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Chief Technology Officer

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

SACRAMENTO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Members of the Board of Retirement:

Chris Giboney, President
Elected by the Safety Members (Alternate)

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

Keith DeVore
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

James Diepenbrock
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. Tepa Banda
Elected by the Miscellaneous Members

Brandon Gayman
Elected by the Safety Members

Martha Hoover
Elected by the Retired Members

Dave Irish
Elected by the Retired Members (Alternate)

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 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 Giboney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eric Stern, Chief Executive Officer, took roll call.

Board Members Present: Aguallo, DeVore, Suter, Aspesi (Ex-Officio Designee), Gayman, Giboney, Hoover, Irish, Mangru (arrived at 10:03 a.m.).

Board Members Absent: Diepenbrock, Banda.

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; Brian Miller, Senior Retirement Investment Officer; Karen McMillen, Retirement Investment Officer; Kenter Ludlow, Retirement Investment Analyst; Marilee Mitchell, Senior Office Specialist (c).

Item 2. Public Comment

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board may be addressed by the general public at the start of the meeting. Total meeting time allotted for the Public Comment item is up to fifteen (15) minutes.

None. Mr. Stern introduced the Benefits team to the Board to recognize them for their efforts in bringing retirement applications current.

CONSENT MATTERS–Items 3-10:

Consent matters are acted upon as one unit. If the Chair removes an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion, it will be heard at the appropriate time. If an item containing one or more recommendations to the Board is approved on Consent, the recommendation(s) therein are approved.

Mr. Morrish addressed a question from Board Member Irish regarding voting in the absences of Board Members Banda and Diepenbrock. Mr. Suter acknowledged the 54-year career of retiring SETA employee Paula Wennesheimer. A motion was then made by Board Member Suter, seconded by Board Member DeVore, to approve the recommendations on Consent Calendar Items 3-10. **(Adopted 8-0.)**

Item 3. Minutes of the July 30-31, 2025 Special Meetings
Approve the minutes of the July 30-31, 2025 Special Meetings.

Item 4. Minutes of the August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting
Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Item 5. Disability Retirement Applications
Adopt Staff's recommendations for the following Disability Retirement Applications:

A. DEAVER, Jeanette: (Human Services Specialist, Department of Human Assistance): Deny a service-connected disability retirement.

B. THOMAS, Edrak (Deputy Clerk, Superior Court): Grant a non-service-connected disability retirement.

Item 6. Ratification of Service Retirement Application Approvals—August 2025
Ratify the service retirement applications that were finalized in August 2025.

Item 7. State Association of County Retirement Systems Legislative Update—September 2025
Receive and file the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update for September 2025.

Item 8. Sacramento County Department of Personnel Services Memorandum of Understanding
Amend Memorandum of Understanding between SCERS and the County Department of Personnel Services regarding the County Retiree Health Care Program to facilitate information sharing and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the document on behalf of SCERS.

Item 9. Board Polices
Approve technical and clarifying amendments to the following policies:

A. Records Retention Policy

B. Board Elections Policy

Item 10. Monthly Report of Investment Activity—August 2025
Receive and file the Monthly Report of Investment Activity for August 2025.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

Item 11. Chief Executive Officer's Report (no action requested)
Mr. Stern announced that the Board election for one Miscellaneous Representative seat is underway with ballots due September 26. Election results will be announced on October 7.

Item 12. Chief Investment Officer's Report (no action requested)
Mr. Davis stated that Ardian Investments, which manages a co-investment program for SCERS, will provide an update of the portfolio at the next Board meeting, and that Staff will also provide insights regarding the status of the co-investment program.

Item 13. 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 gave an update on the recent pension planning presentation to the Department of Water Resources at their facility located in South Sacramento. The Benefits team will also participate in a SacSewer Benefit fair in Rancho Cordova and has been invited by the County EBO to participate in several open enrollment benefit fairs next month at their various County locations for both active employees and retirees. The next retirement planning webinar is scheduled for September 18.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Item 14. Strategic Management Plan Report—Second Quarter 2025
Receive and file an update on activities and progress related to the 2025 Strategic Management Plan for the quarter ended June 30, 2025.

Mr. Stern presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice-President Aguallo, seconded by Board Member Mangru to receive and file update on activities and progress related to the 2025 Strategic Management Plan for the quarter ended June 30, 2025. **(Adopted 8-0.)**

Item 15. Education: Participating Employer Membership Process
Receive and file presentation on process for special districts to join SCERS as participating employers.

Mr. Stern presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member DeVore, seconded by Board Member Hoover, to receive and file the presentation on process for special districts to join SCERS as participating employers. (**Adopted 8-0.)**

Item 16. Ad Hoc Compensation Committee

Establish Ad Hoc Compensation Committee and appoint committee members.

Mr. Stern presented this item. Following discussion, President Giboney appointed Vice President Aguallo and Board Members DeVore, Mangru, and Rinde to the proposed Ad Hoc Compensation Committee. No formal action was taken by the Board.

INVESTMENT MATTERS:

Item 17. Liquidity Study

Receive and file the liquidity study and cash-flow profile of SCERS' portfolio, as presented by Verus.

Mr. Davis presented this item with assistance from John Nicolini of Verus. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Gayman, seconded by Vice-President Aguallo, to receive and file the liquidity study and cash-flow profile of SCERS' portfolio, as presented by Verus. **(Adopted 8-0.)**

Item 18. Investment Performance Report—Alternative Assets

Receive and file the Investment Performance Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 for the Absolute Return portfolio, and the quarter ended March 31, 2025 for the Private Equity, Private Credit, and Real Assets portfolios, as presented by Cliffwater, LLC.

Jamie Feidler of Cliffwater presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Suter, seconded by Board Member DeVore, to approve the Investment Performance Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 for the Absolute Return portfolio, and the quarter ended March 31, 2025 for the Private Equity, Private Credit, and Real Assets portfolios, as presented by Cliffwater, LLC. **(Adopted 8-0.)**

Item 19. Investment Performance Report—Real Estate

Receive and file the Investment Performance Report on real estate investments for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 as presented by Townsend Group.

Mr. Davis introduced Chris Cunningham and Richard Brown of the Townsend Group, who presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Aguallo, seconded by Board Member Suter, to receive and file the Investment Performance Report on real estate investments for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 as presented by Townsend Group. **(Adopted 8-0.)**

OTHER MATTERS:

Item 20. Comments from Members of the Board of Retirement

At Mr. Stern's request, Board Members offered feedback regarding the Investment Forum held on September 16, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. Members of the Board generally expressed interest in holding the event annually at the same location.

President Giboney requested clarification from Mr. Morrish regarding closed session. Mr. Morrish indicated that Items 21 and 22 were withdrawn, and that Item 23 was withdrawn as a result of the Board's action on Item 5.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 21. 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 22. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), this session shall be closed for the Board to discuss a decision whether to initiate litigation in one (1) case.

Item 23. 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 5, above. This item will be withdrawn in whole or in part if approved on Consent as recommended by staff.

ADJOURNMENT

President Giboney adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.