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#### **BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES**

**December 8, 2010** 

Members Present: Lyn Bettencourt, Maria De Anda, Jim DeMartini,

Gordon Ford, Darin Gharat, Mike Lynch, Ron Martin,

and Clarence Willmon

**Alternate Member** 

Present: Linda Stotts-Burnett (Alternate Retiree Representative)

**Staff Present:** Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator

Kelly Cerny, Executive Secretary Hank Skau, Operations Manager

Kathy Herman, Special Projects Manager

Joyce Parker, I.T. Coordinator Kathy Johnson, Accountant

Others Present: Fred Silva, General Legal Counsel

Paul Harte, Strategic Investment Solutions (SIS), Inc., Marilyn Freeman & Elizabeth Knope, Capital Prospects

via teleconference

Lieve Mertens & Adam Lawlor, Legato Capital

Management

Robert McCrory & Graham Schmidt, EFI Actuaries Terry Withrow, Supervisor-Elect, Stanislaus County

**Board of Supervisors** 

Doris Foster & Monica Nino, County Chief Executive Office

- 1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Maria De Anda, Chair.
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Announcements

Mr. Watson introduced StanCERA's new Accountant, Kathy Johnson.

4. Public Comment

None.

#### 5. Consent Items

Motion was made by Ron Martin and seconded by Clarence Willmon to approve the following items as listed.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Lynch abstained on Item #5f.
- a. Approval of the November 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of the 2011 Calendar of Board of Retirement Meetings Including Investment Managers' Reporting Schedule
- c. Update on StanCERA's Vacant Space Activity and General Commercial Real Estate Leasing Activity in Surrounding Downtown Area
- d. Receipt of the June 30, 2010, and 2009, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- e. Audited Statements and Management Comments by Macias, Gini & O'Connell (MGO), Auditors
- f. Approval of Service Retirement(s) Sections 31499.14, 31670, 31662.2 & 31810
  - 1. Michael Absher, Probation, Effective 12-31-10
  - 2. Susan Butcher, CSA, Effective 12-01-10
  - 3. Maria De La Rosa, HSA, Effective 11-17-10
  - 4. Kevin Finnerty, Sheriff, Effective 12-13-10
  - 5. Robert Foster, Library, Effective 12-31-10
  - 6. Harry Krug, Ag Commissioner, Effective 12-21-10
  - 7. James Mulhern, Sheriff, Effective 12-01-10
  - 8. Mable Richmond, Planning, Effective 12-24-10
  - 9. Rebecca Tidrick, Alliance Worknet, Effective 12-17-10

# 6. <u>Presentation by Capital Prospects LLC of the Small Cap Value</u> Equity Portfolio Semi-Annual Performance Report

Via a teleconference Marilyn Freeman and Elizabeth Knope, Principals and Managers, presented the semi-annual investment performance report of StanCERA's U.S. small cap value equity portfolio. Capital Prospects is a a manager of managers with six managers in the portfolio. Since inception as of January 1, 2009, the portfolio started with \$49.1 million. Investment performance through September 30, 2010, is 22.54% net of fees, and since inception, is 630 basis points higher than the Russell 2000 value index benchmark. As of November 2010, total assets are approximately \$67 million, even after over \$9 million in asset reallocation withdrawals.

# 7. <u>Presentation by Legato Capital Management LLC of the Small Cap Growth Equity Portfolio Semi-Annual Performance Report</u>

Lieve Mertens, and Adam Lawlor, Portfolio Managers, presented the semi-annual investment performance report of StanCERA's U.S. small cap growth equity portfolio. Legato Capital is a manager of managers with five managers in the portfolio. Since inception as of December 22, 2008, and as of September 30, 2010, the portfolio has returned 27.25% gross of fees, above the Russell 2000 growth index benchmark return of 26.24%. As of September 30, 2010, the portfolio assets are \$55.5 million, and as of November 2010, the total assets are approximately \$59 million.

# 8. <u>Presentation by EFI Actuaries – Preliminary Actuarial Review and Analysis as of June 30, 2010</u>

# 9. <u>Staff Presentation on StanCERA's Electronic Document Management (EDM)</u> Project

#### 10. Correspondence

a. Note from Daniel W. McLaughlin, Client and Partner Group, Kohlberg, Kravis Roberts (KKR) & Co., Dated November 19, 2010

#### 11. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Action

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Internal Governance Committee, Mike Lynch, Chair
- Discussion and Action on Recommendations to Changes in StanCERA's Bylaws

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Ron Martin to approve the bylaw changes as presented, with one additional change to section 14.7 to reflect the Internal Governance Committee instead of Education Committee; and forward the bylaws onto the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Motion carried.

 ii. Discussion and Action on Attendance and Travel Costs for The Opal Financial Group's Annual Public Funds Summit, January 12-14, 2011, Scottsdale, AZ

Motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Clarence Willmon to approve attendance and travel costs for The Opal Financial Group's Annual Public Funds Summit, January 12-14, 2011, Scottsdale, AZ.

Motion carried.

## 11. Committee Reports and Recommendations for Action (Cont.)

## STANDING COMMITTEES (Cont.)

- a. Internal Governance Committee, Mike Lynch, Chair (Cont.)
  - iii. Discussion and Action on Attendance and Travel Costs for The Public Retirement Journal's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Public Retirement Seminar, February 9, 2011, Lakewood, CA

Motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Clarence Willmon to approve the attendance and travel costs for The Public Retirement Journal's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Public Retirement Seminar, February 9, 2011, Lakewood, CA.

Motion carried.

### 12. Closed Session

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Clarence Willmon to commence to Closed Session at 4:07 p.m.

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Ron Martin to return to Open Session at 4:15 p.m. Mr. Watson read the findings of the Closed Session:

 a. Discussion and Action on Administrative Recommendations on Maria G. Gentile's Applications for Service-Connected Disability and Non-Service Connected Disability Benefits

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Mike Lynch to grant Maria G. Gentile's non-service connected disability benefit effective April 23, 2010, and deny the application for the service-connected disability benefit without hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

 b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and/or Anticipated Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of section 54956.9:
 One Matter

No action taken.

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

### 14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM: FRED A. SILVA, GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL

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