VENTURA COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

BUSINESS MEETING

February 24, 2014

MINUTES

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Thonis, Interim Retirement Administrator
                 Henry Solis, Chief Financial Officer
                 Lori Nemiroff, Assistant County Counsel
                 Glenda Jackson, Program Assistant
                 Chantell Garcia, Retirement Benefits Specialist

PLACE: Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association
       Second Floor Boardroom
       1190 South Victoria Avenue
       Ventura, CA 93003

TIME: 9:00 a.m.
ITEM:

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Towner called the Business Meeting of February 24, 2014, to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mark Lunn, County Clerk & Recorder, administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Henderson and Mike Sedell.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Approve the Agenda.

Moved by T. Johnston, seconded by Wilson.

Vote:  Motion carried.
Yes:  Foy, Goulet, Henderson, T. Johnston, McCormick, Sedell, Towner, Wilson
No:  -
Absent: Hintz

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Disability Meeting of February 3, 2014.

**MOTION:** Approve the Minutes.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Henderson.

Vote:  Motion carried.
Yes:  Foy, Goulet, Henderson, T. Johnston, McCormick, Sedell, Towner, Wilson
No:  -
Absent: Hintz

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve Regular and Deferred Retirements and Survivors Continuances for the Month of January 2014.


MOTION: Approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried.
Yes: Foy, Goulet, Henderson, T. Johnston, McCormick, Sedell, Towner, Wilson
No: -
Absent: Hintz

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

V. **STANDING ITEM**

Mr. Hintz arrived at 9:08 a.m.

A. Receive an Oral Update on Pensionable Compensation and PEPRA.

Lori Nemiroff informed the Board that there is no new information to report.

VI. **ANNUAL INVESTMENT PRESENTATIONS**

A. Annual Investment Presentation, UBS Realty Investors – Ron Lanier, Executive Director (30 Minutes).

Ron Lanier was present on behalf of UBS Realty Investors to discuss their annual investment results.

No Action Taken.

B. Annual Investment Presentation, Prudential Real Estate Investors – Frank E. Garcia, Managing Director and Mark Oczkus, Principal (30 Minutes).

Frank E. Garcia and Mark Oczkus were present on behalf of Prudential Real Estate Investors to discuss their annual investment results.
VII. ACTUARIAL INFORMATION


Paul Angelo was present on behalf of The Segal Company to provide background and options regarding potential changes to Financial Liability Reporting.

After discussion by the Board, Staff and The Segal Company, the following motion was made:

MOTION: The Segal Company will submit to the Board additional written information on an alternative option, to be discussed by the Board, Brown Armstrong, and The Segal Company at the April 21, 2014 Disability Meeting.

Moved by Sedell, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

Henry Solis entered the meeting.

VIII. INVESTMENT INFORMATION

A. NEPC – Don Stracke, Senior Consultant.


4. Receive and File Real Estate Market Update.

MOTION: Receive and File Items 1 – 4.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by Wilson.
5. Review Change to Bridgewater All Weather Benchmark.

Don Stracke, present on behalf of NEPC, corrected an error in the 1st sentence, 2nd paragraph of the letter to “does not match”.

After discussion by the Board and NEPC, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve the recommended change to Bridgewater All Weather Benchmark.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Goulet.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -


Don Stracke presented the Asset Allocation Workshop to the Board.

MOTION: Receive and File the Asset Allocation Workshop.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

IX. OLD BUSINESS


The Interim Retirement Administrator updated the Board on the IRS Tax Determination Letter.

After discussion by the Board and Interim Retirement Administrator, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Receive and File.

Moved by Henderson, seconded by T. Johnston.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

X. NEW BUSINESS


MOTION: Receive and File.

Moved by Goulet, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

B. Authorization for Trustee McCormick to Attend Pension Bridge Conference.

Staff recommended authorization for Ms. McCormick to join Mr. Goulet at the conference.

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by T. Johnston, seconded by Goulet.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

C. Authorization to Attend Manatt 2014 Public Pension Fiduciary Forum.

Staff recommended approval of the authorization, noting that due diligence visits were designated to take place in conjunction with the Manatt Conference, and that the Prudential and UBS locations are client service offices, not company headquarters.

After discussion by the Board and Staff, the following motion was made:
MOTION: Approve.

Moved by T. Johnston, seconded by Sedell.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

D. Mid-Year Budget Projections.

Staff recommended approval, noting that projected amounts are within the original budget of appropriations and Staff is not seeking any change to the budget at this time.

After discussion by the Board, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Henderson.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

E. Review and Discussion of Brown Armstrong Contract.

After discussion by the Board and Interim Retirement Administrator, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Approve the contract and authorize Interim Retirement Administrator to sign documents after Board Counsel Review.

Moved by Foy, seconded by McCormick.

Vote: Motion carried.
No: -

XI. INFORMATIONAL

A. Western Asset Update SEC and DOL Settlements.

B. SACRS Spring 2014 Conference.
C. Loomis Sayles Conference.
D. Pantheon Conference.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XIII. STAFF COMMENT

Interim Retirement Administrator informed the Board that Form 700's will need to be submitted soon.

Interim Retirement Administrator announced Glenda Jackson's retirement from the County, and the Board joined him in thanking her for her work with the Department and the Board.

Glenda Jackson reminded the Board that the deadline for the SACRS conference is approaching. She thanked everyone and said that it had been a pleasure.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Hoag suggested that the Board may want to consider obtaining an estimate of the associated costs for changing employees to 401k plans.

Mr. Goulet stated that the Board of Supervisors will consider obtaining a cost analysis on February 25, 2014.

Chair Towner commented that the April 21, 2014 Board Meeting will likely be a long meeting.

Chair Towner noted that the work of Dr. Brigitte Madrian on the topics of 401k and pension may be of interest to the Board.
XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

TIM THONIS, Interim Retirement Administrator

Approved,

[Signature]

TRACY TOWNER, Chairman