

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 June 14, 2022 meeting will be conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

June 14, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

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

I

PER BOARD GOVERNANCE STATEMENT SEC. 4.1(C), SELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FOR JUNE 14, 2022 MEETING AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised that the nominations for President Pro Tempore for the June 14, 2022, Board Meeting were being considered and then Commissioner Wilkinson nominated Commissioner Chao and Commissioner Sandra Lee nominated Commissioner Serrano. Mr. Guglielmo called for the vote on the nomination of Commissioner Chao as President Pro Tempore: Ayes, Commissioners Chao and Wilkinson -2; Nays, Commissioners Elizabeth Lee, Sandra Lee, Serrano -3; The nomination for Commissioner Chao did not pass, therefore, Mr. Guglielmo called for the vote on the nomination of Commissioner Serrano: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Elizabeth Lee, Sandra Lee, Serrano, and Wilkinson -5; Nays, None. The nomination of Commissioner Serrano for President Pro Tempore passed.

II

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 Pro Tempore Serrano asked if any persons wanted to make a general public comment to which there was no response.

III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 10, 2022 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Commissioner Elizabeth Lee moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Chao, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Elizabeth Lee, Sandra Lee, Wilkinson, and President Pro Tempore Serrano -5; Nays, None.

IV

BOARD PRESIDENT VERBAL REPORT – President Pro Tempore Serrano shared that she was happy for President Ruiz's appointment to the DWP Board of Commissioners but sad that she is no longer serving on the LACERS Board.

V

GENERAL MANAGER VERBAL REPORT

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

- Juneteenth City Holiday
- Parking for 977 N. Broadway
- Update on LACERS HQ Construction/Renovation
- Water and Power Employee Retirement Plan (WPERP) Reciprocity Lawsuit
- Retirement Services Division Update
- Health Benefits Administration Update
- Member Services Update

B. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, advised the Board of the following items:

- 6/28/22 Benefits Administration Committee: Recommendation to award the Health Consultant contract, Presentation by Keenan on the Health Management Dashboard, and Preliminary Health Plan Renewal Update

VI

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.

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 220614-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 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, Wilkinson, and President Pro Tempore Serrano -5; Nays, None.

- B. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH QTC MEDICAL GROUP, INC. FOR DISABILITY MEDICAL EVALUATION SERVICES AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the following Resolution:

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH QTC MEDICAL GROUP, INC.
FOR DISABILITY MEDICAL EVALUATION SERVICES**

RESOLUTION 220614-B

WHEREAS, the General Manager presented information on the use of disability medical evaluation services;

WHEREAS, QTC Medical Group, Inc., is the disability medical evaluation service provider currently utilized by LACERS under Contract No. 4193, for the contract period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, LACERS has the option to extend the existing contract for an additional three-year term ending June 30, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves exercising the option to extend Contract No. 4193 for an additional three years, in amount not to exceed \$600,000, and authorizes the General Manager to approve and execute the necessary contract amendment documents with QTC Medical Group, Inc.

Which motion was seconded by Commissioner Chao, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Elizabeth Lee, Sandra Lee, Wilkinson, and President Pro Tempore Serrano -5; Nays, None.

VIII

INVESTMENTS

- A. CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER VERBAL REPORT INCLUDING DISCUSSION ON THE PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE TO GLOBAL EVENTS – Bryan Fujita, Investment Officer III, reported on the portfolio value of \$20.70 billion as of June 13, 2022. Mr. Fujita discussed the following items:

- Update on current market conditions
- Update on Institutional Partnership Association (ILPA) Board of Director Elections
- Future Agenda items: Private Credit Consultant Semi-Finalist List and Closed Session to consider a Real Estate opportunity

Mr. Fujita shared that there are no changes in the markets in regards to the Russian/Ukraine Crisis. He stated markets are still closed to foreign investors and LACERS Russian exposure is 3 bps or about \$6.6 million in MV.

- B. PRIVATE REAL ESTATE PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 – Chae Hong, Partner, and Felix Fels, Associate Partner, with The Townsend Group, presented and discussed this item with the Board for 30 minutes.

Commissioner Sandra Lee left the Regular Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

- C. PRIVATE EQUITY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 – David Fann, Vice Chairman and Trevor Jackson, Managing Director, with Aksia CA LLC, and Bryan Fujita, Investment Officer III and Wilkin Ly, Investment Officer III, presented and discussed this item with the Board for 15 minutes.

Item V-C taken out of order.

V

- C. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT CYNTHIA M. RUIZ – Neil M. Guglielmo, General Manager, recognized President Ruiz for her service to the LACERS Board from September 2015 to May 2022. Commissioner Elizabeth Lee and President Pro Tempore Serrano also shared their appreciation for President Ruiz’s contributions to the LACERS Board.

IX

LEGAL/LITIGATION

- A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH BERSTEIN LITOWITZ BERGER & GROSSMAN LLP, BLEICHMAR FONTI & AULD LLP, COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL PLLC, ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP, AND SAXENA WHITE P.A. FOR OUTSIDE SECURITIES MONITORING AND LITIGATION COUNSEL; AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Gina DiDomenico, Deputy City Attorney, presented this item to the Board and introduced representatives from the five firms named in the request for approval. Commissioner Chao moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Elizabeth Lee, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Commissioners Chao, Elizabeth Lee, Wilkinson, and President Pro Tempore Serrano -4; Nays, None.

X

OTHER BUSINESS – There was no other business.

XI

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 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 Pro Tempore Serrano adjourned the Meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Nilza Serrano

Neil M. Guglielmo

Nilza R. Serrano
President Pro Tempore

Neil M. Guglielmo
Manager-Secretary