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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

Members Present: Maria DeAnda, Jim DeMartini, Mike Fisher, Gordon Ford, Darin Gharat, Wes Hall, Ron Martin and Steve Yauch

Alternate Members Present: Linda Stotts-Burnett (Alternate Retiree Representative)

Others Present: Kelly Cerny, Kathy Herman, Deirdre McGrath, Michele Silva, and Tom Watson

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Steve Yauch

2. **Announcements**

Tom Watson, Administrator, reminded Board members that the three Retirement Board Strategic Planning Sessions are Thursday, September 15th; Wednesday, September 28th; and Friday, October 14th.

Gordon Ford arrived at 2:02 p.m.

3. **Public Comment**

None.

4. **Consent Items**

Jim DeMartini asked why disability retirement applications appear under Consent Items. Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel, explained the Board had approved the policy to place disability retirement applications that have been reviewed and ready for approval under Consent Items. Deirdre explained the new procedure allows disability retirement applications requiring a hearing to be in Closed Session, or, when a Board member pulls a disability application from Consent Items and places it in Closed Session prior to the approval of Consent Items.

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

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the August 23, 2005 Minutes

4. **Consent Items (cont.)**

b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) – Sections 31499.14, 31760.1, 31662.2 & 31810

1. Carmen Cortez, Effective 09-01-05
2. Elizabeth DeJesus, Effective 09-10-05
3. Michael Haile, Effective 09-09-05
4. Marvin Harper, Effective 09-03-05
5. W. Richard Jantz, Effective 09-03-05
6. Kathy Lea, Effective 09-03-05
7. Barbara McCain, Effective 09-30-05
8. Linda Mayo, Effective 09-10-05
9. Patricia Mears, Effective 09-20-05
10. Christine Meredith, Effective 09-03-05
11. Gerald Nightingale, Effective 09-03-05
12. Gary Pitchlyn, Effective 09-25-05
13. Gajinder Sekhon, Effective 09-21-05
14. Dyane Smith, Effective 09-01-05
15. Lawrence Woodall, Effective 08-29-05

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

1. James Donald Bucknell, Effective 08-02-05
2. Angela Bustos, Effective 08-13-05
3. Shari Lynn Horne, Effective 08-03-05
4. Sheila Rae McKay, Effective 08-14-05
5. Denise Mitchell-Gartner, Effective 08-20-05
6. Lisa D. Moore, Effective 08-19-05
7. Michael R. Munoz, Effective 08-06-05
8. Anneka Rogers, Effective 08-20-05
9. Burt Shook, Effective 08-20-05

d. Approval of Disability Retirements – **Section 31724**

1. Brian Kennedy, Service-Connected, Effective 01-28-05
2. Kamlesh Kumar, Non-Service-Connected, Effective 04-13-05

5. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Maria DeAnda to adjourn to Closed Session at 2:11 p.m.

Motion carried.

Returned to Regular Session at 2:36 p.m.

6. **Administrator**

a. Updates on 12th Street Building & TACS Projects

Tom Watson, Administrator, and Kathy Herman, Special Projects Manager, shared with the Board the status of the 12th Street Building and the TACS software projects.

Tom stated the occupancy of the 12th Street Building is delayed until April 2006, with the potential for some costs to increase. The Retirement Board received an email regarding this from Patty Hill-Thomas, County Chief Operating Officer. Board members had several questions and asked that Patty Hill-Thomas provide an update at the October 12, 2005, Retirement Board meeting. Darin Gharat requested no rent payments be made for Tenth Street Place until specifics about the new building are provided.

Kathy Herman shared the development of the TACS software system and distributed a current project timeline with the go-live date of June 2006. Kathy informed the Board that although no one likes the delay, every aspect of the project, the analysis, scope, and complexity of the 1937 Act, design, and build are more than TACS had originally anticipated. TACS has stated it is committed to finishing the project successfully and continues to be very responsive. When the project began in 2003, it was developed in a server-based application. Since then the technology has progressed so much that more than half of the system will be web-enabled. This will allow for better connectivity between members, plan sponsors, the public and StanCERA's system records for uploading, estimates, and inquiry.

b. Discussion and Approval of the State Association of County Retirement Systems' (SACRS) Voting Proxy for the Fall 2005 Conference

Tom Watson, Administrator, reported that SACRS' Executive Board requires a voting proxy to represent each County's retirement system during its Constitutional Vote on Friday, November 11, 2005.

Motion was made by Wes Hall and seconded by Mike Fisher to approve Steve Yauch, Chair, and Darin Gharat Vice-Chair as the SACRS Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate at the SACRS Fall 2005 Conference, November 8 through 11, 2005.

Motion carried.

7. **Correspondence**

a. Letter Dated August 5, 2005, from Retired Member Paul Gieke

Retired Member Paul Gieke was present and requested to speak to the Board. Mr. Gieke asked that his correspondence be part of the record. Steve Yauch, Chair, stated it is part of the record. Mr. Gieke asked for a documented advertised complaint system between BMTI Services and StanCERA. Steve informed Mr. Gieke that StanCERA currently has a documented complaint system and BMTI has a complaint system. Steve stated staff and BMTI have done all they can for Mr. Gieke on the issue of health insurance. Steve requested a quarterly review by the Board of the complaint log including resolutions to the complaints, and asked the Retiree Benefits Committee

7. **Correspondence (cont.)**

- a. Letter Dated August 5, 2005, from Retired Member Paul Gieke (cont.)

and Deirdre McGrath to review how StanCERA administers the health insurance fund and policy. Staff is directed to review BMTI's contract for its and StanCERA's liability and place it on an upcoming agenda.

- b. Media Policy Memorandum from Steve Yauch, Retirement Board Chair

Steve Yauch, Chair reminded the Board to adhere to StanCERA's written Media Policy and refer all media requests to Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator or Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel.

- c. State Association of County Retirement Systems' (SACRS) Memorandums (4) Regarding the Fall 2005 Conference

Tom Watson, Administrator informed the Board they had received four memorandums from SACRS. They included information on the Chair/Vice-Chair Meeting, the Education Workshop, the Conference Dress Code, and a request for "What's New" information for the SACRS Fall 2005 Conference booklet. Tom told the Board SACRS already received StanCERA's response to "What's New" and the other memorandums were for information only.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Retiree Benefits Committee - Wes Hall, Chair

Wes Hall, Chair, reported that the Committee met on September 7, 2005, to establish the schedule for Committee meetings and the information to the actuary; proposed some health insurance scenarios for the actuarial study; completed a draft of principles and guidelines to set the actuary formula and the guiding principles for Retiree Health Insurance issues.

- b. Bylaws Committee – Ron Martin, Chair

Ron Martin, Chair, reported the Committee will schedule a meeting and notify the Board.

- c. Due Diligence Committee – Darin Gharat, Chair

Darin Gharat, Chair, reported the Due Diligence Committee has a visit scheduled to Charlotte Capital, Charlotte North Carolina, on October 5 through October 7, 2005.

- d. Education Committee, Maria DeAnda, Chair

No Report.

8. **Committee Reports and Recommendations for Action (cont.)**

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

a. Independence Committee – Darin Gharat, Chair

No Report.

b. Disability Retirement Accountability Committee – Mike Fisher, Chair

No Report.

9. **Members' Forum (Information and Future Agenda Requests Only)**

Tom Watson mentioned he distributed a report on the "Currency Management Forum" he attended on September 8, 2005, in San Francisco. This item will be placed on the September 27, 2005 Retirement Board Agenda.

Tom Watson shared the publication, *Voice for Public Pensions – Washington Report*, received from the National Conference on Public Employees Retirement Systems (NCPERS) and mentioned it was available for the Board's information.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK, COUNTY COUNSEL

Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel