



COUNTY OF TULARE
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT
REGULAR RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 @ 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, Mauro, Ross, Young, Watson, Crawford, Vander Poel
Members Absent: Cook, Reed
Alternates Present: Vasquez, Taylor, Sampietro
Others Present: David Kehler, Retirement Administrator; Leanne Malison, Assistant Administrator;
Jeanette Burks, Retirement Specialist; Mary Warner, Administrative Services Officer;
Barbara Grunwald and Marit Erickson, Deputy County Counsel; Scott Whalen, Verus
Investments
Clerk: Susie Brown

Let the record show that Ms. Crawford and Mr. Vander Poel arrived 8:32 a.m. Mr. Young departed 9:45 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

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.

Chairman Hill presented David Kehler, Retirement Administrator, a plaque honoring his 20+ years of service to the Board of Retirement.

IV. X-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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

1. Closed session was held from 8:36 to 9:09 a.m. regarding disability matters listed on the Agenda.
2. In the matter of the disability application of Otilia Contreras, consider and take action regarding the application for a disability retirement.

MOTION to approve the service connected disability application of Otilia Contreras.

Young/Mauro Approved Unanimously

3. In the matter of the disability application of Rhonda Davis, consider and take action regarding the application for a disability retirement.

MOTION to deny the disability application of Rhonda Davis. The application was untimely and there is insufficient evidence of job causation.

Watson/Sampietro Approved Unanimously

4. In the matter of the disability application of George Jones, consider and take action regarding the application for a disability retirement.

MOTION to approve the service connected disability application of George Jones.

Ross/Watson Approved Unanimously

5. In the matter of the disability application of Elizabeth Valenzuela, consider and take action regarding the application for a disability retirement.

MOTION to deny the disability application of Elizabeth Valenzuela. The application was untimely.

Mauro/Sampietro Approved Unanimously

6. Accepted as filed: Disability Status Report Overview.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - a. Retirement Board Minutes of March 13, 2019.
2. Approve payments to:
 - a. Verus – invoice for investment consulting services for the period ending February 2019, in the amount of \$20,416.60.

MOTION to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ross/Young Approved Unanimously

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Pete Vander Poel reported on the Investment Committee meeting of March 20, 2019. Discussion and possible action regarding the following items:
 - a. Asset Allocation Status
 - b. 2019 Investment Committee Goals and Objectives Timeline and 2019 Education Calendar

Mr. Vander Poel commented both these items were discussed and no action is needed at this time.

- c. MacKay Shields Core Plus Investment – Transition to CIT (Commingled Investment Trust)

MOTION to approve the transition.

Vander Poel/Mauro Approved Unanimously

- d. Review of Benchmarks – PIMCO RAE and SGA

MOTION to approve the change of benchmark for PIMCO RAE to the MSCI ACWI Ex USA Value Index.

Vander Poel/Ross Approved Unanimously

- e. Investment Managers
 - 1) Verus Flash Report – All Managers
 - 2) Managers of Interest
 - a) Ivy Investments – Manager Review

Mr. Vander Poel commented the Committee will wait for IVY’s presentation before the Board in July before making any changes regarding IVY.

- b) TSSP – Notification of Personnel Administrative Leave. No action required.
- c) Parametric – Personnel Changes. No action required.

VIII. INVESTMENTS

- 1. Presentation from Scott Whalen, Verus Investments regarding TCERA’s Private Equity Program Review.

Mr. Whalen reviewed the status of TCERA’s Private Equity program. Opportunity for additional investments will likely become available near calendar year end. He reported additional commitments to the asset class will be necessary in order to achieve TCERA’s target of 5%. Chair Hill authorized thirty minutes of continuing education credit for Trustees and Staff present.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding TCERA’s Financial and Budget Reports for the periods ending, December 31, 2018, January 31, 2019 and February 28, 2019.

MOTION to approve the financial and budget reports as presented.

Ross/Mauro Approved Unanimously
 Absent: Cook/Reed/Young

X. EDUCATION ITEMS

- 1. Accept Summary Education Reports as filed: Leanne Malison, Roland Hill, David Vasquez, and Patricia Crawford, CALAPRS General Assembly, March 2-5, 2019.

MOTION to approve the educational reports as presented.

Ross/Watson Approved Unanimously
 Absent: Cook/Reed/Young

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

None.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1. 04/10/2019 Retirement Board meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
- 2. 04/17/2019 Investment Committee meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 3. 04/18/2019 Administrative Committee meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 4. 04/24/2019 Retirement Board meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

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.

Pete Vander Poel reported the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed contribution rates and that will take affect PP14. He reported the BOS approved Gov't Code Section 31522.3, for the Assistant Administrator position process, and this will include a Chief Investment Officer (CIO) should the position open in the future.

Pete Vander Poel asked Scott Whalen about workload changes with a CIO. Mr. Whalen replied typically a CIO would generate more work for Verus, but would not likely affect Verus consulting fees.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Pete Vander Poel presented Dave Kehler with a plaque honoring his years of service with the County of Tulare.

Wayne Ross commented he appreciates the educational opportunities provided by managers through web casts.

Vice Chair Watson will be absent April 10.

XIII. ADJOURNED: 10:05 a.m.

Roland Hill, Chair