Board of Retirement Regular Meeting

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

Agenda Item 15

MEETING DATE: **August 19, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Legal Services**

SUBMITTED FOR: **_X__ Action** **___ Information**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an amendment to legal services agreement with investment counsel Foley & Lardner LLP increasing the not-to-exceed amount to $1,225,000 through January 2027 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any necessary documents.

PURPOSE/STRATEGIC PRIORITY

This item complies with the Master Investment Policy Statement regarding legal review of investment transactions and supports effective oversight of the investment program, risk management, and compliance with laws and regulations.

DISCUSSION

Foley & Lardner is SCERS' long-time investment counsel, providing legal services in connection with SCERS' alternative asset investment transactions and relationships. Most significantly, Foley represents SCERS in negotiations with general partners and fund managers when entering into limited partnership agreements and commingled fund investments.

SCERS' most recent formal written agreement with Foley, executed in January 2024, expires on January 31, 2027. The original agreement included a not-to-exceed amount of $825,000. In February 2026, due to additional work not anticipated at the time of execution – including extensive negotiations on agreements with SCERS' new custodian, Northern Trust – the agreement was amended pursuant to the SCERS' CEO Delegated Authority Policy for Expenses to increase the not-to-exceed amount to $975,000 with the approval of the Board President.

After concluding the Northern Trust negotiations earlier this year, Foley has continued to advise and represent SCERS in numerous alternative asset investment transactions and discussions and has reached the current $975,000 threshold. Staff is requesting an additional $250,000 to ensure Foley's availability to assist SCERS with prospective investment transactions through the end of the current agreement in January 2027. Foley's cumulative and hourly legal fees remain reasonably within current market rates.

Costs for the recommended extension are incorporated into SCERS' annual budgets and based on the anticipated need for Foley's services over the next five months.

ATTACHMENTS

- Board Order

Prepared by:	Reviewed by:
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Jason R. Morrish General Counsel	Eric Stern Chief Executive Officer

Retirement Board Order

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

Before the Board of Retirement
August 19, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Legal Services

THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT hereby approves the Staff recommendation to approve an amendment to legal services agreement with investment counsel Foley & Lardner LLP increasing the not-to-exceed amount to $1,225,000 through January 2027 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any necessary documents.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on August 19, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Retirement, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ALTERNATES (Present but not voting):

Chris Giboney Board President	Eric Stern Chief Executive Officer and Board Secretary