

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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

11:38 A.M. – 12:40 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

This meeting was conducted by the Operations Oversight Committee both in person and by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953.8.3.

COMMITTEE TRUSTEES

PRESENT: Nancy M. Durazo, Chair
Wayne Moore, Vice Chair
Aleen Langton, Trustee
Bobbie Fesler, Trustee
(Teleconference Due to Just Cause under Section 54953.8.3)

ABSENT: David Ryu, Alternate Trustee

OTHER BOARD OF RETIREMENT TRUSTEES

Jason E. Green, Alternate Trustee
(Teleconference Due to Just Cause under Section 54953.8.3)

Lisa Proft, Alternate Ex-Officio

STAFF, ADVISORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Luis A. Lugo, Chief Executive Officer

JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer

Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Kathy Delino, Chief, Information Technology

Chaitanya Errande, Information Security Officer

Joe Shiuan, Information Technology Manager II

Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services

Francis Boyd, Sr. Staff Counsel

Cookie Jaranilla, Information Technology Specialist II

Ervin Wu, Accounting Officer I

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Chair Durazo at 11:38 a.m.

II. PROCEDURE FOR TELECONFERENCE MEETING ATTENDANCE UNDER SB 707

A. Just Cause (Section 54953.8.3)

B. Statement of Persons Present at SB 707 Teleconference Locations

A physical quorum of the Committee was present at the noticed meeting location. There was one request received from Trustee Fesler related to a physical condition under Section 54953.8.3(c)(3) and one request received from Trustee Green related to child care under Section 54953.8.3(c)(1). Trustees Fesler and Green confirmed there were no individuals 18 years or older present at their teleconference locations.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2026

Trustee Langton made a motion, Trustee Moore seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2026. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Moore, Langton, Durazo

No: None

Abstain: Fesler

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests from the public to speak.

V. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

A. **Proposed Termination of Disability Retirement Services Approval of Service Provider Invoice Policy**

Recommendation as submitted by Tamara Caldwell, Division Manager Disability Retirement Services Division: That the Operations Oversight Committee: 1. Recommend that the Board of Retirement rescind the current Disability Retirement Services Approval of Service Provider Invoice Policy, which requires Board preapproval for invoices exceeding \$15,000, per member/case, per vendor; and 2. Replace individual invoice approvals with quarterly reporting to the Board of Retirement of all invoices that exceed \$30,000 or another amount as determined by the Board. (Memo dated March 2, 2026)

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

Yes: Moore, Fesler, Langton, Durazo

No: None

(The above item was handled out of order, after Item VI-A.)

VI. REPORTS

A. **Operations Briefing**

Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer
JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer
Kathy Delino, Chief, Information Technology
Joe Shiuan, Information Technology Manager II

The Executive team and LACERA staff presented the monthly briefing, and were available to answer questions from the Committee. This item was received and filed.

B. **2023-2028 Quarterly Strategic Plan Update**

Luis A. Lugo, Chief Executive Officer
JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer
Cookie Jaranilla, IT Specialist II
Ervin Wu, Accounting Officer I
(Presentation)

The Quarterly Strategic Plan Update was presented and staff was available to answer questions from the Committee. This item was received and filed.

C. **Incorporating LACERA's Disability Litigation Office into the Legal Office**

Luis A. Lugo, Chief Executive Officer
Francis Boyd, Sr. Staff Counsel
(For Information Only) (Memo dated March 23, 2026)

Messrs. Lugo and Boyd discussed incorporating the Disability Litigation Office into the Legal Office, and were available to answer questions from the Committee. This item was received and filed.

D. **Policy for the Procurement of Goods and Services (Discussion)**

Ricki Contreras, Administrative Services Division Manager
Elsy Gutierrez, Supervising Administrative Assistant II
(For Discussion Only) (Memo dated March 19, 2026)

The Policy for the Procurement of Goods and Services was presented for discussion, with staff available for questions/comments from the Committee. This item was received and filed.

VI. REPORTS (Continued)

E. **Privacy Incidents: Personally Identifiable Information (Monthly)**

Chaitanya Errande, Information Security Officer
(For Information Only) (Memo dated January 15, 2026)

This item was received and filed.

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.)

Trustee Green requested a report to the Committee regarding privacy issues with the use of AI.

Trustee Langton requested that the monthly list of upcoming conferences provide future dates farther into the year.

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **Potential Threats to Public Services or Facilities**
(Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of California Government Code Section 54957)

Consultation with: LACERA Chief Executive Officer Luis A. Lugo, Assistant Executive Officers JJ Popowich, Chief, Information Technology Kathy Delino, Information Security Officer Chaitanya Errande, and Other LACERA Staff.

There was nothing to report.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.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.**