

Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association

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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

October 27, 2015

Trustees Present:

Maria DeAnda, Jim DeMartini, Michael O'Neal, Jeff Grover, Jason Gordo,

Donna Riley and Sam Sharpe

Alternate Trustee

Joan Clendenin, Alternate Retiree Representative

Trustees Absent:

Mike Lynch and Gordon Ford

Staff Present:

Rick Santos, Executive Director

Kathy Herman, Fiscal Services Manager

Dawn Lea, Member and Employer Services Manager

Kellie Gomes, Executive Board Assistant

Others Present:

Fred Silva, General Legal Counsel Ed Hoffman, Investment Consultant

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order 2:02 p.m. by Trustee DeAnda, Chair

2. Roll Call

3. Announcements

Trustee DeAnda announced that she has accepted a position away from the County and will no longer be able to serve on the StanCERA Board. Trustee DeAnda will attempt to make the November 24th meeting which would then be her last.

Director announce that Michael O'Neal volunteered to be a member of the Information Technology Improvement Project Steering Committee

4. Public Comment

None

5. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the September 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of the October 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- c. StanCERA Quarter 3 2015 Complaint Log
- d. Approval of Service Retirement(s) Sections 31499.14, 31670, 31662.2 & 31810
 - 1. Barclay, Ingrid CSA– Effective 10-15-2015
 - 2. Brizendine, Stanley HSA Effective 09-08-2015
 - 3. Canales, Vincent StanCOG Effective 09-01-2015
 - 4. Dow, Karen HSA Effective 10-17-2015
 - 5. Ferris, Michelle LIB Effective 10-05-2015
 - 6. Goepfert, Susan CEO Effective 09-24-2015
 - 7. Hoover, David CSA- Effective 10-02-2015
 - 8. Kong, Bosseba-BHRS Effective 10-03-2015
 - 9. Ramirez, Francis-DCSS-Effective 08-31-2015
 - 10. Self, Karla CSA- Effective 10-03-2015

5. Consent Items (Cont.)

- e. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) Section 31700
 - 1. Brennan, Thomas District Attorney– Effective 09-19-2015
 - 2. Bordona, Sheridan Sheriff Effective 05-15-2015
 - 3. Dayton, Jake Animal Services– Effective 05-30-2015
 - 4. De Jesus, Samantha City of Ceres Effective 04-02-2015
 - 5. Gonser, Luwieta CSA Effective 08-08-2015
 - 6. Harvick, Alexandria Assessor Effective 07-11-2015
 - 7. Magana, Antonio CSA Effective 09-11-2015
 - 8. Plante, Kristin CSA Effective 06-20-15
 - 9. Powers, Andrew Probation Effective 04-18-2015 *
 - 10. Ruezga, Jose CSA Effective 08-08-15

f. Executive Director Goals Update Quarter 3 2015

Motion was made by Trustee Riley and seconded by Trustee Gordo to approve consent items as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

- 6. Annual Update and Review Jackson Square Partners
 - a. Quarterly Value Added Report

Kevin Brown and Sharon Haymen from Jackson Square Partners gave an update on the fund, the transition from Delaware.

7. Executive Director

a. Legal/Legislation Update

Dawn Lea gave an update on the 2 pension reform initiatives that are currently in the signature gathering phase. The sponsoring group only intends to take one of the initiatives before the voters. Please see the agenda item (7a) for a broader description of the initiatives.

b. Monthly Staff Report

Please see agenda item 7b. for a summary.

c. Discussion and Action to approve the request to add CRCEA Annual Conference to the Annual Education Calendar. View

Motion was made by Trustee O'Neal and seconded by Trustee Grover to approve Trustee attendance to current and future bi-annual California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA).

Motion carried unanimously

^{*} Indicates Safety Personnel

d. Discussion and Action to Approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Adjustment for Information Technology "I.T." Project.

Motion was made by Trustee O'Neal and seconded by Trustee Grover to accept the recommended adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Administrative Budget to include \$277,000 for Information Technology consulting services

Motion carried unanimously

e. Discussion and Action to Approve the Buildout of Unfinished Space on the 6th Floor and approval of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Adjustment for this Project.

Motion was made by Trustee Gordo and seconded by Trustee O'Neal to approve the use of County General Services to serve as project manager, complete the shell of the remaining 896 sq. ft. of unfinished vacant space on the 6th floor and approve an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Administrative Budget to include \$50,000 for the total project.

Motion carried unanimously

f. Discussion and Action to Approve a Legal Research Request

Motion was made by Trustee Grover and seconded by Trustee Gordo to not retain Investment Counsel Scott Smith of Hansen Bridgett to pursue the investigation of an individual holding within the White Oak Portfolio and for staff to not engage in this investigation any further.

Motion carried unanimously

g. Discussion and Action for Consideration of State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) 2016 Legislative Proposals.

Motion was made by Trustee Grover and seconded by Trustee Riley to direct the StanCERA voting delegate to Vote as follows:

On the item regarding the ability of Systems to forgo sworn statements from members regarding personal data in lieu of same data from the plan sponsors, the StanCERA delegate to vote affirmatively.

On the item regarding the ability of Systems to seek independence by means of a general or generic code section within County Employee Retirement Law, to abstain with the request for more information.

Motion carried unanimously

8. Verus

a. Monthly Investment Performance Review for the Month Ending September 30, 2015

Total Market Value: \$1,703,550,899.

Monthly Return: -2.7% Monthly Policy Index: -1.7%

YTD Return: -4.2% YTD Policy Index: -2.9%

8. Verus (Cont.)

b. Current State of Assessment

Ed Hoffman gave the Board an update on the current state of assessment for the System including a risk assessment and implications on future expected portfolio returns given various economic scenarios.

9. Closed Session

Motion was made by Trustee Gordo and seconded by Trustee Riley to move to closed session at 3:55 p.m.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation One Case: Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association v. Buck Consultants, LLC, Mediation Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1115, 1119, 1152 Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation One Case:
 O'Neal et al v. Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association
 Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. 648469
 Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Motion was made by Trustee Gordo and seconded by Trustee Riley to move to open session at 4:10 p.m.

Nothing to report out

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

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Santos, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Fred Silva, GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL

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