



## **RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING  
September 22, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

The Board of Retirement meeting was accessible telephonically at (669) 900-6833, Webinar ID 818 4036 5713, Passcode 321788 as permitted by Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board and staff joined in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### **2. Roll Call**

Present: Candace Andersen, Dennis Chebotarev, Donald Finley, Scott Gordon, Jerry Holcombe, Louie Kroll, Jay Kwon, David MacDonald, John Phillips, Reggie Powell, Mike Sloan and Russell Watts.

Absent: None

Staff: Gail Strohl, Chief Executive Officer; Christina Dunn, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Timothy Price, Chief Investment Officer; Karen Levy, General Counsel; Anne Sommers, Administrative/HR Manager; Henry Gudino, Accounting Manager; and Jasmine Lee, Member Services Manager.

#### Outside Professional Support:

Paul Angelo  
Andy Yeung  
Kenneth Mertz  
Stacey Sears  
Joe Garner  
Scott Whalen  
John Wasnock

#### Representing:

Segal Consulting  
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Emerald Investment Advisers or LLC  
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Verus Investments  
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**3. Accept comments from the public**

Marlene Grant, retiree, expressed her frustrations with the service she received from the Pacific Group Insurance and questioned why they are automatically renewed each year.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

It was **M/S/C** to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2021 Board meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts)

**5. Consider and take possible action to accept the GASB 68 report from Segal Consulting**

Angelo presented the GASB 68 Actuarial Valuation based on a December 31, 2020 measurement date for employer reporting as of June 30, 2021.

It was **M/S/C** to accept the GASB 68 report from Segal Consulting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts)

**6. Consider and take possible action to amend the Interest Crediting and Excess Earnings Policy**

Strohl reviewed the proposed amendments to the Interest Crediting and Excess Earnings Policy.

It was **M/S/C** to amend the Interest Crediting and Excess Earnings Policy with the definitions to be amended to define Board. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Phillips and Watts)

**7. Review of report on Growth Sub-portfolio**

Price reviewed the role of the Growth in CCCERA's portfolio noting it is intended to fund future benefit payments.

Taylor reviewed the US equity markets noting that in December the Board approved an increased allocation to the asset class and that the US equity markets have outperformed all other markets.

**8. Presentation from Emerald Investment Advisers**

Mertz reviewed their corporate profile, their team, and their investment research process. He reviewed CCCERA's performance and top ten holdings by market value as of June 30, 2021. He also reviewed CCCERA's updated performance as of September 9, 2021.

Sears reviewed their investment process, their performance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021, and the market outlook.

Garner reviewed their equity portfolio managers and analysts. He also reviewed their top 10 contributors and top 10 detractors to their portfolio performance.

**9. Review of Real Estate performance and pacing recommendation**

Whalen reviewed CCCERA's private real estate performance and pacing recommendations.

Wasnock reviewed the current environment, potential risks, and outlook of the private real estate strategies within CCCERA's private real estate portfolio.

Kroll was no longer present for subsequent discussion and voting

**10. Update on private equity commitments**

Price gave an update on private equity commitments noting CCCERA made three commitments to private equity funds using the delegated authority granted in the Investment Policy Statement.

**11. Consider and take possible action to cancel the Board meeting of October 13, 2021**

It was **M/S/C** to cancel the October 13, 2021 Board meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, MacDonald, Phillips, Sloan and Watts)

**12. Miscellaneous**

a. Staff Report –

Levy reported on the passage of AB 361 which grants boards the flexibility to continue to meet virtually during a state-proclaimed emergency noting that the bill passed as an emergency which makes it effective immediately. She stated that at the next Board meeting the Board can consider the circumstances in our area and make determinations on how public meetings will be held going forward.

Stroh reported CCCERA's boardroom is not currently set up for hybrid meetings. She also reported we continue to offer in-person appointments but there is still a low demand for that.

b. Outside Professionals' Report -

None

c. Trustees' comments –

Sloan reported the CRCEA Conference in Long Beach could be cancelled due to the number of registrations.

**Additional public comment**

Dunn read the following into public comment:

Melissa Hagan, legacy member, commented she is extremely upset that her contribution dollars are not being returned to her.

It was **M/S/C** to adjourn the meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, MacDonald, Phillips, Sloan and Watts)

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Scott Gordon, Chairman

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Jerry Holcombe, Secretary