

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020)
and due to the concerns over COVID-19, the
LACERS Board of Administration's
December 22, 2020, meeting was conducted
via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Agenda of: Jan. 26, 2021

Item No: II

December 22, 2020

10:01 a.m.

PRESENT via Videoconferencing:	President Vice President:	Cynthia M. Ruiz Sung Won Sohn
	Commissioners:	(arrived at 10:17 a.m.) Elizabeth Lee Sandra Lee Nilza R. Serrano Michael R. Wilkinson
	Manager-Secretary:	Neil M. Guglielmo
	Legal Counselor:	Anya Freedman
ABSENT:	Commissioner:	Annie Chao
PRESENT at LACERS offices:	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 Ruiz asked if any persons wanted to make a general public comment to which there was no response.

II

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2020 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Serrano, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Sandra Lee, Serrano, Wilkinson, Vice President Sohn, and President Ruiz -5; Nays, None.

III

BOARD PRESIDENT VERBAL REPORT – President Ruiz stated she is proud of all LACERS staff during this challenging year with the pandemic. She thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and acknowledged staff for the fabulous LACERS Zoom holiday party and wished all a Happy Holiday season.

IV

Commissioner Elizabeth Lee joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

President Ruiz lost connection to the meeting at 10:22 a.m. and rejoined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

GENERAL MANAGER VERBAL REPORT

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

- Updates on Departmental Operations including Open Enrollment, FY 21/22 Budget, 2021 Wellness Planning, and Mask Campaign
- MSC Stats
- Tech Talks
- City SIP Update
- Financial Reporting
- Investments Videos for Members

Mr. Guglielmo thanked the Board for their leadership and LACERS staff for going above and beyond during this difficult year.

B. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – No items were discussed.

V

RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS

A. MONTHLY REPORT ON SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES FOR NOVEMBER 2020 – This report was received by the Board and filed.

B. COMMISSIONER CHAO BOARD EDUCATION EVALUATION ON 2020 WOMEN ON BOARDS AND CITY/STATE CONVERSATIONS CONFERENCES, VIRTUAL; NOVEMBER 12 & 19, 2020 – This report was received by the Board and filed.

C. COMMISSIONER RUIZ BOARD EDUCATION EVALUATION ON 2020 WOMEN ON BOARDS CITY/STATE (SACRAMENTO) CONVERSATION CONFERENCES, VIRTUAL; DECEMBER 2, 2020 – This report was received by the Board and filed.

VI

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- A. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORT FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 2020 – Vice President Sohn stated the Committee approved the investment manager contract with State Street Global Advisors Trust Company and provided staff with guidance on the Investment Policy modifications.
- B. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORTS FOR THE SPECIAL MEETINGS ON DECEMBER 9, 2020 AND DECEMBER 10, 2020 – Vice President Sohn stated the Committee interviewed four finalists on December 9 and three finalists on December 10 for the Core Fixed Income Manager Search. The Committee selected Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc., Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P., Income Research & Management, Garcia Hamilton & Associates, L.P., and J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

VII

INVESTMENTS

- A. CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER VERBAL REPORT – Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, reported on the portfolio value of \$20.77 billion as of December 21, 2020. Mr. June discussed the following items:
- SLC Management TALF Partners Fund 2, LP is winding down due to closing of the program by the Federal Reserve
 - SolarWinds Inc. hack status. LACERS has a small exposure to this company in the private equity portfolio.
 - Asset allocation study kick-off in January 2021
- B. NOTIFICATION OF COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$50 MILLION IN OAKTREE REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITIES FUND VIII, L.P. – This report was received by the Board and filed.

President Ruiz recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:44 a.m. to convene in Closed Session discussion.

- C. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.81 TO CONSIDER THE SALE OF ONE PARTICULAR, SPECIFIC PENSION FUND INVESTMENT AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

VIII

LEGAL/LITIGATION

- A. CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH, OR RECEIVE ADVICE FROM, LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING A SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a), (d)(2),(e)(3) (ONE CASE) REGARDING A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM MICHELLE LYMAN THREATENING LITIGATION RELATING TO A RETIREMENT BENEFIT, AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

President Ruiz reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:16 a.m.

IX

OTHER BUSINESS – Commissioner Serrano thanked staff for assisting the Board and wished all Happy Holidays.

X

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at LACERS, 977 N. Broadway, Suite 260, 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 Ruiz adjourned the Meeting at 11:20 a.m., in the memory of Officer Mike Robertson of General Services Division who had just retired with 30 years City service, and passed away on December 10, 2020.



Neil M. Guglielmo
Manager-Secretary



Cynthia M. Ruiz
President