



## **RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING  
January 10, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

Board Conference Room  
1200 Concord Avenue, Suite 350  
Concord, California

Present: Candace Andersen, Dennis Chebotarev, Donald Finley, Scott Gordon, Jerry Holcombe, Louis Kroll, Jay Kwon, David MacDonald, Dan Mierzwa, John Phillips, Mike Sloan, and Samson Wong

Absent: None

Staff: Christina Dunn, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Karen Levy, General Counsel; Tim Price, Chief Investment Officer; Cherry Chang, Internal Auditor; Wrally Dutkiewicz, Compliance Officer; Erica Grant, Human Resources Manager; Henry Gudino, Accounting Manager; Jasmine Lee, Member Services Manager; Son Lu, IT Manager; Ryan Luis, Retirement Services Manager; Erika McIntosh, Administrative Services Manager

Outside Professional Support:  
Alison Flowers

Representing:  
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP

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

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

### **2. Accept comments from the public**

No member of the public offered comment.

### **3. Recognition of Christine Gerson for 5 years of service**

Gordon recognized Christine Gerson for 5 years of Service.

### **4A. Consent Items**

It was **M/S/C** to approve all consent items. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).

**4B. Consider and take possible action on Consent Items if previously removed, if any**

No consent Items were removed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board moved into Closed Session pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957 to consider recommendations from the medical advisor and/or staff regarding the following disability retirement applications:

The Board moved into Open Session.

**5. Disability Retirement Applications:**

It was **M/S/C** to accept the Medical Advisor's recommendation and grant the following disability benefits:

Wong recused himself from Item 5.a. and was not present for subsequent discussion and voting.

a. Judon Cherry – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).

Wong was present for subsequent discussion and voting.

b. Nicole Cook – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).

c. Daniel McClellan – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).

e. Kiriba Steward – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).

It was **M/S/C** that there was insufficient evidence to grant the following Service Connected disability benefits:

d. Shane Neveau – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips; No: Wong).

**6.** There was no reportable action related to Government Code 54957.6.

**7.** There was no reportable action related to Government Code § 54957.6.

8. There was no reportable action related to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2).
9. There was no reportable action related to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).
10. **Consider and take possible action to adopt the successor Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between Contra Costa County Employees’ Retirement Association (“CCCERA”) and United Clerical, Technical & Specialized Employees (AFSCME) Local 2700, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027, and authorize the Acting CEO to execute said MOU.**

It was **M/S/C** to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CCCERA and United Clerical, Technical & Specialized Employees (AFSCME), Local 2700, January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027, and authorize the Acting CEO to execute said MOU. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).

11. **Consider and take possible action to adopt the CCCERA publicly available pay schedules for CCCERA classifications represented by AFSCME, Local 2700, effective January 1, 2024.**

It was **M/S/C** to adopt the CCCERA publicly available pay schedules for classifications represented by AFSCME, Local 2700, effective January 1, 2024. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).

12. **Educational Presentation on the Ralph M. Brown Act.**

Levy provided an educational presentation on the Ralph M Brown Act.

13. **Legislative Update.**

Levy provided a Legislative update.

14. **Consider authorizing the attendance of Board:**


- a. There was no action taken on this item. Torchlight Annual Investment Summit 2024, February 7-8, 2024, Austin, TX.
- b. It was **M/S/C** to authorize the attendance of one Board member at the NIRS Annual Retirement Policy Conference, February 26–27, Washington DC. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).
- c. It was **M/S/C** to authorize the attendance of four Board members at the CALAPRS General Assembly, March 2-5, 2024, Rancho Mirage, CA. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).
- d. There was no action taken on this item. IFEBP Investments Institute, March 6-7, 2024, Rancho Mirage, CA.


- e. It was **M/S/C** to authorize the attendance of three Board members at the NASP Day of Education in Private Equity for Trustees and Staff, March 20-21, 2024, Los Angeles, CA. (Yes: Andersen, Chebotarev, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).
- f. There was no action taken on this item. CALAPRS Advanced Principles of Pension Governance for Trustees, March 27-29, 2024, Los Angeles, CA.
- g. There was no action taken on this item. Private Markets - The LP Perspective, P&I, April 9-10, 2024, Chicago, IL.

**15. Miscellaneous**

- a. Staff Report – Dunn reported that CCCERA contracted with MMRO and anticipates starting to utilize their services by the end of January. Dunn went on state that Paul Angelo, with Segal Consulting, announced his upcoming retirement.
- b. Outside Professionals’ Report – None
- c. Trustees’ Comments – None

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

  
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Scott W. Gordon, Chairperson

  
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Jerry R. Holcombe, Secretary