

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the LACERS Benefits Administration March 22, 2022 meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

March 22, 2022

9:30 a.m.

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PRESENT via Videoconferencing:	Chair:	Michael R. Wilkinson
	Committee Member:	Annie Chao Sandra Lee
	Manager-Secretary:	Neil M. Guglielmo
	Legal Counselor:	Anya Freedman
	Executive Assistant:	Ani Ghoukassian

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*The Items in the Minutes are numbered to correspond with the Agenda.*

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION AND COMMENTS ON ANY SPECIFIC MATTERS ON THE AGENDA **PRESS \*9 TO RAISE HAND DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Chair Wilkinson asked if any persons wished to speak on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction, to which there was no response.

II

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Committee Member Chao moved approval, adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Committee Members Chao, Sandra Lee, and Chair Wilkinson -3; Nays, None.

III

2023 HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT RENEWAL TIMELINE AND STRATEGY – Karen Freire, Chief Benefits Analyst, and James Kawashima, Senior Benefits Analyst, presented and discussed this item with the Committee for 20 minutes.

IV

OPERATIONAL UPDATE – Dale Wong-Nguyen, Assistant General Manager, provided the Committee with the following updates:

- Benefit positions requested in the Proposed Budget
- Consideration of Health & Welfare Consultant six-month contract extension
- Status of the report back to the BAC on the Medicare IRMAAs
- Consideration of Medical Evaluation Services Contract Extension
- Member feedback on the Retirement Application Portal launched in July 2021
- One-on-One Video Counseling launched in Fall
- New topical seminars begin March 31, 2022
- Limited 15-minute appointments begin April 5, 2022

V

OTHER BUSINESS –There was no other business.

VI

NEXT MEETING: The next Benefits Administration Committee meeting is not scheduled at this time, and will be announced upon scheduling. Please continue to view the LACERS website for updated information on public access to Board/Committee meetings while responding to public health concerns relating to the novel coronavirus continue.

VII

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Wilkinson adjourned the Meeting at 9:52 a.m.



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Michael R. Wilkinson  
Chair



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Neil M. Guglielmo  
Manager-Secretary