

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

11125 River Run Boulevard, Bakersfield, California

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

**Board of Retirement Meeting
October 11, 2023**

8:31 A.M.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Adams, Contreras, Couch, Franey, Gonzalez, Kratt, Nunneley, Seibly, Whitezell

Absent: Hughes, Kaufman, Sanders

SALUTE TO FLAG – TRUSTEE ADAMS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Couch-Kaufman denotes Trustee David Couch made the motion and Trustee Jordan Kaufman 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Items 1 and 2 withdrawn from agenda.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 Judy Garcia, Hospital Authority (General) – **ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION**

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

*4. Summary of proceedings of the following meetings:

- August 25, 2023 Administrative Committee
- September 5, 2023 Investment Committee
- September 13, 2023 Board of Retirement

RECEIVED AND FILED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

*5. Report from the KCERA office on members retired from service for the month of September 2023 – RATIFIED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

*6. Report from the KCERA office on deceased retirees for the month of September 2023 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

*7. Report of current disability retirement applications and appeals of KCERA Board decisions for the period ending September 30, 2023 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

*8. KCERA asset allocation, cash flow position, investment fees cash flow, and operating expense budget status reports for the month of August 2023 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

*9. 2024 Board of Retirement Meeting Schedule – RECEIVED AND FILED; APPROVED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

*10. Report on Special Pay Codes classified by the Chief Executive Officer – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

- *11. Invitation from State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) to trustees and staff to attend the SACRS Fall Conference, November 7-10, 2023, in Rancho Mirage, California – APPROVED ATTENDANCE OF TRUSTEES DAVID COUCH, PHIL FRANEY, JUAN GONZALEZ, JOSEPH D. HUGHES, JORDAN KAUFMAN, RICK KRATT AND CHASE NUNNELEY

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

- *12. Correction of typo relating to Policy Benchmark in the Investment Policy Statement – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nunneley-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. 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

INVESTMENT MATTERS

14. Update on Annual Private Markets Plan reflecting 8% Private Credit target – presented by Keirsten Lawton, Managing Director, Kelly Jensen, Senior Investment Director, Cambridge Associates, and Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA – KELLY JENSEN AND KEIRSTEN LAWTON, CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATES, HEARD; SCOTT WHALEN, CFA, VERUS, HEARD; DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD

HEARD PRESENTATION

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

15. Follow-up discussion and appropriate action on Strategic Planning presented by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown and Governance Consultants Julie Becker and Benita Falls Harper, Aon – BENITA FALLS HARPER, AON, HEARD; CHAIR TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; VICE-CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; TRUSTEE RICK KRATT HEARD; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD

ADOPTED UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN

Kratt-Franey – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

16. Discussion and appropriate action on KCERA's voting delegation for the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Fall 2023 Conference, presented by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown – VICE-CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; TRUSTEES DAVID COUCH AND RICK KRATT HEARD; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD

APPOINTED TRUSTEE JORDAN KAUFMAN AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND TRUSTEE RICK KRATT AS ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE

Franey-Adams – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

17. Appointment of Nominating Committee by Chair (two members) and the Board (two members) to propose a slate of officers to the Board of Retirement for the 2024 calendar year – CHAIR TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; VICE-CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; TRUSTEES DAVID COUCH AND RICK KRATT HEARD; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER JENNIFER ZAHRY HEARD

CHAIR TYLER WHITEZELL APPOINTED TRUSTEES DAVID COUCH AND JUAN GONZALEZ TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE; TRUSTEE RICK KRATT APPOINTED TRUSTEE PHIL FRANEY AND DUSTIN CONTRERAS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE; CHAIR TYLER WHITEZELL DESIGNATED PHIL FRANEY AS THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR; APPROVED

Kratt-Franey – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

STAFF REPORTS

18. Report from Chief Executive Officer

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- OFFICE UPDATE
- STAFFING UPDATE
- MEMBER OUTREACH
- DISABILITY UPDATE
- SOLAR UPDATE
- OPERATIONS ACTIVITY
- UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CHAIR TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; VICE-CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD;
TRUSTEE RICK KRATT HEARD

19. Report from Chief Investment Officer

CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- REBALANCING – SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY
- POSITIONING – ACTUAL VS. POLICY TARGET
- KEY INITIATIVES
- INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

VICE-CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; TRUSTEE DAVID COUCH HEARD;
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; CHIEF
INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER HEARD

20. Report from Chief Legal Officer:

CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER JENNIFER ZAHRY REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- CASE UPDATES
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
- OCTOBER CALENDAR

COMMITTEE REPORTS

21. Report from Committee Chairs:
- a. Administrative Committee: GONZALEZ – NONE
 - b. Finance Committee: CONTRERAS – NONE
 - c. Investment Committee: KRATT – MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM(S) – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
- Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 potential case).
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24. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (pursuant to GOVERNMENT CODE §54957) – Title: Chief Executive Officer

TRUSTEE COUCH LEFT AT 11:05 A.M.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

BOARD OF RETIREMENT RECONVENED AT 11:08 A.M.

ROLL CALL

To establish quorum present upon resuming public session

Present: Adams, Contreras, Franey, Gonzalez, Kratt, Nunneley, Seibly, Whitezell

Absent: Couch, Hughes, Kaufman, Sanders

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS, IF APPLICABLE

ITEM 22 – DIRECTED STAFF NOT TO INITIATE LITIGATION

Franey-Kratt – 7 Ayes

Trustee Chase Nunneley voted in place of Trustee Jordan Kaufman

ITEM 23 – NO REPORTABLE ACTION

ITEM 24 – NO REPORTABLE ACTION

TRUSTEE COUCH RETURNED AT 11:09 A.M.

REFERRALS TO STAFF, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

25. 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 – CHAIR TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; TRUSTEE JEANINE ADAMS HEARD

NEW BUSINESS

26. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to agendaize one or more items for future meetings of the Board of Retirement – NONE
27. ADJOURNED – 11:11 A.M.



Secretary, Board of Retirement



Chair, Board of Retirement