

**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."

May 3, 2023

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Trustees Present:

Laura Basua
Nathan Magsig

Dr. Rod Coburn
Stan McDivitt

Steven Jolly
Riley Talford

Trustees Absent:

Alysia Bonner
John Robison

Vicki Crow, Alternate

Oscar Garcia

Staff and Service Providers Present:

Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator
Debbie Paolinelli, Assistant Retirement Administrator
Merelle Buttner, Administrative Assistant
Anirudh Chowdhry, Investment Officer
Patti Montoya, Benefits Manager
Conor Hinds, Principal Accountant
Craig Armstrong, Counsel
Mike Kamell, Verus
Delia Roges, Invesco
Brooks Monroe, Invesco

Members of the Public that Addressed the Board:

None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge was led by Conor Hinds.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Items 4.A., 4.D., and 4.G. were pulled for discussion.

AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MCDIVITT, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, TO APPROVE/ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS 4.B., 4.C., 4.E., 4.F. AND 4.H. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

A. Receipt and Filing of the FCERA Cash Flow Position as of March 2023

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. TRUSTEE JOLLY REITERATED HIS CONFIDENCE IN KEEPING FUNDS IN NORTHERN TRUST AND CONVEYED CONCERNS WITH THE TREASURY POOL IN RELATION TO RECENT BANK FAILURES. STAFF ADDRESSED CONCERNS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BASUA, TO ACCEPT ITEM 4.A. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

B. Receipt and Filing of the Budget Status for the Quarter ended March 31, 2023 – **RECEIVED AND FILED**

C. Receipt and Filing of the Quarterly Retirement Administrator Report – **RECEIVED AND FILED**

D. Receipt and Filing of Private Markets Universe Ranking Memo

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. TRUSTEE MAGSIG THANKED VERUS FOR THE MEMO AND ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GLOBAL PRIVATE CREDIT UNIVERSE, WHICH VERUS PROVIDED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MAGSIG, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TALFORD, TO ACCEPT ITEM 4.D. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

E. Approval of the Tegrity Service Level Agreement (SLA) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Authorization for the Retirement Administrator to Execute the Agreement – **APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED**

F. Approval of Retirements for April 2023 – **APPROVED**

G. Approval of New Earn Code “108” Union Leave of Absence

1. Pay Item Request Form
2. Pay Item Determination Form
3. Senate Bill 1085

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. TRUSTEE TALFORD PULLED THIS ITEM IN ORDER TO RECUSE HIMSELF. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MAGSIG, TO ACCEPT ITEM 4.G. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. RECUSED: TALFORD. MOTION PASSED.

H. Approval of the April 19, 2023 Retirement Board Regular Meeting Minutes – **APPROVED**

5. DISCUSSION

A. Review of Performance and Economic Summary Report: Invesco Core Real Estate - **RECEIVED AND FILED**

B. Consideration of Equity Structure Follow up

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TALFORD, TO APPROVE THE EQUITY STRUCTURE THAT USES THE RUSSELL 3000 INDEX AS THE DOMESTIC EQUITY BENCHMARK, AND REALLOCATES DOMESTIC EQUITY ASSET CLASS POLICY WEIGHTS TO MITIGATE TRACKING ERROR, AS WELL AS TRANSITION FROM THE MSCI USA INDEX TO RUSSELL 1000 INDEX FOR THE PLAN'S DOMESTIC LARGE CAP EXPOSURE, INCLUDING LIQUIDATING AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF SMALL CAP DOMESTIC EQUITIES. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO WORK WITH VERUS TO BRING BACK THE VARIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ALLOCATION

Prior to entering closed session, applicant William Hicks addressed the board.

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. **DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS – PERSONNEL EXCEPTION (pursuant to G.C. §54957)**

1. Phillip Chavez
2. Shelley Edwards
3. William Hicks
4. Mark Pinkston

7. ORAL REPORTS

A. Report from Closed Session

6.A.1 - CHAVEZ – DECISION – TO GRANT THE SERVICED CONNECTED DISABILITY APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TALFORD. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

6.A.2 – EDWARDS– DECISION – TO GRANT THE SERVICED CONNECTED DISABILITY APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE TALFORD, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BASUA. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

6.A.3 –HICKS– DECISION – TO GRANT THE SERVICED CONNECTED DISABILITY APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BASUA, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TALFORD. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

6.A.4 – PINKSTON– DECISION – TO GRANT THE SERVICED CONNECTED DISABILITY APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MAGISG, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TALFORD. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BONNER, GARCIA, ROBINSON. MOTION PASSED.

B. FCERA Investment Officer

None.

C. FCERA Administration

Staff reminded the board that the May 17, 2023, meeting will be dark, and the next Regular meeting will be on June 7, 2023. Budget Committee is tentatively set for May 17, 2023 at 8:30am.

D. Board Counsel

None.

E. Committee Reports

None.

F. Board Members

Trustee Magsig disclosed that he had a helpful conversation with Invesco prior to today’s meeting that answered many of his questions. Trustee Coburn also disclosed that he had a helpful conversation with Invesco prior.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Donald C. Kendig, CPA
Secretary to the Board