

**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."

August 2, 2023

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WWW.FRESNOCOUNTYRETIREMENT.ORG](http://WWW.FRESNOCOUNTYRETIREMENT.ORG)

Trustees Present:

Alysia Bonner
Steven Jolly
John Robinson

Dr. Rod Coburn
Nathan Magsig
Riley Talford

Oscar Garcia
Stan McDivitt

Trustees Absent:

Laura Basua

Vicki Crow, Alternate

Staff and Service Providers Present:

Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator
Debbie Paolinelli, Assistant Retirement Administrator
Patricia Montoya, Benefits Manager
Merelle Buttner, Executive Assistant
Craig Armstrong, Board Counsel
Scott Whalen, Verus
Jefferey MacLean, Verus
Cade McNown, Carlyle
Aren LeeKong, Carlyle
Susan Brengle, IR+M
Jim Gubitosi, IR+M
Bill O'Malley, IR+M
Akash Patel, JPMorgan
Richard Figuly, JPMorgan
Joe Hisdorf, JPMorgan
Warren D. Pierson, Baird
Jeffrey Simmons, Baird

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 Trustee Riley Talford.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BONNER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA. MOTION PASSED.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

CONSENT ITEM 5.B. WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE GARCIA, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TALFORD, TO APPROVE/ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS 5.A., 5.C., AND 4.D. AS PRESENTED. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA. MOTION PASSED.

A. Receipt and Filing of the FCERA Cash Flow Position as of May 2023 – **RECEIVED AND FILED**

B. Approval of FCERA Board Policies: Due Diligence, Cash Liquidity, Succession Plan, Working After Retirement

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE MCDIVITT, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MAGSIG, TO APPROVE THE POLICIES AS PRESENTED WITH THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DUE DILIGENCE POLICY PARAGRAPH III. 2) D) REPLACING THE FIRST SENTENCE WITH, "SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS." AND TO THE CASH LIQUIDITY POLICY DELETING THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION I. ""VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA. MOTION PASSED.

TRUSTEE JOLLY REQUESTED THAT THE STAFF REPORT BE REVISED, DELETING THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE "CASH LIQUIDITY" BULLET ON PAGE TWO. STAFF INDICATED THAT IT WOULD MAKE THE CHANGE TO THE FINAL REPORT FOR THE RECORD AND THE WEBSITE.

C. Approval of Retirements for July 2023 – **APPROVED**

D. Approval of the July 19, 2023 Retirement Board Regular Meeting Minutes – **APPROVED**

6. DISCUSSION

- A. Review of Performance and Economic Summary Report: Carlyle Private Credit Update – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- B. Consideration of Core Fixed Income Search Book Finalists presented by Scott Whalen, Verus - **APPROPRIATE ACTION**
 - 1. IR+M
 - 2. JPMorgan
 - 3. Baird

Trustee Magsig departed at 12:53pm during item 6.B.

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCDIVITT, TO DIRECT STAFF TO NEGOTIATE WITH JPMORGAN. VOTE: YES – JOLLY, MCDIVITT, ROBINSON, COBURN. NO: BONNER, GARCIA, TALFORD. ABSENT: BASUA, MAGSIG. MOTION PASSED.

- C. Consideration of Emerging Markets Equity Manager Update

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. BOARD COUNSEL ADVISED THAT THIS ITEM COULD BE TABLED UNTIL A DATE UNCERTAIN EFFECTIVELY REMOVING IT FROM CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY CHAIR COBURN. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE TALFORD, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON, TO TABLE THE ITEM TO A DATE UNCERTAIN. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA, MAGSIG. MOTION PASSED.

- D. Review of Transition Management Education – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- E. Consideration of Proposed Educational On-site Agenda presented by Donald Kendig, Retirement Administrator and Scott Whalen, Verus – **RECEIVED AND FILED**
- F. Consideration of Travel Request to attend the 2023 U.S. Institutional Investors Delegation Trip

PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. TRUSTEE COBURN EXPLAINED THE REASONING BEHIND RECONSIDERING THE TRIP TO MOROCCO. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE TALFORD, SECONDED BY BONNER, TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST. VOTE: YES – BONNER, JOLLY, ROBINSON, TALFORD. NO – GARCIA, MCDIVITT. ABSTAIN – COBURN. ABSENT: BASUA, MAGSIG. MOTION PASSED.

Trustee McDivitt departed at 1:45pm.

7. CLOSED SESSION

- A. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS – PERSONNEL EXCEPTION (pursuant to G.C. §54957)
 - 1. John Ciaccio

8. CLOSED SESSION – FCERA REALTY GROUP LLC:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9):

FCERA REALTY GROUP LLC, a California limited liability company v.

BOARDWALK AT PALM BLUFFS, LP, a California limited partnership; BOARDWALK AT PALM BLUFFS II, LP, a California limited partnership; TARGET CONSTRUCTORS, INC., a California corporation; ALCAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING, INC., a Nevada corporation; PETERS ROOFING, INC., a California corporation; JOHNSON FIRE PROTECTION INCORPORATED, a California corporation; A. COLMENERO PLASTERING, INC., a California corporation; B&L MECHANICAL, INC. and DOES 1-10, inclusive (Case No. 19CECG01169)

9. ORAL REPORTS

A. Report from Closed Sessions

7.A.1 - CIACCIO – DECISION – TO DENY THE SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY AND INSTEAD GRANT A NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, SUBJECT TO THE APPLICANT’S RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE JOLLY, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. ABSENT: BASUA, MAGSIG, MCDIVITT. MOTION PASSED.

8.A – No reportable action

B. FCERA Investment Officer and Administration

Staff informed the board that Agenda Item 5A - has an updated table 3 with the history of the inflows and outflows. May was misstated. Cash flow fiscal year to date is minus \$2.2M.

Staff also announced that a settlement has been reached with member Michel Roberts.

C. Board Counsel

None.

D. Committee Reports

None.

E. Board Members

Trustee Bonner reported that she has withdrawn from the Value Edge - Public Funds Forum in South Carolina, and all expenses have been refunded.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Donald C. Kendig, CPA
Secretary to the Board