

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF RETIREMENT – COUNTY OF KERN

11125 River Run Blvd.
Bakersfield, California

Board of Retirement Meeting
January 15, 2020

8:31 a.m.

Board Members: Bradly Brandon (Alternate), Couch, Vice-Chair Dodgin, Franey, Gonzalez, Kaufman, Chair Kratt, Nunneley (Alternate), Robinson, Seibly (Alternate), Skidmore, Whitezell

Roll Call: Brandon, Gonzalez, Kaufman, Kratt, Nunneley, Robinson, Seibly, Whitezell

Absent: Couch, Dodgin, Franey, Skidmore

Salute to Flag – SCOTT WHALEN, VERUS

Moment of Silence

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Kratt-Dodgin denotes Trustee David Couch made the motion and Trustee Juan Gonzalez seconded the motion.

- *1. Summary of proceedings of the following meetings:
- December 4, 2019 Investment Committee
 - December 11, 2019 Nominating Committee
 - December 11, 2019 Board of Retirement Meeting
 - December 11, 2019 Administrative Committee

RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *2. Monthly report from the KCERA office on members retired from service – RATIFIED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *3. Monthly report from the KCERA office on deceased retirees – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *4. Monthly report of current disability retirement applications and appeals of KCERA Board decisions

THIS ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- *5. Securities Lending Earnings Summary Report for the period November 1-30, 2019 from Deutsche Bank – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *6. KCERA asset allocation, budget status, cash flow position and investment fees status report for the month of November 2019 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *7. 2020 Board of Retirement Committee Assignments – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *8. Board of Retirement Semi-annual Trustee Education Report – RECEIVED AND FILED; POSTED TO KCERA WEBSITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 31522.8(d)

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *9. Kern County Employees' Retirement Association Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *10. Letter from Segal Consulting, dated December 16, 2019, regarding the Five-Year Projection of Employer Contribution Rates – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *11. Letter from Segal Consulting, dated December 16, 2019, regarding the Allocation of June 30, 2019 Liabilities and Assets by District – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *12. Memorandum from General Counsel Jennifer Esquivel Zahry, dated January 15, 2020, regarding gift restrictions – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

- *13. Memorandum from General Counsel Jennifer Esquivel Zahry, dated January 15, 2020, regarding gifts of travel – RECEIVED AND FILED

Kaufman-Gonzalez – 6 Ayes

THIS ITEM HEARD OUT OF ORDER

4. Monthly report of current disability retirement applications and appeals of KCERA Board decisions – CHAIR RICK KRATT HEARD; TRUSTEE TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOMINIC BROWN HEARD

TRUSTEES DUSTIN DODGIN & PHIL FRANEY ARRIVED AT 8:36 A.M.

RECEIVED AND FILED; RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (11 MINUTES OF TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

Whitezell-Gonzalez – 7 Ayes

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The public is provided the opportunity to comment on agenda items at the time those agenda items are discussed by the Board. This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification and, through the Chairman, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name for the record prior to making a presentation – NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

15. Presentation on Disability Overview I: Foundational Guidelines and Cancer Presumption presented by General Counsel Jennifer Zahry – CHAIR RICK KRATT HEARD; VICE-CHAIR DUSTIN DODGIN HEARD; TRUSTEES DAVID COUCH, JUAN GONZALEZ, JORDAN KAUFMAN, ROBB SEIBLY, AND TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; GENERAL COUNSEL JENNIFER ZAHRY HEARD

TRUSTEE DAVID COUCH ARRIVED AT 8:48 A.M.

RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (1 HOUR OF TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

16. Presentation on Disability Overview II: Administrative Hearing Process presented by General Counsel Jennifer Zahry – CHAIR RICK KRATT HEARD; TRUSTEES EDWARD ROBINSON AND TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; GENERAL COUNSEL JENNIFER ZAHRY HEARD

RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (22 MINUTES OF TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

17. Report from Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOMINIC BROWN REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING SERVICES, MEMBER SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISIONS FOR DECEMBER 2019
- UPDATE ON CURRENT KCERA RECRUITMENTS AND HIRING
- SEGAL TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL ACTUARIAL VALUATION AND THE ASOP 51 RISK REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020
- SEGAL WILL PRESENT THE EXPERIENCE STUDY IN THE NEAR FUTURE
- WELCOME TO NEW TRUSTEES
- LAW LIBRARY INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY BECOMING A NEW PLAN SPONSOR WITH KCERA
- WORKSPACES UPDATED FOR ALL TRUSTEES
- UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR ALL COMMITTEES

GENERAL COUNSEL JENNIFER ZAHRY HEARD

18. Report from Chief Investment Officer

CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, SUBMITTED A REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:

- INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES AND PORTFOLIO OPPORTUNITIES

TRUSTEE EDWARD ROBINSON HEARD

19. Report from General Counsel

GENERAL COUNSEL JENNIFER ZAHRY SUBMITTED A REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:

- RECOMMENDATION TO REVIEW AN ARTICLE IN P&I MAGAZINE
- ALAMEDA CASE IN FINAL STAGES

20. Report from Committee Chairs:

- Administrative Committee – FRANNEY – MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED
- Finance Committee – GONZALEZ – NONE
- Investment Committee – DODGIN – MEETING TO FOLLOW
- KCERA Property, Inc. – KRATT – NONE

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

21. On their own initiative, Board members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities – NONE

Call for Public Comment on Executive Session Item(s) – NONE

22. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (pursuant to GOVERNMENT CODE §54957): Title: Executive Director

Return to Public Session/Report of Executive Session Actions, if applicable

ITEM 22 – RECOMMENDED INCREASE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROM “C” STEP TO “D” STEP

Couch-Franey – 8 Ayes

23. ADJOURNED – 11:04 A.M.


Secretary, Board of Retirement


Chair, Board of Retirement