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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

July 11, 2001

Members Present: Lyn Bettencourt, Nick Blom, Maria De Anda, Wes Hall, Al Sarina, Virgil Thompson and Tom Watson

Members Absent: Kent Crawford and Steve Yauch

Others Present: Robert Harmon, Michael Krausnick and Karen Gonzales

1. Meeting called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Chairman Lyn Bettencourt

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An announcement was made to advise that Henrietta Zarate withdrew her service retirement application after the Agenda was posted.

An announcement was made regarding an incorrect effective date listed on the approved June 13, 2001 minutes for Barry Stoughtenborough. His correct effective retirement date should be listed as June 14, 2001.

An announcement was made reminding all board members of the location for the August 8, 2001. It will be held in the City of Ceres Council Chambers.

Michael Krausnick informed the board the he attended the NAPPA conference and will provide a written report at a later meeting. He also attended the latest Ventura Court hearing and will provide an oral report later in the meeting.

Robert Harmon informed the board that he attended the CALAPRS Administrator Round Table.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Wes Hall and seconded by Maria DeAnda to approve the following items as listed with the exception of Henrietta Zarate's service retirement.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the June 26, 2001 Regular Session Minutes.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS** - Continued

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

1. Edward Crowley, Deferred, Effective 07-25-01
2. June Decker, Deferred, Effective 06-30-01
3. Karen Heringer, CSA, Effective 06-30-01
4. Mintra Prasad, Public Works, Effective 06-30-01
5. Melvin Taylor, Deferred, Effective 07-03-01
6. Deborah Wellman, Library, Effective 07-07-01
7. Henrietta Zarate, Public Health, Effective 07-21-01 (**Withdrew Application**)

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

1. Camillo Abada, City of Ceres, Effective 06-05-01
2. Cathy Bankson, CEO, Effective 06-29-01
3. Catherine Cascadden, Mental Health, Effective 09-13-00
4. Daniel De La O, City of Ceres, Effective 10-31-00
5. Heidi Hernandez, DAFSD, Effective 06-25-01
6. Ann McGuire, Mental Health, Effective 12-15-00
7. Emmy Ng, Mental Health, Effective 06-15-01

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

1. Loren R. Hastings
2. Vijay Ram
3. Karen Diane Taylor

5. **ADMINISTRATOR**

- a. The administrator reviewed the letter received and the response mailed to member, Vivien Pfeifer regarding loss and credit of service time.

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

Standing Committees

- a. Retirement Benefits Committee - Wes Hall, Chairman

Wes Hall noted that a benefits committee meeting has been scheduled for August 8, 2001 @ 12:00 p.m. at the Perko's restaurant in Ceres.

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

Standing Committees

- continued -

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

No report

- c. Due Diligence Committee - Wes Hall, Chairman

No report

- d. Education Committee - Virgil Thompson, Chairman

Virgil Thompson motioned and Lyn Bettencourt seconded to approve Robert Harmon and Victoria Halliday to attend the Guns and Hoses conference. Virgil requested an education committee meeting be set to discuss guidelines in approving staff and board members attending educational conferences. A recommendation will be brought to the board.

Motion carried.

- e. Independence Committee - Al Sarina, Chairman

The board reviewed and made corrections to six items on the report of progress and position paper in selection of Administrator. Lyn Bettencourt motioned and Tom Watson seconded to approve the independence committee's recommendations to hire Robert Harmon as Administrator and other items as recommended and to submit the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. (See attached material on Independence Committee recommendations).

Motion carried.

- f. Disability Retirement Accountability Committee - Maria DeAnda, Chairman

Maria DeAnda reviewed the minutes of the meeting of July 2, 2001 and updated the board on the progress the committee has made in developing new disability forms and proposed changes to Article IX of the bylaws. The committee has forwarded the proposed bylaw changes to all legal counsel for the system for their review and input. The committee will invite Steve Yauch, By-Laws committee chairman to the meeting on July 23, 2001 to review the proposed changes to the by-laws.

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

Michael Krausnick gave an oral report of the Ventura Case court appearance he made on July 2, 2001. He informed the board that four counties have already reached a settlement in the case and that certain counties would not be bound by the rulings. A number of the counties are looking to settle. The judge has implied granting retroactivity, but will have a written decision within 60 days on all issues in the Ventura case. Mick states that although there is uncertainty there does need to be uniformity with the counties. Mick stated there is a potential for settlement and San Joaquin County's proposed settlement looks the most reasonable. He has requested a copy of San Joaquin County's proposed settlement and will forward a copy to this board when received.

Lyn Bettencourt requested the Retirement Benefits committee review the possibility of entering the CalPERS health care system.

Wes Hall inquired about the "Billion Bucks Bash" and it was noted that staff suggested preparing a cake reception for the health insurance open enrollment as well as something for the active members in the association.

Wes Hall congratulated Lyn Bettencourt for a job nicely done as the chairperson at the SACRS spring conference.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Secretary
Board of Retirement

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK
County Counsel

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