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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

February 11, 2009

Members Present: Maria De Anda, Mike Fisher, Gordon Ford, Darin Gharat, Wes Hall, Mike Lynch, Ron Martin, and Clarence Willmon

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

Members Absent *Jim DeMartini*

Staff Present: Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator
Kelly Cerny, Executive Secretary
Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel
Michele Silva, Benefits Manager
Donna Wood, Confidential Assistant III

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Gordon Ford, Chair

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Announcements**

None.

4. **Public Comment**

None.

5. **Consent Items**

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Hall commented that Item #5c, The report on the Institute for International Research's (IIR) 17th Annual Public Fund Boards Forum was well done.

- a. Approval of the January 27, 2009, Investment Meeting Minutes
- b. Receipt of Report on the 832 12th St. 6th Floor Vacant Space Leasing Activities and Other Leasing Information

5. **Consent Items (cont.)**

- c. Receipt of Report on the Institute for International Research's (IIR) 17th Annual Public Fund Boards Forum, December 13-16, 2008, San Francisco, CA
- d. Approval of Service Retirement(s) – **Sections 31499.14, 31670, 31662.2 & 31810**
 - 1. Tina Anderson, Superior Courts, Effective 01-17-09
 - 2. Susan Hall, Stan. Regional 911, Effective 02-11-09
 - 3. Jane Highness, Assessor, Effective 02-04-09
 - 4. Donna Hill, District Attorney, Effective 02-28-09 (Amended 02-24-09)
 - 5. Janet James, Stan. Regional 911, Effective 02-13-09
 - 6. Julie Kauffman, Probation, Effective 01-30-09
 - 7. Patrick Kelly, Sheriff, Effective 02-03-09
 - 8. Demerise Laughlin, BHRS, Effective 02-14-09
 - 9. Connie McIlroy, Stan. Regional 911, Effective 02-11-09
 - 10. Patricia Michailoff, Sheriff, Effective 02-02-09
 - 11. Jane Preston, HSA, Effective 02-14-09
 - 12. Sonya Shipley, Fire Safety, Effective 02-06-09
 - 13. Sinat Tek, HSA, Effective 01-20-09
- e. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) – **Section 31700**
 - 1. Brooke Altamirano, CSA, Effective 10-01-08
 - 2. Kevin D. Brown, Parks & Recreation, Effective 08-12-08
 - 3. Reynaldo Campanur, Alliance Worknet, Effective 11-28-08
 - 4. Heidi Earl, Sheriff, Effective 01-02-09
 - 5. Olivia Herrera, CSA, Effective 11-23-08
 - 6. Carol Stinnett, CSA, Effective 01-02-09
 - 7. Taryn Weatherford, Sheriff, Effective 11-30-08
- f. Approval of Disability Retirement – **Section 31724**
 - 1. Gilbert Vizcarra, SBT, Non-Service-Connected, Effective 09-08-08

6. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Maria De Anda and seconded by Clarence Willmon to commence to Closed Session at 2:01 p.m.

Michele Silva recused herself at 2:01 p.m.

Tom Watson recused himself at 2:09 p.m.

Michele Silva returned at 2:48 p.m.

Tom Watson returned at 2:48 p.m.

Upon returning to Regular Session at 2:48 p.m. Mr. Ford read the findings of the Closed Session:

6. **Closed Session (cont.)**

- a. Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Mike Fisher to set Art Voortman's application for service-connected disability retirement before a hearing officer.

Motion carried unanimously by all members present.

7. **Closed Session**

- a. Motion was made by Ron Martin and seconded by Wes Hall to accept the 2008 Annual Review of the Retirement Administrator's Performance and His Goals for 2009.

Motion carried unanimously by all members present.

8. **Administrator**

- a. Change of Venue – Salida Library Community Room -- and Time – 1:00 p.m.
-- for the April 8, 2009, Board of Retirement Administrative Meeting

Mr. Watson informed the Board that the Community Room at the Salida Library is reserved for the Board's Administrative meeting on April 8, 2009. This is due to the potential interest and anticipated attendance that may arise given the actuarial report that will be presented to the public at this meeting. This meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Lynch inquired if the Board members would have the actuarial report prior to this meeting for perusal. Mr. Watson responded yes.

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

Ms. McGrath thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys' (NAPPA) 2008 Winter Seminar meetings in Washington D.C., February 4-6, 2009. Ms. McGrath said the meetings were informative and well-presented.

Mr. Lynch informed Board members he personally requested Mr. Watson to send another letter to Buck Consultants, Inc. requesting a more elaborate explanation of their previous letter received dated January 14, 2009. Mr. Lynch stated Mr. Watson has sent this letter onto Buck Consultants.

Mr. Watson informed the Board that an educational presentation to the AFSCME Local 10 was given on February 10, 2009. A Presentation of Information Impacting Future Employer and Employee Retirement Contribution Rates was presented to approximately fifteen Union representatives in attendance. Additional presentations have been scheduled for Stanislaus Superior Court on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 and SEIU on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Watson

Tom Watson, Retirement Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN P. DOERING, COUNTY COUNSEL

Deirdre McGrath

Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel