducted by the Operations Oversight Committee by teleconference under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- PRESENT: Alan Bernstein, Chair Herman B. Santos, Vice Chair Antonio Sanchez JP Harris, Alternate
- ABSENT: Keith Knox

ALSO ATTENDING:

#### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Vivian H. Gray Wayne Moore William Pryor

#### STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel Jessica C. Rivas, Staff Counsel Margo McCabe, Legal Analyst Roberta Van Nortrick, Acting Division Manager, Admin Services James Beasley, Supervising Administrative Assistant, Admin Services October 6, 2022 Page 2

#### STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS (continued)

John Tartaglia Riskonnect

Joe O'Neill Castellan Solutions, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernstein at 12:25 p.m. Due to the absence of Mr. Knox, 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 regular meeting of September 7, 2022

Mr. Harris made a motion, Mr. Bernstein seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- III. REPORTS
  - A. <u>LACERA Operations Briefing</u> Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officers Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer

The Executive team presented the monthly briefing on projects and initiatives within LACERA's Operations and Administration, including Strategic Plan, CEO's 100 Day Report, Member Operations Group (MOG), and Business Services Group (BSG).

- Public Records Request Update
- Report of Felony Forfeiture Cases Processed
- B. <u>FPPC Form 700 e-Filing Solution</u> Jessica C. Rivas, Staff Counsel Margo McCabe, Legal Analyst (Presentation)

Ms. Rivas and Ms. McCabe provided a brief presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

- III. REPORTS (Continued)
  - C. <u>Business Continuity Tabletop Exercise Results</u> James Beasley, Supervising Administrative Assistant, Admin Services (Presentation)

Mr. Beasley provided a brief presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

IV. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

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There was nothing to report.

V. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

(This item provides an opportunity for trustees to identify items to be included on a future agenda as permitted under the Board's Regulations.)

There was nothing to report

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY



### **Operations Briefing Report**

November 2, 2022





The Operations Briefing Report is divided into four distinct sections, beginning with a general highlight section where we share narratives of projects or operational issues that we feel need highlighted attention. For example, over the last few months we have provided updates on our annual "March Madness" season.

The remaining sections are designed to provide an "at-a-glance" update on projects and initiatives the organization is working on. Each section is divided into the categories listed below to make it easier for you to quickly see what has changed, what has not, and what is completed. We have assigned a color scheme to each section so that as you scroll through the report you will be able to easily identify which of the sections listed below you are in. We have alphabetized each section by project title to make it easier for Trustees to home in on a specific project of interest:

- New and Updated Information
- Existing Projects/Initiatives: No New Updates
- Completed Projects/Initiatives

Each "at-a-glance" section provides a summary of information so Trustees can quickly understand the project and its status. This includes the following fields:

Project/Issue Title – Brief Description:

- Type: Each project has been assigned a type (Strategic Plan, CEO (for CEO's 100 Day Report), MOG (Member Operations Group projects), and BSG (for Business Services Group projects).
- Start and Target Date: When the project started and its expected target date for completion.
- Project Lead(s): We have added a new information point to describe the project lead for that specific project.
- Color coded status section to indicate quickly where we are on the project.
- A brief annotated notes section to provide more detail on the status of the project.



<b>Status Indicator Note</b> Color coded statuses for a quick at-a-glance indicator to tell you how the project is proceeding.					
On Schedule	Delayed	Pushed Back			
(The project is on schedule and the team intends to meet the stated target date)	(The project is slightly delayed. The team does expect a one to two month slip in meeting the target date. Management is more actively watching the pro- gress of these projects)	(The project has been impacted by a significant obstacle or has been suspended due to emergent priori- ties. Management is actively dis- cussing remedial steps or has a plan waiting to be implemented)			

#### • New and Updated Information

This portion of the Operations Briefing details projects and initiatives that are new or have updated statuses.

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Financial & Accounting Services Division	January 2021	December 2022
Actuarial Valuation Reports – Re-		Project Lea	d(s): Ted Granger	
tirement Fund: 2022 Retirement		On	Schedule	
Benefits – Investigation of Experi-	2022 Pensio	on – Triennial Investigatio	n of Experience Study	,
ence (Experience Study)	Retirement benefits (Pension) actuarial projects for the 2022 reporting cycle are in			2 reporting cycle are in
The Government Code requires that				
valuations of the Retirement Fund				
(Pension Plan) be performed at least	For June 30, 2022, Milliman will complete an investigation of experience, which is			
once every three years. The Board of	required by	CERL to be conducted ev	ery three years to revi	ew the retirement ben-
Investments' 2013 Retirement Bene-	efit economic and demographic assumptions and recommend changes. Changes			
fit Funding Policy requires valuations	in the assumptions will impact the actuarial valuation results and employer and			
be completed annually. These re-	employee contribution rates.			
ports are prepared to determine				



employer and employee contribution rates and to measure the funded sta- tus of the Pension Plan. In addition, the valuation report provides infor- mation used to prepare the Govern- mental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 68, fi-	gust when they completed an "educational session" for the Trustees. The infor- mation included a high-level discussion of actuarial concepts, methods, and as- sumptions so Trustees are better informed for the upcoming investigation of expe- rience process requiring Trustee input and decisions. Milliman presented the edu-
nancial statement reports. Plan Sponsors use the GASB reports to obtain information required for their financial statement disclosures.	Milliman will make three (3) presentations to the BOI this fall to review and deter- mine the June 30, 2022, actuarial assumptions and methods. In addition, fiduciary counsel will make a presentation at the BOI meeting in October to underscore the importance of this process. This session was completed at the October BOI meet- ing.
	The series of meetings are meant to provide the information necessary which will facilitate discussions as Trustees make decisions. Milliman's October 2022 presentation focused on economic assumptions and related actuarial methods. Milliman is moving forward with the economic assumptions and method recommended without objections from the BOI.
	For the presentation in November 2022, Milliman will discuss the demographic assumptions and related actuarial methods.

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Financial & Accounting Services Division	July 2022	August 2023
Actuarial Valuation Reports:	Project Lead(s): Ted Granger			
OPEB:	On Schedule			
The retiree healthcare (RHC) pro-				
gram administered by LACERA on	The July 1, 2022, OPEB Valuation Report is in progress. Milliman sent over, and			
behalf of Los Angeles County in-				
cludes retiree healthcare benefits	transmitted	the year-end member ce	nsus data to Milliman	. LACERA prepared a



such as medical and dental insur- ance plans and death benefits. GASB refers to these benefits as Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) for financial reporting. GASB Statement Number 75 prescribes fi- nancial statement reporting stand- ards for OPEB programs. Actuarial valuations are prepared annually for Los Angeles County and LACERA's Board of Retirement to make funding decisions and to provide the infor- mation for the CASP 75 report which	will present the final OPEB Valuation Report to the Board of Retirement in August
Los Angeles County and LACERA's	
mation for the GASB 75 report which	
is used for employer financial state- ment reporting.	

Project / Jacus Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Project / Issue Title Brief Description	MOG	Benefits	08/01/2020	TBD
Bhei Description		Project Lead(	s): Shonita Peterson	
Alameda Decision	On Schedule			
Implementation:	Since the p	roject start, staff have up	dated the salaries for	4,176 members to ex-
In 2020, the California Supreme Court	clude Standby Pay and computed the contributions on earnings that occurred on			nings that occurred on
issued its decision in the Alameda	or after January 1, 2013. Of those, 3,013 were actively employed, but only 2,284			
County Deputy Sheriff's Association	had overpaid contributions. Since Active members cannot receive a refund while			
v. Alameda County Employees Re-				
tirement Association ("Alameda"),	2022, salary (paid on April 15, 2022) through the point each member's balance			
challenging the constitutionality of	had been c	lepleted. Staff mailed 1,0	000 letters to the active	e members on Febru-
changes passed in 2013 Assembly	ary 11, 2022, and the remaining 1,084 letters on February 25, 2022. A split mailing			
Bill 197, which amended the definition	was used to prevent overwhelming the Member Services Call Center.			
of compensation earnable, specifi-				
cally, excluding pay items previously				



included such as unused va termination pay, in-kind pay and payments for services re outside of normal working hou	ments, were entitled to a refund. Staff issued 132 checks to those members entitled to a ndered refund. The balance of seventeen were not owed a refund. rs. The
Court upheld the constitution the Legislature's actions. In 20 Legal Office notified the Board tirement that it had completed tial review of LACERA lega codes and determined that S	21, the earnings for all retirees who retired on or after January 1, 2013 and recalculated l of Re- their FAC earnings once the pay codes were removed. Per the BOR approval, an ini- these members were subject to having their benefits adjusted prospectively from cy pay August 30, 2020, following the court's decision.
Pay did not meet the expand derstanding of compensation ble because of the Alameda C	led un- Beginning May 24, 2022, LACERA notified 710 members via email that their earna- monthly benefit allowance will be reduced effective July 31, 2022. Of these, 405
	The team working on this project have identified five groups of members who will be impacted by this project. The number of cases reported last month did not include members with contracts that will also need to be adjusted, and the number of retired and deceased cases were corrected, which changes the overall number of cases from 4,176 to 4,220. We have created the chart below to keep you up to date on the progress of the project.



Alameda Project Status	Current 10/31	Report /2022	
Row Labels (Type, Status, Detail, Outstanding)	Count	%	
<b>Pending Notification</b> (Staff Reviewing and Processing)	884	5.9%	
Active	055	01.1%	
Retired	136	3.6%	
Deferred/Inactive	0	0.0%	
Deceased	43	1.2%	
Other – *Active/Ex- ceptions	625	0.0%	
Withdrawn	0	0.0%	
Completed	3,969	94.1%	
Active	2965	70.3%	
Retired	743	17.6%	
Deferred/Inactive	149	3.5%	
Deceased	0	0.0%	
Withdrawn	56	1.3%	
Not affected	56	1.3%	
Grand Total	4,220	100%	
*Alameda Project – Active Members: In addition to the 286 Retired / Deceased / Survi- vor / Legal Split Payee cases, there are a total of 625 Active Exception cases that require manual review and processing by the specialist. The Workspace Support Team had in- formed the Benefits Team of this population. However, because we were concentrating			



	on the retired population, we overlooked and did not report the <b>Active Exception</b> population. Our priority is still focused on the Retired / Deceased / Survivor / Legal Split Payee cases first.
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Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date	
Brief Description	MOG	Executive (MOG)	06/01/2022	12/31/2022	
Call Center Improvements: Phase	Project Lead(s): JJ Popowich, Cookie Jaranilla (PM)				
VII – Voice Authentication – Al			Schedule		
Assisted Validation		center service provider, A	•		
Using AWS voice chat and voice au-	tified as pos	sible member experience	e enhancements that v	vill help further reduce	
thentication services to validate a	call center v	wait times by reducing ca	all duration. Members	calling LACERA must	
member/survivor prior to speaking to	pass a Basi	ic Validation to allow us	to access a member's	account, and then a	
a Specialist.	Secure Valio	dation before we can disc	uss their account in de	etail or make changes.	
	AWS has ar	n AI voice chat function w	hich we believe can b	e used to interact with	
		r before talking to a Spec	•		
	successful v	ve can reduce call duratio	n by 1-2 minutes per c	all. Additionally, if fully	
	integrated w	e would be able to perso	nalize the call.		
		, AWS offers a voice auth			
		by voice. Members who	•	•	
		alidated by AWS and able		•	
	be offered to	o members as an option u	pon completing a Secu	ire Validation process.	
	<b></b>				
	The team has shifted focus to this project and is in the process of finalizing and				
	signing the SOW for this phase. We expect to have a signed SOW and a general				
	timeline for	the project by the end of (	Jctoper.		



Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date	
Brief Description	Strategic	Executive (MOG/BSG)	08/24/2022	12/31/2022	
Case Management Project: Phase	Project Lead(s): JJ Popowich, Luis A. Lugo, & Iveta Brecko (PM)				
			Schedule		
Implement a case management sys-		BOR approved LACERA's		•	
tem that will improve efficiency in		RA to develop our Case M	•		
processing member requests, pro-	after an exte	ensive review of thirteen v	endor proposals recei	ved from our RFP.	
vide accurate status and data collec-					
tion for metrics, and improve the		ity Retirement Services (			
member experience.	•	the month of October, the			
		times a week to review wo			
		development is going well			
		r one to two hours, depend	•	-	
		lite easy to work with and is			
		entex had two showcases			
		end of each sprint. Eccen em, DRS is now focusing			
		S is currently working on p			
		n complete building our d			
		ems that are areas of focus			
		nology and (2) how the C			
		vas an initial thought that			
		ess cases continue to res			
		as had internal discussion			
	concerns will be addressed to our satisfaction prior to going live. DRS is planning to look at some of Eccentex's OCR technology options in the coming weeks to see				
	what may meet our needs.				
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Project / Issue Title	Type	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	MOG	Benefits	04/01/2021	12/31/2022
<b>Brief Description</b> <b>COLA Bank Retroactive Changes:</b> In April of 2021, the Board of Retire- ment approved corrections to the COLA Accumulation Bank, which in- volved making retroactive correc- tions, recalculating benefit allowance amounts, and paying members retro- active benefits due to a discrepancy discovered in the COLA Accumula- tion.	calculations Phase I-IV: million in ref pacted, 8,17 members an The fourth p tive benefits, project bega members an Phase V: Th receiving be ficiary(ies) of member. Th on the Alama Systems and	ļ	e benefits to members eport, LACERA has p s. Of the 9,672 memb systematically resolved a payment status. The requires manually can a payment status. The aff have manually calc d earlier this year. eceased members with es research to identify active benefits that wer ayed due to staffing lim ation.	aid out just over \$3.8 bers and survivors im- d, which represents all calculating the retroac- e manual phase of the culated COLAs for 455 in no survivors currently the appropriate bene- re due to the deceased hitations and the focus se for the manual pro- ons of our pension ad-



COLA Bank: Retroactive Payment Project         Status       Number       Percentage         (As of 10/31/22)       Vumber       Percentage					
				Completed	8,511
In-Process	1,161	12%			
Grand Total 9,672 100%					

Project / Issue Title Brief Description	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
	Strategic	Executive (MOG)	02/28/2022	12/31/2022
		Project Lead: JJ Pope	owich and Cynthia M	artinez
Communications Plan:		On	Schedule	
The development of a strategic Com- munications Plan providing an over- view of the guiding principles used to communicate with LACERA's vari- ous stakeholder groups. The plan will also provide an overview of the chan- nels, resources, methods, planned campaigns, and current commit- ments of the Communication team. The plan will outline how our Com- munications Division has been de- signed to be flexible and responsive to our needs as we fulfill our commu- nication goals.	munication f consultant) a tactical appr to a strategic the Commun our Strategic Planning eff The Commun Executive O review by th We will tran	unications team has near office and will be finalizing e Executive Office. sition the Communication priefing beginning Novemb	A (the Board of Retire nications division. Both mbers and various stal cussed opportunities a We are going to coordi the work overlaps with ly completed the upda the work product by the Plan updates to the	ment's public relations o plans outlined a more keholders, as opposed nd ideas for improving nate these efforts with h our current Strategic ates requested by the the end of October for Operations Oversight



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Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Executive (BSG)	10/06/22	6/30/23
Enterprise Budget Application:	Project L	ead: Laura Guglielmo, E	Budget Team, and Co	okie Jaranilla (PM)
LACERA is implementing its first au-		On	Schedule	
tomated enterprise budget applica-	After an ext	ensive RFP and selection	process, the Board of	f Retirement approved
tion which will be used for budget de-	the selection	n of Questica on October	6, 2022. Staff is curre	ntly finalizing the con-
velopment and budget control and will integrate with LACERA's finan- cial system, Great Plains. This sys- tem replaces a manual budget devel- opment process that relies on Mi- crosoft Excel and Word. It will also ensure that managers have real-time budget to actual reporting capabili- ties for data informed decision mak-	tract and sta	atement of work. Once co	ompleted, staff will en	gage the vendor for a
ing.				

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Administrative Services	03/01/2022	3/01/2023
Enterprise Contract Lifecycle	Project Lead(s): James Beasley & Michael Dozier (PM)			
Management (ECLM) Solution:	On Schedule			
Pursuant to a recommendation by Administrative Services staff, the Op- erations Oversight Committee (OOC) on March 2, 2022, authorized a Re-	- uation team reviewed all RFPs and selected five vendors as finalists. These final-			
quest for Proposal (RFP) for software and consulting services to procure, configure, customize, and implement an ECLM system, which was	<ul> <li>recommended vendor, Cobblestone, at the September 2022 Board meeting for the</li> <li>Enterprise Contract Lifecycle Management system.</li> </ul>			



	LACERA.com	on	Staff is currently finalizing the contract and statement of work with the vendor.
March 4, 2022.			Once this is completed, the next step is to create a project plan and manage the implementation of the software.

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	EXEC	Executive (MOG)	10/01/2022	12/31/2022
Member Experience: Celebrating			s): Cynthia Martinez	
a Lifetime of Public Service		On	Schedule	
The working title for a new effort to increase the LACERA communities' awareness of the lifetime of service that some of our members contribute to the public through a variety of communication channels with our members.	through the a selection number of y ognize their on a schedu nels (newsla trustees]). The team is	r members devote most of ir employment as County process to highlight the se rears of service. The goal accomplishments and co uled basis (currently envis etters, and at a Board of F currently discussing the s expect a kickoff meeting i	employees. This new p ervice of a retiring men is to share a bit about ontributions. These hig sioned to be quarterly) Retirement meetings [v structure of the project	project will set in place mber with a significant their journey and rec- ghlights will be shared across multiple chan- with the consent of the

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	Strategic	Executive (MOG)	01/01/2013	12/31/2022
PEPRA Implementation: FAC		Project Lead(s): JJ F	Popowich & Lynn Fra	ncisco
Issue:	Pushed Back			
The Final Average Compensation for	The team f	ocusing on this project h	nave been working wit	h the County Auditor-
PEPRA members is exclusive of	Controller	to find a way to auto		
most pay items except base pay. The				



County uses pay code 099 as their	compensation items. The team believes it has made progress on filtering out most	ł
base pay code. This pay code has	of the non-pensionable compensation items.	ł
embedded pay items within the code		ł
that are not pensionable compensa-		ł
tion under PEPRA. In order to accu-		ł
rately calculate a member's benefit,		ł
these non-pensionable compensa-		ł
tion items need to be filtered out.	then begin testing the accuracy of PEPRA annual benefit statements and move	ł
	those to production.	ł
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Droiget / Jacus Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date	
Project / Issue Title	Strategic	Executive (MOG)	03/03/2022	12/31/2022	
Brief Description		Project Lead(s): Bor	nie Nolley & Linda E	I-Farra	
OneMeeting (PrimeGov) Imple-	On Schedule				
mentation:	Staff continues to test workflows and site configurations. Trustee testing and train-				
The Board of Retirement approved a more effective meeting management tool to help streamline the planning and conducting of Board/Committee meetings while improving transpar- ency and public access.	ing has begun and will continue through mid-December. Staff will be presenting an overview of the public interface at the Operations Oversight Committee (OOC) in November 2022, as well as at the February 2023 OOC meeting following im- plementation.				

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	Strategic	Disability Retirement Services (MOG)	May 4, 2021	February 23, 2023
On-Line Disability Retirement Ap-	Project Lead(s): Tamara Caldwell & Kathy Delino			
plication:	On Schedule			
To facilitate member self-service, im-	The online application was deployed to LACERA membership on September 8,			
prove the member experience, and				



streamline the intake of disability retirement applications, the Systems Division has been working jointly with the Disability Retirement Division to develop an on-line disability retirement application on My LACERA.

member experience survey. Staff will monitor survey responses and application activity to collect data concerning functionality and member experience to improve and enhance the tool prior to the official launch, scheduled for later this year.

Application Activity – As of 10/13/22

Applications In Process*	29
Applications complete and submitted	3
Total since deployment	32
Total surveys completed**	2

\*Application was started but required elements still pending. \*\*Survey results will be shared as more data becomes available

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	Strategic	Executive (MOG)		TBD
Retirement Estimate Redesign:		Project Lead(s): Allan	Cochran & Vanessa (	Gonzalez
A legacy strategic plan goal to rede-			shed Back	
sign the retirement estimate and election form as a retirement pro- spectus to provide members with all the information they need to make an informed decision about their retire- ment.	the Member ness. Howe The team w the next ste	edesign work was comple <sup>-</sup> Service Center (MSC) w ver, the COVID-19 Pande ill be re-evaluating the pr ps are. However, due to nber wait time in our call	as scheduled for after emic placed this project oject and assessing w limited staffing and the	the 2019 March Mad- t on hold. here we are and what e need to focus on re-



Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	RHC	Executive Office	March 2021	TBD
		Project Lead(s): Santos	s H. Kreimann & Luis	s A. Lugo
Retiree Healthcare Administra-		[	Delayed	
tion: Lifetime Maximum Benefit Project	the \$1 millio We most re	ive Office and County CE on Lifetime Maximum Ber cently communicated with n meeting to discuss opt	nefit (LMB) for Anthem	n Non-Medicare plans. <sup>th</sup> . We have requested

Project / Issue Title Brief Description	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Tax Table Changes for 2022: New	Strategic	Executive (MOG)	07/01/2022	12/31/2022
Tax Withholding Form		Project Leac	d(s): Kevin Hawkins	
The IRS published updated tax ta-		On	Schedule	
bles for 2022 which became effective	Earlier this y	ear, the Project Manage	ement Group worked w	with tax counsel to un-
January 1, 2022. The IRS finalized a revised Federal Withholding Certifi-	derstand the	intricacies of the change	es to the W-4P tax with	holding form for 2022.
cate for Pension & Annuity Recipi- ents (commonly referred to as a W-		m was updated with an a ge to some members' ne		5
4P tax withholding form), in early	bers that we	will continue to use and	support the current ve	rsion of the W-4P form
2022. The IRS is not requiring the new form be used until the 2023 tax		accept any 2022 forms		5
year.		xclusively. We posted a n My LACERA) to explain		<b>`</b>
your		e. One important and re		
	00	ving their benefit payme	0	
	required to fi	le a new form if they wish	n to keep their current	preferences. The team
	is working o	n a communication cam	paign which will laund	ch as we get closer to



year end to ensure members have adequate information to make 2023 tax elections.

On August 4, 2022, we held a project kickoff meeting to review the project charter, formalize our project plan and responsibilities, and assign work. The team has been hard at work developing the first drafts of the new W-4P tax form. Additionally, Systems is working on programming required to support the new tax withholding election rules to allow staff to update elections in Workspace and members to make changes through My LACERA. Our goal is to be able to release access to the new form by November 2022 to accommodate the first of the year retirement elections. Along with releasing access to the new form for use in 2023, we will also reiterate that members must submit a 2021 form to LACERA by the end of 2022 in order for us to accept it; this will be communicated via a cover letter to accompany the tax forms, and the same message will be on lacera.com. We will continue to keep the Trustees updated on our progress.

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Executive (BSG)	October 2021	June 2023
Travel/Expense/P2P Software:	Projec	t Lead(s): Laura Gugliel	mo, Ted Granger, &	Cookie Jaranilla
LACERA has procured "Certify" soft-		Pus	shed Back	
ware created by Emburse, an ac-		ayable Module		
counts payable automation and expense management provider.	discussions tablish and tion, staff is electronic pa process, sta	focus to Certify's accoun and developed process optimize LACERA's proc helping Certify initiate th ayment methods, and dev aff will continue to evaluate needs and requirements.	flowcharts. Staff will w esses within the softw ne software by establi reloping approval proce	vork with Certify to es- vare workflow. In addi- ishing users, vendors, esses. Throughout this



The accounts payable module includes a streamlined procurement and payables process that leverages optimized character recognition to reduce manual data entry. With Certify, LACERA may also make payments via ACH or virtual credit cards to vendors. This project strategically aligns with Systems' goal of upgrading the technology of the organization and will replace the manual process with the latest technology. **Travel and Expense Module** Staff has implemented a soft pause for the Certify travel and expense report management software. There are some internal processes that require additional review and consideration. Staff is using Microsoft SmartSheets to implement the travel and training approval processes. Systems is developing Smartsheet solutions for Human Resources' Training and Employee Development unit that will be synchronized with the travel software implementation. In addition, staff needs to devote additional time to reviewing the travel booking software provided through Certify which includes understanding hidden fees and how to apply the tool for group events.



#### • Existing Projects/Initiatives: No New Updates

This portion of the Operations Briefing will detail on-going projects that have no current changes in status.

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Financial & Account- ing Services Division	May 2022	December 2022
Annual Financial Statement Prep-		Project Lead(	s): Ted Granger	
aration and Audit:		On Se	chedule	
Government code sections require that LACERA prepare annual finan- cial statements including footnotes and disclosures, obtain an external audit opinion of those statements, and transmit these reports to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervi- sors within six-months following the fiscal year end.	Staff kicked of Moran, LACE fieldwork in M tions. LACER pleted prelimi During the la statement rep and issued th opinion as of cial Statemen	al Financial Statements/Au off the June 30, 2022, fina ERA's external financial s May with audit testing focu RA staff completed the ar nary work to start preparin st month, LACERA staff ports for review. Plante Mo neir audit opinion. LACER October 14, 2022. LACER ots (AFS) to Los Angeles C ently working with Commun is the Annual Comprehen	udit ancial statement re tatement auditor, ised on member d nnual financial closed of the fiscal year-e prepared and issued or completed the A received an unn RA is on track to sue County by the Octo nications to prepare	completed their interim ata and benefit calcula- sing process and com- nd financial statements. ned three draft financial ir testing, audit inquiries nodified or "clean" audit ibmit the Audited Finan- ber 31 deadline. e the next version of this
	is essentially mation such a	an enhanced version the as the transmittal letter from nd photos. We expect to o	AFS but includes n the CEO, organized and the CEO.	s some additional infor- zational chart, and Trus-



Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
	Strategic	Executive (MOG)	01/01/2013	TBD
Brief Description		Project Lead(s):	Cynthia Martinez	
PEPRA Implementation: Annual		Pushe	ed Back	
<b>Benefit Statement</b> LACERA does not currently offer an Annual Benefit Statement (ABS) for PEPRA members.	automatically,	nable to generate a PEPF calculate a member's F red.		

	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Project / Issue Title Brief Description	Operations	Executive (MOG)	June 2021	TBD
		Project Lead	(s): JJ Popowich	
Retroactive Payroll Adjustments:		De	layed	
Prospective Correction	Following the	AC's programming char	nge, LACERA impler	nented a testing regi-
The Auditor-Controller is responsible	men to ensure	that the contributions w	vere being deducted	as expected.
for collecting contributions on all com-				
pensation earnable and pensionable		AC notified LACERA th		
earnings compensation at the time of		withholding contribution		
payment. For many years the AC has	<b>`</b>	ent 99 months). All retro	<b>U U</b>	
not been collecting contributions on		ns in arrears would no	0	
retroactive payroll adjustments. In		ange was made by the	County due to exce	essive degradation in
2021, the AC made changes to their	their payroll sy	stem's performance.		
programming to take deductions at the				
time of payment. However, there are		ne AC's team to discuss		,
	more than 60-i	months old. A few ideas	were generated from	n the meeting, and we



still some situations where these con-	will continue to work with them to develop a procedure that both the County and
tributions are not being collected.	LACERA can support.

#### Completed Projects/Initiatives

This portion of the Operations Briefing will detail projects and initiatives that have been completed during the Fiscal Year (beginning on or after May 2022).

	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Project / Issue Title Brief Description	BSG	Financial & Account- ing Services Division	July 2021	August 2022
		Project Lead	d(s): Ted Granger	
Actuarial Valuation Reports: OPEB:		Co	mpleted	
The retiree healthcare (RHC) program	2021 OPEE	<u> – Annual Valuation</u>		
administered by LACERA on behalf of	The July 1,	2021, OPEB Valuation R	Report is complete.	Milliman presented the
Los Angeles County includes retiree	final Valuat	ion Report to the Board o	of Retirement in Au	igust 2022. Milliman will
healthcare benefits such as medical		e LACERA OPEB liability		010
and dental insurance plans and death	and any pot	tential funding strategies s	should the Board w	ant to consider.
benefits. GASB refers to these benefits				
as Other Post-Employment Benefits				
(OPEB) for financial reporting. GASB				
Statement Number 75 prescribes fi-				
nancial statement reporting standards				
for OPEB programs. Actuarial valua-				
tions are prepared annually for Los An-				
geles County and LACERA's Board of				
Retirement to make funding decisions				
and to provide the information for the				
GASB 75 report which is used for employer financial statement reporting.				
pioyer infancial statement reporting.				



Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Financial & Accounting Services Division	January 2021	June 2022
Actuarial Valuation Reports – Re-		Project Lea	ad(s): Ted Granger	
tirement Fund: 2022 Retirement Ben-		С	ompleted	
efits - Risk Assessment	Milliman most rece	sion – Annual Risk Assess prepared the 2022 Annua ently completed valuation nvestments (BOI) at their	al Risk Assessment re report and presented	

	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Project / Issue Title Brief Description	BSG	Administrative Services	April 2022	June 2022
		Project	Lead(s): James Beasley	
Annual Insurance Renewal – Phase			Completed	
<b>I:</b> After the Insurance Team's completion of a successful solicitation, the BOR approved the replacement of LAC- ERA's current insurance brokerage firm. Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. (Alliant) was selected as the new Bro- ker of Record for LACERA effective April 29, 2022.	is bindin Insuranc	g policies with carriers ce Renewal Team and b	d, Alliant Services, Inc., ha for the June 30 <sup>th</sup> insurance prokers provided an update rations Oversight Committe	e renewal period. The on the insurance pol-



Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	BSG	Administrative Services	July 2022	October 2022
Annual Insurance Renewal – Phase			d(s): James Beasley	
II:			Complete	
After the Insurance Team's completion of a successful solicitation, the BOR approved the replacement of LAC- ERA's current insurance brokerage firm. Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. (Alliant) was selected as the Broker of Record for LACERA effective April 29, 2022.	Crime Insu meeting, s marketpla Cyber Lial ment Unit of coverag premiums Alliant pre to LACER overall co ance pren 2021-2022	Management Unit has con urance renewals. At the Se staff provided the Trustee ce and discussed the cha bility, and Crime Protectio provided the BOR with p ge, which was approved by would not exceed the est esented the final insurance A, which was \$251,144 le st for Fiduciary Liability, niums or FY 2022-2023 is 2 and is \$126,580 less tha n will be provided to the E	npleted the 2022-2023 eptember 7, 2022 Boar es with an overview of allenges with purchas in Insurance for LACEF oreliminary premium in y the BOR, with a cave timated premium. e premium quotes for ss than what was pres Cyber Liability, and C s \$870,162. This is a in what was approved f	d of Retirement (BOR) the current insurance ing Fiduciary Liability, RA. The Risk Manage- dications for each line eat that the final annual each line of coverage ented to the BOR. The rime Protection insur- 1% decrease from FY for FY 2022-2023. This



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Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	MOG	Executive (MOG)	06/01/2022	09/16/2022
Call Center Improvements: Phase I		Project Lead(s): JJ Po		nilla (PM)
– Call Wait Time – Call Back:			Complete	
Phase I focuses on implementing a call back request feature to allow members on hold to request a call back between the hours of 10-3. Additionally, this phase will include the ability to an- nounce call wait times.	2022. Sind and adjus We are no Back feat As explain "hold your Call Back duced the que. This because t call" wait tweaked t are also s call. Esse times. We once train level resu	Back feature was introduc ce then, we have been eventing how the feature works of ready to make a final as ure, as designed, may no ned before deploying this place" feature. Thus, we queue on a priority basis a number of Specialists available to increases in the the feature is popular, we time and complaints from he messaging to prepare seeing many members can ntially, this increases call we evill continue to evaluate ees can take calls on their Its based on current staffit the new trainees.	aluating the impacts of s to try to maximize the ssessment but based t be having the benefit project, the AWS Call had to assign specific s or as a full-time ass ailable to answer the n have experienced an members appear to be members for the long lling back before we a volumes, and exaspera- e the features. We ar own. We anticipated the	f the Call Back feature e member experience. on early data, the Call icial impact hoped for. I Back feature is not a agents to work a new signment. This has re- nain Member Services in queue. Additionally, extremely long "return e increasing. We have response time, but we are able to return their ates the increased wait nticipate better results hese customer service

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date	
Brief Description	MOG	Executive (MOG)	06/01/2022	10/20/2022	
Call Center Improvements: Phase III	Project Lead(s): JJ Popowich, Cookie Jaranilla (PM)				
<ul> <li>Holiday Scheduling Automation</li> </ul>	Completed				
Automates the scheduling of holidays	Currently the Systems team manually turns on the holiday messaging and				
for the call centers, eliminating the risk	voicemail boxes. This phase will allow them to pre-set holidays eliminating con-				
of human error and accidentally	fusion as	to the availability of the ca	Il center staff during h	olidays.	



opening the call center on a holiday with no staff.	This phase of the project is completed and will be in production by October 20, 2022.

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Brief Description	MOG	Executive (MOG)	06/01/2022	10/20/2022
Call Center Improvements: Phase		Project Lead(s): JJ Po	powich, Cookie Jara	nilla (PM)
IV – Emergency Access Console		С	ompleted	
Provide ability to enable/disable an emergency announcement for each respective queue MS or RHC when all agents are logged out as well as dur- ing specified date/time range as may be set.	This phas 2022.	e of the project is comple	ted and will be in proc	luction by October 20,

Project / Josua Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
Project / Issue Title Brief Description	MOG	Executive (MOG)	06/01/2022	TBD
Bher Description		Project Lead(s): JJ Po	opowich, Cookie Jara	nilla (PM)
Call Center Improvements: Phase V		C	Completed	
<ul> <li>After Call Service Survey</li> </ul>		er surveys are a key com		
Members will be provided with the chance to complete an "after-call" sur- vey for Call Center interactions.	enhancen on the cha feature as UAT was	ight into the member expendent projects because we anges, we are making to swell as introduction of the completed on October 18 er 20, 2022.	e felt it was critical to g the Call Center, which e My LACERA Suppor	ain member feedback n include the call back t queue.



Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date		
	BSG	Executive (BSG)	January 2022	August 2022		
Brief Description	Pro	oject Lead(s): Jude Perez	& Esmeralda De	el Bosque		
Custodian Bank Search:		Comple	eted			
In accordance with LACERA's Pro-	The Board of	Investments approved the m	ninimum qualifica	tions at their Decem-		
curement Policy, vendor contracts for	ber meeting. 7	The Investment Office finaliz	ed and released	the Request for Pro-		
investment and custodian banking ser-		ո January with proposals dւ				
vices must be re-bid every ten years.	counting Serv	rices Division and other LA	CERA staff are	evaluating the infor-		
LACERA's current custodian bank,	mation receive	ed and conducting due dilige	nce. In June, LA	CERA staff conducted		
State Street Bank, was hired in July	an on-site vis	it at State Street's Sacrame	ento offices and	expects to provide a		
2013.	recommendation to the Board of Investments in August. The Board of Invest-					
	ments approved the staff recommendation to retain State Street Bank. Staff is					
	working with t	he Legal Office to negotiate	and finalize the	contract.		

Project / Issue Title Brief Description	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date
	BSG	Executive (BSG)	03/01/2022	08/01/22
Enterprise Budget Application:	Project I	Lead: Laura Guglielmo,	Budget Team, and C	ookie Jaranilla (PM)
Per a recommendation by Budget staff,		С	ompleted	
the Operations Oversight Committee (OOC) on March 2, 2022, authorized a RFP for software and professional ser- vices to procure, configure, and imple- ment an enterprise budget application for the Budget Unit in the Administra- tive Services Division. The RFP was published on LACERA.com on March 7, 2022.	evaluation and based finalists h proof of ca final vend will be ma approved,	4, 2022, LACERA receive team, with guidance from d on the ratings, narrowe ave been invited to deme apabilities script. These d or has been identified by ide to the Board of Retirent the team will negotiate a plementation timeline is 2 ailability.	m the consultant, revie d down the list to the onstrate their solution emonstrations were co the selection team, a ment for its considerat an agreement with the	ewed all the proposals top two vendors. The is following a detailed ompleted in July. The nd a recommendation ion in October 2022. If selected vendor. The



	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date	
Project / Issue Title Brief Description	BSG	Executive (BSG)	01/2021	06/2022	
	Project Lead(s): Summy Voong				
Enterprise Wi-Fi Project:	Completed				
Approved in the Fiscal Year 2020-21	All fiber, cables, access points, and switches have been installed on all LACERA				
budget adjustments by the BOR, the					
Systems Division is currently installing an enterprise Wi-Fi network.	g tems Division will deploy the final segmented network to on-site staff on August 1, 2022.				

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date	
	MOG	Executive Office	08/01/2022	08/10/2022	
Brief Description		Project	Lead(s): Allan Cochran		
My LACERA Support Queue:			Completed		
As part of our effort to address Call Wait times a new queue was created to provide specific My LACERA support.	access efforts to is an exp Occasio	to information about th o provide members with pectation that it is secur nally, members forget t	al is designed to provide eir retirement benefits and self-service capability. As rely and easily accessible 2 their passwords or their ch	d is a key part of our an online portal there 24/7. nallenge questions, or	
	need assistance using functionality within the portal, ments and uploading documents so LACERA can proce members need assistance for an online capability,				



expectation that the assistance will be available on demand during normal business hours.
As part of our efforts to improve the member experience, reduce wait time and frustration, we created a new priority call center queue specifically to assist members with My LACERA. Members now have four options when they call the LAC-ERA 800 number: My LACERA Support Queue, Retiree Healthcare, Check Mailing Date Announcement, and Member Services. The new queue went live on August 10, 2022.

Project / Issue Title	Туре	Project Sponsor	Start Date	Target Date	
	BSG	Executive Office	01/04/2022	May 2022	
Brief Description	Project Lead(s): Luis A. Lugo & Carly Ntoya				
Return to the Office:			Completed		
LACERA's Administrative Services Di- vision's Health and Safety Unit have been working hard to ensure a smooth return to the office for LACERA's staff.	updated information posters, restocked all personal protective equipment items, and provided staff with COVID-19 safety instructions. They have also worked				
	The team also worked side by side with the PEP Team and the Executive Team to provide a warm welcome to returning staff. Working together with the PEP Team they decorated the Workshop room, where staff were encouraged to stop by and receive a small welcome back token and a welcome by the Executive Team, managers, and staff from Administrative Services.				

DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTER	DOCS REQUESTED
07-01-22	D. Wells, Law Offices of Gregory Smith	Request: All communications and documents sent or received by any LACERA employee, Board Member relating to Microsoft migration, hiring of vendors, technology-related audit and/or security assessment, from July 1, 2022, to present and the hiring of Jim Lyle.
		On July 5, 2022, S. Rice responded to letter & J. Harrington to assist gathering response records.
		On July 11, 2022, Counsel emailed LACERA's response letter to Mr. Smith's July 1, 2022, PRA request.
		On July 26, 2022, Counsel Sent LACERA's determination letter along with the anticipated production schedule.
		On July 27, 2022, Ms. Wells notified counsel that she will be out of the country and will not be able to attend a meeting.
		Transmitted 26 documents.
		On September 2, 2022, Counsel emailed 26 responsive documents to Ms. Wells
		Transmitted 35 documents.
		On September 9, 2022, Legal transmitted 35 responsive documents to Requestor.
		Computer Systems submitted authority to SharePoint site link for responsive video files.
		Transmitted 54 documents.
		On September 23, 2022, Legal transmitted, via email, 54 responsive documents.
		Transmitted 138 documents.
		Sent on September 30, 2022, via email, 138 responsive documents re PRA Request No. 15.
		Transmitted 107 documents
		Sent on October 6, 2022, via email, 107 responsive documents re PRA Request No. 15.

DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTER	DOCS REQUESTED
09-16-22	R. Inchody, Pitchbook	Request: Quarterly performance data for alternative asset holdings <i>Transmitted 1 document.</i>
		Sent on September 20, 2022, via email, Q1 & Q2 FOIA Request – 2022-09-16.xlsx for Private Equity, Real Estate, Real Assets an Hedge Funds.
09-16-22	G. Rademacher, San Diego County	Request: Presentation, materials, and speaker notes related to the January 26, 2017, Board Governance presentation and Chief Executive Officer authored documents, presentations, notes related to the January 26, 2017, Board Governance presentation. Also requesting Chief Executive Officer authored documents, presentations, notes related to Board Evaluations during calendar year 2016 and 2017.
		Transmitted 3 documents.
		Sent on October 6, 2022, Via email, the documents Listed below.
		2017-01-24_offsite_agnd.pdf, Agenda-Day 3.pdf and Board Governance-Day 3.pdf.
10-13-22		Follow-up request: PDF of additional documents.
09-18-22	K. Rusch,	Request: Pension reports provided to Transparent California for every year since 2012.
	Berkeley, Edu.	Transmitted 16 documents.
		On September 22, 2023, Legal sent, via email 16 responsive documents.
09-20-22	T. Hettinger,	Request: Recent information on private asset portfolio returns.
	LP Analyst, LP	Transmitted 1 document.
		Sent on September 20, 2022, via email, responsive document Q1 & Q2 FOIA Request – 2022-09-16.xlsx
09-21-22	B. Campbell,	Request: Information on investment pools, relating to the performant of hedge funds/absolute return funds.
	with. intelligence	Transmitted 1 document.

N. Lee, Preqin	Sent on September 28, 2022,         via email, Hedge Fund Performance Report – Aug 2022.pdf         Request: Market value, amount invested and net returns from April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, for each hedge fund
	Request: Market value, amount invested and net returns from April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, for each bedge fund
	and fund of hedge funds.
	Transmitted 1 document.
	Sent on September 29, 2022, via email, Preqin FOIA Requests – HF Data 2022-09-28.xlsx.
	Second Request for more information: Clarify/specify full names of hedge funds listed in responsive document sent on September 29, 2022.
	On October 6, 2022, via email, fund's full names were sent to Ms. Lee.
J. Huang, Auditor	Request: Retirement verification of employee possibly resigned or retired on July 1, 2022.
LA County	On October 6, 2022, Legal Counsel sent email to Mr. Huang to send request about the employee in question. Mr. Huang responded same day stating he has reached out to another correspondent for the requested information. Legal instructed to disregard the request.
G. Gambetta,	Request: Copy of consultation document(s) and associated correspondence with initiative or partner organizations and copy of response to consultation documents.
	Responsive information has been requested from Investments and will forward to Requestor upon receipt.
A County Sheriffs	Per monthly request:
Department	Transmitted 2 documents.
	Sent, on October 7, 2022, via email: Monthly Agenda Reports for Sheriff Department Listing and Fire Department listing each dated October 5, 2022.
C. Siverson, LA County	Per monthly request:
,	Sent on October 7, 2022, via email the link for: Board of Retirement Meeting of October 5, 2022, Benefit Approval List.pdf.
	Auditor, LA County G. Gambetta, County Sheriffs Department

DATE RECEIVED	REQUESTER	DOCS REQUESTED
10-07-22	T. Usher, HR, LA County	Per monthly request:
		Transmitted 1 document.
		Sent on October 7, 2022, via email: MonthlyAgenda.csv for October 2022.
09-30-22	J. Ferrerra, Eccentex	Request: Gain access to LACERA public records for Case Management RFP scorings and proposals.
	Corporation	Transmitted 1 document.
		On October 4, 2022, Systems sent, via email, Requestor the document Authentication to Case Management RPS and invitation to access files.
		On October 5, 2022, System sent a responsive invitation via email, and access, to Case Management regarding RFPs with the link shown below.
		Case Management RFP PRA Response – Documents-Case Management RFP – All Documents (sharepoint.com).
		Transmitted 1 document.
		On October 11, 2022, follow-up email, sent to Requestor authenticating access to Case Management RFPs along with document shown below.
		How-To-Authenticate-Your-Email-with-LACERA.pdf
10-12-22	A. Wood, FOIA Professional	Request: Final contract for the LACERA's solicitation for Case Management System submitted in 2021.
	Services	Responsive information has been requested and will forward to Requestor upon receipt

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				Octob	oer 27, 2022	2				
#	MEMBER'S LAST NAME	MEMBER'S FIRST NAME	DEPT.	CONVICTION DATE	LACERA NOTIFIED	INITIAL IMPACT NOTICE SENT	FINAL IMPACT NOTICE SENT	STATUS*	DISABILITY STATUS	SERV. LEVEL
62	FLORES	JOSE	SHERIFF	8/26/2022	9/22/2022			PEND		
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60	CABRERA	MIGUEL	LASD	3/4/2022	3/22/2022			DELAY: CD		
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October 14, 2022

TO: Each Trustee, Operations Oversight Committee

FROM: Luis A. Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

FOR: November 2, 2022 Operations Oversight Committee Meeting

SUBJECT: PROJECT UPDATE: BOARD & COMMITTEE AGENDA MANAGEMENT, RECORDINGS, ONLINE ARCHIVES, AND PUBLIC INTERFACE

## BACKGROUND

At its March 2022 Board of Retirement meeting, the Board approved a more effective meeting management system and selected <u>Prime Government Solutions, Inc.</u> (<u>PrimeGov</u>), now called <u>OneMeeting</u>, as the solution to meet our needs (Attachment A). This application will be used for both Boards and all Committee meetings to help streamline the planning, handling and conducting of Board/Committee meetings while improving transparency and public access. This includes agenda management, board materials, livestreaming, recordings, online archives, and a public interface solution, with an indefinite retention period for archiving the audio and visual recordings.

The implementation team consists of staff members from the Board Offices, Executive Office, Disability Retirement, Legal, Internal Audit, Communications, and Systems divisions. Staff has been working diligently over the last several months to streamline the manual processes and consolidate the applications currently used into one solution. We are excited to share the progress of this project and what is to come in the upcoming months.

### VENDOR UPDATE

In March 2021, PrimeGov and Rock Solid Technology joined forces with the primary goal of enhancing the future of civic engagement and the digital transformation of local government. It was announced on October 12, 2022, that <u>Granicus</u> acquired Rock Solid in order to combine technologies to offer local governments services to meet specific public meeting needs. Together, both companies support over 6,000 government agencies in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Latin America.

Although we do not anticipate any difficulties with implementing this new Board agenda and meeting solution, Executive leadership will be meeting with Rock Solid and Granicus to further discuss any operational and provider support challengesthis merger and transition may have on LACERA. For more information on the merger, the press release is attached for reference (Attachment B).

#### STREAMLINING THE PROCESS

Internal processes for pre-meeting, in-meeting, and post-meeting tasks and responsibilities were previously accomplished using manual processes and several applications. The main tasks of these manual processes are primarily supported by the Executive Board Assistants.

Staff has been working with the vendor in developing workflows for the processes currently being done manually, which include but are not limited to the following:

Pre-Meeting Tasks:

- Agenda creation
- Item review and approval
- Packet generation
- Posting agenda packet online
- Distribution of meeting materials to the Trustees, staff, and consultants

In-Meeting Tasks:

- Public Comment
- Motions, roll call, and vote tally
- Recording through Zoom and livestreaming through Wowza Cloud

Post-Meeting Tasks:

- Preparation of minutes
- Archiving recordings internally
- Posting approved minutes, report outs, and disability board actions on lacera.com

Staff is currently using several applications as described below to complete the aforementioned tasks, which will be completed all within one application following successful implementation. The new solution will save time and resources in the monthly Board and Committee meeting process.

Current Application Used for Pre-, In-, and Post-Meeting Processes:

**MS Teams**: Collaboration: Item review and approval

**BoardPackages** (Internally Developed Application): Assign security levels for each item and agenda packets

**BoardVantage**: Distribute Board and Committee materials and Board related policies to trustees and staff

**BoardNotes** (Internally Developed Application): Archive of all Board and Committee items

**Livestream:** Third-party vendor (Wowza Cloud) used to stream from Zoom to lacera.com **MS Stream:** Internal archive of Board and Committee recordings

**LACERA.com**: Manually posting the agenda packet and other documents

Internally developed legacy applications BoardPackages and BoardNotes are at the end of their use. Staff is looking to migrate the documents currently located in BoardNotes to

OneMeeting due to the robust search options available. This will provide one source of archiving material.

### MEETING ENHANCEMENTS AND PUBLIC-FACING FEATURES

Following successful implementation, the OneMeeting application features will improve user and public engagement.

- Trustees and Staff Features
  - o Item Search
    - Full meeting document search, including attachments
    - Software highlight search text in all the supporting documents
  - In Meeting Management
    - Speaker and public comment queue
  - Trustee Information
    - Orientation Material
    - Onboarding Process/HR paperwork for new trustees
- Public Facing Features
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    - Full meeting document search, including attachments
    - Software highlight search text in all the supporting documents
  - Public Comment
    - Allow members of the public to sign up to speak on meeting items, as well as the ability to provide a written comment on lacera.com
  - Public Meeting Display
    - Upcoming meeting details and documents
    - Historical record of meetings including links to recordings
    - Livestream with closed captioning
    - Recording with timestamp information for each item

Board and Committee meetings will be livestreamed, and archived recordings will be available on lacera.com and LACERA's YouTube account.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

In the beta test with internal users, staff identified an issue with the interactive HTML agenda. The interactive HTML agenda provides the public with the active item, motion, vote, speaker information, and the ability to translate the agenda and materials using Google Translate. Furthermore, the HTML agenda provides a timestamped recording. Unfortunately, when a user is simultaneously logged into OneMeeting and accessing the interactive HTML agenda on lacera.com, they can view confidential attachments. This is due to a OneMeeting system limitation and cannot be used at this time.

Staff recognized the importance of having these features and submitted a request to resolve the issue. The OneMeeting production team is aware of our request, and it is pending vendor review and approval. In the meantime, staff will continue posting the agenda packet in PDF, as well as providing the timestamping information in the recording description for easy reference.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Over the next two months, staff will continue with the following:

#### Migration of Archived Materials

Staff is in the process of migrating the Board and Committee material and recordings into the application. This will allow users and members of the public to search for items using the Item Search feature.

#### Application Configuration

Staff continues to conduct user testing to modify workflows and adjust application settings for implementation in January 2023.

#### <u>Testing</u>

Staff is currently testing trustee access to the application and plans to complete access testing by the beginning of November. Furthermore, staff is testing agenda item workflows and will continue testing and modifying internal procedures now through the end of the year.

#### Training

Over the next two months, staff will continue user testing and training. Staff will begin training trustees on the in-meeting management (i.e., speaker queues, voting, annotations, etc.) by mid-November and continue through the first meeting in January 2023. Upon successful user testing and access, the November and December Board and Committee meeting packets will be provided in OneMeeting and BoardVantage for annotation testing (i.e., comments, notes, etc.). Video tutorials and training resources will also be provided to staff and trustees. Learning something new has its challenges, but we are hopeful that with proper training and adequate support, users will find this application resourceful.

#### Policies and Procedures

In December, staff will place on the agenda two policies for review as it relates to the protection of disability records and confidential information that are up for Board review. Internal policies and procedures will also be completed by year-end.

#### User Feedback & Application Enhancements

Following testing, users will be provided an opportunity to provide suggestions for process improvements and feature enhancements for vendor and staff consideration.

#### Member Communication

Staff plans to communicate the new features to our members in the upcoming December Newsletter, lacera.com and other sources of communication provided to our members.

#### CONCLUSION

The implementation team tasked with this project is excited to be near completion and on course to going live for the January 2023 Board and Committee meetings. Updates will

continue to be communicated in the monthly CEO Report and LACERA's Operations Briefing.

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Attachments

- A- BOR March 2022 Memo (Excluding Attachments)
- B- Rock Solid Technology & Granicus Merger Press Release
- cc: Board of Investments MAC Team



## OneMeeting Project Update

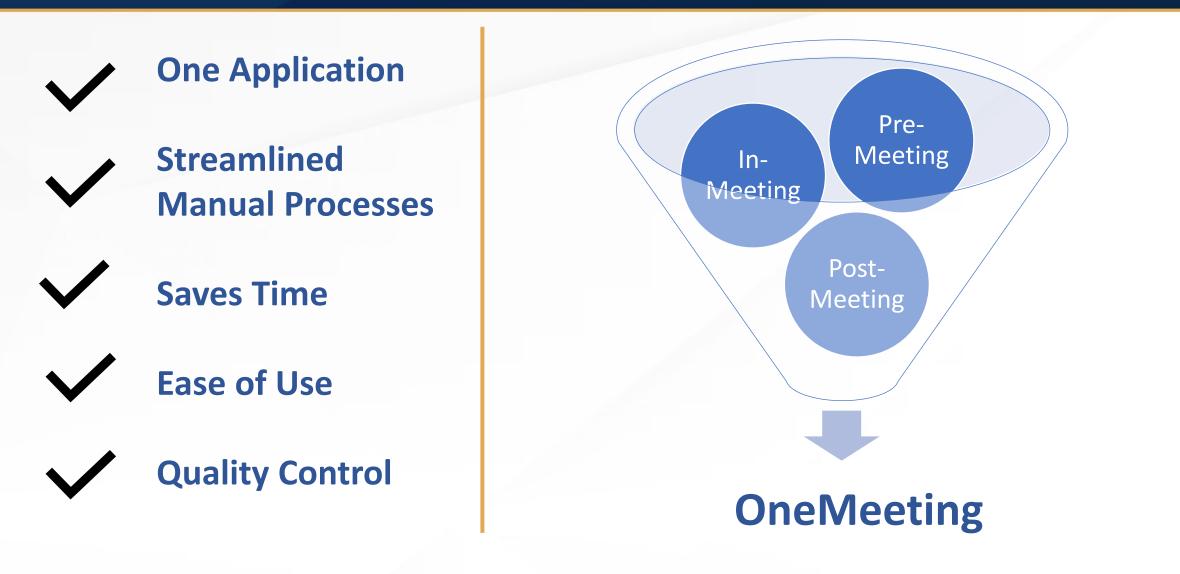
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# **O L Process Improvement**

## **Process Improvement**







# **OZ** Trustee Experience

## **Trustee Experience**



**Pre-Meeting: Review of Board & Committee Materials** 

Access to Board & Committee Items

Convenient Note Section for Each Item/Annotation Capabilities

Access to Board Approved Policies

## **Trustee Experience**



## **In-Meeting: Live Meeting Experience**



**View Current Motion** 

 Request to Speak & View Speaker Queue (Trustees, Staff, and Public Comments)



Roll Call and Vote (In Person Meetings Only)



## **Trustee Experience**



## **Post-Meeting: Archive & Recording**

Full Meeting Document Search (Including Attachments)



**Access Archived Recordings** 



# **OB** Our Members



## View Current and Upcoming Meetings Public Comment

## **Current And Upcoming Meetings**

Upcoming Board And Committee Meetings	
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Board of Retirement   Wednesday, December 7, 2022	Dec 07, 2022 09:00 AM	Packet	<b>∮</b> ●
Operations Oversight Committee   Wednesday, December 7, 2022	Dec 07, 2022 09:00 AM	Packet	<b>∮</b> ●
Real Assets Committee   Wednesday, December 14, 2022	Dec 14, 2022 09:00 AM	Packet	<b>∮</b> ●

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#### LIVE MEETING

## BOR Administrative/Disability & Committee Meetings - Thursday, October 6, 2022 - 10/6/22

#### AGENDA ITEM

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## View Motion and Vote Display

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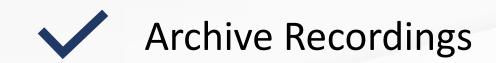
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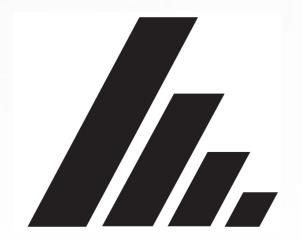
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## What's Next





## Thank You!



## QUESTIONS?