

APPROVED

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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

9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

This meeting was conducted by the Board of Retirement both in person and by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953 (f).

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Les Robbins, Chair

Ronald Okum, Vice Chair

Shawn R. Kehoe, Secretary (Alternate Seventh Member)

Jason E. Green (Joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.)

Nancy Durazo

Bobbie Fesler

JP Harris (Alternate Retired)

Elizabeth Ginsberg

Aleen Langton

Wayne Moore

David Ryu (Joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.)

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Luis A. Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer

Jonathan Grabel, Chief Investment Officer

Jude Perez, Deputy Chief Investment Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Ted Granger, Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Glenn Ehresmann, Medical Advisor

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

Allison Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel

Tamara Caldwell, Disability Retirement Manager

Louis Gittens, Benefits Division Manager

Milliman,
Craig Glyde, Actuary

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 9:04 a.m. in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Harris led the Trustees and staff in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. 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 was nothing to report. No trustees participated under Section 54953(f).

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2025

Trustee Okum made a motion, Trustee Kehoe seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2025. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Okum, Robbins

Abstain: Moore

Absent: Ryu

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

VI. EXECUTIVE UPDATE

A. LACERA All Stars

Mr. Popowich announced the winners for the month: Jan Bautista, Jay Lee, Laura Or, Maisha Coulter. The Web Watcher winner was Ana Chang.

B. Member Spotlight

Mr. Popowich recognized LACERA member, Alicia E. Lozano.

C. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Lugo provided a brief presentation on the Chief Executive Officer's Report and answered questions from the Board.

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Kehoe, seconded by Trustee Okum, the Board of Retirement approved a service-connected disability retirement for the following named employees who met the burden of establishing permanent

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incapacity from the performance of their usual duties and a real and measurable connection between their incapacity and employment.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
681E	GALARNEAU, DEAN P.
682E	GULIYEV, FAHRI M.
683E	RODRIGUEZ, VERONICA
684E*	LEZAMA PEREZ, LUIS S.
685E	LUPIAN, FRAY M.
686E	SMITH, AMORE
687E**	SATTERFIELD, JOHN L., JR.
688E	SALINAS, ALBERTO
689E	INFANTE, DAVID A.
690E	RIVERA-MACIAS, MARTHA A.
691E	BRINGAS, PETER E.
692E	ELLIOTT, GEOFFREY A.
693E*	VALENZUELA, JAIME
694E	MARTEL, LAURA
695E	LOGAN, SEAN P.
696E	COLITTI, STEVEN J.
697E	WINFIELD, GARY J.
698E	JIMENEZ, ISMAEL
699E	TISCARENO, JAVIER

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum, Robbins

Absent: Ryu

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

**Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

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Safety Fire, Lifeguards

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Okum, seconded by Trustee Kehoe, the Board of Retirement approved a service-connected disability retirement for the following named employees who met the burden of establishing permanent incapacity from the performance of their usual duties and a real and measurable connection between their incapacity and employment.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1966B*	DEAGON, KEITH J.
1967B	CASTILLEJO, JEFFREY A.
1968B	GREENLEE, THOMAS M.
1969B**	LEVASSEUR, BRIAN (DEC'D)
1970B	IMBRENDA, TONY J.
1971B	BAYER, DEAN A.
1972B	ARVIZU, JON A.
1973B	HOWELL, ERIC M.
1974B	ROMO, WILLIAM V.
1975B	FRESCAS, BILL E.
1976B	VALENZUELA, GILBERT
1977B	PRYOR, RICHARD E.
1978B	HEAGLE, KYLE E.
1979B	DOWTY, ANTHONY M.
1980B	DRC-2402-01642

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum,
Robbins

Absent: Ryu

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

**Granted SCD – Survivor Benefit

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Okum, seconded by Trustee Langton, the Board of Retirement made a motion to approve a service-connected disability

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retirement for the following named employees who met the burden of establishing permanent incapacity from the performance of their usual duties and a real and measurable connection between their incapacity and employment.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2950C	LEE, HYEJOO K.
2951C*	TURNER, THERESA A.
2952C*	THOMAS, SABRINA Y.
2953C**	LUNDY, EILEEN
2954C	MORAN, RENE
2955C	IGWE, ROSE N.
2956C*	MONREAU, G GILLIAN
2957C	FIERROS, DANIEL
2958C	STANTON, PHILIP
2959C	PASCUAL, AIDA L.
2960C**	CHANG, ROBERT
2961C***	GUYNESS, STANLEY L. (DEC'D)
2962C	RENTERIA, VERONICA
2963C	LEE, GINA C.
2964C	LLIBRE, SANDRA
2965C	SHAFFER, BRENDA V.
2966C	MUNIZ, CLAUDIA
2967C*	HO, TAY A.
2968C****	TE, SHERRY

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum, Robbins

Absent: Ryu

*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

**Granted SCD – Retroactive

***Granted SCD – Survivor Benefit

****Granted SCD – Salary Supplement

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(Continued)

General Members

Nonservice-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Okum, seconded by Trustee Langton, the Board of Retirement made a motion to approve a nonservice-connected disability retirement for the following named employee who met the burden of establishing permanent incapacity from the performance of her usual duties.

APPLICATION NO.

4514*

4515

NAME

ESPINOZA, CARRIE M

FRANCISCO, KATRINA R.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum,
Robbins

Absent: Ryu

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Harris made a motion, Trustee Okum seconded, to approve consent items A-E. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum,
Robbins

Absent: Ryu

A. **Ratification of Service Retirement and Survivor Benefit
Application Approvals**

Recommendation that the Board approve the service retirements and survivor benefit applications received as of July 1, 2025, along with any retirement rescissions and/or changes approved at last month's Board meeting. (Memo dated July 1, 2025)

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

- B. **Dismiss with Prejudice the Appeal of Carlos H. Fernandez**
Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Carlos H. Fernandez's appeal for service-connected disability retirement. (Memo dated June 5, 2025)
- C. **Dismiss with Prejudice the Appeal of Miguel A. Vega, Jr.**
Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Miguel A. Vega, Jr.'s appeal of LACERA's decision that all benefits accrued after April 13, 2020, are forfeited under Government Code sections 7522.72 and 7522.74. (Memo dated June 5, 2025)
- D. **Appeal for the Board of Retirement's Meeting of July 10, 2025**
Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board grant the appeal(s) and request(s) for administrative hearing received from Scott W. Garrett and Genieve R. Atkinson and direct the Disability Retirement Services Manager to refer each case to a referee. (Memo dated June 30, 2025)
- E. **Service Provider Invoice Approval Request – Winet Patrick Gayer Creighton & Hanes**
Recommendation as submitted by Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel, Legal Services: That the Board approve the service provider invoice for Winet Patrick Gayer Creighton & Hanes. (Memo dated June 24, 2025 – Attachment is Non-Public and Exempt from Disclosure as Private Information and Exempt from Disclosure under California Government Code Sections 7927.700, 54957.56(a))

IX. EXCLUDED FROM CONSENT ITEMS

There were no items pulled for discussion.

X. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

- A. **Mainframe Hosting Contract Renewal: Mainline Information Systems in Partnership with Data Management Inc.**
Recommendation as submitted by Kathy Delino, Chief, Information Technology Officer: That the Board authorize LACERA to renew our

X. NON-CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

Contract for hosting LACERA's mainframe technology with Mainline Information Systems in partnership with Data Management Inc. at an annual cost of \$446,100 and a three-year cost of \$1,338,300.
(Memo dated June 24, 2025)

Ms. Delino and Mr. Lugo were present and answered questions from the Board.

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

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum, Robbins

Absent: Ryu

B. **Microsoft Contract Ratification (3-Year Renewal: FY 2025-28)**

Recommendation as submitted by Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Kathy Delino, Chief, Information Technology Officer: That the Board ratifies the LACERA Amendment to the Licensed Support Provider Agreement No. ITARC-00929 for Microsoft Products and Services Under Microsoft EA No. 8084445 between County of Riverside and Softchoice Corporation, executed on June 24, 2025, by Deputy Chief Executive Officer Luis A. Lugo. The total value of this agreement is \$2,169,190.37, distributed as follows: Year 1 – \$719,259.29, Year 2 - \$724,971.79, and Year 3 - \$724,959.29.
(Memo dated June 24, 2025)

Ms. Delino and Mr. Lugo were present and answered questions from the Board.

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

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum, Robbins

Absent: Ryu

X. NON-CONSENT ITEMS (Continued) (Mr. Ryu joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.)

C. **Application of Kathleen M. Cady for Reinstatement to Active Membership Pursuant to Government Code Section 31680.4 and 31680.5**

Recommendation as submitted by Louis Gittens, Benefits Division Manager: That the Board 1) Determine, based upon the medical evaluation conducted on May 21, 2025 that Kathleen M. Cady is not incapacitated for the duties assigned to her in the position of Assistant Bureau Chief, DA; and 2) Grant the application of Kathleen M. Cady for reinstatement to active membership. (Memo date of June 27, 2025)

Mr. Gittens was present and answered questions from the Board.

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

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum, Robbins, Ryu

XI. REPORTS

A. **2025 STAR COLA Overview**

Ted Granger, Chief Financial Officer
(Presentation) (Memo dated June 25, 2025)

Mr. Granger and Mr. Glyde of Milliman provided a presentation and answered questions from the Board

Trustee Kehoe made a motion, Trustee Langton seconded, to return this item to staff to assess the legal options available and to identify any that can be considered for implementation by LACERA itself or brought to the Board of Supervisors for discussion and potential resolution.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Kehoe, Langton, Moore, Okum, Robbins, Ryu

XI. REPORTS (Continued) (Mr. Green joined the meeting 10:14 a.m.)

B. **Report on Retired Annuitants Employed Under 960 Hour Requests for FY 2024-2025**

Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 20, 2025)

This item was received and filed.

C. **Contracting Activity Report – May 2025**

Ricki Contreras, Administrative Services Division Manager

Elsy Gutierrez, Supervising Administrative Assistant II

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 24, 2025)

This item was received and filed

D. **Monthly Trustee Travel & Education Report – May 2025**

Ted Granger, Chief Financial Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 27, 2025)

This item was received and filed

E. **Monthly Status Report on Legislation**

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 25, 2025)

This item was received and filed

F. **June 2025 Fiduciary Counsel Contact and Billing Report**

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 24, 2025)

(Privileged and Confidential/Attorney-Client Communication/Attorney Work Product and Exempt from Disclosure under California Government Code Sections 7927.705, 54957.5(a))

This item was received and filed

XII. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There were no items to report.

XIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There was nothing to report.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER
(For Information Purposes Only)

Mr. Lugo introduced the new interns and hires for the month of July.

XV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME AND BOARD ACTION

5461B - VALDOVINOS, ROSA M.

Trustee Kehoe made a motion, Trustee Fesler seconded, to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement with the option of an earlier effective date pursuant to Government Code Sections 31720 and 31724.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Green, Langton, Moore, Robbins

Absent: Okum, Ryu

5462B - SALAS, SALVADOR S.

Trustee Robbins made a motion, Trustee Kehoe seconded, to deny a service-connected disability retirement and find the applicant not permanently incapacitated.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Green, Langton, Moore, Robbins, Ryu

Absent: Okum

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APPLICATION NO. & NAME AND BOARD ACTION

5463B - WILLIAMS, RANDALL S.

This item was pulled by staff for further development.

5464B - VALINO, DONNA CHERYLL P.

Trustee Kehoe made a motion, Trustee Langton seconded, to grant a service-connected disability retirement with the option of an earlier effective date pursuant to Government Code Sections 31720 and 31724.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Ginsberg, Green, Langton, Moore, Robbins, Ryu

Abstain: Okum

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **Conference Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

(Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9)

1. Robert Renko v. Board of Retirement
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV29322

There is nothing to report

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Signature on File

SHAWN R. KEHOE, SECRETARY

Signature of File

LES ROBBINS, CHAIR

