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## **BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES**

**January 23, 2001**

**Members Present:** Lyn Bettencourt, Nick Blom, Kent Crawford, Maria DeAnda, Wesley Hall, Al Sarina, Virgil Thompson, Steve Yauch, and Tom Watson

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Victoria Halliday, Lois Ertel

1. Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman Lyn Bettencourt.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the January 10, 2001 Regular Session Minutes.

5. **STAFF REPORT OF MONTHLY INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE FOR DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Tom Watson led the review of this report in the absence of Robert Harmon. The portfolio continues to move toward the target allocations and \$5 million a month is still being transferred to MFS Institutional Advisors, Inc. to bring their allocation to 15% of the fund. The total portfolio has increased by 5.1% from the prior month to show a market value of \$973,893,684. Although the last year saw some volatility in the market, the entire portfolio had a return (at market value) of 5.26% for the year, 10.66% annually compounded over the last 3 years, and 13.35% per year compounded for the past 5 years. Other portfolio income for the year to date is \$165,243 in securities lending and commission recapture.

Wes Hall asked for an explanation of the difference between the TCW portfolio value reported by them and the one in this report. Robert Harmon will be asked to report back on this.

6. **ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. In answer to a question, Tom Watson explained the Report of Examination for the year ended June 30, 2000 reports the net plan assets in a manner required by law. The specific reserve account mandated by the Board of Retirement for any excess funds based on the difference between the percent allowed by law and that actually used to administer the benefits each fiscal year would not be detailed.

Motion was made by Wesley Hall and seconded by Steve Yauch to accept the Report of Examination for the year ended June 30, 2000.

Motion carried.

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

Virgil Thompson distributed his written report on the Public Funds Forum he attended in December, 2000 and a list of those educational events each Board member wished to attend in the year 2001. Virgil Thompson requested the following items be placed on the next appropriate agenda: 1) Who checks and reports on SEC investigations and actions? Is this part of our consultant contract to monitor? ; 2) What is the amount in the Administrative Reserve Account? ; 3) Review and take action on the recommendations of John McLaughlin for refinements to the StanCERA Investment Policy (3/27 meeting with John McLaughlin present) ; 4) Reimbursement of personal phone charges of Board members for retirement business. Virgil Thompson will not be at the 2-14-01 Board meeting.

Wes Hall gave copies of LA County Employees' Retirement Association newsletters and financial report to staff to review for information and ideas. He would also like to see an agenda item on defining responsibilities and limitations of the new committees formed at the recent Strategic Planning sessions. Would it be possible for the Benefits Committee to obtain information on the actuarial reports requested by the County and in which the Association shares the cost?

Nick Blom gave an update on the energy shortage and resulting rolling blackouts from information he had obtained at a meeting in Sacramento.

Victoria Halliday was asked to give an update on the Ventura litigation at the next meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.