

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE INSURANCE, BENEFITS &

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

8:30 A.M. – 8:55 A.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

This meeting was conducted by the Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee both in person and by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953(f)

COMMITTEE TRUSTEES

PRESENT: Les Robbins, Chair (In-Person)

Shawn R. Kehoe, Trustee (In-Person)

Ronald Okum, Trustee (In-Person)

ABSENT: Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair

JP Harris, Alternate Trustee

OTHER BOARD OF RETIREMENT TRUSTEES

Alan Bernstein, Trustee (In-Person) *(arrived at 8:45 a.m.)*

Keith Knox, Trustee (In-Person)

Antonio Sanchez, Trustee (In-Person)

Herman B. Santos, Trustee (In-Person)

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STAFF, ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer

Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

Segal Consulting

Michael Szeto, Sr. Actuarial Associate

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 8:30 a.m.

II. PROCEDURE FOR TELECONFERENCE MEETING ATTENDANCE UNDER AB 2449, California Government Code Section 54953(f)

A. Just Cause

B. Action on Emergency Circumstance Requests

C. Statement of Persons Present at AB 2449 Teleconference Locations

There were no requests received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2023

Trustee Kehoe made a motion, Trustee Okum seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2023. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Kehoe, Okum, Robbins

No: None

Absent: Gray, Harris

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

A. **H.R. 82 – Social Security Fairness Act of 2023**

Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt a “Support” position on H.R. 82, which would enact the “Social Security Fairness Act of 2023.” (Memo dated September 20, 2023)

Trustee Kehoe made a motion, Trustee Robbins seconded, to approve staff recommendation. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Kehoe, Okum, Robbins

No: None

Absent: Gray, Harris

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

B. **S. 597 – Social Security Fairness Act**

Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt a “Support” position on S. 597, which would enact the “Social Security Fairness Act.” (Memo dated September 22, 2023)

Trustee Okum made a motion, Trustee Kehoe seconded, to approve staff recommendation. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Kehoe, Okum, Robbins

No: None

Absent: Gray, Harris

VI. REPORTS

A. **Engagement Report for September 2023**

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer
(For Information Only)

The engagement report was discussed. This item was received and filed.

B. **Staff Activities Report for September 2023**

Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare
(For Information Only)

The staff activities report was discussed. This item was received and filed.

C. **LACERA Claims Experience**

Debbie Donaldson, Segal Consulting
(For Information Only)

The LACERA Claims Experience reports through August were discussed. This item was received and filed.

VI. REPORTS (Continued)

D. **Federal Legislation**

Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting
(For Discussion Purposes)

Segal Consulting had nothing to report on federal legislation.

VII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

(This item summarizes requests and suggestions by individual trustees during the meeting for consideration by staff. These requests and suggestions do not constitute approval or formal action by the Board, which can only be made separately by motion on an agenda item at a future meeting.)

Trustees Kehoe and Santos requested that the Board be advised should trustee support be beneficial in LACERA's legislative efforts.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

(This item provides an opportunity for trustees to identify items to be included on a future agenda as permitted under the Board's Regulations.)

There was nothing to report.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For Information Purposes Only)

There was nothing to report.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

***The Board of Retirement has adopted a policy permitting any member of the Board to attend a standing committee meeting open to the public. In the event five or more members of the Board of Retirement (including members appointed to the Committee) are in attendance, the meeting shall constitute a joint meeting of the Committee and the Board of Retirement. Members of the Board of Retirement who are not members of the Committee may attend and participate in a meeting of a Board Committee but may not vote on any matter discussed at the meeting. The only action the Committee may take at the meeting is approval of a recommendation to take further action at a subsequent meeting of the Board.**