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## **BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES**

**January 12, 2000**

**Members Present:** Lyn Bettencourt, Nick Blom, Maria DeAnda, Wes Hall, Thomas Keating, Joash Paul, Al Sarina, Virgil Thompson, Steve Yauch, and Tom Watson

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Victoria Halliday, Robert Harmon, Michele Silva, Karen Valdez, Lois R. Belt, Richard L. Belt and Karen Juncker, relatives of deceased member Jack Juncker.

1. Rotation of Officers: Pursuant to bylaws Section 1.5, Joash Paul (Seat #6) is Chairman for 2000 and Lyn Bettencourt (Seat #7) is Vice-Chairman.

2. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Joash Paul.

3. Roll Call

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commendation for Nick Blom as 1999 Retirement Board Chairman.

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **6. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Nick Blom and seconded by Wes Hall to approve the following items as listed.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the December 8, 1999 Regular and Closed Session Minutes.

b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) - Sections 31760.1 and 31810

1. Billie Hockenull, Building Maintenance, Effective 12/17/1999
2. Betty Elliott, D.A./Family Support, Effective 12/17/1999
3. Arlan Witham, Community Services Agency, Effective 01/01/2000
4. Robert Sesser, Community Services Agency, Effective 01/01/2000
5. Sharon Harrington, Probation Dept., Effective 01/07/2000
6. Fumiko Ishida, Superintendent of Schools Office, Effective 01/18/2000
7. Susan Wells, Community Services Agency, Effective 01/29/2000
8. Louis Saldivar, Sheriff's Office, Effective 01/31/2000
9. Jo Medearis, Superior Court, Effective 01/25/2000

6. **CONSENT ITEMS-Continued**

- c. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) - Section 31700
  - 1. Michelle Kaback, District Attorney's Office, Effective 10/23/99
  - 2. Cathleen Clark, DA-Family Support, Effective 11/05/99
  - 3. Morgan D. Drew, Sheriff's Office, Effective 11/24/99
  - 4. James R. Wheelless, Emergency Dispatch, Effective 11/25/99
  
- d. Approval of Refund for Deferred Retirement Member(s) - Section 31701
  - 1. Kim Y. Kennedy
  
- e. Approval of Death Benefit - Section 31781.1
  - 1. Stephen R. Stone, Deceased 11/15/99. Surviving spouse, Melanie E. Stone, will receive a 60% continuance.
  
- f. Approval of Survivor's Death Benefit - (Reciprocal) Section 31837(3)
  - 1. Jack Juncker, Deceased 03/08/99. Surviving Spouse, Lois Belt, will receive an annuity pending resolution of PERS disability retirement application.
  
- g. Receipt of Statement of Retirement System as of November 30, 1999

7. **CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion was made by Wes Hall and seconded by Steve Yauch to adjourn to closed-session at 2:02 p.m.

Motion carried.

Closed Session Findings:

After returning to regular session at 2:14 p.m., the Administrator read the findings of the closed session:

- a. The application of Cheri Baker for a non-service connected disability retirement benefit was set for hearing before a hearing officer.
- b. The application of Candy Dionne for a service connected and non-service connected disability retirement benefit were both set for hearing before a hearing officer.
- c. The application of Nelson S. Mitchell III for a service connected disability retirement benefit was granted effective May 30, 1999.

8. **ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. In a StanPAS information update

Wes Hall complimented the new payroll format and the newsletter that was issued with January payroll.

- b. Approval of Retirement Board meeting dates for the calendar year 2000

Virgil Thompson motioned and Nick Blom seconded to approve 2000 calendar schedule.

Motion carried.

- c. County payment and progress on intermittent part time retirement benefits

Administrator informed board members that the Actuary will charge approximately \$5,000 for special actuarial study to be completed on intermittent part time service and that CEO/County is willing to pay for study to be completed.

- d. Request extension of refunding intermittent part time service

The Administrator has set up a possible calendar of events for data requirements on refunding intermittent part time service. Wes Hall motioned and Virgil Thompson seconded to accept deadlines as set by Administrator. Tom Watson recommended to hold Joan Donlon's refund until December 15, 2000.

Motion carried.

- e. Office Space Cost Update

CEO/Auditor states that there is no formal allocation yet on charges for office space. Janitor and Security will be additional charges. The Retirement office has an increased space from 850 square feet to 1700 square feet in the new building.

- f. Response to CEO request for Ventura Decision Funding Assurance

Virgil Thompson motioned and Wes Hall seconded to approve the Administrators letter to be released.

Motion carried.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

a. By-Laws Revision Committee - Steve Yauch, Chairman

1. Copies of Board of Supervisor approved Bylaw revision of Article XIII, Section 13.2 distributed

Steve Yauch thanked retirement staff for preparing new bylaw changes and Wes Hall requested in future to put a revision date within the page section being changed.

b. Retirement Benefits Committee - Wes Hall, Chairman

Wes Hall thanked staff for sending copies of letters from retirees who thanked the Retirement Board for the special cost of living adjustments they received in their January payroll.

c. Due Diligence Committee - Lyn Bettencourt, Chairman

Lyn informed the board that there will be a Due Diligence committee meeting at the end of today's board meeting and he is looking at April for dates to travel to the East Coast for a due diligence meeting with Putnam. Virgil Thompson would like to know what dates and he feels the board could do a due diligence on Putnam in conjunction with Putnam's training for Trustees. Al Sarina thanked Vicki Halliday for the report she submitted on her attendance at the National Association of Public Pension Attorney's conference.

d. Education Committee - Virgil Thompson, Chairman

1. Acceptance by CALAPRS for three Board members to attend Principles of Pension Management classes

Maria DeAnda, Wes Hall and Thomas Keating were approved to attend the Principles of Pension Management classes.

2. Announcement of Trustee Round table offered by CALAPRS

Virgil announced the Trustee Round table offered by CALAPRS for January 21, 2000. No members were interested in attending.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION- Continued**

3. DROP program for 1937 Act Systems Symposium - March 6, 2000

Virgil Thompson motioned and Tom Watson seconded to approve Sunday night lodging expenses for members attending the DROP program since it begins at 8:00 a.m. on March 6, 2000. All members attending will make their own hotel reservations. Approval for members attending will be on February agenda. Lyn Bettencourt feels the board members need to understand this program as we may be developing our own program in the future.

Motion carried.  
Steve Yauch opposed vote.

10. **MEMBERS FORUM (Information and Future Agenda Requests Only)**

Al Sarina would like to request an update to the planning session meeting that was held last year. More information is forthcoming.

Robert Harmon informed members that Lois Ertel will be returning to work on Tuesday from a medical leave and that the Pre-Retirement seminar has been scheduled for February 29, 2000 at the Double Tree Hotel.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Secretary  
Board of Retirement

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK  
County Counsel

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Victoria Halliday, Deputy County Counsel