

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 January 11, 2022 meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

January 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

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

II

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2021 AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2021 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Commissioner Elizabeth Lee moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Elizabeth Lee, Sandra Lee, Serrano, Wilkinson, and President Ruiz -6; Nays, None.

Item I was taken out of order.

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 Ruiz asked if any persons wanted to make a general public comment to which there were no responses. President Ruiz shared that the Commissioners did receive a written public comment that was also shared with LACERS staff.

III

BOARD PRESIDENT VERBAL REPORT – President Ruiz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

IV

GENERAL MANAGER VERBAL REPORT

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

- Plan Actuary RFP
- COVID impacts to LACERS
- 977 Broadway building update
- Separation Incentive Program
- Annual Excess Benefit Members
- Service Purchase Case Backlog
- Anthem Transition
- 2022 Wellness Program Planning
- January 2022 Wellness Newsletter
- Retirement Application Portal Member Survey
- Seminars for Active Members
- Wellness Events

B. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – No items were discussed.

C. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR BRUCE BERNAL – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, Dale Wong-Nguyen, Assistant General Manager, Karen Freire, Chief Benefits Analyst, and the Commissioners recognized Bruce Bernal for his service to LACERS and City of Los Angeles.

V

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. MONTHLY REPORT ON SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES FOR NOVEMBER 2021 – This report was received by the Board and filed.

VI

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- A. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING VERBAL REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 14, 2021 – Commissioner Serrano stated the Committee heard a presentation by Northern Trust.

VII

BOARD/DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

- A. 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 – Commissioner Elizabeth Lee moved approval of the following Resolution:

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

RESOLUTION 220111-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 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.

Which motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Elizabeth Lee, Sandra Lee, Serrano, Wilkinson, and President Ruiz -6; Nays, None.

VIII

INVESTMENTS

- A. CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER VERBAL REPORT – Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, reported on the portfolio value of \$23.73 billion as of January 10, 2022. Mr. June discussed the following items:
- PRI Board of Directors Election results
 - Emerging Manager Symposium will be held in April
 - Real Estate Consultant RFP semi-finalists to be announced at January 11, 2022, Investment Committee Meeting
 - New asset allocation and performance dashboard templates are on LACERS.org
 - National Association of Securities Professionals will hold their annual Day of Education in Private Equity on Thursday, March 24, 2022
 - Future Agenda Items: Consent of DDJ to be acquired by Polen Capital, General Fund Consultant Contract, and RFP for Transition Management Services
- B. LACERS AND LAFPP JOINT LETTER RESPONSE TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING CF 21-1116 FACEBOOK AND CF 21-1460 UNILEVER EXPOSURES – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, and Bryan Fujita, Investment Officer III, discussed this item with the Board for 15 minutes. The Board expressed support for the General Manager to finalize the letter and submit it to council.
- C. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, and Ellen Chen, Investment Officer I, discussed this item with the Board. Commissioner Elizabeth Lee moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Elizabeth Lee, Sandra Lee, Serrano, Wilkinson, and President Ruiz -6; Nays, None.
- D. UPDATE ON TRANSITION FROM LIBOR TO SECURED OVERNIGHT FINANCING RATE – Bryan Fujita, Investment Officer III, discussed this item with the Board and the report was received by the Board and filed.

IX

LEGAL/LITIGATION

- A. BOARD EDUCATION: FIDUCIARY LEADERSHIP IN INVESTMENT CONTRACTING (PART 2)
– Anya Freedman, Assistant City Attorney, presented this education to the Board for one hour.

President Ruiz recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:25 p.m. to convene in Closed Session.

- B. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(A) AND (D)(1) TO CONFER WITH, AND/OR RECEIVE ADVICE FROM, LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION (TWO CASES): IN RE ASHINC CORP, ET AL. V. YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND I, LLC, ET AL. (D. DEL. CASE NO. 12-11564) AND YOUNGMAN V. YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND I, LLC, ET AL. (LASC CASE NO. 21STCV37137), AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

President Ruiz reconvened the Regular Meeting at 12:34 p.m.

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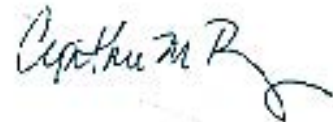
OTHER BUSINESS – There was no other business.

XI

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 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.

XII

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the Board, President Ruiz adjourned the Meeting at 12:35 p.m.



Cynthia M. Ruiz
President



Neil M. Guglielmo
Manager-Secretary