

**SAN MATEO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
MARCH 26, 2024 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

2403.1 Call to Order, Roll Call and Miscellaneous Business

Call to Order: Mr. Battey, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Retirement to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Sandie Arnott, Mark Battey, Al David, Kurt Hoefer, Kimathi Marangu, Katherine O'Malley, Elaine Orr, Robert Raw, and Alma Salas.

Absent: None.

Alternates: April DeCarsky and Nicole McKay.

Staff: Michael Coultrip, Lili Dames, Scott Hood, Jenny Lukan, Doris Ng, Paul Okada, and Gladys Smith.

Consultants and speakers: Joe Abdou, Jeff MacLean, John Nicolini, and Ian Toner (Verus); Wil VanLoh (Quantum Capital Group); and Jimmy Hassani (FBI).

2403.2.1 Oral Communications from the Board: None.

2403.2.2 Oral Communications from the Public: None.

2403.3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2024: Mr. Battey asked if there were any changes or corrections, or objections, to the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 27, 2024. There were no changes, corrections, or objections presented.

Action: Mr. David moved to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024 regular Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Arnott and carried with a vote of 8-0, with trustees Arnott, Battey, David, Hoefer, Marangu, O'Malley, Raw, and Salas all in favor; Orr abstained; none opposed.

2403.4.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda: Mr. Battey asked if there were any items to be removed for discussion from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed.

Action: Ms. Salas moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marangu and carried with a vote of 9-0, with trustees Arnott, Battey, David, Hoefer, Marangu, O'Malley, Orr, Raw, and Salas all in favor; none opposed.

2403.4.1 Disability Retirements: None.

2403.4.2 Survivor Death Benefits: None.

2403.4.3 Service Retirements:

Name	Effective Retirement Date	Department
Allington, Linda	January 3, 2024	Emergency Medical Services
Aozasa, Lisa	January 6, 2024	Planning & Building
Arredondo, Alicia	January 22, 2023	Sheriff's Office
Bush, Judith	February 1, 2024	Assessor Clerk Recorder Elections
Criado, Joseph	January 27, 2024	Sheriff's Office
Davis, Margarie	January 20, 2024	Mental Health
Duerre, Kevin	February 1, 2024	Courts
Hernandez, Ana	January 27, 2024	San Mateo County Health
Hurst, Kim	January 3, 2024	County Executive's Office
Hurtado, Yolanda	January 2, 2024	Def'd - San Mateo County Health

leong, Tak	January 25, 2024	Courts
MacAskill Johnson, Bonnie	January 20, 2024	Probation
Merlo, Kathleen	January 30, 2024	Human Services Agency
Murphy, Brett	January 7, 2024	Sheriff's Office
Oropeza, Guadalupe	January 6, 2024	District Attorney's Office
Padilla, Joseph F	January 20, 2024	Aging & Adult Services
Pena, Aurora	February 1, 2024	Behavioral Health
Pena, Tiare	January 6, 2024	Planning & Building
Reed, Mark	January 20, 2024	Aging & Adult Services
Strother, Debra	January 20, 2024	Aging & Adult Services
Yuen, Matthew	January 27, 2024	Courts

2403.4.4 **Continuances:**

Survivor's Name

Gutierrez-Gil, Gloria
 Gooden, Katherine
 Harper-Metoyer, Gwendolyn
 Hefler, John W
 Mason, Ann
 Sisk, Judith
 Ybarra, Jose

Beneficiary of:

Dragich, Colleen
 Gooden, Quillie
 Metoyer, Charles
 Gill, Roberta
 Lynn, Rebecca
 Sisk, John
 Arredondo, Alicia

2403.4.5 **Deferred Retirements:**

Name

Ballard, Estela
 Barajas, Alejandro
 Borrell, Claudia
 Castaneda, James
 Chiang, Yen-Ching
 Deffenderfer, Barbara
 Dixon Romero, Monica
 Finklang, Julie
 Gonzalez, Denise
 Hughes, Danella
 Ip, Yuen Ki
 Kelava, Luca
 Kollings, Yvonne
 La, Diana
 La, Nguyen
 McDonald, Eboni
 Monge, Margaret
 Shannon, Ryan
 Salto, Jose
 Silva, Jennifer

Retirement Plan Type

G7, Non-Vested - Reciprocity
 G4, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700
 G5, Vested - Reciprocity
 G4, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700
 S7, Vested
 G7, Vested - Reciprocity
 G7, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700
 G4, Vested - Reciprocity
 G7, Vested
 S7, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700
 G7, Vested - Reciprocity
 G7, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700
 G5, Vested - Reciprocity
 G7, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700
 G7, Vested - Reciprocity
 G5, Vested - Reciprocity
 G7, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700
 G4, Vested
 G7, Non-Vested - Reciprocity
 G4, Vested Auto Defer – Code 31700

2403.4.6 **Member Account Refunds:**

Name

Blacksher, Joe (FBO: The Estate of Joe L Blacksher, Jr)

Retirement Plan Type

P4, Vested

Cheng, Rosina	G7, Non-vested
Echano, Calvin Charlemagne	S7, Vested
Gajunia, Florabel	G4, Vested
Tate, Danielle	G7, Non-vested
Vaughn, Dominic	S7, Vested
Wu, Byron	S7, Non-vested

2403.4.7 **Member Account Rollovers:**

Name	Retirement Plan Type
Cook, Gesel	G4, Vested
Hsu, Amy	G7, Non-vested

2403.4.8 **Member Account Redeposits:** None.

2403.4.9 **Acceptance of Trustees' Reports of Educational Activities:** The Board accepted the submitted report for educational activities attended by Mr. David and Mr. Raw.

2403.4.10 **Report on Prepayment of County Contributions:** The Board accepted the report on the prepayment of County contributions totaling \$192.6 million for fiscal year 2024-25.

2403.4.11 **Approval of Resolution Amending SamCERA's Investment Policy Statement:** The Board approved the Resolution Amending SamCERA's Investment Policy Statement.

2403.5.1 **Consideration of Agenda Items, if any, Removed from the Consent Agenda:** None.

2403.6.1 **Report on Preliminary Monthly Portfolio Performance for the Period Ended February 29, 2024:** Mr. Coultrip reported that SamCERA's net preliminary return for February was 1.7%, bringing the preliminary trailing twelve-month net return ending February 2024 to 9.2%, which is below our benchmark return of 10.8% but above our assumed earnings rate of 6.25%. SamCERA's estimated market value as of February was \$6.34 billion, while the actuarial funded ratio as of June 30, 2023 was 88.3%.

2403.8.1 **Chief Executive Officer's Report:** Mr. Hood reminded the Board that Pension Bridge and SACRS conferences are both coming up. Mr. Hood informed the Board that for the April Board Meeting, agenda items will include RFP wrap-ups, next year's budget, and SACRS voting delegate.

2403.8.2 **Assistant Executive Officer's Report:** Ms. Smith had no updates for the Board. Ms. Lukan reported to the Board upcoming education opportunities including Pension Bridge in April, CALAPRS Trustees Virtual Round Table in May, and SACRS Spring Conference and NCPERS both in May. She will send a follow-up email with the information. Ms. Lukan also asked the Board to please notify her if they would like to attend the Spring SACRS conference by end of day Monday. Ms. Lukan reported to the Board that the annual Fiduciary Insurance fee of \$25 is due via check or cash.

2403.8.3 **Chief Investment Officer's Report:** Mr. Coultrip informed the Board of upcoming Real Estate Annual Reviews on April 4, 2024, with PGIM; April 11, 2024, with Harrison Street Core; and April 25, 2024, with INVESCO and Stockbridge.

2403.8.4 **Chief Legal Counsel's Report:** No update.

C1 **Consideration of Disability Items, if any, removed from the Consent Agenda:** None.

2403.9.0 **Reports on Actions Taken in Closed Session:** None.

2403.2.3 **Retreat Presentations and Discussion:**

Economic Outlook:

Mr. Toner, Chief Investment Officer of Verus, discussed with the Board his thoughts on economic resilience, key economic and market drivers, and client portfolio implications for 2023 and 2024.

The Board took a break at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Energy Security:

Mr. VanLoh, Founder and CEO of Quantum Capital Group, provided to the Board a presentation on energy security and the practical realities of the energy transition.

The Board took a break at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Raw left the meeting during the break and returned during the working lunch.

Working Lunch and Ethics Instruction:

Mr. Okada provided Ethics Training, to the Board, covering laws relating to personal financial gain by public servants and laws relating to claiming perquisites of office.

The Board took a break at 12:52 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m. Ms. Orr left the meeting at 12:53 p.m. and did not return.

Why We Invest in International Equities:

Mr. MacLean, Chief Executive Officer of Verus, provided to the Board a presentation on international developed equities and why we invest in them.

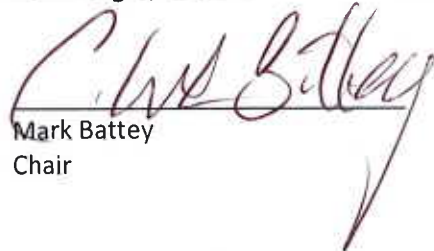
The Board took a break at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

Cybersecurity:

SSA Jimmy Hassani, FBI Sacramento Field Office, provided to the Board a presentation on Cybersecurity.

2403.10 **Adjournment:** Mr. Battey adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m. in memory of the deceased members listed below.

Bolivar, Sybil	December 31, 2023	Information Services
Taylor, George R	January 27, 2024	Courts
Evans, Beverley	February 14, 2024	Revenue Services
Gonzalez, Michelle	February 16, 2024	Courts
Davenport, Gussie	February 18, 2024	General Services
Parra, Victoria	February 24, 2024	San Mateo County Health
Alzugaray, Pilar	February 27, 2024	Human Services
Beukers, Margaret	February 28, 2024	Mental Health
Duffy, Perry	March 2, 2024	Sheriff's
Murray, Martin	March 4, 2024	District Attorney's Office
Nicewonger, Richard	March 15, 2024	Assessor's



Mark Battey
Chair