MCERA RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020
MERCED COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
3199 M STREET, MERCED, CA 95348

ROLL CALL: 8:15 A.M.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01/23/2020
Motion to approve the January 23, 2020 meeting minutes with note that Trustee Rochester voted for Trustee Ingersoll (absent).
Silveira/Goins U/A (9-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting went into closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS: PERSONNEL EXCEPTION
(Govt. Code §54957, 31532; Cal Const. art. I, § 1)
Motion to grant a non-service connected disability and deny a service connected disability for Linda Ramirez.
Cabral/Ingersoll U/A (9-0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

RETIREMENTS: Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31663.25 or § 31672
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. The retirement is authorized; however, administrative adjustments may be necessary to alter the amount due to: audit, late arrival of data, court order, etc.

a. Maravilla, Maria HSA 11 Yrs. Svc. Eff. 01/14/2020
b. Sanchez, Gustavo Beh. Health 14 Yrs. Svc. Eff. 01/20/2020
c. Berber, Jubenal Sheriffs Dept. 17 Yrs. Svc. Eff. 01/16/2020
d. Pacheco, Jeannette Admin Svcs 26 Yrs. Svc. Eff. 01/18/2020
e. Tapia, Nancy Health Dept. 21 Yrs. Svc. Eff. 02/01/2020
YTD fiscal year 2018/2019 retirees: 57
YTD fiscal year 2017/2018 retirees: 082
YTD fiscal year 2016/2017 retirees: 065

REFUND OF SERVICE PURCHASE: None
DEATH BENEFIT: Patricia McDermott
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Submitted

Motion to approve Consent Calendar.
Adams/Cabral U/A (9-0)

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION
Action items were re-ordered by the Board Chair.

1. Discussion and possible action on proposed draft building plans to determine feasibility for a single tenant building located at the vacant lot at 690 W. 19th Street, in Merced – Staff.
   No action taken.

2. Discussion and possible action on IS support person with the County of Merced – Staff.
The MCERA board motioned to table this discussion to a future regular meeting while staff obtains more information. Silveira/Peterson U/A (9-0)

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Cost of Living (COLA) for Tier 1 members, effective April 1, 2020 – Staff
   The MCERA board voted to approve 2.5% Cost of Living (COLA) for Tier 1 members, effective April 1, 2020. Ness/Cabral (Trustees Michael Rhodes and Scott Johnston recused themselves from voting) (8-0)

4. Discussion and possible action to approve pay codes as proposed by the Merced County Superior Courts and the County of Merced – Staff.
The MCERA board voted to adopt 5 pay codes as recommended by staff. Ness/Silveira U/A (9-0)

5. Discussion and possible action to approve CPAS Data Cleansing and Training plan for MCERA – Staff.
The MCERA board voted to authorize the Plan Administrator to sign the contract with CPAS for data cleansing and a training plan for MCERA. Adams/Cabral U/A (8-0)

6. Discussion and possible action to work with Merced County purchasing to use another 1937 Act RFP for a new branding and website design – Staff.
The MCERA board voted for MCERA to “piggy back” off of another system (San Bernardino County Employees’ Retirement Association) branding and website design then bring back a final bid to MCERA Board. Rhodes/Adams U/A (8-0)

7. Discussion and possible action for Trustees to apply for an elected seat on the SACRS Board – Staff.
   No action taken.

8. Discussion on SACS Leg Update – Staff
   No action taken.

9. Review calendar of any training sessions and authorize expenditures for Trustees and Plan Administrator. Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31522.8 and MCERA’s Trustees Education and Training Policy requirements. Examples of upcoming training and educational sessions:

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1 "Action" means that the Board may dispose of any item by any action, including but not limited to the following acts: approve, disapprove, authorize, modify, defer, table, take no action, or receive and file.
The MCERA board voted to approve the following travel:

- Trustees Scott Silveira and Janey Cabral to attend the Advance Principles of Pension Management for Trustees.
- Trustee Kalisa Rochester to attend the NCPERS Accredited Fiduciary Program.
- Plan Administrator, Kristie Santos to attend SACRS Spring Conference.
- Trustee Ness will no longer be able to attend SACRS Spring Conference.

Rhodes/Ness    U/A (8-0)

INFORMATION ONLY

All rebalancing trades have been completed – Mark Harmen, Fiscal Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Paskin, Chair

Al Peterson, Secretary

3/12/2020