Members of the Board of Retirement:

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

Ronald Suter, Vice President
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Robert Aguallo, Jr.
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Keith DeVore
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Cyril Shah
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)

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

SACRAMENTO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Executive Staff:

Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer

Marcus Pimentel
Chief Operations Officer

Steve Davis
Chief Investment Officer

Keith Riddle
Chief Benefits Officer

Timothy Taylor
Chief Technology Officer

Jason Morrish
General Counsel

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2026

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: Giboney, Suter, Aguallo, DeVore, Rinde, Banda, Mangru, Hoover, Irish, Shah (arrived at 10:03 a.m.), Gayman (arrived at 10:39 a.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Also present: Eric Stern, Chief Executive Officer; Margo Allen, outgoing Chief Operations Officer; Marcus Pimentel, Chief Operations Officer; Steve Davis, Chief Investment Officer; Keith Riddle, Chief Benefits Officer; Jason Morrish, General Counsel; Jim Donohue, Deputy Chief Investment Officer; Omar Martin, Senior Retirement Investment Officer; Karen McMillen, Retirement Investment Officer; Marilee Mitchell, Executive Secretary.

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.

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.

A motion was made by Board Member Rinde, seconded by Board Member Hoover, to approve the recommendations on Consent Calendar Items 3-10. **(Adopted 8-0 as to Items 3 and 5-9; Adopted 6-0 as to Item 4; Board Members Banda and Suter abstained.)**

Item 3. Minutes of the September 15, 2026 Special Board Meeting
Approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Special Board Meeting.

Item 4. Minutes of the September 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
Approve the minutes of the September 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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

A. ESPINETA, Joseph (Sanitation District Maintenance and Operations Technician, Sacramento Area Sewer District): Grant a service-connected disability retirement.

Item 6. Ratification of Service Retirement Application Approvals—September 2026
Ratify the service retirement applications that were finalized in September 2026.

Item 7. State Association of County Retirement Systems Legislative Update—October 2026
Receive and file the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update for October 2026.

Item 8. CEO Delegated Authority Expense Report—Third Quarter 2026
Receive and file the CEO Delegated Authority Expense Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2026.

Item 9. Sick Leave Conversion Policy
Approve clarifying and conforming amendments to the Sick Leave Conversion Policy.

Item 10. Monthly Report of Investment Activity—September 2026
Receive and file the Monthly Report of Investment Activity for September 2026.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Stern announced that preliminary results of the actuarial valuation show a funded status of 102.4% as of June 30, 2026, up from 93.5% the prior fiscal year. Segal will present the valuation and 2027-28 contribution rates at the December board meeting; employer rates will likely be decreasing for the fifth year in a row.

Mr. Stern provided updates on legislation, as noted in Item 7:

- Governor Newsom vetoed AB 1383, which would have enhanced Safety benefit formulas and increased the cap on pensionable compensation.
- The Governor signed AB 2780, the SACRS-sponsored bill, which clarifies that deferred members cannot run for or vote in active member Miscellaneous and Safety trustee elections; establishes a 10-year statute of limitations for recovery of overpayments due to fraudulent reports of overpaid death benefits; and defines "concurrent retirement" to allow reciprocal members to retire on different dates within 30 days of each retirement date.
- The Governor also signed AB 1619, which creates a path to increase the trustee per diem from $100 to $320 per meeting. Mr. Stern said he would bring the per diem issue back to the board in early 2027.

Mr. Stern highlighted key agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- The November 18th meeting traditionally is a strategic planning and investment planning meeting. The Board will also discuss the meeting calendar for 2027, including the possibility of changing meeting locations, starting earlier, and providing tablets to trustees.
- The December 16th meeting will include agenda items on the audited financial statements, the actuarial valuation, and a global equity manager recommendation. The Board may also be asked to consider a special meeting in early December to separately consider the LRS PensionGold proposal.

Item 12. Chief Investment Officer's Report

Receive and file Chief Investment Officer's Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2026.

Mr. Davis presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Suter, seconded by Board Member Mangru, to receive and file the Chief Investment Officer's Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2026. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 13. Chief Benefits Officer's Report (no action requested)

Mr. Riddle provided an update on current applications for retirement in process and wellness check results. Open Enrollment benefit fairs will continue through the end of October. SCERS is hosting a mid-career webinar on Oct 28th at 12:00 pm. On October

29, the SCERS staff will be participating in the county giving campaign 5k run. The next joint webinar is on December 10th.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Item 14. Pension Administration System Review
Receive and file report on Gartner's independent review of the LRS PensionGold Pre-Engagement Analysis and Implementation Proposal.

Mr. Taylor presented this item with assistance from John Dugan of Gartner. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member DeVore, seconded by Board Member Rinde, to receive and file the report on Gartner's independent review of the LRS PensionGold Pre-Engagement Analysis and Implementation Proposal. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 15. Technology Report—Third Quarter 2026
Receive and file Technology Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2026.

Mr. Taylor presented this item with assistance from Mr. Pimentel. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Aguallo, seconded by Vice-President Suter, to receive and file the Technology Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2026. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 16. State Association of County Retirement Systems Legislative Proposals for 2027
Approve legislative proposals for 2027, as recommended by the SACRS Board of Directors.

Mr. Stern presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Rinde, seconded by Vice-President Suter, to approve legislative proposals for 2027, as recommended by the SACRS Board of Directors. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

BENEFITS MATTERS:

Item 17. Education: Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustments
Receive and file educational presentation on the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) framework under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL).

Mr. Stern presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Rinde, seconded by Board Member Gayman, to receive and file the educational presentation on the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) framework under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL). **(Adopted 9-0.)**

INVESTMENT MATTERS:

Item 18. Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report—Third Quarter 2026
Receive and file the Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2026.

Mr. Davis presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Aguallo, seconded by Vice-President Suter, to receive and file the Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2026. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

OTHER MATTERS:

Item 19. Comments from Members of the Board of Retirement

Vice-President Suter inquired about the proposed special meeting in December to further discuss LRS and PensionGold. Mr. Stern confirmed a special meeting would be appropriate only with robust attendance by the Board.

Mr. Stern asked Board Member Shah and Board Member Irish to elaborate on their experiences during the CALAPRS Principles of Pension Governance for Trustees in August. Board Member Shah noted a difference in curriculum compared to other organizations and found it relevant. Board Member Irish noted that the curriculum seemed more condensed than in previous CALAPRS trainings and also found it relevant, even as an experienced Board Member. Board Member Shah added that CALAPRS leadership is very involved and looking for feedback to consider when building future courses.

President Giboney commented that the Q&A contained in the recent SCERS newsletter was incredibly helpful and inquired on the process of individuals coming to SCERS' system from other retirement systems.

Board Member Aguallo provided an update on the recent CALAPRS Trustees Roundtable that was also attended by Board Member Hoover. While acknowledging that SCERS' administration and training is in a good place, he suggested that the Board also consider a mentorship program for new trustees and SCERS-issued tablets for Board Members for the purpose of reviewing materials and attending online meetings.

Vice-President Suter requested an update on the timeline for the CEO Performance Evaluation process. Mr. Stern indicated that materials would be provided to Board Members on a web-based program on or around Oct 31st.

During discussion, at 12:12 p.m., President Giboney requested clarification from Mr. Morrish regarding closed session, who indicated that Item 20 was withdrawn, and Item 21 was withdrawn as a result of the Board's action on Item 5.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 20. 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 21. 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 12:18 p.m.

Retirement Board Order

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

Before the Board of Retirement
November 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Minutes of the October 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT hereby approves the Staff recommendation to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2026 Regular Meeting.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on November 18, 2026 by the following vote of the Board of Retirement, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ALTERNATES (Present but not voting):

_____
Chris Giboney
Board President

_____
Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer and
Board Secretary