

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 10, 2023 meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

February 14, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

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 wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

III

GENERAL MANAGER VERBAL REPORT

- A. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised the Board of the following items:
- LACERS Active Member Commissioner Election
 - Department Emergency Plan and Continuity Of Operations Plan
 - Emergency Preparedness Intranet Site
 - Times Space Decommissioning
 - 115 Trust Financial Statements
 - LACERS HQ Updates
 - Retirement Services Updates
 - Health Benefits Administration Updates
- B. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised the Board of the following items:
- February 28, 2023 - Benefits Administration Committee: Benefits Administration Resource Needs
 - February 28, 2023 – Governance Committee: Continuation of the Triennial Policy Review
 - February 28, 2023 – Board: Designation of Location for Regular LACERS Board and Committee Meetings effective March 14, 2023, 2022 Annual report on LACERS Organizational Diversity Survey, and Semi-Annual on Business Plan Initiatives

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. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2023 – This report was received by the Board and filed.
- D. 977 N. BROADWAY PROJECT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 – This report was received by the Board and filed.

V

CONSENT ITEM(S)

Commissioner Chao moved approval of Consent Items V-A and V-B, seconded by Vice President Lee, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Huynh, Sidley, Sohn, Wilkinson, Vice President Lee, and President Serrano -7; Nays, None.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2023 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 230214-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 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.

VI

BOARD/DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

- A. REVIEW OF SAFETY STANDARDS FOR A RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND SERVICES AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Isaias Cantu, Senior Management Analyst II,

presented and discussed this item with the Board for 25 minutes. After discussion, Vice President Lee moved approval of the following Resolution:

**LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LACERS)
BOARD MEETING SAFETY STANDARDS**

RESOLUTION 230214-B

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Mayor executed a "Declaration of Local Emergency" based on conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that had arisen both internationally and within the United States, including throughout the City of Los Angeles, as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease, which was first detected in 2019;

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 187219 requiring proof of vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine to enter certain indoor public locations, large events, and City buildings to promote the health, safety, and welfare of its workers, contractors, and the public and to encourage vaccination, by requiring proof of full vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine;

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, the LACERS Board adopted the COVID-19 Board Meeting Safety Standards to protect the health and safety of individuals participating in or attending in-person meetings conducted by the LACERS Board and all Committees of the Board;

WHEREAS, the circumstances and conditions that existed in 2020 and 2021 described in Section 8.22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code that warranted the "Declaration of Local Emergency" of March 4, 2020, City Council Ordinance No. 187219 in October of 2021, and the adoption of the COVID-19 Board Meeting Safety Standards, have adjusted to a level currently manageable by the regularly constituted branches and departments of the City government;

WHEREAS, the Board has been meeting remotely due to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 suspending Brown Act teleconferencing requirements and that Executive Order is set to expire,

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 361 was passed in September 2021 to extend continued flexibility for remote meetings during the COVID-19 State of Emergency or when the Board finds that COVID-19 continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person;

WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2023, Assembly Bill 2449 provides additional but limited options and new rules for teleconferencing under the Brown Act that were outlined to the Board by the City Attorney on November 8, 2022;

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022, the Mayor submitted a resolution to Council recommending that the City Council terminate the local emergency of March 4, 2020, effective February 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2022, City Council adopted the Mayor's recommendation terminating the local emergency effective February 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2023, the City updated the City of Los Angeles COVID-19 Workplace Safety Standards (Revised February 3, 2023) upon which the LACERS COVID-19 Board Meeting Safety Standards were based; and,

WHEREAS, City departments are subject to the requirements set forth by the February 1, 2023 “Revised COVID-19 City Updates Memo” and the City of Los Angeles COVID-19 Workplace Safety Standards (Revised February 3, 2023);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board:

1. Authorize LACERS General Manager to apply the City of Los Angeles COVID-19 Workplace Safety Standards (Revised February 3, 2023) at LACERS Headquarters located at 977 N. Broadway and rescind the Board’s previously adopted LACERS COVID-19 Board Meeting Standards;
2. Direct LACERS General Manager to take necessary actions to apply the February 1, 2023 “Revised COVID-19 City Updates Memo” and the City of Los Angeles COVID-19 Workplace Safety Standards (Revised February 3, 2023) at 977 N. Broadway; and,
3. Authorize LACERS General Manager to make necessary updates to LACERS application of the City of Los Angeles COVID-19 Workplace Safety Standards based on changes in federal, state, and local regulatory mandates, including City ordinances on an ongoing basis.

Which motion was seconded by Commissioner Sidley, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Huynh, Sidley, Sohn, Wilkinson, Vice President Lee, and President Serrano -7; Nays, None.

Commissioner Sidley left the Regular meeting at 10:53 a.m.

VII

INVESTMENTS

- A. CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER VERBAL REPORT INCLUDING DISCUSSION ON THE PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE TO GLOBAL EVENTS – Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, reported on the portfolio value of \$21.6 billion as of February 13, 2023. Mr. June discussed the following items:
 - FTX exposure, which is held in a private equity fund, is valued at approximately \$200,000 as of September 30, 2023
 - Adani equity and bond exposure is approximately \$4 million
 - Mr. June attending the Women’s Forum sponsored by NASP in Philadelphia
 - Mr. June shared that the current Russian exposure for LACERS is 1.4 basis points.
- B. REVIEW OF LACERS 2021 PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUAL TRANSPARENCY AND ASSESSMENT REPORTS – Ellen Chen, Investment Officer II, presented this item to the Board. The report was then received by the Board and filed.
- C. NOTIFICATION OF COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$40 MILLION IN NB PARTNERS FUND IV, LP – This report was received by the Board and filed.

VIII

DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION(S)

- A. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS OF FACT FOR HAGOP TCHAKERIAN AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Carol Rembert, Benefits Analyst, provided the Board with a brief report on this item. Vice President Lee moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Chao, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Huynh, Sohn, Wilkinson, Vice President Lee, and President Serrano -6; Nays, None.

President Serrano recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:12 a.m. to convene in Closed Session.

- B. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b) TO CONSIDER THE DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF SHANNON WILLIAMS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

President Serrano reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:14 a.m. and announced that the Board unanimously approved the Disability Retirement Application of Shannon Williams.

IX

OTHER BUSINESS – Commissioner Wilkinson announced that Retired Deputy City Attorney Mary Jo Curwen passed away on January 26, 2023.

X

NEXT MEETING: The next Special meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., and the next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. 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 11:16 a.m.



Nilza R. Serrano
President



Neil M. Guglielmo
Manager-Secretary