

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, JULY 1, 2026

This meeting was conducted by the Board of Retirement both in person and by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953.8.3.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Les Robbins, Secretary Acting Chair

Nancy Durazo

Bobbie Fesler

Elizabeth Ginsberg

Jason E. Green (Safety Alternate)

Aleen Langton

Ernesto J. Pantoja

ABSENT:

JP Harris, Chair (Retired Alternate)

Shawn R. Kehoe

Wayne Moore, Vice Chair

David Ryu

STAFF ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Luis A. Lugo, Chief Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Chief Benefits Officer

Jessica Baxter, Chief Administrative Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Francis J. Boyd, Senior Staff Counsel

Allison Barrett, Senior Staff Counsel

Tamara Caldwell, Disability Retirement Manager

Christine Roseland, Senior Staff Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robbins at 9:00 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 SB707

A. Just Cause (Section 54953.8.3)

B. Statement of Persons Present at SB707 Teleconference Locations

There was nothing to report. No trustees participated under Section 54953.8.3.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2026

Trustee Pantoja made a motion, Trustee Langton seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2026. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests made by the public to speak.

VI. EXECUTIVE UPDATE

A. LACERA All Stars

Mr. Popowich announced the winners for the month: Alexander Del Rosario, Alex Yin, Andrea Ellison and Adam Quinteros. The web watcher winner was Vache Mahseredjian and the Rideshare winner was Liliana Ronquillo.

B. Member Spotlight

Mr. Popowich recognized LACERA member, Leilani Ignacio.

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 EnforcementService-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Fesler, 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>
953E*	DOLEN, GERALD L.
954E	BLAGG, STEVEN W.
955E	SANDOVAL, JOSE A.
956E	PAYNE, DAVID R.
957E	QUICK, JOHNNY G.
958E	MILLER-LEFORBES, BRIANNA C.
959E*	PARTIN, MICHAEL E.
960E	HANNEMANN, MICHAEL W.
961E*	STELLA, JAMES C., JR.
962E	RODRIGUEZ, REBECCA L.
963E	GEISBAUER, ANTHONY W.
964E	BARNETT, JOEL L.
965E	PERALTA, SERGIO
966E	REINECKER, PAXTON A.
967E	CARD, KEVIN M.
968E	CABRERA, STEPHEN M.
969E	SCHWARTZ, MICHAEL L.
970E	ABRAHAM, TAMAR L.
971E	LOPEZ, BERNIE R.
972E	MCKELVY, ERMINA L.
973E	HERMANN, JOHN W.
974E	WILLIAMS, JULIE L.
975E	CALDERARO, CHARLES
976E	NANQUIL, JOSE M.
977E	PANGILINAN, SAMUEL N.
978E*	TURRILL, KEVIN J.
979E	MUEHLICH, RICHARD L.
980E	GARCIA, SILVANO, JR.

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Safety Law Enforcement (Continued) Service-Connected Disability Applications

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Safety Fire, Lifeguards Service-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Green seconded by Trustee Pantoja, 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>
1119C	PIRAINO, JEFFREY R.
1120C*	CORNEJO, RONALD D.
1121C*	TEIXEIRA, ROBERT S.
1122C*	NICOLAIDES, MICHAEL J.
1123C	FERNANDEZ, JAMES A.
1124C*	EVANS, BRAD
1125C*	RIVERA, JOHN A.
1126C*	LAWRENCE, MICHAEL W.
1127C	BOYCE, WILLIAM M.
1128C	COLLINS, CHRISTOPHER A.
1129C	GEORGE, ROBERT B.
1130C	ALLEMAN, RICK C.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

*Granted SCD – Retroactive

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General MembersService-Connected Disability Applications

On a motion by Trustee Pantoja seconded by Trustee Robbins, 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>
2187D*	HIRIGOYEN, MARILYNN
2188D	CLARK, DERRICK U.
2189D	MOLINA, ANNA L.
2190D**	ALLEN, CYNTHIA L.
2191D	DECHANNES, NANCY E.
2192D***	LOEK, VESNA P.
2193D****	MENDEZ, RAQUEL
2194D	HARRIS, BRIAN A.
2195D	SAMPSON, SHOMARI
2196D*	MELENDEZ, YANIRA C.
2197D***	GALLEGOS, CHRISTINE A.
2198D*	QUEZADA, LETICIA
2199D**	GAO, SARAH C.
2200D	LINO, KIM C.
2201D**	BANUELOS, RUBEN, JR.
2202D***	DUGAN, ELISABETH L.
2203D***	JOHNSON, EDIE S.
2204D	JOSEPH, MAYRA
2205D	CRUZ, JOSE J.
2206D	KAHSAY, MULUBRHAN
2207D***	RODRIGUEZ, BRENDA P.
2208D	MONTANO-LOPEZ, IRENE
2209D	LAW, SHANELL M.
2210D	SMITH, LESLIE C

*Granted SCD – SCD Retro

**Granted SCD – Employer Cannot Accommodate

***Granted SCD – Salary Supplement

****Granted SCD – Retroactive Employer Cannot Accommodate

VII. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

General Members (Continued)

Service-Connected Disability Applications

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2211D*	CALHOUN, VINCENT L.
2212D**	GUTIERREZ, RAUL
2213D	JAMES, NICOLE E.
2214D	RAMIREZ, JEFFREY F.
2215D	TAPIA, STELLA
2216D**	ARGUIJO, LAURA A.
2217D	SMITH, MARCUS A., JR.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Fesler made a motion, Trustee Langton seconded, to approve consent items A-D. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

A. Ratification of Service Retirement and Survivor Benefit Application Approvals

Recommendation that the Board approve the service retirements and survivor benefit applications received as June 22, 2026, along with any retirement rescissions and/or changes approved at last month's Board meeting. (Memo dated June 22, 2026)

B. Dismiss with Prejudice the Appeal of Beverly A. La Cour

Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board dismiss with prejudice Beverly A. La Cour's appeal for a service-connected disability retirement. (Memo dated June 11, 2026)

*Granted SCD – SCD Retro

** Granted SCD – Salary Supplement

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

C. **Appeals for the Board of Retirement's Meeting of July 1, 2026**

Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services: That the Board of Retirement grant the appeal and request for administrative hearing received from Charles M. Richardson and Benjamin Alvarez and direct the Disability Retirement Services Manager to refer the case to a referee.

(Memo dated June 15, 2026)

D. **Pensionability Analysis Under CERL And PEPRA for New Pay Items**

Recommendation as submitted by Jean Kim, Sr. Staff Counsel that the Board 1.) Approve the recommendations set forth above as to the two new pay items. 2.) Instruct staff to coordinate with the Auditor-Controller to establish the necessary reporting mechanisms and procedures to permit LACERA to implement such determinations when calculating final compensation for legacy and PEPRA members.

(Memo dated June 15, 2026)

IX. EXCLUDED FROM CONSENT ITEMS

X. NON CONSENT ITEMS

A. **Finding of Exceptional Circumstances and Approval to Rehire Margo McCabe as a 960-Hour Employee to Perform Critical Legal Transactions Work of Limited Duration; Fiscal Year 2025-26 Report of Hours Worked**

Recommendation as submitted by Luis A. Lugo, Chief Executive Officer: That the Board find that exceptional circumstances exist to approve the rehire of retiree Margo McCabe for up to 960 hours in Fiscal Year 2026-27 to assist the Legal Division with critical needs relating to a pending and ongoing transactional work and complete the transition of technical knowledge to a recently hired employee regarding support for investment transactions.

(Memo dated June 18, 2026)

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

X. NON CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

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

XI. REPORTS

A. **Contract Activity Report – May 2026**

Ricki Contreras, Administrative Services Division Manager

Elsy Gutierrez, Supervising Administrative Assistant II

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 17, 2026)

This item was received and filed.

B. **Monthly Status Report on Legislation**

Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 17, 2026)

This item was received and filed.

C. **Monthly Trustee Travel & Education Report – May 2026**

Ted Granger, Chief Financial Officer

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 17, 2026)

This item was received and filed.

D. **June 2026 Fiduciary Counsel Contact and Billing Report**

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

(For Information Only) (Memo dated June 22, 2026)

(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 for staff review.

XIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There was nothing to report.

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

There was nothing to report.

XV. DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Applications for Disability

APPLICATION NO. & NAME AND BOARD ACTION

5496B – URIBE, GABRIELA A.

Trustee Robbins made a motion, Trustee Langton seconded to grant a nonservice-connected disability retirement pursuant to Government Code sections 31720. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

APPLICATION NO. & NAME AND BOARD ACTION

5484B - GUNN, ERIC J. (DEC'D)

Trustee Langton made a motion, Trustee Robbins seconded to deny a service-connected disability retirement, survivor benefit. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Signature on File

LES ROBBINS, SECRETARY

Signature on File

JP HARRIS, CHAIR