Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement Association



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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES December 18, 2018

1. <u>Call Meeting to Order</u>

Meeting called to order 1:30 p.m. by Trustee Lynch, Chair

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Darin Gharat, Mike Lynch, Sam Sharpe, Jim DeMartini, **D**onna Riley,

Jeff Grover, Michael O'Neal, Jeff Mangar and Mandip Dhillon

Trustees Absent: NONE

Alternate Trustee: Rhonda Biesemeier, Alternate Retiree Representative

Staff Present: Rick Santos, Executive Director

Natalie Elliott, Interim Fiscal Services Manager

Dawn Lea, Benefits Manager

Kellie Gomes, Executive Board Assistant

Others Present: Fred Silva, General Legal Counsel

3. Announcements

Kellie Gomes Announced two corrections to the minutes of 11/24/18: First, the minutes should reflect that Dawn Lea Benefits Manager and Chris Wisdom, Investment Officer were both present at the meeting. Second, the minutes should reflect that Trustee Gharat arrived at 1:52 p.m.

4. Public Comment

5. Consent Items

- a. Approval of the November 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- b. Monthly Staff Report
- c. Applications for Service Retirement(s) **Government Code Sections 31499.14**, **31670**, **31662.2** & **31810**
 - 1. Anderson, Randy Stanislaus County Fire Effective 12-28-18 *
 - 2. Behrens, Ellen CSA Effective 12-23-18
 - 3. Clay, Janelle DCSS Effective 12-04-18
 - 4. Cotter, Susan Workforce Development Effective 12-01-18
 - 5. Ducasse, Victor CSA Effective 12-15-18
 - 6. Espinoza, Yvonne (Keimi) Public Works Effective 12-07-18
 - 7. Galbraith, Donna CSA Effective 12-08-18
 - 8. Mikawa, Ken City of Ceres Effective 12-29-18
 - 9. Ochoa, Nelda CSA Effective 11-30-18
 - 10. Parsons, Todd Sheriff Effective 12-03-18 *
 - 11. Pavao, David Public Works Effective 12-03-18
 - 12. Rosas, Jenny HSA Effective 12-22-18
 - 13. Sako, Harvey Probation Effective 12-07-18

- c. Applications for Service Retirement(s) (Cont.) **Government Code Sections** 31499.14, 31670, 31662.2 & 31810
 - 14. Santos, Jeff City of Ceres Effective 12-16-18 *
 - 15. Swartwood, Karma CSA Effective 12-04-18
 - 16. Tucker, Jeanine Superior Court Effective 12-01-18
 - 17. Winkler, Steven Public Works Effective 12-31-18
 - * Indicates Safety Personnel
- d. Applications for Deferred Retirement(s) Government Code Section 31700
 - 1. Barter, Jason Probation Effective 06-22-18 *
 - 2. Castro, Francisca CSA Effective 10-30-18
 - 3. Hoang, Binh Thai Probation Effective 07-27-18 *
 - 4. Sindal, Bal DA Effective 09-09-18
 - 5. Soto-Cervantes, Amy Probation Effective 10-26-18
 - * Indicates Safety Personnel
- e. Application for Death Benefit Government Code Section 31781, 31781.1, 31781.3
 - 1. Hinostroza, Antonio, Sheriff's Department Effective 11-25-18 Active Member *
 - 2. Ortega, Cynthia, KCSD Effective 11-25-18 Active Member
- f. Application for Reciprocal Disability Retirement Government Code Section 31838.5
 - 1. Klinge, Joshua Police Department Effective 01-28-17 *
 - 2. Zimmerman, Jonathan Sheriff's Department Effective 02-24-18 *
- g. Application of Disability Retirement Government Code Section 31724
 - 1. Cordova, Dolores CSA Non-Service Connected Effective 02-24-18

Motion was made by Trustee Gharat and seconded by Trustee O'Neal to accept the consent items with the above mentioned corrections to the minutes made in announcements

Motion carried unanimously

- 6. <u>Investment</u>
 - a. Private Debt (Direct Lending) Education
 - b. Private Debt Fund Structure Presentation White Oak Global Advisors
 - c. Private Investment Fund Tax & Accounting Forum

7. <u>Verus – Investment Consultant</u>

a. November Flash Report

All of the above items were presented by Verus Consultant, Ed Hoffman

8. Administrative

- a. Information Technology Solutions (ITS) Project Update
- b. Board Room Committee Update
- c. Report on Earnings Allocation for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018
- d. Revised Travel and Education Policy

Motion was made by Trustee Gharat and seconded by Trustee Grover to accept the Travel Education Policy as presented

Motion carried unanimously

9. Closed Session

Motion was made by Trustee Gharat and seconded by Trustee O'Neal to go into closed session at 3:06 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

- a. Discussion and Action regarding Public Employment Government Code Section 54954.5
- 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)
- c. 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 54956.9d)(4)

Motion was made by Trustee Grover and seconded by Trustee Gharat to go into open session at 3:13 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

After discussing the performance of the Executive Director under item 9a in closed session, the issue of the Executive Director's compensation was discussed in open session.

Motion was made by Trustee Dhillon and seconded by Trustee Riley to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director Evaluation Review Committee and award Rick Santos, Director of StanCERA an increase in salary to bring him to the top of the band (approximately 3%) for this review period. This will bring the Director to the top of his band and remain eligible for all other Cost of living increases granted by the Board of Supervisors in the future.

Motion carried unanimously

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

Donna Riley Invited all to attend the swearing in ceremonies on the 7th of January at 4:00 p.m.

Rick Santos wished Dawn Lea well in retirement and congratulated her on her 22 years of service to StanCERA and many more with the County

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Santos, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Fred Silva, GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL

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