## ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF RETIREMENT 2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100 SANTA ANA, CA 92701

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, August 20, 2025 9:00 A.M.

#### **Members of the Committee**

Shawn Dewane, Chair Roger Hilton, Vice Chair Richard Oates Charles Packard

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This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The Committee may take action on any item listed on this Agenda; however, except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the Agenda. The Committee may consider matters included on the agenda in any order, and not necessarily in the order listed.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. BOARD MEMBER STATEMENT REGARDING PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM (IF NECESSARY) (Government Code Section 54953(f))
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters on the Consent Agenda are to be approved by one action unless a Committee Member requests separate action on a specific item.

#### C-1 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2025

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

NOTE: Public comment on matters listed in this agenda will be taken at the time the item is addressed, prior to the Committee's discussion of the item. Members of the public who wish to provide comment in connection with any matter listed in this agenda may do so by "raising your hand" in the Zoom app, or if joining by telephone, by pressing \* 9, at the time the item is called. Persons attending the meeting in person and wishing to provide comment on a matter listed on the agenda should fill out a speaker card located at the back of the Boardroom and deposit it in the Recording Secretary's box located near the back counter.

#### A-1 INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON ANY ITEM TRAILED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### A-2 PROPOSED 2026 STAFFING PLAN

Presentation by Steve Delaney, CEO, and Cynthia Hockless, Director of Human Resources, OCERS

**Recommendation**: Approve and recommend that the Board of Retirement approve the following items related to the 2026 staffing plan to be presented at the October 20, 2025, Board meeting:

Approve the creation of four (4) new career ladders and one (1) new career ladder series:

- A. Add two (2) career ladders to the Investments Division
- B. Add one (1) career ladder to the Disability Department
- **C.** Add one (1) career ladder to the Human Resources Department
- **D.** Add one (1) career ladder series to the Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO)

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The total estimated annual personnel cost for the creation of these career ladders is \$77,132.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

I-1 UPDATE ON OUTREACH REGARDING EMPLOYER DATA

Presentation by David Kim, Assistant CEO of External Operations, OCERS

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/STAFF COMMENTS
COUNSEL COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

#### **NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING August 21, 2025 9:30 A.M.

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100
SANTA ANA, CA 92701

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING August 27, 2025 9:00 A.M.

ORANGE COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2223 E. WELLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 100
SANTA ANA, CA 92701

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP September 9, 2025 – September 10, 2025 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

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

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9:00 A.M.

#### **MINUTES**

#### **OPEN SESSION**

Chair Dewane called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Recording Secretary administered the Roll Call attendance.

Attendance was as follows:

Present: Shawn Dewane, Chair; Roger Hilton, Vice Chair; Charles Packard, Board

Member; Richard Oates, Board Member

Also Present: Steve Delaney, CEO; Brenda Shott, Assistant CEO of Internal Operations;

David Kim, Assistant CEO of External Operations; Molly Murphy, Chief Investments Officer; Darren Dang (Zoom), Chief Technology Officer; Cynthia Hockless (Zoom), Director of Human Resources; Mark Adviento, Director of Member & Employer Relations Section - Member Services; Jennifer Reyes, Finance Manager; Will Tsao, Director of EPMO; Jeff Lamberson, Director of Retirement Operations Section - Member Services; Ivan Cao, Staff Attorney;

Sarah Abrahamson, HR Analyst; Melissa Wozniuk, HR Analyst; Dena

Gunsolley, Manager of Learning and Organizational Development; Amy Lim, LOD Staff Assistant; Chad Takimoto, Sr. Information Technologist; Peter Felix, Audio Visual Technician; Sean Pham, IT Helpdesk Intern; Amanda Evenson, Recording Secretary; Charles Barfield (CB), OCEA; Maggie Williams-Dalgart (Zoom); Gallagher; Sandi Florez (Zoom), County of Orange; Julie Lam

(Zoom), County of Orange

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### C-1 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2025

**Recommendation**: Approve minutes.

A <u>Motion</u> was made by Mr. Oates, <u>seconded</u> by Mr. Packard, to approve staff's recommendation to approve the minutes.

The motion passed <u>unanimously</u>.

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#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### A-1 INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON ANY ITEM TRAILED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

### A-2 UPDATE ON MOVING THE WORKFORCE TO BE 100% EMPLOYED BY OCERS AS A SINGLE AGENCY

Presentation by Steve Delaney, CEO, OCERS

#### **Recommendation:**

- 1. Recommend that the Board of Retirement direct Staff to halt the pursuit of legislation to move the County employees to be OCERS direct, and pursue working with the County on making OCERS County Classifications OCERS-specific.
- 2. Receive and file the Gallagher study.

Mr. Barfield from OCEA presented the results of the staff interest survey regarding the potential transition of County employees to become OCERS direct. Overall, only 38% of County employees expressed support for making the move to OCERS direct, however it was agreed by all that the process of moving County employees to Direct should stop. Mr. Delaney confirmed that the Gallagher study would serve as a starting point for future discussions with the County regarding modifying County employee job descriptions to better match their OCERS duties.

After discussion, a <u>Motion</u> was made by Mr. Oates, <u>seconded</u> by Mr. Packard, to recommend that the Board of Retirement direct staff to halt the pursuit of legislation to move the County employees to be OCERS direct, pursue working with the County on making OCERS County Classifications OCERS-specific, and to receive and file the Gallagher study.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### A-3 2025 CAREER LADDER – CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER (CISO)

Presentation by Steve Delaney, CEO, and Darren Dang, CTO, OCERS

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approve the Creation of a Career Ladder for a Chief Information Security Officer.

After a presentation from Mr. Delaney, a <u>Motion</u> was made by Mr. Hilton, <u>seconded</u> by Mr. Packard, to approve the creation of a Career Ladder for a Chief Information Security Officer.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### A-4 TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE COMPENSATION POLICY

Presentation by Steve Delaney, CEO, and Ivan Cao, Staff Attorney for Investments, OCERS

**Recommendation:** Approve and recommend that the Committee adopt the revisions to the Compensation Policy, including incorporating the Incentive Compensation Policy.

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Mr. Cao presented the revisions to the Compensation Policy. Mr. Hilton stated that he would like the Salary Compression Mitigation (Sections 14-20) removed so that it can be reworked by staff.

A <u>Motion</u> was made by Mr. Hilton, <u>seconded</u> by Mr. Packard, to approve and recommend the revisions to the Compensation Policy, including the Incentive Compensation Policy and Certification Incentive Program, and excluding the proposed revisions to the Salary Compression Mitigation (Sections 14 -20).

The motion passed unanimously.

A-5 2025 PENSION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM (PAS) PROJECT STAFFING PLAN – PHASE II

Presentation by David Kim, Assistant CEO of External Operations, and Cynthia Hockless,

Director of Human Resources, OCERS

**Recommendation**: Approve and recommend to the Board of Retirement the following eight (8) Limited Term position requests for the Disability, Member Services, Finance and Information Technology Departments in preparation for the Pension Administration System (PAS) Implementation, now known as OCERS Horizon:

- 1. Disability Retirement Program Specialist (1)
- 2. Member Services Accounting Technician (2)
- 3. Member Services Retirement Benefits Technician (1)
- 4. Finance Accountant Auditor (1)
- 5. Information Technology Business Systems Analyst (1)
- 6. Information Technology Data Analyst (1)
- 7. Information Technology AI Automation Engineer (1)

The total estimated annual personnel cost for the proposed staffing changes presented is \$1,133,739. The estimated budget impact for 2025 due to Q4 hiring for several positions is \$97,140; however, staff anticipates the estimated cost for the additional positions in 2025 can be absorbed within the existing 2025 budget.

Mr. Kim and Ms. Hockless presented Phase II of the Pension Administration System (PAS) Project Staffing Plan.

Mr. Hilton expressed concern regarding the pacing of the PAS staffing plan, particularly in relation to the amount of time required to secure a vendor. In response, Mr. Kim reviewed the vendor timeline, which targets having a vendor in place by January 2026 and allows for a three- to six-month training period prior to implementation.

Mr. Packard inquired about the total additional Limited-Term positions and the overall budget impact of the PAS staffing plan. Mr. Kim explained that not all of the Limited Term positions will be filled externally. Of the 22 Limited Term positions approved at the April 2, 2025 Personnel Committee meeting - and subsequently approved at the April 21, 2025 Board meeting - 13 positions would be filled internally while nine (9) would be filled externally. This results in nine (9) additional Limited-Term headcount in 2025.

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The current request before the Personnel Committee is for eight (8) Limited Term positions to be filled externally, resulting in eight (8) additional Limited Term headcount - four (4) in 2025 and four (4) in 2026.

Ms. Shott clarified that the 2025 budget does not require an amendment, as current vacancies within the approved OCERS staffing plan can accommodate the new positions in the current year. The annual cost of the Limited-Term positions will be incorporated into the project budget in future years' budgets.

After discussion, a <u>Motion</u> was made by Mr. Oates, <u>seconded</u> by Mr. Hilton, to approve and recommend the Board of Retirement approve the eight (8) Limited Term position for the Disability, Member Services, Finance and Information Technology Departments in preparation for the Pension Administration System (PAS) Implementation, known as OCERS Horizon.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### I-1 AGENCY TALENT NEEDS REVIEW PROCESS

Presentation by Cynthia Hockless, Director of Human Resources, Sarah Abrahamson, HR Analyst, and John T. Nguyen, HR Staff Specialist, OCERS

Ms. Abrahamson provided an overview of the new Agency Talent Needs review process designed to help the agency with AI implementation. Mr. Nguyen then outlined the implementation and steps of the new streamlined and standardized process. Mr. Packard recommended reducing the number of required signatures to improve efficiency and suggested adding a timeframe to the DocuSign routing to better respect Senior Executives' time. Chair Dewane thanked the team for improving the efficiency of the process.

Mr. Delaney left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

#### I-2 UPDATE ON OUTREACH REGARDING EMPLOYER DATA

Presentation by David Kim, Assistant CEO of External Operations, and Mark Adviento, Director of Member Services, OCERS

Mr. Adviento presented an update on the Employer Data project and reviewed the progress made on the Employer Handbook, as well as the meetings held with the Employers.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/COUNSEL/STAFF COMMENTS None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dewane ADJOURNED the meeting at 10:19 A.M.

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Cynthia Hockless Liaison	Steve Delaney Secretary to the Board	Shawn Dewane Chair



#### Memorandum

**DATE**: August 20, 2025

TO: Members of the Personnel Committee
FROM: Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2026 STAFFING PLAN

#### Recommendation

Approve and recommend that the Board of Retirement approve the following items related to the 2026 staffing plan to be presented at the October 20, 2025, Board meeting:

#### 1. APPROVE THE CREATION OF FOUR (4) NEW CAREER LADDERS AND ONE (1) NEW CAREER LADDER SERIES:

- A. Add two (2) career ladders to the Investments Division
- B. Add one (1) career ladder to the Disability Department
- C. Add one (1) career ladder to the Human Resources Department
- D. Add one (1) career ladder series to the Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO)

The total estimated annual personnel cost for the creation of these career ladders is \$77,132.

#### **Background/Discussion**

Each year, I partner with Department Heads to evaluate the staffing plan and identify the talent necessary to support OCERS operations. This year marks the second time I have implemented a more structured and rigorous process for the OCERS Leadership Team to submit requests for new positions or career ladders. Under this enhanced approach, all proposals must be presented and vetted internally before advancing to the Personnel Committee for consideration.

As a result of this refined process, we seek approval to establish four (4) new career ladders and one (1) new career ladder series. We are not asking to increase the budgeted headcount.

Career ladders offer a strategic approach to retaining top talent at OCERS without increasing overall headcount. They allow current employees to advance into higher-level roles with expanded responsibilities, supporting organizational growth and individual career development.

Since implementing career ladders, OCERS has achieved an 84% retention rate among employees who have been promoted through this pathway over the past decade.

Below is a summary of the cost of each career ladder, with a detailed description of the request in the attached memos.

#### A. ADD TWO (2) CAREER LADDERS TO THE INVESTMENTS DIVISION

Position Title	Career	Department	Position Type	<b>Current Salary</b>	Proposed	Annual
	Ladder			and Benefits	Salary and	Budget
	Position				Benefits	Impact
Investment Analyst	Senior Investment Analyst	Investments	OCERS-Direct	\$167,302	\$181,438	\$14,136
Director	Managing Director	Investments	OCERS-Direct	\$426,703	\$443,773	\$17,070

The Investments Department is requesting two career ladders for FY26. The rationale for both requests follow similar themes: 1) organizational maturity; 2) skills need of the organization; 3) skills growth of the individual; and 4) succession planning. OCERS' investment program continues to grow in assets and complexity. The request for the Senior Investment Analyst career ladder is in response to OCERS' need for subject matter expertise in certain asset classes and to the individual growth of OCERS' Investment Analyst to step into a role with more responsibility. The career ladder request for Managing Director is based on OCERS' need to increase its Total Portfolio Approach strategy team and differentiate asset class strategy and total portfolio strategy. Both positions will assist with succession planning across the entire hierarchy of the Investments team.

#### B. ADD ONE (1) CAREER LADDER TO THE DISABILITY DEPARTMENT

Position Title	Career Ladder	Department	Position Type	Current Salary and Benefits	Proposed Salary and	Annual Budget
	Position				Benefits	Impact
Disability	Disability	Disability	OCERS-Direct	\$137,278	\$151,006	\$13,728
Retirement	Retirement					
Investigator	Analyst					

The Disability Retirement Department is requesting the establishment of a career ladder using the existing Staff Analyst classification, to be internally titled Disability Retirement Analyst. This position would create a promotional opportunity for County-classified Disability Retirement Investigators (DRIs) who have reached the top of their salary range, with no current path for advancement. Two of the department's three DRIs are already at the salary cap, creating a significant retention risk. By introducing an OCERS Direct career ladder, this proposal supports long-term continuity, preserves institutional knowledge, and enables more sustainable delegation of supervisory and programmatic responsibilities.

#### C. ADD ONE (1) CAREER LADDER TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Position Title	Career Ladder Position	Department	Position Type	Current Salary and Benefits	Proposed Salary and Benefits	Annual Budget Impact
HR Staff Analyst	Sr. HR Staff Analyst	Human Resources	OCERS-Direct	\$205,074	\$225,582	\$20,508

The addition of a Senior Human Resources Analyst will enhance the HR team's capacity by supervising and mentoring HR Analysts and support staff, ensuring their work aligns with HR and agency standards. This role will support the daily oversight of key HR programs such as classification and compensation, payroll, recruitment, leave management, training, and policy development. The Senior Analyst will also identify opportunities for process improvement through data analysis, workflow audits, and collaboration across functions to optimize service delivery and eliminate inefficiencies. Additionally, they will draft and implement operational policies and procedures to promote consistency, compliance, and transparency in HR practices. The position will also serve as the HR lead on cross-departmental projects, including system implementations, organizational restructures, and agency-wide initiatives like the PAS project.

#### D. ADD ONE (1) CAREER LADDER SERIES TO THE ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (EPMO)

Position Title	Career Ladder Position	Department	Position Type	Current Salary and Benefits	Proposed Salary and Benefits	Annual Budget Impact
Project Assistant	Project Specialist	ЕРМО	County	\$116,903	\$128,593	\$11,690

The Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO) is crucial in managing major projects aligned with Vision 2030. As project demands grow, establishing a full career ladder series for the Project Analyst role—from Project Assistant to Project Specialist to a future promotion to a Project Analyst —will enhance organizational project management maturity, support talent development and retention, and boost productivity. This structure will improve scalability, knowledge transfer, and innovation while reducing reliance on contractors. The estimated future cost for the top tier of this series, from Staff Specialist to Staff Analyst, is \$14,000. The proposal seeks approval to create this career path and allocate necessary resources, contributing to a more resilient and cost-effective OCERS.

#### **Conclusion:**

I am not proposing an increase in headcount for the 2026 Staffing Plan. I am proposing the creation of four (4) new career ladders and one (1) new career ladder series. The total annual cost for these positions is outlined above, with an estimated increase in personnel expenses of \$77,132.

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Proposed 2026 Staffing Plan Presentation
- 2. Investments Org Chart
- 3. Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO) Org Chart
- 4. Disability Org Chart
- 5. Human Resources Org Chart

#### **Submitted by:**



SD - Approved

Steve Delaney Chief Executive Officer



### **Proposed 2026 Staffing Plan**

### **PRESENTATION**

**Steve Delaney**Chief Executive
Officer

**Cynthia Hockless**Director of Human
Resources



### Why Career Ladders?

At OCERS, we have established internal advancement pathways to support employee growth and retention. Our career ladder exists in multiple departments, providing clear progression opportunities for our talented workforce, which focuses on retention and development.

#### **Gear Paths**

Defined promotional progressions within job series that support retention

#### **Growth Vision**

Long-term opportunity visualization for employees

#### **Talent Investment**

Strategic workforce planning and internal development as outlined in the Business Plan



### **OCERS Career Ladder Overview**

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**Total Career Ladders** 

Comprehensive pathways established across departments

14

Career Ladder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rung: Advanced Role

Number of employees in 2<sup>nd</sup> Rung of Career Ladder

84%

Retention Rate

Strong employee retention following implementation

#### Three separations after promotions in the last 10 years

	Career Progression	Departure Reason
Employee 1	Attorney → Deputy General Counsel	Accepted position at another retirement system
Employee 2	Investment Analyst → Senior Investment Analyst	Relocated internationally (personal reasons)
Employee 3	Accounting Technician → Accountant/Auditor I	Returned to private sector

## **Current Career Ladders**

#### **Career Ladder Tracker**

#	1st Rung	Current Occupant	2nd Rung	Current Occupant
1	Office Specialist	Yes	Staff Assistant	N/A
2	Accounting Technician	N/A	Accountant Auditor I	Yes
3	Accounting Technician	N/A	Accountant Auditor I	Yes
4	Accountant Auditor II	N/A	Sr. Accountant Auditor	Yes
5	Sr. Accountant Auditor	N/A	Finance Analyst	Yes
6	HR Staff Assistant	Yes	Staff Specialist	N/A
7	HR Staff Assistant	Yes	Staff Specialist	N/A
8	HR Staff Assistant	N/A	Staff Specialist	Yes
9	HR Staff Specialist	N/A	Staff Analyst	Yes
10	Internal Auditor	N/A	Sr. Internal Auditor	Yes
11	Information Security Manager	N/A	Sr. Information Security Manager	Yes
12	Director of Information Security	N/A	Chief Information Security Officer	Yes
13	Investment Analyst	N/A	Sr. Investment Analyst	Yes
14	Investment Analyst	N/A	Sr. Investment Analyst	Yes
15	Investment Officer	N/A	Sr. Investment Officer	Yes
16	Investment Officer	Yes	Sr. Investment Officer	N/A
17	Sr. Investment Analyst	N/A	Investment Officer	Yes
18	Paralegal	N/A	Legal Analyst	Yes
19	Staff Attorney	Yes	Deputy General Counsel	N/A

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the creation of four (4) new career ladders and one (1) new career ladder series:

#### **Investments**

Two (2) career ladders:

- Managing Director
- Annual Budget Impact \$17,070
- Sr. Investment Analyst
- Annual budget Impact \$14,136

#### **Disability**

One (1) career ladder:

- Disability Retirement Analyst (Staff Analyst)
- Annual Budget Impact \$13,728

#### **Human Resources**

One (1) career ladder:

- Sr. Human Resources Analyst
- Annual Budget Impact -\$20,508

#### **Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO)**

One (1) career ladder series:

- Project Specialist
- Annual Budget Impact \$11,690
- Project Analyst
- No current budget Impact

\$77,132

Total 2026 Annual Budget Impact, including salary and benefits

5

### Career Ladder Series: Project Specialist & Project Analyst

(Current County)
Project Assistant

- Core Responsibilities: Administrative Support, documentation, meeting coordination, project facilitation
- Decision Making: limited, task-focused
- Salary Range: \$56,264 \$75,421

(<u>Proposed</u> <u>County)</u> Project Specialist

- Core Responsibilities: Technical implementation, process optimization, stakeholder management, and leading projects
- Decision Making: Moderate, within specialty
- Salary Range: \$66,227 \$88,566

(Proposed OCERS

<u>Direct</u>)

Project Analyst

- Core Responsibilities: performance analytics, strategic project planning, risk analysis and management, business process analysis
- Decision Making: High, strategic recommendations
- Salary Range: \$91,246 \$132,306



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## Thank you!

### **Questions?**

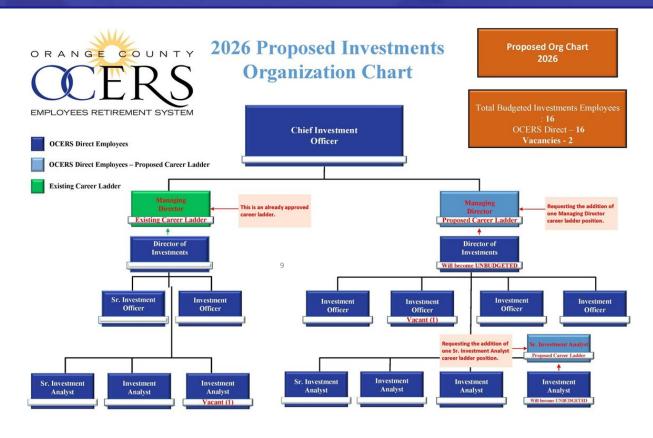


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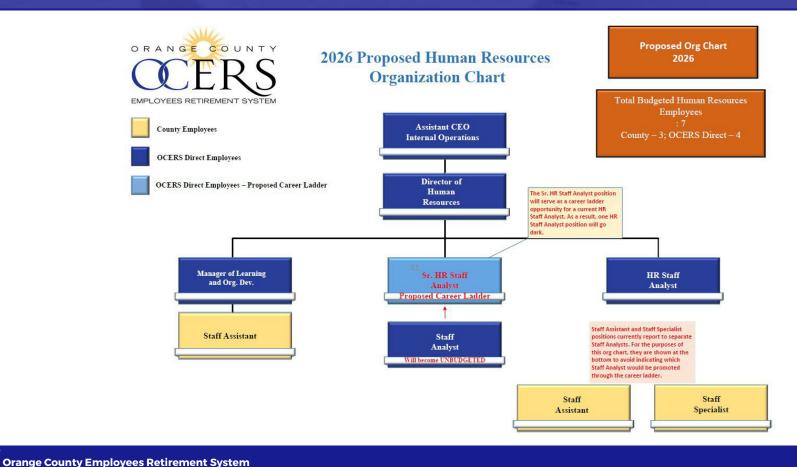
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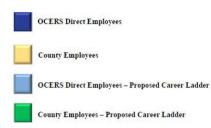




#### Proposed 2026 Enterprise Project Management Office Organization Chart

Proposed Org Chart 2026

Total EPMO Employees : 2 County – 1; OCERS Direct – 1

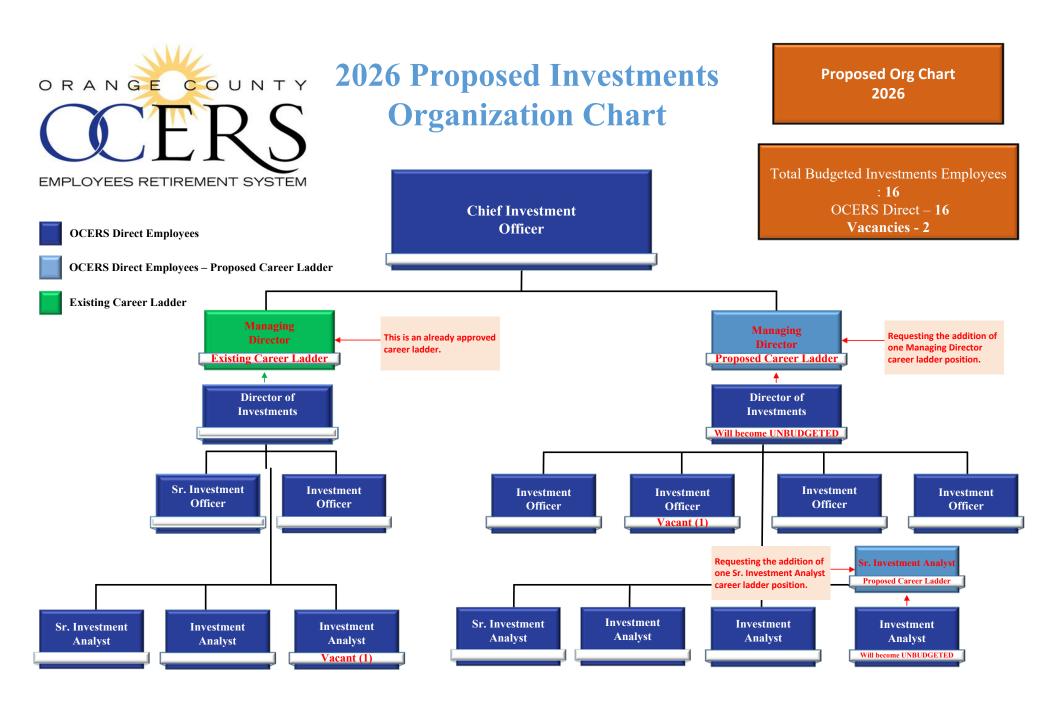




- The proposed organizational chart aims to establish two distinct career ladders within the Project Assistant series. The first career ladder supports the current incumbent's progression from the Staff Assistant classification to Staff Specialist.
- Following continued development and strong performance in the Staff
   Specialist role, the second proposed career ladder—planned for a future phase—would provide a path for advancement from Staff Specialist to Project Analyst.



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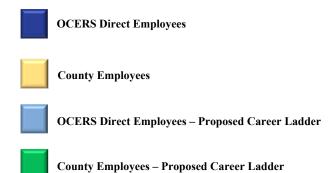


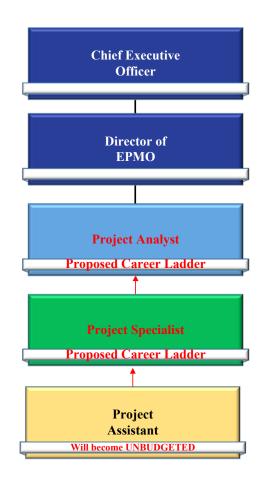


# Proposed 2026 Enterprise Project Management Office Organization Chart

Proposed Org Chart 2026

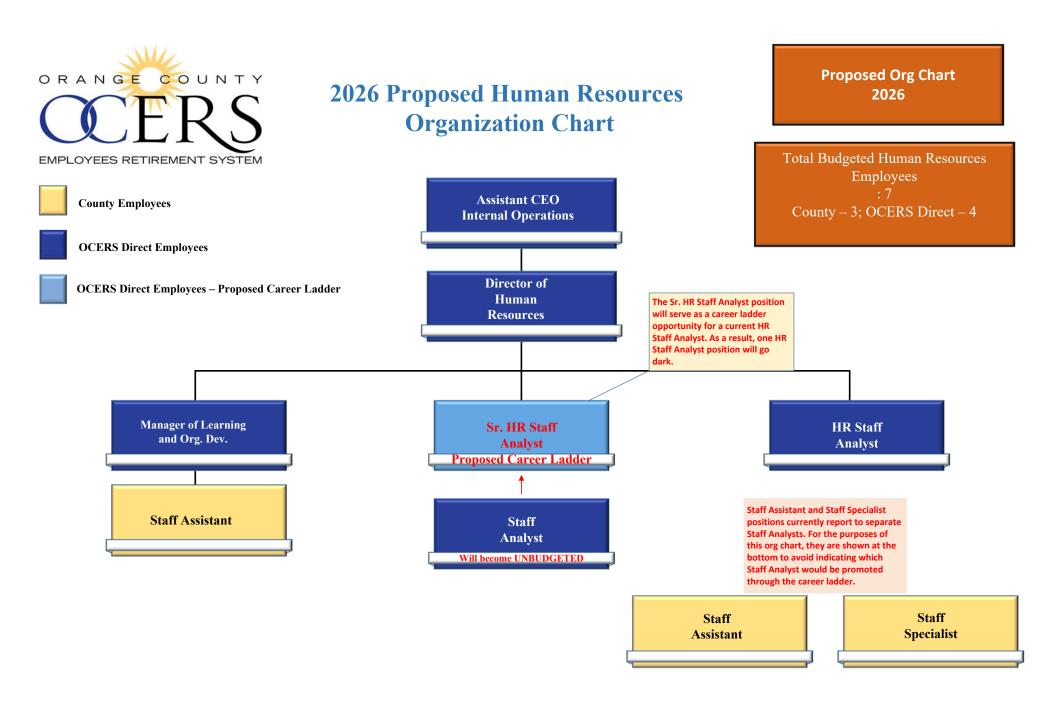
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- Following continued development and strong performance in the Staff Specialist role, the second proposed career ladder—planned for a future phase—would provide a path for advancement from Staff Specialist to Project Analyst.







#### Memorandum

**DATE**: August 20, 2025

**TO**: Members of the Personnel Committee

FROM: Mark Adviento, Director of Member & Employer Relations Section – Member Services, and

David Kim, Assistant CEO, External Operations

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON OUTREACH REGARDING EMPLOYER DATA

#### **Background/Discussion**

This item provides an update on OCERS' continued efforts to obtain complete and accurate data from Employers, as directed by the Board of Retirement.

On August 26, 2025, OCERS will host a **Quarterly All Employer Meeting** with representatives from participating employers. At this meeting, OCERS will present an updated draft of the *Employer Handbook*, intended to support the broader Data Policy.

The meeting will also address enhancements to payroll transmittals, including a new approach to reporting pensionable paid time off and pensionable holiday compensation in transmittal files. These updates will support the automation of benefit calculations in the upcoming Pension Administration System (PAS) and include interim improvements to automate current benefit calculations. The goal of these enhancements is to reduce manual processing and promote long-term operational efficiency.

OCERS continues to underscore the cost and administrative impact of incomplete data, such as when retirement benefits must be calculated manually. These conversations are improving employer awareness and engagement.

To foster support and progress, OCERS Employer Payroll team has continued one-on-one meetings with Employers, recently:

The County of Orange – three meetings in July

Orange County Superior Court - July 8th

Orange County Transportation Authority – August 5<sup>th</sup>

Transportation Corridor Agency – August 13<sup>th</sup>

These meetings include employer-specific assessments and technical guidance aimed at improving payroll transmittal processes to support automated benefit calculations in PAS, as discussed earlier. One meeting listed above included joint participation by OCERS and County of Orange IT teams to discuss data sharing and systems integration.

Additional one-on-one meetings with remaining employers are scheduled through October 2025.

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