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## **BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES**

**APRIL 10, 2002**

**Members Present:** Nick Blom, Gary Dial, Maria DeAnda, Al Sarina, Virgil Thompson and Tom Watson

**Members Absent:** Kent Crawford, Wes Hall, John Hallford

**Others Present:** Robert Harmon, Victoria Halliday, Karen Gonzales, Jamie Borba and John Gobel

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Virgil Thompson

### **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Gobel, Benefits and Operations Manager, made two announcements regarding incorrect retirement dates for two recently approved service retirements. James Gregory actually retired on March 16, 2002. James Peeler, a deferred member withdrew his application to retire as of February 27, 2002. He intends to retire on August 27, 2002.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **4. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Tom Watson and seconded by Al Sarina to approve the following items as listed.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the March 26, 2002 Board of Retirement regular session Minutes.

b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) - Sections 31499.14, 31760.1 and 31810

1. Tony Avila, Health Services Agency, Effective 03-23-02
2. John Hansell, Sheriff, Effective 04-18-02
3. John Molidor, Deferred, District Attorney, Effective 04-26-02
4. Leslie Olson, Sheriff, Effective 03-30-02
5. Robert Saldana, B H R S, Effective 03-30-02
6. Van Switzer, Deferred, Public Works, Effective 04-09-02
7. Lily Wood, Health Services Agency, Effective 03-30-02

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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c. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) - Section 31700

1. Jess C. Aguilar, Sheriff's Dept, Effective 01-30-02
2. Amy Castor, Library, Effective 01-18-02
3. Dennis Jenner, Health Services Agency, Effective 02-22-02
4. Patricia Menshew, Assessor's Office, Effective 03-07-02
5. James W. Ray, Management Information Services, Effective 03-23-02

d. Approval of Refund for Deferred Retirement Member(s) - Section 31701

1. Gina Luiz

5. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Al Sarina and seconded by Maria DeAnda to adjourn to closed session at 2:05 p.m.

Motion carried.

Closed Session Findings:

After returning to regular session at 2:09 p.m., the Benefits and Operation Manager, read the findings of the closed session:

The application for Jennie Santillan's Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement Benefits was approved effective April 11, 2002.

6. **Administrator**

- a. David Dolenaar and Peggy Huntsinger from the CEO - Risk Management Division reviewed the Disability Claims Management Program report with the board. They reviewed the comparison of charges to claim payments, County wide charges to claim payments, and number of claims with lost days by date of injury. Peggy Huntsinger stated that the training culture and accommodations were being made and would like to continue to work together in the education process in returning injured employees to work if possible.

Motion was made by Al Sarina and seconded by Maria DeAnda to authorize continuance of the program and to contribute \$70,000 in the next budget year.

Motion carried.

- b. Robert Harmon reviewed the Election Schedule for Seat 3 Miscellaneous Member, which expires June 30, 2002. Motion was made by Al Sarina and seconded by Nick Blom to approve the scheduled calendar.

Motion carried.

- c. Robert Harmon reviewed the Election Schedule for Seat 8 Retired Member which, expires on June 30, 2002. Motion was made by Maria DeAnda and seconded by Tom Watson to approve the scheduled calendar.

Motion carried.

- d. Robert Harmon requested letters from Seat 5 and Seat 9 members if interested in being reappointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a new three-year term on the Board of Retirement. Virgil Thompson presented his letter at the meeting. Nick Blom is interested and will prepare a letter for reappointment.

- e. Robert Harmon informed the board that several inquires have been received regarding hiring new auditors for the Association's financial services. Robert recommended that we continue to use John Barnhart this fiscal year due to the length of time it will take to prepare a Request For Proposal (RFP) and the amount of work it will require to transition into new auditors.

Motion was made by Tom Watson and seconded by Nick Blom to use John Bamhart for the June 30, 2002 fiscal audit and request a RFP be prepared for the June 30, 2003 audit by the end of the 2002 calendar year.

Motion carried.

7. **Correspondence**

None

8. **Committee Reports and Recommendations for Action**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. Benefits Committee - Wesley Hall, Chair

Robert Harmon reported on Operating Engineers insurance for safety retirees. He stated that the Deputy Sheriff's Association voted out the active county employees' so there was a possibility the retired safety members would also lose the coverage. Robert stated that Patrick McTighe was working on the problem and he would report back to the board once a decision was made.

8. **Committee Reports and Recommendations for Action**

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Continued -

b. Bylaws Committee - Tom Watson, Chair

Tom Watson presented the recommended changes to the bylaws for Article II. Motion was made by Tom Watson and seconded by Nick Blom to adopt the recommended changes to Article II of the Bylaws.

Motion carried.

c. Due Diligence Committee - Virgil Thompson, Chair

Virgil Thompson discussed Due Diligence visits in San Francisco with Dodge & Cox, Bank of New York and Buck Consultants. Virgil stated that we were awaiting a report from our consultant, Patrick Thomas. Virgil reported that Dodge & Cox provided a list of companies that use Arthur Andersen as their auditors.

Motion was made by Maria DeAnda and seconded by Tom Watson to authorize staff and trustees' to attend the upcoming Due Diligence trip to Los Angeles on April 16-17th.

Motion carried.

d. Education Committee - Virgil Thompson, Chair

Motion was made by Al Sarina and seconded by Maria DeAnda to approve the Administrator to attend and speak at the Opal Financial Group Fire and Police Conference in May 2002. Travel and accommodations will be paid by Opal Financial Group.

Motion carried.

Gary Dial attended the Stanford 2002 Training and stated it was a very good course. He stated Robert Harmon taught one class and the sessions covered all issues on fiduciary responsibilities. Gary stated that there were several representatives from systems that were not 1937 Act Counties. Gary stated the key issue for fiduciary responsibility is to the entire system.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- e. Independence Committee - Al Sarina, Chair

Al Sarina has disqualified himself on the Valley Towers issue and requested Robert Harmon to update. Robert stated there has been no progress at this time and is waiting to hear back from Lend Lease later this week or early next week. There has been no interest from the County. Robert will schedule another committee meeting on April 29th or 30th.

- f. Disability Accountability Committee - Maria DeAnda, Chair

There was no report however, Maria stated the next committee meeting will be sometime in June.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Virgil Thompson requested discussion regarding possible recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for possible legislative changes in the '37 Act disability law be placed on the June Agenda.

Tom Watson reminded Bylaw committee members of the April 22nd meeting.

Victoria Halliday requested approval to attend a NAPPA Conference in Chicago be placed on the April 23, 2002 agenda. She also gave two educational opportunity notices to Virgil Thompson to review.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harmon, Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK  
County Counsel