

**KERN COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (KCERA)
BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

11125 River Run Boulevard, Bakersfield, California

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Special Board of Retirement Meeting
January 22, 2025**

10:01 a.m.

Board Members: Vice-Chair Contreras (Alternate), Chair Couch, Duffey, Franey, Gill, Hughes, Kaufman, Kratt, Nunneley (Alternate), Sanders, Seibly (Alternate), Whitezell

ROLL CALL (IN PERSON)

Present: Contreras, Couch, Franey, Gill, Hughes, Kratt, Sanders, Seibly

Absent: Duffey, Kaufman, Nunneley, Whitezell

SALUTE TO FLAG – TRUSTEE FRANNEY

MOMENT OF SILENCE

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Duffey-Kratt denotes Trustee Deon Duffey made the motion and Trustee Rick Kratt seconded the motion.

AB 2449 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)

Items 1 and 2 withdrawn from agenda. No trustees appeared via teleconference.

CONSENT MATTERS

All consent matter items listed below with an asterisk () were considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff and approved by one motion, unless otherwise noted.*

- *3. Application for service-connected disability pension benefits for Bradley Brazeau, Fire (Safety) – **ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION**

Kratt-Sanders – 6 Ayes

- *4. Application for service-connected disability pension benefits for Travis Gaetzman, Sheriff (Safety) – **ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION**

Kratt-Sanders – 6 Ayes

- *5. Application for non-service-connected disability pension benefits for Sandra Meeks, Behavioral Health & Recovery (General) – ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION

Kratt-Sanders – 6 Ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. 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 Chair, 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

7. Annual Trustee education regarding Fiduciary Duties presented by KCERA Governance Consultants Julie Becker and Benita Falls Harper, Aon – CHAIR DAVID COUCH HEARD; BENITA FALLS-HARPER, AON, HEARD

TRUSTEE TYLER WHITEZELL ARRIVED AT 10:08 AM

TRUSTEE DEON DUFFEY ARRIVED AT 10:30 AM

RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (27 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

REFERRALS TO STAFF, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

8. On their own initiative, Board members may make a brief announcement, refer matters to staff (subject to KCERA's rules and procedures), or make a brief report on their own activities – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD

9. ADJOURNED – 10:32 A.M.



Secretary, Board of Retirement



Chair, Board of Retirement