

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
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 or 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 Board of Administration's September 13, 2022 meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

September 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRESENT via Videoconferencing:	President:	Nilza R. Serrano
	Commissioners:	Annie Chao Thuy Huynh Janna Sidley Sung Won Sohn
	Legal Counselor:	Anya Freedman
	Manager-Secretary:	Neil M. Guglielmo
	Executive Assistant:	Ani Ghoukassian
ABSENT:	Vice President:	Elizabeth Lee
	Commissioner:	Michael R. Wilkinson

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 – *THIS WILL BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT* – **PRESS *9 TO RAISE HAND DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – President Serrano asked if any persons wanted to make a general public comment to which there was no response.

II

BOARD PRESIDENT VERBAL REPORT – President Serrano stated if she has to leave the Board Meeting early she will appoint an alternate Chair for the meeting.

III

GENERAL MANAGER VERBAL REPORT

- A. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised the Board of the following items:
- 977 N. Broadway Parking
 - FY24 Budget Process
 - Inaugural class of the Women’s Management Academy attended by Tiffany Obembe, LACERS Senior Benefits Analyst
 - Health Benefits Administration updates
 - Income-Related Month Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) education
 - Upcoming events for members
- B. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised the Board of the following items:
- September 27, 2022 – Benefits Administration Committee Meeting – Anthem Year-End Accounting

IV

RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

- A. ETHICAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REPORT NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD – This report was received by the Board and filed.
- B. BENEFITS PAYMENTS APPROVED BY GENERAL MANAGER – This report was received by the Board and filed.
- C. 977 N. BROADWAY PROJECT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 – This report was received by the Board and filed.
- D. EDUCATION AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 – This report was received by the Board and filed.

V

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sidley moved approval of Consent Agenda Items V-A, V-B, and V-C, seconded by Commissioner Chao, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Huynh, Sidley, Sohn, and President Serrano -5; Nays, None.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2022 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION
- B. FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AND DETERMINATION THAT COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO DIRECTLY IMPACT THE ABILITY OF MEMBERS TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

**CONTINUE HOLDING LACERS BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
VIA TELECONFERENCE AND/OR VIDEOCONFERENCE**

RESOLUTION 220913-A

WHEREAS, LACERS is committed to preserving public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Administration; and

WHEREAS, all LACERS Board and Committee meetings are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend and participate as the LACERS Board and Committees conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 remains active; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, the Board met via teleconference and determined by majority vote, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), that due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a public health concern in Los Angeles, with substantial or high levels of community transmission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), the Board finds that holding Board and Committee meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)(A) and (B)(i), the Board finds that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Board and Committee members to meet safely in person.

- C. TRAVEL AUTHORITY – COMMISSIONER THUY HUYNH; INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR – ESG AND SUSTAINABLE RETURNS FORUM 2022; NEW YORK, NY; OCTOBER 25-26, 2022 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

**TRAVEL AUTHORITY
INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR – ESG AND SUSTAINABLE RETURNS FORUM 2022
OCTOBER 25-26, 2022
NEW YORK, NY**

RESOLUTION 220913-B

WHEREAS, Board approval is required for all international travel requests, travel not included in the Approved List of Educational Seminars, and travel that exceeds the annual education travel budget of \$10,000 for each Commissioner;

WHEREAS, the Institutional Investor – ESG and Sustainable Returns Forum 2022, in New York, NY is not included in the Approved List of Educational Seminars, and therefore requires individual approval;

WHEREAS, the sound management of the assets and liabilities of a trust fund imposes a continuing need for all Board Members to attend professional and educational conferences, seminars, and other educational events that will better prepare them to perform their fiduciary duties;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Commissioner Huynh is hereby authorized to attend the Institutional Investor – ESG and Sustainable Returns Forum 2022, from October 25-26, 2022, in New York, NY;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reimbursement of up to \$2,229 for Commissioner Huynh is hereby authorized for reasonable expenses in connection with participation.

VI

BOARD/DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

A. DESIGNATION OF LACERS' CHIEF ACCOUNTING EMPLOYEE AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Commissioner Chao moved approval of the following Resolution:

**DESIGNATION OF LACERS'
CHIEF ACCOUNTING EMPLOYEE**

RESOLUTION 220913-C

WHEREAS, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 504(b), the head of each department is required to appoint an employee of the department, other than a member of the board or the chief administrative officer, to serve as Chief Accounting Employee; and

WHEREAS, Departmental Chief Accountant JoAnn Peralta oversees LACERS' Fiscal Management Division and is well qualified to serve as LACERS' Chief Accounting Employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that JoAnn Peralta is hereby appointed to serve as LACERS' Chief Accounting Employee.

Which motion was seconded by Commissioner Sohn, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Huynh, Sidley, Sohn, and President Serrano -5; Nays, None.

VII

INVESTMENTS

A. CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER VERBAL REPORT INCLUDING DISCUSSION ON THE PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE TO GLOBAL EVENTS – Bryan Fujita, Investment Officer III, reported

on the portfolio value of \$21.61 billion as of September 12, 2022. Mr. Fujita discussed the following items:

- Staff is reviewing the Emerging Investment Manager Policy
- Update on Transition Manager Request for Proposal
- Staff is currently planning the next Emerging Manager Symposium
- Amy Petrique promoted to Executive Administrative Assistant of the Investment Division
- Future Agenda Items: Revisions to the proposed Unique Investment Opportunities Policy (UIOP), Total Fund Performance Report as of June 30, 2022, and the Private Equity Portfolio Performance Report as of March 31, 2022

Mr. Fujita shared that as of September 9, 2022, Russian exposure for LACERS is 6.0 basis points, about \$13.1 million. The exposure on August 19, 2022, was 9.2 basis points, about \$21 million. There has been a decrease in Russian holdings by about \$8 million since the last report.

VIII

CONSIDERATION TO CONTINUE DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR EDMOND KHAJKIAN AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Commissioner Chao moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Sidley, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Huynh, Sidley, Sohn, and President Serrano -5; Nays, None.

IX

OTHER BUSINESS – There was no other business.

X

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at LACERS, 202 W. 1st Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and/or via telephone and/or videoconferencing. Please continue to view the LACERS website for updated information on public access to Board meetings while response to public health concerns relating to the novel coronavirus continue.

XI

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the Board, President Serrano adjourned the Meeting at 10:18 a.m.



Neil M. Guglielmo
Manager-Secretary



Nilza R. Serrano
President