

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF RETIREMENT  
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
9:30 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

Chair Tagaloa called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.

Attendance was as follows:

Present in Person: Adele Tagaloa, Chair; Roger Hilton, Chris Prevatt, Richard Oates, Wayne Lindholm, Arthur Hidalgo, Jeremy Vallone, Shari Freidenrich

Present via Zoom (under  
Government Code  
Section 54953(f)):

Also Present: Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations; Manuel Serpa, General Counsel; Molly Murphy, CIO; Tracy Bowman, Director of Finance; Cynthia Hockless, Director of Human Resources; Jenny Sadoski, Director of IT; David Kim, Director of Internal Audit; Will Tsao, Director of EPMO; Nicole McIntosh, Director of Disability; David Beeson, Director of Investment; Jeff Lamberson, Director of Member Services; Silviu Ardeleanu, Director of Member Services; Mary-Joy Coburn, Director of Communications; Jim Doezie, Contracts Administrator; Jennifer Reyes, Finance Manager; Anthony Beltran, Audio-Visual Technician; Carolyn Nih, Recording Secretary

Guests: Maytak Chin, ReedSmith

Absent: Shawn Dewane, Charles Packard, Vice Chair

**CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>BENEFITS</b>
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**C-1 OPTION 4 RETIREMENT ELECTION**

**Recommendation:** Grant election of retirement benefit payment, Option 4, based on Segal Consulting's actuarial report.

- None

**ADMINISTRATION**

**C-2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes.

**MOTION** by Mr. Lindholm, **seconded** by Mr. Hilton, to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

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**DISABILITY/MEMBER BENEFITS AGENDA**

**9:30 AM**

**OPEN SESSION**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Disability Committee Recommendations:**

**NONE**

**B. CEO Recommendations:**

**NONE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

*The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:37 a.m.*

**DA-2: ROBERT SZEWCZYK**

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff’s Department (Safety)

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve and adopt the findings and recommendations of the Hearing Officer as set forth in the Summary and Analysis of the Evidence and Issues, Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law dated November 15, 2023 (Recommendation) wherein the Hearing Officer recommended that the Board deny the Applicant (Robert Szewczyk) service-connected disability retirement.

**DA-3: MINH TAM THI LUONG**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board grant Minh Tam Thi Luong’s application for service-connected disability retirement with an effective date of April 26, 2019.

**DA-4: EDER PALMA**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board take action to comply with the Writ of Mandamus issued by the Superior Court. The Writ requires OCERS to: (1) set aside its denial of petitioner Eder Palma’s application for service-connected disability retirement, (2) grant petitioner a service-connected disability retirement and pay his allowance retroactive to the date

following the last day he received regular compensation from the County, and (3) file with the court a Return on the Writ demonstrating compliance. These actions must be completed by March 21, 2024.

**OPEN SESSION**

*The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:56 a.m.*

*Recording Secretary did not administer the Roll Call attendance, but noted the attendance of Ms. Freidenrich, Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Lindholm, Mr. Oates, Mr. Prevatt, Mr. Vallone, and Chair Tagaloa.*

**REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION-** Mr. Serpa reported out that DA-2 was pulled from consideration to return to a future Board meeting in the next 60 days. Mr. Serpa also shared that the Board also approved the staff recommendation for both DA-3 and DA-4 by unanimous vote.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A-2 2024 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT**

*Presentation by Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO of External Operations, OCERS; Andy Yeung, and Paul Angelo, Segal*

**Recommendation:** Adjust all applicable benefit allowances by 3% effective April 1, 2024, and bank .5%, in accordance with Government Code section 31870.1, resulting from the 3.48% change to CPI in calendar year 2023.

**MOTION** by Mr. Hilton, **seconded** by Mr. Hidalgo, to approve staff recommendations.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**A-3 SACRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS 2024-2025**

*Presentation by Manuel Serpa, Deputy General Counsel, OCERS*

**Recommendation:** Identify one or more nominees for the SACRS Board of Directors election to be conducted on May 10, 2024; and direct staff to submit the nomination(s) to the SACRS Nominating Committee on or before March 1, 2024.

**MOTION** by Mr. Hilton, **seconded** by Mr. Prevatt, to nominate Ms. Tagaloa to serve as Vice President of the SACRS Board.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Each of the following informational items will be presented to the Board for discussion.

**I-1 2023 EMPLOYEE, MANAGER AND INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR**

*Presentation by Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer, OCERS*

CEO Delaney presented Employee of the Year, Zaida Miramontes, Manager of the Year, Jennifer Reyes, and Innovator of the Year, Noemi Zajzon, to the Board and shared about their contributions to the OCERS team.

*The Board recessed for break at 10:07 a.m.*

*The Board reconvened from break at 10:26 a.m.*

*Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.*

**I-2 OCERS PENSION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM (V-3): A CONTINUING UPDATE**

*Presentation by Jenny Sadoski, Director of IT, & Jeff Lamberson, Director of Member Services, OCERS*

Ms. Jenny Sadoski and Mr. Jeff Lamberson presented on the benefits and obstacles of using V3 in its current state/version. They also shared efforts working with other membership employers to ease the efforts to maneuver towards an upgraded/updated Pension Administration System (PAS) iteration. CEO Delaney indicated that future presentations would include a discussion on risk in March 2024 and a discussion on timeline and funds in April 2024.

**I-3 VISION 2030- MEMBER SERVICES 2023 AUTOMATION PRESENTATION**

*Presentation by Jeff Lamberson, Director of Member Services, OCERS*

Mr. Jeff Lamberson shared about the 2 bots that were created in 2023 and what they achieve for the member services division.

**I-4 ACTUARIAL SERVICES KEY PERSONNEL CHANGE**

*Presentation by Manuel Serpa, General Counsel, OCERS*

Mr. Serpa notes that while our contract ends December 2025 and we can extend the contract for another 3 years, Segal Key Personnel, Mr. Paul Angelo has announced his retirement scheduled to begin October 2024. Mr. Angelo from Segal assures that the new team will maintain stability for our organization.

**I-5 OUTCOMES FROM BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING: DECEMBER 21, 2023**

*Presentation by Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations, OCERS*

Ms. Shott reported out the highlights from the Building Committee Meeting from December 2023. She notes that the committee decided on a 72,000 sq ft plan, requesting to qualify for exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and avoiding a parking structure while maintaining code for parking. We received six applications for statement of qualification (SOQ) for design build entities (DBE). After evaluation, four firms/applications have been placed on the short list, and now the Request for Proposal (RFP) is out to the four firms.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

The following are written reports that will not be discussed unless a member of the Board requests discussion.

**R-1 MEMBER MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

Application Notices  
Death Notices

February 21, 2024  
February 21, 2024

**R-2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- December 2023- Audit Committee Minutes

**R-3 CEO FUTURE AGENDAS AND 2024 OCERS BOARD WORK PLAN**

Written Report

**R-4 QUIET PERIOD – NON-INVESTMENT CONTRACTS**

Written Report

**R-5 BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Report

**R-6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Written Report

**R-7 OVERPAID AND UNDERPAID PLAN BENEFITS – 2023 REPORT**

Written Report

**R-8 2024 STAR COLA COST POSTING**

Written Report

**R-9 2023 BUSINESS PLAN – END OF YEAR REPORT**

Written Report

**R-10 ANNUAL REPORT OF CONTRACTS GREATER THAN \$100,000**

Written Report

**R-11 2023 POLICY COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Written Report

**R-12 UPDATE BOARD ELECTIONS: SAFETY MEMBER, ALTERNATE SAFETY MEMBER AND GENERAL MEMBER**

Written Report

**R-13 REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE- DENA GUNSOLLEY- HRO TODAY**

Written Report

**R-14 GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Written Report

**R-15 AMERICAN ADVERTISING AWARDS FOR THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Written Report

**R-16 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

Written Report

**R-17 OCERS TRAVEL POLICY APPROVED CONFERENCES LIST**  
Written Report

**R-18 REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE- KWAME ADDO- SCCE REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
Written Report

**CIO COMMENTS-** Ms. Murphy reminds the Board that IC has been moved to March and asks for availability for last half of July for ad hoc IC Meeting. She notes that the markets have been off to a strong start. Markets are anticipating robust numbers pending earning filings on several technology stocks. OCERS’ net return for the end of 2023 is 11.44%.

*The Board adjourned to closed session at 11:42 a.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**E-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))**  
One potential case

**Recommendation:** Take appropriate action.

*The Board returned from Closed Session at 12:19 p.m.*

*Recording Secretary did not administer the Roll Call attendance, but noted the attendance of Ms. Freidenrich, Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Lindholm, Mr. Oates, Mr. Prevatt, Mr. Vallone, and Chair Tagaloo.*

**REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION-** no reportable actions taken

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS-** None

**COUNSEL COMMENTS-** Mr. Serpa reminds the Trustees to complete the ReedSmith evaluation survey as Mr. Doezie has shared.

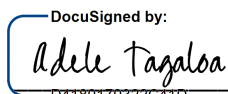
**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-** Mr. Hidalgo reminds Trustees to complete their Form 700.

Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 12:24 p.m. in memory of active members, retired members, and surviving spouses who passed away this passed month.

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Secretary to the Board

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