

VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

SPECIAL MEETING

September 16, 2015

MINUTES

DIRECTORS Tracy Towner, Chair, Alternate Safety Employee Member
PRESENT: William W. Wilson, Vice Chair, Public Member
Steven Hintz, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Joseph Henderson, Public Member
Deanna McCormick, General Employee Member
Craig Winter, General Employee Member
Chris Johnston, Safety Employee Member
Arthur E. Goulet, Retiree Member
Will Hoag, Alternate Retiree Member

DIRECTORS Peter C. Foy, Public Member
ABSENT: Mike Sedell, Public Member

STAFF Linda Webb, Retirement Administrator
PRESENT: Henry Solis, Chief Financial Officer
Dan Gallagher, Chief Investment Officer
Lori Nemiroff, Assistant County Counsel
Julie Stallings, Chief Operations Officer
Vickie Williams, Retirement Benefits Manager
Donna Edwards, Retirement Specialist
Stephanie Caiazza, Program Assistant

PLACE: Ventura Beach Marriott
Brisas Room I
2055 East Harbor Boulevard
Ventura, CA 93001

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

ITEM:

I. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Towner called the Special Meeting of September 16, 2015, to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve the agenda.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Johnston, Hintz, Henderson, Winter, McCormick, Wilson

No: -

Absent: Foy, Sedell

II. Recommendation to Engage Outside Counsel for Consultation on Human Resources Contracted Services Related to AB1291

A. Letter from Staff

The following motion was made:

MOTION: Authorize Retirement Administrator to engage outside counsel to assist VCERA in implementing Government Code Section 31468 (AB 1291), up to an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Authorize Board Chair to sign engagement letter for the agreement.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Johnston, Hintz, Henderson, Winter, McCormick, Wilson

No: -

Absent: Foy, Sedell

III. Asset Allocation Portfolio Analysis

Dan Gallagher, VCERA Chief Investment Officer

Following the presentation and discussion, the Board directed Mr. Gallagher to move forward with his Alternative #1 mix and to work with NEPC to bring back to the Board additional analysis of that mix with recommended asset allocation targets, ranges, and benchmarks.

IV. **Board Governance: Building an Ever-Improving Model**
Ashley Dunning, Nossaman

V. **Investment Risk**
Howard Marks, Chairman, Oaktree Capital Management

VI. **Behavioral Bias, Risk Taking and Market Evolution**
Observations for Active Management
Laird Landmann, TCW

VII. **Update of Preliminary Report on PEPR Pensionable Compensation**
Analysis
VCERA Staff & Ashley Dunning, Nossaman LLP

- A. Letter from Staff
- B. July 20, 2015 Preliminary Report on PEPR Pensionable Compensation Analysis
- C. Addendum to July 20, 2015 Preliminary Report for County of Ventura Pay Codes
- D. Addendum to July 20, 2015 Preliminary Report for Ventura County Regional Sanitation District Pay Codes
- E. PEPR Pensionable Compensation Response from Stephen H. Silver

Received public comment from Stephen Silver, Attorney at Law, who spoke on behalf of Ventura County Deputy Sheriffs Association (VCDSA), Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association (VCPFA) and the Ventura County Professional Peace Officers Association (VCPPOA).

Received public comment from Rick Shimmel, Attorney at Law, representing Ventura County Deputy Sheriffs Association (VCDSA).

Received public comment from SEIU representatives Mark Richmond, Joe Kahraman, and Angela Portillo.

Received public comment from Paul Derse, Ventura County Chief Financial Officer.

Trustee McCormick left the meeting during this item, at 3:50 p.m.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Receive and file addendums to July 20, 2015 Preliminary Report on Pensionable Compensation Analysis, and defer formal scheduled action until the business meeting of October 19, 2015 to allow until October 2, 2015 for all employees and stakeholders to provide written feedback and input.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Hintz.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes: Goulet, Johnston, Hintz, Henderson, Winter, Wilson

No: -

Absent: Foy, Sedell, McCormick

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. STAFF COMMENT

None.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Goulet commended counsel and staff on their work on the PEPRA pensionable compensation update.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LINDA WEBB, Retirement Administrator

Approved,



TRACY TOWNER, Chairman