



COUNTY OF TULARE

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT REGULAR RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. TCERA Board Room, 136 N. Akers Street, Visalia, CA 93291

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Wayne Ross, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Voting Trustees Present: Cass Cook (departed 11:16 a.m.), Laura Hernandez, Wayne Ross, Gary Reed, Jim Young, Nathan Polk, Dave Kehler, Pete Vander Poel (arrived 8:34 a.m.), Ty Inman
Alternate Trustees Present: Paul Sampietro, George Finney
Alternate Trustees Absent: Dave Vasquez
Staff Members Present: Leanne Malison, Retirement Administrator
Mary Warner, Assistant Retirement Administrator
Board Counsel Present: Jennifer Shiffert, Deputy County Counsel
Consultants Present: Scott Whalen and Mike Kamell, Verus

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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. Please state your name for the record.

None.

V. X-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes of the following meetings:
 - a. Retirement Board Minutes of November 3, 2021.
2. Approve payments to:
 - a. Verus – invoice for investment consulting services in the amount of \$22,500.00 for the month ended October 31, 2021.

- b. Boston Partners – invoice for quarterly fees in the amount of \$73,626.86, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
 - c. Franklin Templeton – invoice for quarterly fees in the amount of \$76,247.67, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
 - d. Cheiron – invoice for actuarial services for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$47,219.14.
 - e. Waddell & Reed – invoice for quarterly fees in the amount of \$92,632.05, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
 - f. William Blair – invoice for quarterly fees in the amount of \$68,497.81, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
 - g. BlackRock– invoice for quarterly fees in the amount of \$71,392.50, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
 - h. State Street Global Advisors– invoice for quarterly fees, US Extended Mkts (CMJ4) in the amount of \$4,704.95, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
 - i. State Street Global Advisors– invoice for quarterly fees, S&P 500 Flagship (CM11) in the amount of \$7,448.78, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
 - j. State Street Global Advisors– invoice for quarterly fees, MSCI ACWI (ZVGM) in the amount of \$14,242.97, ending Sept. 30, 2021.
3. Pension Board Reports and Actions
- a. Ratify Retirement Administrator actions regarding Retirement Application approvals and Option Selections for the month of October 2021.
 - b. Approve Reports regarding Retirement Applications, Option Selections and Deceased Pensioners and 30-Year Members for the month of October 2021.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion: Young

Second: Polk

Absent: Vander Poel

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Update by Gary Reed regarding the Investment Committee meeting of November 3, 2021.
Discussion and possible action regarding the following items:
- a. Asset Allocation Status

Mr. Reed reported that the asset allocation status report for October was not available due to the Committee meeting falling early in the month. The Committee reviewed the September report.
 - b. 2021-2022 Investment Committee Goals and Objective Timeline and 2021-2022 Education Calendars

Mr. Reed reported that the Committee reviewed the information provided. The manager presentation schedule for 2022 was approved and the February 9, 2022 meeting will be canceled due to a conflict with the World Ag Expo.
 - c. Large Cap Growth Equity Manager Review – Confirmation of presentation finalists

Mr. Reed reported that the Committee affirmed the Board of Retirement’s original action regarding this matter, inviting Sands Capital and William Blair to make large cap growth equity presentations to the Board.
 - d. Annual Manager Fee and AB2833 Reports

Mr. Reed reported that the Committee reviewed the manager fee report and the AB2833 report. The Board noted that fees as a percentage of assets are down over last year due to negotiated fee reductions. Mr. Kehler asked about the status of the fee schedule for the SSGA index funds. Ms. Malison reminded the Board that the fees have already been reduced as previously negotiated. The reports were accepted as filed.

e. Investment Managers

1) Verus Flash Report – All managers

The Committee noted the year-to-date flat performance through September. Performance will be discussed in detail during the presentation of the September 30, 2021 Performance Report item later in the agenda.

2) Managers of Interest

- a) Franklin Templeton – Manager Review – no action.
- b) KKR – Organizational Update – no action.

VIII. INVESTMENTS

1. Presentation from Verus Private Markets Team regarding discretionary private markets consulting services. Discussion and possible action.

Mike Kamell, Faraz Shooshani, Christopher Shelby, and John Wasnock reviewed the presentation materials and provided details regarding the discretionary private markets consulting services available from Verus. The entire Verus team, including Mike Kamell exited the meeting for the discussion and action on this item. The Board discussed the impact on staff and the need for an additional accounting position to be included in the budget for the next fiscal year.

Motion to authorize Staff to enter into a contract with Verus for discretionary private markets consulting services subject to TCERA counsel review of the contract.

Motion: Young
Second: Hernandez
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ross departed at 10:34 a.m. Mr. Vander Poel acted as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Presentation from IFM regarding TCERA's investment allocation to infrastructure. Discussion and possible action.

Joe Tremblay reviewed the presentation materials and provided details regarding infrastructure investment management services available from IFM.

Motion to authorize Staff to enter into a contract with IFM for infrastructure investment services through IFM's Global Infrastructure Fund, subject to TCERA counsel review of the contract.

Motion: Hernandez
Second: Young
Absent: Ross
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation from Verus regarding TCERA's September 30, 2021, Investment Performance Report. Discussion and possible action.

Mr. Whalen reviewed the September 30, 2021 Investment Performance Report, including Verus' market outlook.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding TCERA's strategic investment allocation and investment managers, including performance, contracts, and fees.

No discussion or action.

The acting chair authorized three hours of continuing education for the investment presentations.

IX. EDUCATION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Summary Education Reports as filed:
 - a. Leanne Malison – Verus Fourth Quarter Conference Call – Webinar, October 28, 2021. 1 hour.
 - b. Mary Warner – Verus Fourth Quarter Conference Call – Webinar, October 28, 2021. 1 hour.

Motion to approve the Summary Education Reports as filed.

Motion: Reed
Second: Young
Absent: Ross
Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding available educational events.

No discussion or action.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Tulare County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Administrative Committee Meeting November 17, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
2. Retirement Board Meeting, December 8, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
3. Investment Committee Meeting December 8, 2021, 10:30 a.m.


XII. TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

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

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Wayne Ross, Chair



Pete Vander Poel, Acting Chair