

MCERA RETIREMENT BOARD MINUTES
Date: THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014
MERCED COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
3199 "M" STREET
MERCED, CA 95348

ROLL CALL: 8:17 A.M.

Board Members Present: Karen Adams, Mark Bodley, Darlene Ingersoll (via phone), Scott Johnston, Ronald Kinchloe, David Ness, Jim Pacheco and Michael Rhodes. **Counsel:** Richard Flores **Staff:** Steven Bland, Angelo Lamas, David Liu, and Brenda Mojica. **Others:** Dr. Fracchia.

Absent: Deidre Kelsey-excused

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve April 24, 2014 minutes
Bodley/Adams**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION:

Disability cases: David Baker, Michael Harris, John Sheppard, Lisa Wiseman.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Action taken in closed session: approval of service connected disability retirement of John Sheppard.

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Project Planning: Staff presented a list of potential projects that might begin once the pension software conversion is complete. Trustees were asked for their priorities. There was support for:
 - Enhancement of the website,
 - An assortment of investment issues,
 - An innovative Board retreat, and
 - Enhanced pre-retirement seminars.

2. CPAS:

The new pension software system CPAS is being run in parallel with the existing Legacy system. The project is behind schedule and over budget. The current focus of attention is data conversion issues such as purchase of service credit. Dissatisfaction with CPAS was expressed by a trustee. Some 1937 counties have had meaningful challenges with CPAS.

One trustee asked if CPAS was having a negative impact on plan participants. It is having no impact on retirees. However, pension estimates for current employees may be off due to the handling of purchased service credit.

3. Investment Update – Raven Contract: After several contract revisions the Raven documents were signed and returned to the general partner. Staff expressed thanks for Mr. Flores’ support through this protracted legal review. No board action was needed at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent matters are acted upon as one unit. If an item is taken off the Consent Calendar for discussion, it will be heard as the last item(s) of the Board Action/Discussion as appropriate.

1. RETIREMENTS:

All items of earnable compensation for service or disability retirements listed below are in compliance with the pay code schedule approved by the Board of Retirement.

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| 1. Young, Francine | Mental Health | Eff. 04/12/2014 |
| 2. Amis, Darin | Sheriff | Eff. 04/30/2014 |
| 3. McGuinness, Janet | H.S.A. | Eff. 05/03/2014 |
| 4. Davis, Karen | DCSS | Eff. 03/12/2014 |
| 5. Warfel, Linda | Public Health | Eff. 03/29/2014 |
| 6. McClain, Arval | Sheriff | Eff. 04/01/2014 |
| 7. Olson, Janice | H.S.A. | Eff. 03/25/2014 |
| 8. Garcia, Gloria | Assessor | Eff. 03/28/2014 |
| 9. Hart, Rose | Courts | Eff. 03/01/2014 |
| 10. Moroni, Dana | Library | Eff. 03/29/2014 |
| 11. Smith, Mark | Dept. Ag | Eff. 03/31/2014 |
| 12. Lopes, David | DPW | Eff. 03/29/2014 |
| 13. Kucius, Brian | Admin Svcs. | Eff. 03/29/2014 |
| 14. Todd, Nathan | Sheriff | Eff. 03/04/2014 |
| 15. Banuelos, Andrew | Assessors | Eff. 03/29/2014 |
| 16. Petrick, Lorraine | H.S.A. | Eff. 04/01/2014 |
| 17. Blackwell, Ricky | Dept. Ag | Eff. 03/28/2014 |
| 18. Nicholson, William | Planning | Eff. 03/29/2014 |
| 19. Vang, Myly | H.S.A. | Eff. 04/01/2014 |

Staff is asked to list years of service credit for future retirements – as long as it does not violate privacy constraints.

2. REFUND OF SERVICE PURCHASE: None

3. DEATH BENEFIT:

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| 1. Elizabeth Cortez | Mental Health | Eff. 08/26/2012 |
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Motion to approve consent calendar.
Adams/Bodley U/A

INFORMATION ONLY:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER BUSINESS: Future Meetings, Conferences, Direction for Future Agenda Items

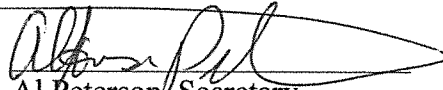
Copper Rock contacted both SIS and staff to mention the closing of domestic small cap strategies. It is best practice in the investment industry to forward this information to the Board. However, this is not expected to have a negative impact on MCERA. One manager from the closed fund is being moved to support the international small cap fund that MCERA utilizes. This should have a positive impact.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



David Ness, Chairman



Al Peterson, Secretary

May 27, 2014.

Date