

## 4.1 GENERAL

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A. **Procedural Standard**

The Board and its Committees shall operate under Robert's Rules of Order unless statutes or Board action provide otherwise.

B. **Board Actions**

Actions of the Board require four votes. The Los Angeles City Charter §503(c) requires that "Each board shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by the Charter by order or resolution adopted by a majority of its members. Action of the board shall be attested by the signatures of the President or Vice President, or two members of the board, and by the signature of the secretary of the board."

C. **Board Meeting Presiding Officer**

Board meetings shall be convened and presided over by the President of the Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume all responsibilities and authority of the President. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the General Manager/Manager-Secretary will open the meeting and call for nominations of a President Pro Tempore from the members present to serve for the duration of the meeting. Should the last presiding officer need to leave an open meeting, they shall designate a succeeding officer. For Committee meetings, the Committee Chair shall convene and preside over the meeting. In the Chair's absence, they shall designate a succeeding officer by notifying the Commission Executive Assistant or the General Manager in advance of the meeting at which they will be absent. If the Chair needs to leave before a Committee meeting ends, they shall designate a succeeding officer.

D. **Committee Assignments**

Committee assignments are to be determined by the President or Acting President, who shall also name the Committee Chair. An alternate will be appointed for each Committee to serve in the absence of Committee Members. Additional alternates may be appointed on an as-needed basis by the Board President.

E. **Committee Meeting Schedule and Attendance**

All Committee meetings of the Board shall be open to all Board members, but only Committee Members may vote. Committee meetings shall be scheduled to occur on the same day as regular Board meetings whenever possible.

F. **Closed Sessions**

Closed sessions of the Board and its Committees shall be limited to Board Members and only those other persons who are required by the Board.

G. **Closed Session Discussions and Decisions**

Pursuant to Section 54957.2, Chapter 9 of the California Government Code (The Ralph M. Brown Act), the legislative body of a local agency may, by ordinance or resolution, designate a clerk or other officer or employee of the local agency who shall then attend each closed session of the legislative body and keep and enter in a minute book a record of topics discussed and decisions made at the meeting. The Executive Assistant to the Board of Administration shall be designated to serve in this capacity; and the General Manager/Manager-Secretary is designated as the alternate.

H. **Board Member Compensation**

Members of the Board shall be compensated for attendance at all Regular and Special meetings of the Board at a rate of \$50 per meeting with a maximum of \$250 per month, except when such Special meeting is concurrently scheduled as a meeting of a Committee of the Board.

I. **Board Meeting Schedule and Location**

The Board hereby approves the official meeting time for Regular Meetings of the LACERS Board of Administration as 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, in the LACERS Boardroom at 977 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012, as the official place for Regular Meetings. All Board and Committee meetings are open to the public, with the exception of "closed session" meeting items.

J. **Public Comment**

The Board shall provide a member of the public the opportunity to address the Board or Committee on any item under its jurisdiction as follows:

1. Agenda Items – With respect to any item which is already on the agenda, the public shall be allowed the opportunity to comment at the commencement of the Board or Committee meeting. The Board/Committee Meeting Presiding Officer may request to have the speaker give their public comment prior to the agenda item to be addressed. The public shall also be given an opportunity to comment on closed session items prior to adjournment into closed session.
2. Non-Agenda Items – Members of the public shall have the right to address the Board on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Except as otherwise permitted by the Ralph M. Brown Act, no deliberation of action may be taken by the Board concerning a non-agenda item, except that members of the Board may (1) briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons addressing the Board; (2) ask a question for clarification; or (3) provide a reference to staff for factual information. Furthermore, the Board may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

Each speaker giving a public comment shall be allotted two minutes per agenda item or new matter which is to be enforced by the Board/Committee Meeting Presiding Officer. The allotted time may be adjusted at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

Written public comment addressing items on the meeting agenda shall be distributed to members of the Board or Committee prior to the beginning of the meeting but shall not be read out loud into the record by Board Members or LACERS' staff during the meeting as a matter of course. All submitted public comments, including public comment cards, shall be posted with the Board meeting documents on LACERS' website.

## 4.2 AGENDAS

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- A. The Commission Executive Assistant shall prepare an Agenda for each Board meeting which incorporates a consent agenda, new business, items previously requested by Board Member(s) for inclusion, as well as those items deferred from previous meeting(s) categorized in the order to be determined in concurrence with the General Manager and Board President.
- B. The consent agenda shall consist of approval of the minutes of the past meeting(s) and routine "receive and file" items which are presumed to be non-controversial, and which

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do not involve the investment of assets. The Board President and General Manager may concur on additional items to be routinely placed on the consent agenda. A Board Member may at any Board meeting, remove an item from the consent agenda for further discussion.

- C. Items presented in the Board President's Report, General Manager's Report, Chief Investment Officer Report, or other requested Manager's Report, may be provided verbally without a written report.
- D. Informational items (i.e. "Receive and file" items):
  - 1. At Committee meetings – Shall be supported by a written report and presented by Staff or consultants, unless otherwise instructed by the Committee.
  - 2. At Board meetings – Shall be supported by a written report and presented by Staff or consultants upon request of any Board Member. The Staff or consultant should sit at the table and make a presentation only when cued or requested by the Board President.
- E. All Board Members shall receive in advance of each meeting copies of all Committee agendas, regular meeting agendas, and all support documentation.
- F. Committee reports: Following each Committee meeting in which a recommendation for action to the full Board is taken, the Staff, in consultation with the Committee Chair, will to the degree possible, prepare the Committee's report to include a brief summary of the proposed Committee recommendation and attach the Staff's report to the Committee report.
- G. Materials supplied to Board Members shall be numbered to facilitate locating items under discussion.

### 4.3 MINUTES

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- A. Minutes of the meetings of the Board shall conform in general to the format outlines in the "Trustees' Handbook" published by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans.
- B. At each Board meeting, Board Members shall have the opportunity to review and approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s) before the President affixes their signature upon approval by the Board.
- C. The Minutes shall be prepared with letter-size paper for review before approval, and the historical record of approved and signed minutes shall be maintained electronically with all appropriate considerations for security and accessibility as required by law.

### 4.4 ELECTION

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The Election of Board Officers for the then current fiscal year is generally held on the second meeting of July each year, or when a Board Officer seat becomes vacant. The Board shall elect one of its members to the office of President, and one to the office of Vice President. The Board Officers shall hold office for one year and until replaced by the election of a successor or re-elected at the next Election, unless their membership on the Board expires sooner.

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At the appointed time, the General Manager/Manager-Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President. After nominations have concluded, the General Manager/Manager-Secretary shall call for the Ayes and Nays from among the Members of the Board for each candidate nominated. Nominees will be voted on in the order that they were nominated. Upon one candidate securing a majority vote, the General Manager/Manager-Secretary shall announce that the office of President is filled until the newly elected Member is replaced or re-elected at the next election.

The General Manager/Manager-Secretary shall then call for nominations for the office of Vice President and repeat the election procedure described above until one candidate secures a majority vote, at which time the office of Vice President may be deemed filled.