
May 22, 2024 Board of Retirement Regular Meeting
SBCERS Board Room, 130 Robin Hill Road, Suite 100, Goleta, CA 93117

The Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System is committed to:

- *fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility by providing the highest quality of service to all members and plan sponsors; and*
 - *protecting promised benefits through prudent investing; and*
 - *ensuring reasonable expenses of administration.*

Minutes

Roll Call at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Daly, Lavagnino, Lee, Uhl, Vidal

Members Absent: Dodgin, Hagen

Alternate Present: Blair

Alternate Absent: Tan

Counsel Present: Blakeboro, Rodriguez, Terry

Clerk Present: Couture

Trustee Dodgin arrived at 9:07 a.m. and Trustee Tan arrived at 9:15 a.m. Trustee Uhl departed at 1:27 p.m., Trustee Dodgin departed at 2:38 p.m., and Trustee Bianchi departed at 3:17 p.m.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of the Minutes

Approve Minutes of the April 24, 2024 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Approve Minutes of the April 24, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion moved by Lee and motion seconded by Bianchi. Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Daly, Lavagnino, Lee, Uhl, Vidal.

Absent: Dodgin, Hagen.

1. Consent

1.1. April 2024 Retirement Report

Adopt Retirement Report.

1.2. Trustee Training Opportunities

Authorize the attendance of interested trustees at upcoming training events requiring Board pre-approval, as requested.

1.3. Quarterly OPEB Report

Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2024 on the investment results, contributions and expenditures of the County of Santa Barbara 401(h) Retiree Healthcare Subsidy fund.

1.4. Market Update and April 30, 2024 Performance Review

Report by RVK, Inc. on World Market Activities and April 30, 2024 performance.

MOTION: Approve items C-1 through C-4.

Motion moved by Vidal and motion seconded by Uhl. Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Daly, Dodgin, Lavagnino, Lee, Uhl, Vidal.

Absent: Hagen.

2. Closed Session

Disability Retirement

2.1. Edward Alvarado, Applicant for Service-connected Disability Retirement

DISCUSSION: Danielle Azoury, Disability Retirement Analyst, presented the item. The Applicant was present.

MOTION: Grant the application of Edward Alvarado for service-connected disability retirement, subject to timely requested hearing by an interested party.

Motion moved by Bianchi and motion seconded by Lee. Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Daly, Dodgin, Lavagnino, Lee, Uhl, Vidal.

Absent: Hagen.

2.2. Disability Retirement Monthly Status Report

DISCUSSION: Danielle Azoury, Disability Retirement Analyst, presented the item.

The Board took no action.

Personnel

2.3. Appointment of Personnel - General Counsel

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

MOTION: Appoint Cristal Rodriguez to General Counsel effective July 1, 2024, subject to the approval of a General Counsel Charter and position classification.

Motion moved by Bianchi and motion seconded by Dodgin. Approved by roll call vote.
Yes: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Daly, Dodgin, Lavagnino, Lee, Uhl, Vidal.
Absent: Hagen.

2.4. Annual Evaluation of Performance—Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

3. Open Session

Counsel Blakeboro announced the Board met in Closed Session to discuss items 2.1 through 2.4. The Board took action consistent with staff recommendation on item 2.1 and took no action on 2.2. With regard to item 2.3, the Board voted to appoint Cristal Rodriguez to General Counsel effective July 1, 2024, subject to the approval of a General Counsel Charter and position classification. With regard to item 2.4, the Board took no reportable action.

Board

3.1. Manager Classification and Compensation Study

Presentation from Gregory Levin, SBCERS CEO, on the SBCERS Manager Classification and Compensation Study results.

DISCUSSION: Greg Levin presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. County of Santa Barbara Director of Human Resources Kristine Schmidt and Employment & Workforce Planning Manager Erin Jeffery were present and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

3.2. Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 Budget First Reading

Presentation by Rico Pardo, SBCERS Controller, on the Proposed (Preliminary) Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Discussion for consideration of modifications to be implemented in the Final Budget, which will be presented for adoption at the June 26, 2024 meeting.

DISCUSSION: Rico Pardo presented the item and along with CEO Greg Levin, and Counsels Alan Blakeboro and Cristal Rodriguez, responded to questions from the

The Board took no action.

3.3. CEO Operations Report

Presentation by Gregory Levin, SBCERS CEO. on significant operational activities of SBCERS.

DISCUSSION: Greg Levin presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

Investments

3.4. Custodial Banking RFP Recommendation

Presentation by RVK, Inc. Investment Operations Consultant Lindsey Longwell, SBCERS Controller Rico Pardo, and SBCERS Investment Officer Rebecca M. Valdez on the final recommendation for the Custodial Banking Services Request for Proposal.

DISCUSSION: Rebecca Valdez introduced the item. Lindsey Longwell presented the item and Trustee Lee addressed the Board.

MOTION: Receive and file the presentation regarding the Custodial Banking Request for Proposal Recommendation and approve the recommendation to retain Bank of New York Mellon as its Custodian Bank and authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a written agreement.

Motion moved by Cholmondeley and motion seconded by Uhl. Approved by roll call vote.

Yes: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Dodgin, Lavagnino, Lee, Uhl, Vidal.

No: Daly.

Absent: Hagen.

3.5. Quarterly Public Markets Portfolio Review

Presentation by Principal Marcia Beard of RVK, Inc. on the status and activity of the Fund's public markets portfolio for the quarter ending March 31, 2024.

DISCUSSION: Marcia Beard presented the item and along with CEO Greg Levin, responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

Closed Session

3.6. CONFERENCE WITH STAFF, CONSULTANTS, AND INVESTMENT MANAGER TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A PARTICULAR, SPECIFIC FUND INVESTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.81

(Pantheon Credit Opportunities III)

MOTION: Approve the investment of \$27.5 million to Pantheon Credit Opportunities III (PCO III) and authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a written agreement with Pantheon.

Motion moved by Dodgin and motion seconded by Daly. Approved by roll call vote.
Yes: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Daly, Dodgin, Lavagnino, Lee, Tan, Vidal.

Absent: Hagen.

Open Session

Deputy General Counsel Rodriguez announced the Board met in Closed Session to discuss item 3.6 and that the Board took action as addressed above.

3.7. Real Return Structure Review

Presentation by Principals and Co-Lead Consultants Marcia Beard and Matthias Bauer, CFA of RVK, Inc. on the Real Return Structure Review.

DISCUSSION: Marcia Beard presented the item and along with CEO Greg Levin responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION: Receive and file the Real Return Structure Review and approve the restructuring of the Real Return portion of the portfolio to increase Private Real Return from 60% to 75%, while decreasing Public Real Return from 40% to 25%.

Motion moved by Bianchi and motion seconded by Dodgin. Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Bianchi, Cholmondeley, Daly, Dodgin, Lavagnino, Lee, Tan.

Absent: Hagen, Uhl, Vidal.

3.8. Quarterly Private Equity, Private Real Return, and Private Real Estate Review

Presentation by Hamilton Lane Principals Paul Yett, Natalie Fitch, and Elizabeth Bell on the status and activity of the Fund's Private Equity, Private Real Return, and Private Real Estate portfolios for the quarter ended December 31, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Paul Yett, Natalie Fitch, and Elizabeth Bell presented the items and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

3.9. Real Assets Market Overview

Presentation by Hamilton Lane Principal Brent Burnett on the private real asset investment market.

DISCUSSION: Brent Burnett presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Clerk

Chair

Secretary