

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

8:33 A.M. – 9:06 A.M., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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)

Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair (In-Person) *(arrived at 8:57)*

Shawn R. Kehoe, Trustee (In-Person) *(arrived at 8:35)*

Ronald Okum, Trustee (In-Person)

JP Harris, Alternate Trustee (In-Person)

OTHER BOARD OF RETIREMENT TRUSTEES

Alan Bernstein, Trustee (In-Person) *(arrived at 8:40 a.m.)*

Elizabeth Ginsberg, Alternate Ex-Officio (In-Person)

Herman B. Santos, Trustee (In-Person)

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

Stephen Murphy, Sr. Vice President

Debbie Donaldson, Sr. Vice President

Michael Szeto, Sr. Actuarial Associate

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 8:33 a.m. As Trustees Gray and Kehoe had not yet joined the meeting, the Chair announced that Trustee Harris, as the alternate would be a voting member of the Committee.

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 October 5, 2023

Trustee Okum made a motion, Trustee Harris seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2023. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Okum, Harris, Robbins

No: None

Absent: Gray, Kehoe

(Trustee Kehoe arrived after the vote had been taken on the minutes)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

A. **Federal Engagement – Visit with Congress**

Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement (1) Approve a visit with Congress by Board trustees as designated by the Chair of the Board of Retirement and by staff as designated by the Chief Executive Officer during the week of January 22, 2024, in Washington, D.C., and (2) Approve reimbursement of all travel costs incurred in accordance with LACERA’s Trustee Travel Policy. (Memo dated October 24, 2023)

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

Yes: Kehoe, Okum, Harris, Robbins

No: None

Absent: Gray

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

- B. **H.R. 4260 – Public Servants Protection and 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. 4260, which would enact the “Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act of 2023.”
(Memo dated October 20, 2023)

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

Yes: Kehoe, Okum, Harris, Robbins

No: None

Absent: Gray

- C. **H.R. 5342 – Equal Treatment of Public Servants 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. 5342, which would enact the “Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2023.”
(Memo dated October 20, 2023)

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

Yes: Kehoe, Okum, Harris, Robbins

No: None

Absent: Gray

(Trustee Gray arrived after the votes had been taken on the non-consent items)

VI. REPORTS

A. **Engagement Report for October 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 October 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**

Michael Szeto, Segal Consulting
(For Information Only)

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

D. **Federal Legislation**

Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting
(For Discussion Purposes)

Segal Consulting had nothing new 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.)

There was nothing to report.

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.

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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 9:06 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.**