

**BOARD OF RETIREMENT
FRESNO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

"Our mission is to administer the retirement benefits for the members and beneficiaries in a prudent, accurate, timely and cost-effective manner, while administering fund assets in a manner that achieves investment and funding objectives within prudent levels of risk"

October 19-20, 2016

**EDUCATIONAL OFF-SITE MEETING
ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

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October 19, 2016

Trustees Present:

Laura Basua	Gregory Baxter
Alan Cade, Jr.	Robert Dowell
Eulalio Gomez	Steve Jolly
Mary Ann Rogozinski, Alternate	

Trustees Absent:

Dr. Rod Coburn, III	Oscar Garcia
Vacant	

Staff and Service Providers Present:

Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator
Doris Rentschler, Assistant Retirement Administrator
Elizabeth Avalos, Executive Assistant
Maria Baker, Communications Officer
Pat Srisukwatana, Systems & Procedures Analyst
Kimberly Zepeda, Systems & Procedures Analyst
Merelle Sanderson, Office Assistant
Craig Armstrong, Board Counsel
Jeffrey Rieger, Reed Smith

Members of the Public that Addressed the Board:

Sandra Brock, FCERA Member

1. Call to Order

Chair Jolly called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM, noting that, in addition to the current vacancy, Vice Chair Coburn and Trustees Baxter and Garcia were absent.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Recited.

Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator, gave a brief summary on the agenda content, meeting logistics, and anticipated meeting timeline.

3. **Public Comment**

None.

4. **Consent Agenda**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE GOMEZ, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DOWELL, TO APPROVE/ADOPT CONSENT ITEMS 4.A. THROUGH 4.F. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS (ABSENT – BAXTER, COBURN, GARCIA)

- A. Receipt and Filing of the September 2016 Activity Report – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- B. Receipt and Filing of Public Requests and/or Retirement Related Correspondence – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- C. Receipt and Filing of the Quarterly Trustee Travel Report and Anticipated Trustee Travel – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- D. Receipt and Filing of the September 2016 Business Expense Account Statements – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- E. Receipt and Filing of Educational Attendance Reports from Trustee Robert Dowell and Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- F. Receipt and Filing of Quarterly Written Administrator Report – **RECEIVED AND FILED**

5. **Minutes**

- A. October 5, 2016 Retirement Board Regular Meeting Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE GOMEZ, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DOWELL, TO APPROVE ITEM 5.A. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: YES – BASUA, CADE, DOWELL, GOMEZ. (ABSTAIN – JOLLY, NOT PRESENT AT 10/5/16 MEETING) (ABSENT – BAXTER, COBURN, GARCIA)

6. **Demonstrations, Presentations, and Discussion**

- A. Consideration of the *Council of Institutional Investors (CII) Membership Review and Renewal*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BASUA, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GOMEZ, TO CONTINUE THE CII MEMBERSHIP FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, TO RE-EVALUATE THE TRAINING AT THAT TIME, AND TO ADD CII AS A PRE-APPROVED TRAINING IN THE EDUCATION AND TRAVEL POLICY. VOTE: UNANIMOUS (ABSENT – BAXTER, COBURN, GARCIA)

Trustee Baxter joined the Board at 9:15 AM.

B. Consideration of the *Consolidated "Education and Travel" Policy*

Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator, presented the proposed Education and Travel Policy noting any significant changes/revisions. Administration received suggestions/recommendations from the Board to incorporate into the policy. Mr. Kendig will prepare a final policy for the Board's consideration at the November 2, 2016 Regular meeting.

Trustees requested staff make the following changes:

V. 11) Coordinated as opposed to made through and delted sentence after comma, "except..."

10. Tips changed to \$15 daily.

V. 1.) b) add "or Vice Chair, in the absence of the Chair".

NO ACTION TAKEN

C. Educational presentation: *Pre-retirement Seminar Demonstration*

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Morning Recess

D. Educational presentation: *Legal Topics of Interest – Vested Rights, Board Independence, and Board Expectations of Active Elected Trustees*

1. Vested Rights Presentation

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2. Board Independence Presentation (Handout 1, Handout 2)

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3. Board Expectations of Active Elected Trustees Presentation

Trustees directed staff and fiduciary counsel to return with a proposed policy.

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Lunch Recess

E. Consideration of the *Office Construction Update*

Sandra Brock, FCERA Member, commented on recent zoning changes, as well as Fresno City, Chief Fire Inspector, and PG&E contacts

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F. Educational presentation: *Abilene Paradox Lecture Video*

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Afternoon Recess

G. Educational video and activities: *Abilene Paradox Training Video and Activities*

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The Board recessed at this time - to resume Thursday AM, October 20, 2016.

October 20, 2016

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Merelle Sanderson, Office Assistant
Kenneth Price, Board Counsel
Jeffrey MacLean, Verus
Michael Kamell, Verus
Jack McIntyre, Brandywine
Greg Savoyna, Brandywine
Lisa Kastigar, Grosvenor
Andrew Preda, Grosvenor
Chris Brightman, PIMCO
Sasha Talcott, PIMCO
Matt Clark, PIMCO

Members of the Public that Addressed the Board:

None.

7. Call to Order

Chair Jolly called the meeting to order at 8:41 AM.

8. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited.

9. Educational Presentations

A. Educational presentation: *Global Economic Update*

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B. Educational presentation: *Hedge Fund Outlook*

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Morning Recess

C. Educational presentation: *Rebalancing Policy and Process Options*

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D. Educational presentation: *ESG (Environmental Social Governance) Investing and Proxy Voting, Options and Proposed Policies*

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Lunch Recess

E. Educational presentation: *Demographic Impacts on Investing*

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F. Educational presentation: *Candid Conversations about Investment Options: Bring Your Ideas (ETFs, local real estate, employee loans, local construction financing, local business loans, local agriculture, etc.)*

The Board directed Staff to work with the County Administrative Officer to schedule a Joint meeting of the Boards to discuss topics such as Pension Basics, Actuarial issues, and investment rates of return.

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Afternoon Recess

G. Educational presentation: *2017 Investment Plan Review* and *2017 Rolling Calendar Debut*

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10. Oral Reports

A. FCERA Administration

1. Staff received mostly positive feed-back from the Trustees on the Wonder Valley venue. The Board agreed to secure arrangements at Wonder Valley for the 2017 Annual Educational Off-site meeting.

B. Board Counsel

1. Counsel thanked the Board for hosing the Off-site.

C. Committee Reports

1. Trustee Gomez reminded the Trustees to turn in their RA evaluations. Elizabeth Avalos will email Chair Jolly an evaluation form upon her return to the office.

D. Board Members

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 3:24 PM.

Donald C. Kendig, CPA
Secretary to the Board