

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

October 10, 2023

10:15 a.m.

PRESENT:	President:	Annie Chao
	Vice President:	Sung Won Sohn
	Commissioners:	Thuy Huynh Michael R. Wilkinson
	Legal Counselor:	Anya Freedman
	Manager-Secretary:	Neil M. Guglielmo
	Executive Assistant:	Ani Ghoukassian
ABSENT:	Commissioners:	Elizabeth Lee Gaylord "Rusty" Roten Janna Sidley

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

I

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION AND COMMENTS ON ANY SPECIFIC MATTERS ON THE AGENDA – President Chao asked if any persons wanted to make a general public comment to which there were no public comment cards received.

II

GENERAL MANAGER VERBAL REPORT

A. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised the Board of the following items:

- Attack on Israel
- Discretionary COLA
- 977 HQ AC repairs status
- 977 HQ HVAC retrofit status
- 977 HQ new wayfinding signs
- Health Benefits Administration updates

- Retirement Services Division updates
- Communications and Stakeholder Relations updates
- Upcoming events

B. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised the Board of the following items:

- Board Meeting on October 24, 2023: Communication and Stakeholder Division will present 2022-23 Year-End Report on Member Services

III

RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

- A. BENEFITS PAYMENTS APPROVED BY GENERAL MANAGER – This report was received by the Board and filed.
- B. ETHICAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REPORT NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD – This report was received by the Board and filed.
- C. GASB 68 AND 75 ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS BASED ON JUNE 30, 2022 MEASUREMENT DATE FOR EMPLOYER REPORTING AS OF JUNE 30, 2023 – This report was received by the Board and filed.

V

Vice President Sohn moved approval of Consent Agenda Item V-A, seconded by Commissioner Huynh, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Huynh, Wilkinson, Vice President Sohn, and President Chao -4; Nays, None.

CONSENT ITEM(S)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

VI

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1): GENERAL MANAGER 2022-23 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION** – This item was continued and will be introduced at a future Board meeting.

VII

- A. CONSIDERATION OF 2023 GENERAL MANAGER'S MERIT PAY AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – This item was continued and will be introduced at a future Board meeting.

- B. ANTHEM BLUE CROSS MEDICARE PREFERRED (PPO) PLAN IN-HOME SUPPORT BENEFIT UPDATE AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Karen Freire, Chief Benefits Analyst, and Jillian Goff, Account Management Executive, with Anthem Blue Cross, presented and discussed this item with the Board. Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval, seconded by Vice President Sohn, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Huynh, Wilkinson, Vice President Sohn, and President Chao -4; Nays, None.
- C. HUMAN RESOURCE AND PAYROLL (HRP) PROJECT UPDATE – Todd Bouey, Executive Officer, and Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, provided the Board with an update on the status of HRP project.

VIII

INVESTMENTS

- A. CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER VERBAL REPORT INCLUDING DISCUSSION ON THE PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE TO GLOBAL EVENTS – Wilkin Ly, Investment Officer III, reported on the portfolio value of \$21.48 billion as of October 9, 2023. Wilkin discussed the following items:
- VIX at 16.7
 - Monitoring LACERS exposure in the Israel region
 - Total exposure to Israel around \$126 million
 - Private Equity portfolio exposure to Israel is around \$55 million
 - No real estate exposure to Israel
 - Public markets portfolio exposure to Israel is around \$71 million
 - Russian exposure is still muted at \$1.26 million
 - China Technology exposure is \$24.6 million
 - Ellen Chen, Investment Officer III, talked about her trip to the PRI International conference in Tokyo
 - Gary Guibert from Northern Trust introduced Brad Blackwell, LACERS new Client Service Executive
 - Future Agenda items: Policy updates to Enforcement Action and Litigation Policy and Private Credit Policy, NEPC will provide Asset Allocation Education
- B. NOTIFICATION OF COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$50 MILLION IN OAKTREE REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITIES FUND IX, L.P. – This report was received by the Board and filed.

IX

LEGAL/LITIGATION

- A. APPROVAL OF THREE-YEAR CONTRACTS WITH BAKER & HOSTETLER LLP, CLARK HILL PLC, FOLEY & LARDNER LLP, GROOM LAW GROUP, CHARTERED, ICE MILLER LLP, MAYNARD NEXSEN PC, AND NOSSAMAN LLP, FOR OUTSIDE DATA PRIVACY, HEALTH LAW, AND CYBERSECURITY COUNSEL SERVICES AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Vice President Sohn moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Huynh, Wilkinson, Vice President Sohn, and President Chao -4; Nays, None.

X

OTHER BUSINESS – President Chao announced that the October 10, 2023, Investment Committee meeting is canceled.

XI

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in the LACERS Boardroom, at 977 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90012-1728.

XII

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the Board, President Chao adjourned the Meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Annie Chao

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