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

LACERS Boardroom 202 West First Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles, California

Agenda of: Feb. 13, 2018

Item No:

January 9, 2018

9:11 a.m.

PRESENT:

Chairperson:

Michael R. Wilkinson

Committee Member:

Nilza R. Serrano Cynthia M. Ruiz

Manager-Secretary:

Lita Payne

Executive Assistant:

Ani Ghoukassian

Legal Counselor:

Alan Manning

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION – Chairperson Wilkinson asked if any persons wished to speak, to which there was one response and one public comment card received from Mr. Michael Perez, retired LACERS member and member of Retired Los Angeles City Employee Inc. (RLACEI). Chairperson Wilkinson stated Mr. Perez can make his comment preceding the Agenda Item of interest.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017 AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – A Motion to approve the Minutes as presented was moved by Committee Member Serrano, seconded by Committee Member Ruiz, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Chairperson Wilkinson, Committee Members Ruiz and Serrano – 3; Nays, None.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE CONSULTANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FINALIST AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Alex Rabrenovich, Division Manager and Bruce Bernal, Assistant Division Manager, of Health Benefits Administration and Communications Division requested the Committee's consideration to approve the Health and Welfare Consultant Request for Proposal Finalist. Approval was moved by Committee Member Serrano, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Chairperson Wilkinson, Committee Members Ruiz and Serrano –3; Nays, None.

RECEIVE AND FILE – 2018 MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM – Margaret Drenk, Senior Management Analyst with Health Benefits Administration and Communication Division discussed and presented this item and the report was received by the Committee and filed.

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SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE FOR RETIRED MEMBERS AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Mr. Michael Perez, retired LACERS member and member of Retired Los Angeles City Employee Inc. (RLACEI) stated he is representing the RLACEI Board and supports this program for all City employees. Lita Payne, Acting General Manager discussed this item and will include a draft letter when this is forwarded to the full Board. Approval was moved by Committee Member Serrano, seconded by Committee Member Ruiz, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Chairperson Wilkinson, Committee Members Ruiz and Serrano –3; Nays, None.

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OPERATIONAL UPDATE – Lita Payne, Acting General Manager, discussed the parallel processing of the new Pension Administration System. She also shared that the Enhanced Benefits for Airport Peace Officers went into effect on January 7, 2018. She stated a tiki themed LACERS *Well* Gala was held for Champions and other participating members in Carson on December 11, 2017.

Alex Rabrenovich, Division Manager of Health Benefits and Communication Division, shared that the Tiki Gala on December 11, 2017 was a great success and well attended. He stated staff as well as Tara Miller and Keenan, presented to the City's Joint Labor Management Committee an overview of the Wellness Program. He also shared that last week a letter was mailed out to all LACERS members enrolled in the Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Plan regarding a policy update on Medicare compliance.

Committee Member Ruiz asked if LACERS can coordinate Wellness events with other retirement systems such as the Department of Water and Power and Fire and Police Pensions.

Committee Member Serrano asked what the tax plan will do to healthcare and what it will do to members.

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OTHER BUSINESS - There was no other business discussed.

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NEXT MEETING: Chairperson Wilkinson announced that the next Benefits Administration Committee Meeting is not scheduled at this time, and will be announced upon scheduling.

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ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the Committee, Chairperson Wilkinson adjourned the Meeting at 9:38 a.m.

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Lita Payne Manager-Secretary