



COUNTY OF TULARE
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT
REGULAR RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
TCERA Board Room, 136 N. Akers Street, Visalia, CA 93291

I. CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order by Roland Hill, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Hill, Embrey, Ross, Young, Watson, Vander Poel
Members Absent: Woodard, Reed, Crawford
Alternates Present: Norman, Taylor, Cook
Others Present: David Kehler, Retirement Administrator; Leanne Malison, Assistant Administrator;
Adriana Gonzales-Chang, Retirement Specialist; Marit Erickson, Deputy County Counsel,
Hiley Wallis, Former Alternate Board Member; Judith Cornett, Disability Applicant
Clerk: Rebecca Pendleton

Let the record show that Charlie Norman departed at 9:33 a.m.

1. As a courtesy to those in attendance, all individuals are requested to place cell phones and other electronic devices in the non-audible alert mode.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
3. Swearing-in of newly appointed TCERA Alternate Trustee.

Mr. Hill swore-in newly appointed TCERA Alternate Trustee, Cass Cook.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Please state your name for the record.

Ms. Judith Cornett briefly addressed the Board regarding a letter she submitted that was dated June 12, 2017. Mr. Hill stated that this matter would be placed on the agenda for a future Board of Retirement meeting.

Mr. Hill presented former Alternate Board Member, Hiley Wallis, with an Appreciation Plaque for her time served on TCERA's Board of Retirement.

Mr. Kehler introduced Ms. Samantha Gong as TCERA's new employee to fill the position of Account Clerk-Senior, and Mr. Frank Martin as the new Office Assistant II.

IV. X-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. DISABILITIES – Time Certain: 8:30 a.m.

1. Closed session was held from 8:42 to 8:44 a.m. regarding disability matters listed on the Agenda.

2. In the matter of the disability application of Paul Grenseman, consider and take action regarding the Hearing Officer's Proposed Decision.

MOTION to accept and adopt the Hearing Officer's Finding to deny Mr. Grenseman's application for a service connected disability retirement.

Young/Embrey Approved Unanimously
Absent: Woodard, Reed, Crawford

3. Accepted as filed: Disability Status Report Overview and County Counsel Disability Case Status Report.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - a. Retirement Board Minutes of May 24, 2017.

MOTION to approve the Consent Calendar.

Young/Embrey Approved Unanimously
Absent: Woodard, Reed, Crawford

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Update by Mike Watson regarding the Administrative Committee meeting of May 22, 2017. Discussion and possible action regarding the following items:
 - a. Financial and Budget Reports for the period ending April 30, 2017.

Mr. Watson noted that the Committee reviewed the Financial and Budget Reports for the period ending April 30, 2017 and recommends Board approval.

MOTION to approve the Financial and Budget Reports for the period ending April 30, 2017.

Watson/Young Approved Unanimously
Absent: Woodard, Reed Crawford

- b. Proposed FY 2017-18 TCERA and TCERA Property budgets.

Mr. Watson indicated that the Committee reviewed both FY 2017-18 budgets. Mr. Kehler reported at the Board meeting that the final cost for renewal of Cyber Security insurance coverage has been updated. Mr. Kehler also noted that the FY 2017-18 Administrative Budget is located on this agenda under Old Business and the FY 2017-18 TCERA Property Budget is on the TCERA Property, Inc. Directors' agenda to be discussed after today's Retirement Board meeting.

- c. TCERA staff actions regarding monies owed from deceased retirees.

Mr. Watson reported that the Committee discussed the policy for handling benefit amounts owed back to TCERA from the survivors/beneficiaries of deceased retirees. During the Committee meeting Mr. Kehler reminded the members of the policy approved by the TCERA Board and the discretion it allows to Executive Staff to write-off amounts up to \$2,500 after specific efforts have been made to recover the funds. Some concerns were expressed of the steps Staff will take to seek collection of the amounts owed. Mr. Kehler indicated to the Committee that in this case the time which has elapsed since the overpayments were made was the key factor in not pursuing recovery further. Mr. Watson stated that the Committee ratified the Staff decision to write-off the amounts owed and no action is needed by the full Board.

VIII. INVESTMENTS

1. Presentation from DoubleLine regarding TCERA's investment allocation to Core Plus Fixed Income. Discussion and possible action.

Ms. Barbara Ziegler made the presentation on behalf of DoubleLine and Mr. Sam Lau participated via conference call. The Chair authorized forty-five minutes of continuing educational hours to Trustees and Staff present.

2. Presentation from Franklin Templeton regarding TCERA's investment allocation to Global Fixed Income. Discussion and possible action.

Mr. Bill Deakyne, Ms. Elsa Goldberg, and Mr. Mathew Salter made the presentation on behalf of Franklin Templeton. The Chair authorized forty-five minutes of continuing educational hours to Trustees and Staff present. Mr. Norman departed before this presentation began.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding final FY 2017-18 TCERA Administrative Budget.

MOTION to approve the final FY 2017-18 TCERA Administrative Budget.

Watson/Ross Approved Unanimously
Absent: Woodard, Reed, Crawford, Norman

2. Discussion regarding new laws, proposed legislation, and topics of interest impacting public pension plans.

None to report at this time.

X. EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Accept Summary Education Reports as filed: Mike Watson, Leanne Malison, and Patricia Crawford, SACRS Spring Conference, May 16-19, 2017.

MOTION to accept the Summary Education Reports as filed.

Young/Ross Approved Unanimously
Absent: Woodard, Reed, Crawford, Norman

2. Discussion and possible action regarding all education items listed in Trustee binders.

No action taken.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. 06/19/2017 Investment Committee meeting @ 1:30 p.m.
2. 06/26/2017 Administrative Committee meeting @ 3:00 p.m.
3. 06/28/2017 Retirement Board meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Watson will not be able to attend the June 26th Administrative Committee meeting. It was also noted that Cheiron, TCERA's Actuary, will attend the June 28th Retirement Board meeting to discuss TCERA's Economic Actuarial Assumptions.

XII. TRUSTEE / STAFF COMMENTS

1. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time.

Mr. Kehler noted that the Tulare County Strategic Finance Committee meeting of June 6, 2017 included discussion of pension financing issues.

XIII. ADJOURNED: 10:25 a.m.

Roland Hill, Chair