

**ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF RETIREMENT
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 15, 2024
9:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

Chair Tagaloa called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.

Attendance was as follows:

Present in Person: Adele Tagaloa, Chair, Charles Packard, Vice Chair; Chris Prevatt, Richard Oates, Arthur Hidalgo, Jeremy Vallone, Wayne Lindholm, Shari Freidenrich

Present via Zoom (under
Government Code
Section 54953(f)):

Also Present: Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer; Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations; Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations; Manuel Serpa, General Counsel; Cynthia Hockless, Director of Human Resources; Jenny Sadoski, Director of IT; David Kim, Director of Internal Audit; Will Tsao, Director of EPMO; Anthony Beltran, Audio-Visual Technician; Carolyn Nih, Recording Secretary

Guests: Maytak Chin, ReedSmith

Absent: Roger Hilton, Shawn Dewane

CONSENT AGENDA

BENEFITS

C-1 OPTION 4 RETIREMENT ELECTION

Recommendation: Grant election of retirement benefit payment, Option 4, based on Segal Consulting's actuarial report.

- NONE

ADMINISTRATION

C-2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

Recommendation: Approve minutes.

C-3 OUTCOMES FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 21, 2024

Recommendation: The Governance Committee recommends the Board adopt the following:

1. General Counsel Charter with revisions approved by the Committee;
2. Assistant CEO, Finance and Internal Operations Charter with no substantive revisions;
3. Actuarial Funding Policy with revisions approved by the Committee;
4. Travel Policy with revisions approved by the Committee;
5. Write Off Policy with no substantive revisions.

C-4 OUTCOMES FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2024

Recommendation: The Audit Committee recommends the Board adopt the following:

1. The Chief Compliance Officer Charter as approved by the Committee
2. The Compliance Program Charter as approved by the Committee
3. The Audit Committee Charter with revisions approved by the Committee
4. The Internal Audit Charter with revisions approved by the Committee
5. The Ethics, Compliance, and Fraud Hotline Policy with revisions approved by the Committee

MOTION by Mr. Packard, **seconded** by Mr. Vallone, to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

DISABILITY/MEMBER BENEFITS AGENDA

9:30 AM

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT ITEMS

A. Disability Committee Recommendations:

NONE

B. CEO Recommendations:

DC-1: JAMAL BARBOUR

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety)

Recommendation: Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as May 31, 2023.

DC-2: PETER CONDY

Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority (Safety)

Recommendation: Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 23, 2023.

DC-3: MATTHEW GIBBS

Deputy Sheriff I, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety)

Recommendation: Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as December 8, 2023.

DC-4: ISANDER GONZALEZ

Journeyman Mechanic, Orange County Transportation Authority (General)

Recommendation: Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as March 28, 2023.

DC-5: ANTHONY PAPSIS

Sergeant, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety)

Recommendation: Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as August 14, 2020.

DC-6: MARIA RANGEL

Eligibility Supervisor, Orange County Social Services (General)

Recommendation: Steve Delaney, CEO, recommends that the Board:

- Grant service-connected disability retirement.
- Set the effective date as the day after the last day of regular compensation.

MOTION by Mr. Packard, **seconded** by Mr. Oates, to approve staff recommendations.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:34 a.m.

DA-2: ROBERT SZEWCZYK

Deputy Sheriff II, Orange County Sheriff's Department (Safety)

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve and adopt the Hearing Officer's recommendation to deny Applicant Robert Szevczyk's application for service-connected disability

retirement based on finding that Applicant is not permanently incapacitated for duty.

DA-3: MARTIN NEAL

Coach Operator, Orange County Transportation Authority

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board grant Martin Neal (“Applicant”)’s application for service-connected disability retirement based on the Supplemental Report and opinion by OCERS’ Independent Medical Examiner (IME), Dr. Brian Solberg, dated March 16, 2024.

DA-4: NOEL DELA LLANA

Lieutenant, Orange County Sheriff’s Department

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board grant Applicant Noel Dela Llana’s application for service-connected disability retirement based on the February 16, 2024, Supplement Report by OCERS’ Independent Medical Examiner (IME), Dr. Lawrence Feiwell, and application of the statutory presumption under Government Code section 31720.96.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:23 a.m.

Recording Secretary did not administer the Roll Call attendance, but noted the attendance of Ms. Freidenrich, Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Oates, Ms. Tagaloa, Mr. Packard, Mr. Prevatt, Mr. Lindholm, and Mr. Vallone.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION- Mr. Serpa reported out that that the Board approved the staff recommendation for DA-2, DA-3 and DA-4 by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

A-2 SACRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2024-2025 – DIRECTION TO OCERS’ VOTING DELEGATE
Presentation by Manuel Serpa, General Counsel

Recommendation: Consider the SACRS Nominating Committee’s recommended slate of candidates and the list of additional candidates interested in running for the election of SACRS Directors; and give direction to OCERS’ Voting Delegate and Alternate Delegates for the SACRS Board of Directors election to be held during the SACRS Spring Conference on May 10, 2024.

MOTION by Mr. Lindholm, **seconded** by Ms. Freidenrich, to approve staff recommendations.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

A-3 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW OF OCERS BOARD 2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN
Presentation by Steve Delaney, CEO, and William Tsao, Director of EPMO, OCERS

Recommendation:
Approve the staff proposed metric dashboard to the OCERS 2024-2026 Strategic Plan

Or
Provide direction for alternative modifications

MOTION by Mr. Packard, **seconded** by Ms. Freidenrich, to approve staff recommendations with minor formatting modifications to the metric dashboard.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

The Board recessed for break at 10:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 10:57 a.m.

Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.

A-4 OCERS PENSION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM (V-3): LOOKING TO A NEW PENSION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

Presentation by Steve Delaney, CEO, William Tsao, Director of EPMO, OCERS

Recommendation: Approve the initiation of Phase 1 of the Next Generation PAS Project by hiring an Implementation Partner as selected by Staff utilizing the approved budget for 2024 of \$250K.

MOTION by Mr. Packard, **seconded** by Mr. Lindholm, to approve staff recommendations.

The motion passed **unanimously**.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Each of the following informational items will be presented to the Board for discussion.

I-2 CLOUD STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Presentation by Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO, Internal Operations, and Jenny Sadoski, Director of IT, OCERS

Ms. Sadoski shared the background and current opportunities associated with cloud strategies.

I-3 UPDATE ON THE WORK ASSOCIATED TO THE ALAMEDA IMPLEMENTATION

Presentation by Steve Delaney, CEO, and Suzanne Jenike, Assistant CEO, External Operations, OCERS

Ms. Jenike shared about the status of the work associated with the Alameda 2 implementation especially to those impacted by county Supervisors resolution decision. As she noted, this is a status informational update, and while no action is needed now, staff anticipate bringing action items in the May Board meeting.

WRITTEN REPORTS

The following are written reports that will not be discussed unless a member of the Board requests discussion.

R-1 MEMBER MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

Application Notices

April 15, 2024

Death Notices

April 15, 2024

R-2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- November 2023- Governance Committee Minutes
- January 2024 – Audit Committee Minutes

R-3 CEO FUTURE AGENDAS AND 2024 OCERS BOARD WORK PLAN

Written Report

R-4 QUIET PERIOD – NON-INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

Written Report

R-5 BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Written Report

R-6 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Written Report

R-7 OCERS TRAVEL POLICY APPROVED CONFERENCES LIST

Written Report

R-8 QUARTERLY TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSE REPORT

Written Report

R-9 UPDATE BOARD ELECTIONS: SAFETY MEMBER, ALTERNATE SAFETY MEMBER AND GENERAL MEMBER

Written Report

R-10 REEDSMITH PERFORMANCE SURVEY REPORT

Written Report

Mr. Packard had some questions about the credit card authorization and requests for trustees as indicated in the Governance Committee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I-1 BROWN ACT TRAINING

Presentation by Manuel Serpa, General Counsel, OCERS

Mr. Serpa reminded the trustees on the rules associated with the Brown Act.

CIO COMMENTS- Ms. Murphy shared that OCERS has had a strong start to the year. As of March 31st, OCERS' portfolio has had an approximately 4% increase. Since then, there has been a slight pull back in several key technology stocks, and the portfolio returned to a 3.5% increase year to date for mid-April. Current events and aggressions associated with Israel and Iran, as well as Ukraine and Russia, are additional factors affecting the market that the Investment Team are monitoring. These factors have caused the markets to lower estimates for Fed easing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS- CEO Delaney shared two thank you cards from members who turned 100 in the last several months.

COUNSEL COMMENTS- None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS- None

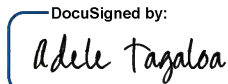
Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 1:14 p.m. in memory of active members, retired members, and surviving spouses who passed away this passed month.

Submitted by:

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Steve Delaney
Secretary to the Board

Approved by:

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Adele Tagaloa
Chairperson