

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

"Our mission is to provide secure retirement benefits and quality service to our members and beneficiaries while investing the assets of the plan within prudent levels of risk."

September 7, 2022

**REGULAR MEETING
ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

[AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE OPEN SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE FCERA WEBSITE AT
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Trustees Present:

Alysia Bonner	Dr. Rod Coburn, III	Oscar Garcia
Steven Jolly	Nathan Magsig	Stan McDivitt
John Robinson	Riley Talford	Douglas Papagni, Alternate

Trustees Absent:

Laura Basua

Staff and Service Providers Present:

Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator
Debbie Paolinelli, Assistant Retirement Administrator
Conor Hinds, Interim Retirement Investment Officer
Elizabeth Avalos, Executive Assistant
Merelle Buttner, Administrative Assistant
Kenneth Price, Board Counsel
Craig Armstrong, Board Counsel
Jeffrey MacLean, Verus
Michael Kamell, Verus
Dan Quilico, Verus
Brian Svendaht and Mindy Frye, RBC
Andrew Miller, Mondrian

Members of the Public that Addressed the Board:

Anirudh Chowdhry

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coburn called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge was led by Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Kendig introduced Anirudh Chowdhry, FCERA's Investment Officer candidate who was present to participate in his 3rd and final interview.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS 4.F., G., H., AND J. WERE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MAGSIG, TO APPROVE/ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS 4.A. THROUGH 4.E., 4.I., 4.K., AND 4.L. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA. MOTION PASSED.

- A. Receipt and Filing of the FCERA Cash Flow Position as of June and July 2022 – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- B. Receipt and Filing of the Budget Status for the Period ended June 30, 2022 – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- C. Receipt and Filing of the Annual Equity Investment Manager Proxy Voting Reports as of June 30, 2022 – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- D. Receipt and Filing of Annual Investment Fee Disclosure Report (AB 2833) – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- E. Receipt and Filing of Quarterly Internal Investment Compliance Monitoring Update – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- F. Receipt and Filing of East Asian Exposure Update

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THE BOARD BRIEFLY DISCUSSED BAILLIE GIFFORD'S PRIVATE EQUITY EXPOSURE TO CHINA THROUGH HONG KONG. STAFF NOTED THE BOARD'S DIRECTION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRIVATE HOLDINGS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCDIVITT, TO APPROVE ITEM 4.F. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA. MOTION PASSED.

- G. Receipt and Filing of Education Attendance Report: SACRS UC Berkeley 2022 Program

PLEASE SEE MOTION FOLLOWING CONSENT ITEM 4.J.

- H. Receipt and Filing of Education Attendance Reports: NCPERS 2022 Public Pension Funding Forum

PLEASE SEE MOTION FOLLOWING CONSENT ITEM 4.J.

- I. Receipt and Filing of Official Canvass of the Fresno County Board of Retirement Retired Member and Alternate Retired Member Elections – **RECEIVED AND FILED**

- J. Approval of Travel Request from Trustee Riley Talford to attend the Pension Bridge Alternatives 2022 Conference on November 30-December 1, 2022 in Los Angeles, CA

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. TRUSTEE JOLLY REQUESTED THAT, WHEN POSSIBLE, EVENT AGENDAS BE INCLUDED WITH ATTENDEE EDUCATIONAL REQUESTS OR REPORTS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BONNER, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, TO APPROVE ITEMS 4.G, 4.H. AND 4.J. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA. MOTION PASSED.

- K. Approval of Bi-Annual Review of Conflict of Interest Code – **APPROVED**
- L. Approval of Retirements for August 2022 – **APPROVED**
- M. Approval of the August 3, 2022 Retirement Board Regular Meeting Minutes – **APPROVED**

5. DISCUSSION

- A. Review of Performance and Economic Summary Report: RBC Access Capital

NO ACTION TAKEN. RECEIVED AND FILED.

- B. Receipt of Mondrian International Response to August 3, 2022 Verus Presentation: Mondrian International

NO ACTION TAKEN. RECEIVED AND FILED.

- C. Consideration of Emerging Markets Equity Search

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MAGSIG, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BONNER, TO SELECT ARGA, DFA, AND PENZA FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA. MOTION PASSED.

- D. Review of Quarterly Investment Reports for the Period Ended June 30, 2022

1. Investment Landscape
2. Investment Performance
3. Guideline Compliance

NO ACTION TAKEN. RECEIVED AND FILED.

- E. Consideration of T Rowe Price Attribution and Performance

NO ACTION TAKEN. THE BOARD DIRECTED VERUS TO RETURN WITH INFORMATION ON ACTIVE VS. PASSIVE INVESTING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

TRUSTEE MAGSIG DEPARTED AT 11:45 AM.

F. Consideration of Increased Allocation to IFM Global Infrastructure Fund

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE TALFORD, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON, TO APPROVE ITEM 5.F. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA, MAGSIG. MOTION PASSED.

TRUSTEES GARCIA AND MCDIVITT DEPARTED AT 12:10 AND 1:15 PM, RESPECTIVELY.

G. Continuation of Consideration of Process to Deduct Insurance Premiums from Safety Members Retirement Benefits

ITEM CONTINUED UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.

6. CLOSED SESSION:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INTERVIEW - Personnel Exception – pursuant to G.C. §54957

Title: Investment Officer

7. ORAL REPORTS:

A. Report from Closed Session

No reportable action.

B. FCERA Administration

Staff presented Anirudh Chowdhry, Investment Officer Candidate, with a final offer of employment for his consideration.

C. Interim FCERA Investment Officer

Conor Hinds gave a brief investment update.

D. Board Counsel

None.

E. Committee Reports

Committee meeting are scheduled for September 21, 2022 as follows: Disability Committee; Personnel Committee; Ad Hoc External Compensation Study Review Committee.

F. Board Members

None.

G. Lunch with the Investment Officer Candidate

Served.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

Donald C. Kendig, CPA
Secretary to the Board