



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

SACRAMENTO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Executive Staff:

Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer

Margo Allen
Chief Operations Officer

Steve Davis
Chief Investment Officer

Keith Riddle
Chief Benefits Officer

Timothy Taylor
Chief Technology Officer

Jason Morrish
General Counsel

Members of the Board of Retirement:

Chris Giboney, President
Elected by the Safety Members (Alternate)

Robert Aguallo, Jr., Vice President
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Keith DeVore
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Cyril Shah
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Ronald Suter
Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Chad Rinde
Ex Officio, Director of Finance

Alina Mangru
Elected by the Miscellaneous Members

M. Tapa Banda
Elected by the Miscellaneous Members

Brandon Gayman
Elected by the Safety Members

Martha Hoover
Elected by the Retired Members

Dave Irish
Elected by the Retired Members (Alternate)

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2026

10:00 A.M.

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
700 H Street, Suite 1450
Sacramento, California 95814**

Live-stream at www.scers.gov

OPEN SESSION

Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Giboney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eric Stern, Chief Executive Officer, took roll call.

Board Members Present: Giboney, Aguallo, DeVore, Mangru, Shah, Suter, Rinde, Irish, Gayman, Hoover (arrived at 10:02 a.m.)

Board Members Absent: Banda

Also present: Eric Stern, Chief Executive Officer; Margo Allen, Chief Operations Officer; Steve Davis, Chief Investment Officer; Tim Taylor, Chief Technology Officer; Keith Riddle, Chief Benefits Officer; Jason Morrish, General Counsel; Jim Donohue, Deputy Chief Investment Officer; Omar Martin, Senior Retirement Investment Officer; Karen McMillen, Retirement Investment Officer; Marilee Mitchell, Senior Office Specialist (c).

Item 2. Public Comment

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board may be addressed by the general public at the start of the meeting. Total meeting time allotted for the Public Comment item is up to fifteen (15) minutes.

Amber McGovern and Jason Rico addressed the Board of Retirement regarding Item 5A. Mr. Morrish advised the Board on available options for consideration of Item 5A.

CONSENT MATTERS—Items 3-9:

Consent matters are acted upon as one unit. If the Chair removes an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion, it will be heard at the appropriate time. If an item containing one or more recommendations to the Board is approved on Consent, the recommendation(s) therein are approved.

Mr. Morrish addressed additional questions from the Board regarding Item 5A. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Rinde, seconded by Board Member Suter, to approve the recommendations on Consent Calendar Items 3-4 and 6-9. **(Adopted 9-0.)** Item 5A was pulled for separate consideration as referenced below.

Item 3. Minutes of the March 18, 2026 Regular Meeting

Approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Item 4. Minutes of the March 16, 2026 Audit Committee Meeting

Approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 Audit Committee Meeting.

Item 5. Disability Retirement Applications

Adopt Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge for the following Disability Retirement Applications:

- A. MCGOVERN, Amber (Human Services Specialist II, Department of Human Assistance): Deny a non-service-connected disability retirement.

At 10:23 a.m., without objection from the Board, President Giboney called for Closed Session Item 21 to be heard out of order to address Item 5A. At 10:47 a.m., President Giboney reconvened the meeting in open session and reported that the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed decision of the administrative law judge for the disability retirement application of Amber McGovern and deny a non-service-connected disability retirement.

Item 6. Ratification of Service Retirement Application Approvals—March 2026

Ratify the service retirement applications that were finalized in March 2026.

Item 7. State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Information

- A. Receive and file the SACRS Legislative Update for April 2026.
B. Approve nominations for SACRS Board of Directors Elections.

Item 8. CEO Delegated Authority Expense Report—First Quarter 2026

Receive and file the CEO Delegated Authority Expense Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026.

Item 9. Monthly Report of Investment Activity—March 2026

Receive and file the Monthly Report of Investment Activity for March 2026.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

Item 10. Chief Executive Officer's Report (no action requested)

Mr. Stern thanked the County Executive's Office, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office, the Department of Technology, and Metro 14 for their responsiveness and support in moving the SCERS Board meeting to the Board of Supervisors' chambers.

Mr. Stern provided an update on the building closure at 980 9th Street due to an electrical fire and reported that the target re-opening date was April 27th. He indicated that the major damage to the building was on the lower levels and the SCERS office on the 19th floor appeared to have suffered only minor damage in the electrical room.

Mr. Stern acknowledged the excellent work of the SCERS operations and technology teams to ensure that business operations continued without interruption following the April 7th fire.

Item 11. Chief Investment Officer's Report

Receive and file CIO Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026.

Mr. Davis presented this item. Vice-President Aguallo inquired about the credit markets and the effect on the SCERS portfolio. Mr. Davis updated the Board with portfolio updates, the acclimation of the new custodial bank (Northern Trust), and the RFP issued for the General Investment Consultant. A motion was made by Vice President Aguallo, seconded by Board Member Shah, to receive and file the CIO Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 12. Chief Benefits Officer's Report (no action requested)

Mr. Riddle provided the Board with an update on the status of recently processed retirement applications and current disability retirement applications in process, noting the one disability retirement recommendation for this month. The next quarterly joint retirement planning webinar is scheduled for June 10, 2026. Board Member Suter inquired about the status of the Alive and Well program. Mr. Riddle reported that SCERS is sending paper checks to five individuals and the next steps would be to have law enforcement conduct wellness checks. President Giboney inquired about reciprocity applications during the peak season, and Vice President Aguallo inquired about the number of members affected by IRS Section 415 limits.

BENEFITS MATTERS:

Item 13. Marital Dissolution Policy

Approve amendments to the Dissolution of Marriage Documents Policy, rename to Marital Dissolution Policy, and recommend Board of Supervisors adopt Government Code section 31780.2.

Mr. Morrish presented this item. A motion was made by Board Member Shah, seconded by Board Member DeVore, to approve amendments to the Dissolution of Marriage Documents Policy, rename to Marital Dissolution Policy, and recommend Board of Supervisors adopt Government Code section 31780.2. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

At 11:18 a.m., without objection from the Board, President Giboney announced that at the request of Mr. Stern, Item 16 would be heard out of order at this time.

Item 14. Education: Social Security Integration

Receive and file presentation on history and recent events related to Social Security integration with public pension benefits.

Mr. Riddle presented this item. Board Member Irish departed the meeting during discussion of this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Suter, seconded by Board Member Gayman, to receive and file presentation on history and recent events related to Social Security integration with public pension benefits. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Item 15. Technology Report—First Quarter 2026

Receive and file the Technology Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026.

Mr. Taylor presented this item. He announced the completion of two initiatives: the launch of the online service purchase calculator and a refresh of SCERS' external website. Mr. Traylor further outlined the initiatives in progress and provided an update regarding LRS pre-engagement activities. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Hoover, seconded by Board Member Mangru, to receive and file the Technology Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 16. Independent Financial Statement Auditor

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Crowe LLP for independent financial statement audit services for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$390,000, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Board Member Irish presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Rinde, seconded by Board Member Hoover, to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract with Crowe LLP for independent financial statement audit services for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$390,000, as recommended by the Audit Committee. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

INVESTMENT MATTERS:

Item 17. Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report—First Quarter 2026

Receive and file the Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026.

Mr. Davis presented this item. Following discussion, Board Member Shah requested that future reports include the duration a firm remains on the watchlist. A motion was made by Board Member Rinde, seconded by Board Member Mangru, to receive and file the Investment Manager Compliance and Watch List Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

Item 18. Education: Overlay Program and Portfolio Rebalancing

Receive and file the Overlay Program and Portfolio Rebalancing presentations by Staff and State Street Investment Management.

Mr. Davis introduced Sonya Park and Michael Martel of State Street, who presented this item. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member DeVore, seconded by Board Member Rinde, to receive and file the Overlay Program and Portfolio Rebalancing presentations by Staff and State Street Investment Management. **(Adopted 9-0.)**

OTHER MATTERS:

Item 19. Comments from Members of the Board of Retirement

Mr. Riddle provided follow-up information to Vice-President Aguallo regarding his inquiry during the CBO Report.

At 12:41 p.m., President Giboney requested clarification from Mr. Morrish regarding closed session, who indicated that only Item 22 would be discussed. Item 20 was withdrawn, and Item 21 was heard earlier out of order during the Consent Calendar as referenced above.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 20. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), this session shall be closed for the Board to discuss formally initiated litigation to which SCERS is a party: *SCERS vs. Telus Health (US) Ltd.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:24-cv-01431-JAM-DB.

Item 21. PERSONNEL MATTERS—EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), this session shall be closed for the Board to discuss the employment of public employees, specifically, the disability retirement applicants referenced in Item 5, above. This item will be withdrawn in whole or in part if approved on Consent as recommended by staff.

Item 22. PURCHASE OR SALE OF PENSION FUND INVESTMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.81, this session shall be closed to consider the purchase or sale of particular, specific pension fund investments.

At 1:13 p.m., President Giboney reconvened the meeting in open session and announced that there was nothing to report out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Giboney adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.