## MINUTES

# BOARD MEETING SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF RETIREMENT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 AT 9:01 AM

Location: SJCERA Board Room, 6 S. El Dorado Street, Suite 400, Stockton, California

## 1.0 ROLL CALL

1.01 MEMBERS PRESENT: Phonxay Keokham, Emily Nicholas, Chanda Bassett, Jennifer Goodman, Steven Ding, JC Weydert, Steve Moore (in at 9:03), Raymond McCray and Michael Restuccia presiding. MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Duffy.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Executive Officer Johanna Shick, Assistant Chief Executive Officer Brian McKelvey, Retirement Investment Officer Paris Ba, Management Analyst III Greg Frank, Information Systems Manager Adnan Khan, Information Systems Analyst II Lolo Garza, Administrative Secretary Elaina Petersen OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy County Counsel Jason Morrish, David Sancewich of Meketa, Graham Schmidt of Cheiron (via Zoom)

## 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.01 Led by Steven Ding

## 3.0 MEETING MINUTES

- **3.01** Minutes for the Board Meeting of January 20, 2023
- 3.02 Minutes for CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting of January 31, 2023
- 3.03 The Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 20, 2023 and the CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting of January 31, 2023 (Motion: Bassett; Second: Keokham)

## 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

**4.01** There was no public comment

#### 5.0 CONSENTITEMS

- **5.01** Service Retirement (25)
- **5.02** General (2)
  - 01 Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) as of April 1, 2023
  - 02 Return to active membership Stefenee Camereno Clinton
- **5.03** The Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the Consent Calendar items (Motion: Goodman; Second: McCray)

#### 6.0 RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF TRUSTEE ROBERT RICKMAN

**6.01** The Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the Resolution of Appreciation of Trustee Rickman. (Motion: Bassett; Second: Keokham)

#### 7.0 INVESTMENT CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 7.01 Presentation by David Sancewich of Meketa Investment Group
  - 01 Manager Performance Flash Report
  - 02 Economic and Market Update
- 7.02 Benchmark Review
- 7.03 The Board received and filed reports

## 8.0 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE PROJECTION

- **8.01** Presentation by Graham Schmidt, Consulting Actuary
  - 01 Cost Projections Presentation https://presentation.cheiron.us/presentation/view/SJCERA2023Projections? token=aZuG
- **8.02** The Board received and filed reports

### 9.0 STAFF REPORTS

- **9.01** Trustee and Executive Staff Travel
  - 01 Conferences and Events Schedule 2023
  - 02 Summary of Pending Trustee and Executive Staff Travel
    - a Travel Requiring Approval (1)
  - 03 Summary of Completed Trustee and Executive Staff Travel
    - a Summary IREI VIP AMERICAS 2023
- **9.02** The Board unanimously (8-0) approved pending travel (Motion: Keokham; Second: Weydert)
- 9.03 Legislative Summary Report None; No changes since 1/2023
- 9.04 CEO Report

In addition to the written report, CEO Shick reported: 1) She, Assistant CEO Brian McKelvey, Acting Retirement Services Supervisor Melinda DeOliveira attended a Mountain House Community Services District staff meeting providing an overview of the retirement benefit, seminars and website; 2) SJCERA now has a signed agreement with pension administration vendor, Tegrit. The project kick off is slated for the first week of March and Assistant CEO Brian McKelvey will be the executive lead; 3) Management Analyst III Greg Frank prepared the Declining Payroll Report and found no evidence of employers either not enrolling new employees or of having a significant drop in payroll, thus no 'triggering events' were identified; 4) Assistant CEO Brian McKelvey and Attorney Vivian Shultz will provide disability training at the April Board meeting; 5) A few staff each month will begin attending Board meetings to gain a broader understanding of SJCERA's business; 6) Board of Retirement elections (1 seat) and appointments (2 seats) are upcoming. Election information will be available mid-April and applications for appointment will be available in early May.

- 01 Declining Employer Payroll Report
- 9.05 The Board received and filed reports

# 10.0 REPORT FROM COMMITTEE(S)

- **10.01** Committee Chair and staff will provide a brief summary of the meeting outcome:
  - 01 CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting January 31, 2023

- 02 Committee Chair Bassett provided a brief summary of the CEO Performance Review Committee meeting and thanked Trustees for their timely responses.
- **10.02** The Board received and filed report

## 11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.01 Letters Received (0)
- **11.02** Letters Sent (0)
- 11.03 Market Commentary/Newsletters/Articles
  - 01 Neuberger Berman
    White Paper
    Overview of Alternative Risk Premia
    ("ARP") Strategies
    March 2018
  - 02 The Conversation
    What does ESG mean?
    Two business scholars explain what environmental, social and governance standards and principles are January 13, 2023
  - 03 Chief Investment Officer U.S., Local Public Pensions Saw Funding Statuses Fall in 2022 January 17, 2023
  - 04 International Shareholder Services, Inc. ESG Themes to Be Aware of in 2023 January 26, 2023
  - 05 FUNDfire CalSTRS 'Not Bad'-6.7% Return for 2022 January 27, 2023
  - 06 PIMCO Strained Markets, Strong Bonds January 2023

## 12.0 COMMENTS

- **12.01** Trustee McCray requested Meketa evaluate the merits of Short Term fixed income vs Long-Dated fixed income
- **12.02** Trustee Weydert thanked Investment Officer Paris Ba for providing pertinent reading material for Agenda Item 11.03 and requested that they be stored in DropBox for 12 months.

## 13.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Chair convened Closed Session at 9:52 a.m. and adjourned Closed Session and reconvened Open Session at 11:38 a.m.

- **13.01** Purchase or Sale of Pension Fund Investments California Government Code Section 54956.81
- 13.02 Personnel Matters
  California Government Code Section 54957
  Employee Disability Retirement Application(s) (0)
- **13.03** Conference with Real Property Negotiator California Government Code Section 54956.8

01 Property: 6 S. El Dorado Street, Suite 400

Stockton, California 95202

Negotiating parties: Johanna Shick, Chief Executive Officer, SJCERA

Connie Hart, Assistant Director General Services,

San Joaquin County

Under negotiation: Lease price and terms

**13.04** Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association v. Travelers Casualty and

Surety Company of America

United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:18-CV-02042-

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**13.05** Public Employee Performance Evaluation

California Government Code Section 94957

Title: Retirement Administrator/Chief Executive Officer

**13.06** Conference with Labor Negotiator

California Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: None

Unrepresented Employee: Retirement Administrator/Chief Executive Officer

County Counsel noted there was nothing to report out of closed Session.

### 14.0 CALENDAR

**14.01** Board Meeting March 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

14.02 Audit Committee Meeting immediately following the March 10, 2023 Board Meeting

**14.03** Board Meeting April 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**14.04** Board Meeting May 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

## 15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

**15.01** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Restuccia, Chair

Raymond McCray, Secretar