



## **RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING  
October 9, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

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

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

Absent: Dennis Chebotarev

Staff: Christina Dunn, Chief Executive Officer; Colin Bishop, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; Karen Levy, General Counsel; Ryan Luis, Retirement Services Manager; and Tim Price, Chief Investment Officer

Outside Professional Support:  
None

Representing:

**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.

**3A. Consider and take possible action on Consent Items**

It was **M/S/C** to approve the consent items of the October 9, 2024, meeting. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).

**3B. Consider and take possible action on Consent Items if previously removed, if any**

No action taken on this item.

### **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 disability retirement applications.

The Board moved into open session and reported the following:

**4. Disability Applications:**

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

- a. Vedder Li – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).

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

- b. Thomas Miller – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).
- c. Elizabeth Oha – Non-Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong).
- d. Erik Steele – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).
- e. James Steward – Service Connected (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, and Phillips).

**5. Presentation of Semi-Annual Disability Retirement Report**

Elise Diliberto and Luis gave a presentation on the Semi-Annual Disability Retirement Report.

**6. Consider and take possible action concerning the SACRS legislative proposals to be voted on at the November 2024 SACRS Fall Conference**

It was **M/S/C** to authorize the CCCERA Board voting delegate to vote to support the 2024 SACRS legislative proposals at the November 2024 SACRS Conference. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips and Wong).

**7. Report from Investment Committee Chair on the September 25, 2024 Investment Committee meeting**

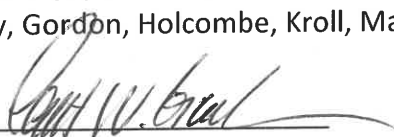
MacDonald reported out on the September 25, 2024, Investment Committee meeting.

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8. Miscellaneous

- a. Staff Report – Dunn reported that in response to CCCERA’s Strategic Planning survey, we received 600 survey responses from members and 18 responses from participating employers. CCCERA will host its first family open house in October, allowing staff members’ families the opportunity to come and see where they work. Finally, she stated that Sagitec currently has a go-live date of November 1<sup>st</sup> but it will most likely be toward the end of 2024.
- b. Outside Professionals’ Report – None
- c. Trustees’ Comments – Gordon would like to adjourn in memory of Melinda Self Dundon, a friend, and Former Director of Contra Costa County Child Support Services, who passed away September 29, 2024.

It was **M/S/C** to adjourn the meeting in memory of Melinda Self Dundon. (Yes: Andersen, Finley, Gordon, Holcombe, Kroll, MacDonald, Mierzwa, Phillips, and Wong)

  
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Scott W. Gordon, Chairperson

  
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Jerry R. Holcombe, Secretary