



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

SACRAMENTO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Executive Staff:

Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer

Margo Allen
Chief Operations Officer

Steve Davis
Chief Investment Officer

Keith Riddle
Chief Benefits Officer

Timothy Taylor
Chief Technology Officer

Jason Morrish
General Counsel

Members of the Board of Retirement:

James Diepenbrock, President
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Robert Aguallo, Jr., Vice President
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Keith DeVore
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Ronald Suter
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Chad Rinde
Ex Officio, Director of Finance

Alina Mangru
Elected by the Miscellaneous Members

M. Tapa Banda
Elected by the Miscellaneous Members

Brandon Gayman
Elected by the Safety Members

Chris Giboney
Elected by the Safety Members (Alternate)

Martha Hoover
Elected by the Retired Members

Dave Irish
Elected by the Retired Members (Alternate)

WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2025

10:00 A.M.

**Location: SCERS Board Room
980 9th Street, 19th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814**

Live-stream at www.scers.gov

OPEN SESSION

Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Diepenbrock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eric Stern, Chief Executive Officer, took roll call.

Board Members Present: Aguallo, DeVore, Diepenbrock, Suter, Aspesi (Ex-Officio Designee), Banda, Gayman, Giboney, Hoover, Irish, Mangru.

Board Members Absent: Rinde.

Also present: Eric Stern, Chief Executive Officer; Margo Allen, Chief Operations Officer; Steve Davis, Chief Investment Officer; Tim Taylor, Chief Technology Officer; Keith Riddle, Chief Benefits Officer; Jason Morrish, General Counsel; Jim Donohue, Deputy Chief Investment Officer; JR Pearce, Senior Retirement Investment Officer; Brian Miller, Senior Retirement Investment Officer; Kenter Ludlow, Retirement Investment Analyst, Marilee Mitchell, Senior Office Specialist (c).

Item 2. Public Comment

None.

CONSENT MATTERS—Items 3-8:

Mr. Stern addressed a question from Board Member DeVore regarding the manner of reporting in Item 7. A motion was then made by Board Member Suter, seconded by Board Member Hoover, to approve the recommendations on Consent Calendar Items 3-8. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 3. Minutes of the March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

Approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Item 4. Disability Retirement Applications

Adopt Staff's recommendations for the following Disability Retirement Applications:

- A. CLEVERINGA, Ryan (Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department): Grant a service-connected disability retirement.
- B. FRIEL, Edward (Water Quality Control Systems Technician, Department of Water Resources): Grant a service-connected disability retirement.
- C. GOBRON, Melinda (Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department): Grant a service-connected disability retirement.
- D. SAMUEL, Romeal (Human Services Program Planner, Behavioral Health Services): Grant a service-connected disability retirement with a corrected effective date.
- E. STALLWORTH, Kalili (Assistant Probation Officer, Probation Department): Grant a service-connected disability retirement.

Item 5. Ratification of Service Retirement Application Approvals—March 2025

Ratify the service retirement applications that were finalized in March 2025.

Item 6. State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Information

- A. Legislative Update—April 2025: Receive and file the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update for April 2025.
- B. Board of Directors Election: Approve the election of officers for the 2025-26 State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Board of Directors Election, as recommended by the SACRS Nominating Committee.
- C. Voting Delegates: Approve SCERS voting delegates for State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) business meetings through 2026.

Item 7. CEO Delegated Authority Expense Report—First Quarter 2025

Receive and file the CEO Delegated Authority Expense Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.

Item 8. Monthly Report of Investment Activity—March 2025

Receive and file the Monthly Report of Investment Activity for March 2025.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

Item 9. Chief Executive Officer's Report (no action requested)

Mr. Stern introduced Marilee Mitchell, new Senior Office Specialist, who will be working with the CEO and the Board. He discussed pending legislation, including AB 1383 and AB 1439. Mr. Stern next provided an update on the timeline for the Custodial Bank procurement process and finished by soliciting interest from Board members regarding Audit Committee membership.

Item 10. Chief Investment Officer's Report (no action requested)

Mr. Davis presented the Preliminary Returns for the first quarter of 2025 and went on to provide an early April update on performance given the market volatility. Mr. Davis also provided an update regarding SCERS' revised Strategic Asset Allocation, adding that Staff has begun discussions with overlay manager, SSGA.

Item 11. Chief Benefits Officer's Report (no action requested)

Mr. Riddle provided the Board with an update on the status of recently processed retirement applications and current disability retirement applications in process. Mr. Riddle concluded with a reminder of the next Retirement Planning Webinar, which is scheduled for Thursday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Item 12. Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Approve an annual budget of approximately \$23.4 million and 75 positions for fiscal year 2025-26.

Ms. Allen presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Hoover, seconded by Vice President Aguallo, to approve an annual budget of approximately \$23.4 million and 75 positions for fiscal year 2025-26. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 13. Strategic Management Plan Report—First Quarter 2025

Receive and file Strategic Management Plan Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.

Mr. Stern presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member DeVore, seconded by Vice President Aguallo, to receive and file Strategic Management Plan Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 14. Technology Report—First Quarter 2025

Receive and file Technology Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.

Mr. Taylor presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member DeVore, seconded by Board Member Suter, to receive and file Technology Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

INVESTMENT MATTERS:

Item 15. Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report—First Quarter 2025

Receive and file the Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025.

Mr. Davis presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Suter, seconded by Board Member Mangru, to receive and file the Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 16. Education: Governance Protocols

Receive and file presentation on governance protocols regarding staff delegation.

Mr. Davis presented this item with assistance from Brian Kwan of Verus. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member DeVore, seconded by Vice President Aguallo, to receive and file presentation on governance protocols regarding staff delegation. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 17. Education: Later-Life Private Equity Funds

Receive and file presentation on exit considerations for later-life private equity funds, as presented by Staff and Cliffwater.

Mr. Donohue and Jamie Feidler of Cliffwater presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Mangru, seconded by Board Member Gayman, to receive and file presentation on exit considerations for later-life private equity funds, as presented by Staff and Cliffwater. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

OTHER MATTERS:

Item 18. Comments from Members of the Board of Retirement

None.

President Diepenbrock requested clarification from Mr. Morrish regarding closed session. Mr. Morrish indicated that Item 19 was withdrawn, and that Item 20 was withdrawn as a result of the Board's actions on Item 4.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 19. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), this session shall be closed for the Board to discuss formally initiated litigation to which SCERS is a party: *SCERS vs. Telus Health (US) Ltd.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:24-cv-01431-JAM-DB.

Item 20. PERSONNEL MATTERS—EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), this session shall be closed for the Board to discuss the employment of public employees, specifically, the disability retirement applicants referenced in Item 4, above. This item will be withdrawn in whole or in part if approved on Consent as recommended by staff.

ADJOURNMENT

President Diepenbrock adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.



Retirement Board Order

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

**Before the Board of Retirement
May 21, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM:

Minutes of the April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT hereby approves the recommendation of staff to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on May 21, 2025, by the following vote of the Board of Retirement, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ALTERNATES:

(Present but not voting)

James Diepenbrock
Board President

Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer and
Board Secretary