

**MCERA RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020  
MERCED COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION  
3199 M STREET, MERCED, CA 95348**

**ROLL CALL: 8:15 A.M.**

***Board Members Present:*** Ryan Paskin, Scott Johnston, Al Peterson, David Ness, Darlene Ingersoll (*left at 10:25 A.M.*), Jason Goins, Kalisa Rochester, Scott Silveira (*left at 10:43 A.M.*), Karen Adams, Michael Rhodes and Janey Cabral. ***Counsel:*** Forrest Hansen. ***Staff:*** Kristen Santos, Alexis Curry, Mark Harman, Ninebra Maryoonani, Brenda Mojica and Sheri Villagrana. (*Trustee Kalisa Rochester voted for Trustee Darlene Ingersoll after departure.*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01/23/2020

**Motion to approve the January 23, 2020 meeting minutes with note that Trustee Rochester voted for Trustee Ingersoll (absent).**

**Silveira/Goins U/A (9-0)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting went into closed session.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS: PERSONNEL EXCEPTION**

(Govt. Code §54957, 31532; Cal Const. art. I, § 1)

**Motion to grant a non-service connected disability and deny a service connected disability for Linda Ramirez.**

**Cabral/Ingersoll U/A (9-0)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**RETIREMENTS:** Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31663.25 or § 31672

All items of earnable compensation for service or disability retirements listed below are in compliance with the pay code schedule approved by the Board of Retirement. The retirement is authorized; however, administrative adjustments may be necessary to alter the amount due to: audit, late arrival of data, court order, etc.

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|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| a. Maravilla, Maria   | HSA            | 11 Yrs. Svc. | Eff. 01/14/2020 |
| b. Sanchez, Gustavo   | Beh. Health    | 14 Yrs. Svc. | Eff. 01/20/2020 |
| c. Berber, Jubenal    | Sheriffs Dept. | 17 Yrs. Svc. | Eff. 01/16/2020 |
| d. Pacheco, Jeannette | Admin Svcs     | 26 Yrs. Svc. | Eff. 01/18/2020 |
| e. Tapia, Nancy       | Health Dept.   | 21 Yrs. Svc. | Eff. 02/01/2020 |

f. Flores, Pamela                      Animal Control   13 Yrs. Svc.   Eff. 01/02/2020

YTD fiscal year 2018/2019 retirees: 57  
YTD fiscal year 2017/2018 retirees: 082  
YTD fiscal year 2016/2017 retirees: 065

**REFUND OF SERVICE PURCHASE:** None  
**DEATH BENEFIT:** Patricia McDermott  
**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:** Submitted

**Motion to approve Consent Calendar.**  
**Adams/Cabral                      U/A (9-0)**

### **BOARD ACTION<sup>1</sup>/DISCUSSION**

Action items were re-ordered by the Board Chair.

1. Discussion and possible action on proposed draft building plans to determine feasibility for a single tenant building located at the vacant lot at 690 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, in Merced – Staff.  
**No action taken.**
2. Discussion and possible action on IS support person with the County of Merced – Staff.  
**The MCERA board motioned to table this discussion to a future regular meeting while staff obtains more information. Silveira/Peterson   U/A (9-0)**
3. Discussion and possible action to approve Cost of Living (COLA) for Tier 1 members, effective April 1, 2020 – Staff  
**The MCERA board voted to approve 2.5% Cost of Living (COLA) for Tier 1 members, effective April 1, 2020. Ness/Cabral (Trustees Michael Rhodes and Scott Johnston recused themselves from voting) (8-0)**
4. Discussion and possible action to approve pay codes as proposed by the Merced County Superior Courts and the County of Merced – Staff.  
**The MCERA board voted to adopt 5 pay codes as recommended by staff. Ness/Silveira   U/A (9-0)**
5. Discussion and possible action to approve CPAS Data Cleansing and Training plan for MCERA – Staff.  
**The MCERA board voted to authorize the Plan Administrator to sign the contract with CPAS for data cleansing and a training plan for MCERA. Adams/Cabral   U/A (8-0)**
6. Discussion and possible action to work with Merced County purchasing to use another 1937 Act RFP for a new branding and website design – Staff.  
**The MCERA board voted for MCERA to “piggy back” off of another system (San Bernardino County Employees’ Retirement Association) branding and website design then bring back a final bid to MCERA Board. Rhodes/Adams   U/A (8-0)**
7. Discussion and possible action for Trustees to apply for an elected seat on the SACRS Board – Staff.  
**No action taken.**
8. Discussion on SACS Leg Update – Staff  
**No action taken.**
9. Review calendar of any training sessions and authorize expenditures for Trustees and Plan Administrator. Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31522.8 and MCERA’s Trustees Education and Training Policy requirements. Examples of upcoming training and educational sessions:

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<sup>1</sup> “Action” means that the Board may dispose of any item by any action, including but not limited to the following acts: approve, disapprove, authorize, modify, defer, table, take no action, or receive and file.

- a. 2020 PIMCO Institute, Newport Beach, CA: February 24-27, 2020 or June 8-11, 2020 or October 19-22, 2020.
- b. Carmel Partners Annual Investors Conference, March 5-6, 2020, San Francisco, CA.
- c. CALAPRS General Assembly, March 7-10, 2020, Rancho Mirage, CA.
- d. TCV Annual Investor Meeting, March 24, 2020, San Francisco, CA.
- e. Advanced Principles of Pension Management for Trustees, March 30–April 1, 2020, Los Angeles, CA.
- f. Pension Bridge Annual Conference, April 14-15, 2020, San Francisco, CA.
- g. NCPERS Trustee Educational Seminal, May 9-10, 2020, Las Vegas, NV.
- h. NCPERS Accredited Fiduciary Program (Modules 1&2 and 3&4), May 9-10, 2020, Las Vegas, NV.
- i. NCPERS Annual Conference & Exhibition, May 10-13, 2020, Las Vegas, NV.
- j. SACRS Spring Conference, May 12-15, 2020, San Diego, CA
- k. KKR's 2020 Global Investor Meeting, July 29 – July 1, 2020, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.
- l. SACRS Public Pension Investment Management Program, July 26-29, 2020, Berkeley, CA.
- m. Principles of Pension Governance for Trustees, August 25-28, 2020 Malibu, CA.
- n. Nossaman Fiduciary Forum, October 1-2, 2020, Los Angeles, CA.
- o. SACRS Fall Conference, November 10-13, 2020, Indian Wells, CA.

**The MCERA board voted to approve the following travel:**

- **Trustees Scott Silveira and Janey Cabral to attend the Advance Principles of Pension Management for Trustees.**
- **Trustee Kalisa Rochester to attend the NCPERS Accredited Fiduciary Program.**
- **Plan Administrator, Kristie Santos to attend SACRS Spring Conference.**
- **Trustee Ness will no longer be able to attend SACRS Spring Conference.**

**Rhodes/Ness U/A (8-0)**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

All rebalancing trades have been completed – Mark Harmen, Fiscal Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Paskin, Chair



Al Peterson, Secretary

3/12/2020  
Date