

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., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

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

Teleconference Locations for Trustees and the Public under California
Government Code Section 54953(b).

6953 Cedar Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19138

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Les Robbins, Chair

Ronald Okum, Vice Chair (Joined the Meeting at 9:12 a.m.)

Shawn R. Kehoe, Secretary (Alternate Seventh Member)

Jason E. Green

Nancy Durazo

Bobbie Fesler

JP Harris (Alternate Retired)

Aleen Langton

Wayne Moore (Teleconference under 54953(b))

Lisa Proft

David Ryu

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Luis A. Lugo, Acting Chief Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer

Jude Perez, Deputy Chief Investment Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Ted Granger, Chief Financial Officer

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

Allison Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel

Jason E. Waller, Senior Staff Counsel

Tamara Caldwell, Disability Retirement Manager

Jean J. Kim, Senior Staff Counsel

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

Jasmine Feng, Legal Intern

Aparajita Pathak, Legal Intern

Dr. Glenn Ehresmann, Medical Advisor

Williams & Jensen

Tony Roda, Principal

Doucet Consulting Solutions

Shane Doucet, Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 9:08 a.m. in the Board Room of Gateway Plaza.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Green 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 July 10, 2025

Trustee Harris made a motion, Trustee Kehoe seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2025. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: Okum

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Trustee Okum joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.)

Attorney Vasili Brasinikas provided a public comment regarding agenda item XV. A. 1.

VI. EXECUTIVE UPDATE

- A. LACERA All Stars

Mr. Popowich announced the winners for the month: Amabelle Delin, Bryan Durant, Samantha Garcia, Sandra Carbajal. The Web Watcher winner was Jeff Shevlowitz.

- B. Member Spotlight

Mr. Popowich recognized LACERA member, Chris Fedoroff.

VI. EXECUTIVE UPDATE (Continued)

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

APPLICATION NO.

NAME

700E*

DAHRING, ANDREW M.

701E**

CARRIZOSA, SLADE M.

702E

ROCHA, DEBBIE

703E

GUZMAN, VANESSA L.

704E

SAHAGUN, CESAR

705E

QUIBLAT, RUEL JAY M.

706E

HAKALA, ERIC J.

707E

GRIFFITHS, THERESE A.

708E

SHUPE, PETER A.

709E*

JAIME, ERIC R.

710E

SMITH, TRACEY R.

711E

WASHINGTON, RONALD W.

712E

GRANEK, MICHAEL R.

713E

INEZ, INDIA M.

714E

RODRIGUEZ, GERARDO A.

715E

CREAGER, JEFFREY G.

716E

GENAO, DANIEL

717E**

DINCO, FROILAN A.

718E

PEREZ, DANIEL J.

719E

GOMEZ, DAVID

*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

**Granted SCD – Retroactive

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Safety Fire, Lifeguards

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Green 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 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>
1981B*	YOUSSEF, GEORGE
1982B	NILSON, DAVID A.
1983B	WILLIAMS, IRVIN J., JR.
1984B	LEE, EDWARD S.
1985B	O'KEEFE, RICHARD J.
1986B*	WALMSLEY, MATTHEW K.
1987B	SCHNEIDER, PAUL R.
1988B*	GATES, ROBERT M.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Green, Langton, Moore, Okum, Proft, Robbins, Ryu

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members

Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Okum, seconded by Trustee Green, the Board of Retirement made a motion to approve 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>
2969C*	LOPEZ, GINA M.
2970C	THOMPSON, DANARAH D.
2971C*	NUNEZ, CHRISTOPHER R.
2972C*	ARMIJO, MARCIA
2973C*	CASTILLO-BYRNES, MARY MAGDALENA
2974C*	NALL, SHAWNA R.
2975C**	GARCIA, ROMANA
2976C***	BAILON, FATIMA M.
2977C	ROBINSON, PARRIN F.
2978C	HOLLAWAY, RASHAWN M.
2979C***	MEDRANO, REINA E.
2980C*	CHENEY, ISAAC
2981C	UGALDE, PASCUAL
2982C**	MCGLORY, VEETA

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Green, Langton, Moore, Okum, Proft, Robbins, Ryu

*Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

**Granted SCD – Retro

***Granted SCD – Salary Supplement

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

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.

4516

NAME

BOWMAN, LANA L.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Green, Langton, Moore, Okum, Proft, Robbins, 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, Green, Langton, Moore, Okum, Proft, Robbins, 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 28, 2025, along with any retirement rescissions and/or changes approved at last month's Board meeting. (Memo dated July 28, 2025)

B. Appeals for the Board of Retirement's Meeting of August 6, 2025

Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board of Retirement grant the appeals and requests for administrative hearing received from Salvador S. Salas and Peggy D. Harris and direct the Disability Retirement Services Manager to refer each case to a referee. (Memo dated July 24, 2025)

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

C. **Service Provider Invoice Approval Request - Stanley Majcher, M.D.**

Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board approve the service provider invoice for Stanley Majcher, M.D.

(Memo dated July 11, 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))

D. **Service Provider Invoice Approval Request - Winet Patrick 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 Creighton & Hanes.

(Memo dated July 25, 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))

E. **Request for Proposal—Economic Impact Analysis**

Recommendation as submitted by J.P. Harris, Chair, Operations Oversight Committee: That the Board approve the issuance of a Request for Proposal for a consultant to conduct an economic impact analysis of LACERA's retirement benefits. (Memo dated July 23, 2025) (Supplemental memo dated July 23, 2025)

IX. EXCLUDED FROM CONSENT ITEMS

There were no items pulled for discussion.

X. REPORTS

A. **Federal Legislative & Regulatory Update**

Tony Roda, Williams & Jensen

Shane Doucet, Doucet Consulting Solutions

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

(Presentation) (Memo dated July 23, 2025)

X. REPORTS (Continued)

Mr. Lew and Mr. Roda of Williams & Jensen and Mr. Doucet of Doucet Consulting Solutions provided a solution and answered questions from the Board. This item was received and filed.

B. **My Summer Legal Internship with LACERA**

Introduction: Jean J. Kim, Senior Staff Counsel

1. Jasmine Feng, Legal Summer Intern
(Presentation)
2. Aparajita Pathak, Legal Summer Intern
(Presentation)

Mses. Feng and Pathak provided a presentation and answered questions from the Board. This item was received and filed.

C. **Assembly Bill 1383: CERL Actuarial Analysis**

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 17, 2025)

This item was received and filed.

D. **Report of Revised Pay Items**

Jean J. Kim, Senior Staff Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 18, 2025)

This item was received and filed.

E. **LACERA Property and Liability Insurance Renewal Summary Update**

James C. Beasley, Jr., Supervising Administrative Assistant II
(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 15, 2025)

This item was received and filed.

F. **2025 Quarterly Reports of Paid Invoices 4th Quarter - April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025**

Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services

(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 16, 2025 – Attachment is Non-Public and Exempt from Disclosure as Private Information and

X. REPORTS (Continued)

Exempt from Disclosure under California Government Code Sections 7927.700, 54957.56(a))

This item was received and filed.

G. **Post Termination Payroll Adjustments**

Tatiana Bayer, Division Manager, Member Services

Louis Gittens, Division Manager, Benefits

(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 23, 2025)

This item was received and filed.

H. **Contracting Activity Report – June 2025**

Ricki Contreras, Administrative Services Division Manager

Elsy Gutierrez, Supervising Administrative Assistant II

(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 28, 2025)

This item was received and filed.

I. **Monthly Trustee Travel & Education Report – June 2025**

Ted Granger, Chief Financial Officer

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

This item was received and filed.

J. **Monthly Status Report on Legislation**

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 28, 2025)

This item was received and filed.

K. **July 2025 Fiduciary Counsel Contact and Billing Report**

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated July 28, 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.

XI. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There was nothing to report

XII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There was nothing to report.

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

Mr. Lugo announced Edward Wong, Sevag Antabian, Claudine Jakosalem, were promoted from Accountant I to Accountant II and Jacqueline Yang was hired as an Accountant II in the Financial Accounting Services Division.

XIV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME AND BOARD ACTION

5465B – ULOYAN, TEREZA

Trustee Kehoe made a motion, Trustee Green seconded, to grant a service-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Section 31720.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Green, Langton, Moore, Okum, Proft, Robbins, Ryu

B. Disability Retirement Appeals

APPLICATION NO. & NAME AND BOARD ACTION

HOWE, ANDREA D. – Thomas Wicke for the Applicant
Jason Waller for the Respondent

Trustee Robbins made a motion, Trustee Okum seconded, to grant a service-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code Sections 31720 and 31724.

XIV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Fesler, Green, Langton, Moore, Okum, Proft, Robbins, Ryu

C. Staff Recommendations

1. **An L. Ning – Recommendation to Grant her Application for Service-Connected Disability Retirement with the Option of an Earlier Effective Date**

Recommendation as submitted by Jason E. Waller, Senior Staff Counsel, Disability Litigation: That the Board, pursuant to Government Code section 31720, 1) determine that An L. Ning is incapacitated from her duties as a Judicial and Administrative Support I, based on Dr. Perry Maloff's May 1, 2025 medical report, and 2) grant her application for service-connected disability retirement with the option of an earlier effective date. (Memo dated July 18, 2025)

Trustee Okum made a motion, Trustee Robbins seconded, to approve staff's recommendation.

Trustee Kehoe made a substitute motion, Trustee Fesler seconded, to deny staff's recommendation. The substitute motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Durazo, Langton, Fesler, Robbins

No: Green, Moore, Okum, Proft, Ryu

The original motion to approve staff's recommendation passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Green, Moore, Okum, Proft, Robbins, Ryu

No: Durazo, Langton, Fesler

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9)

1. **Daphane Poingsett v. LACERA**

Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 25STCP00850

There was nothing to report.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Detective Joshua Kelley-Eklund, Detective Victor Lemus, and Detective William Osborn from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at 12:00 p.m.

Signature on File

SHAWN R. KEHOE, SECRETARY

Signature on File

LES ROBBINS, CHAIR