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January 24, 2024 Board of Retirement Regular Meeting

SBCERS Board Room, 130 Robin Hill Road, Goleta, CA 93117

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 - *protecting promised benefits through prudent investing; and*
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Agenda

Times shown are for informational purposes only and are subject to change. Additionally, items are sometimes taken out of order as the meeting progresses in order to avoid downtime, and manage around time-certain items

Roll Call at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Receive public comment.

Oath of Office

9:00 AM

Election of Officers

9:05 AM

- 1. Chair
- 2. Vice Chair
- 3. Secretary

Minutes

Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting.

1. Consent

1.1. Retirement Report

Adopt Retirement Report.

1.2. Trustee Training Opportunities

Authorize the attendance of interested trustees at upcoming training events requiring Board pre-approval, as requested.

1.3. Quarterly Cash Flow Report

Cash Flow Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2023.

1.4. Market Update and November 30, 2023 Performance Review

Report on World Market Activities and November 30, 2023 performance.

1.5. Extension of Referee Jurisdiction — Elizabeth Wilson

Grant Referee Catherine Harris’ request for extension of her jurisdiction to March 18, 2024, to accommodate an agreed upon hearing of March 18, 2024.

2. Closed Session - Disability Retirement

TIME CERTAIN OF 9:05 AM

Disability matters shall be considered in CLOSED HEARING -- pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1). Interested parties may request these matters to be discussed in a session open to the public. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS are distributed only to the Board.

2.1. Luke Uhrig, Applicant for Service-connected Disability Retirement:

9:15 AM

Presenter: Katrina Peña, Disability Retirement Analyst

Adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision granting Luke Uhrig a service-connected disability retirement.

2.2. Receive and file Disability Retirement Monthly Status Report. 9:20 AM

Presenter: Katrina Peña, Disability Retirement Analyst

Receive and file the monthly Disability Status report.

3. Open Session

Board

3.1. CEO Operations Report 9:25 AM

Presenter: Gregory E. Levin, CPA CEO

Presentation by Gregory Levin on significant operational activities of SBCERS.

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Retirement receive and file the Operations Report.

Investments

3.2. Education: Board Education: Russell 1000 HEDI Index 9:45 AM

Presenter: Russell Investments

Educational presentation on the High Efficiency Defense Index (HEDI) by Director of Product Management Catherine Yoshimoto and Head of U.S. Consultant Relations Matthew C. Stone of FTSE Russell, an LSEG Business.

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Retirement receive and file the presentation by Catherine Yoshimoto and Matthew C. Stone of Russell Investments on the High Efficiency Defense Index (HEDI).

3.3. Market Update and December 31, 2023 Performance Review 10:15 AM

Presenter: RVK, Inc.

Presentation by Principals Marcia Beard and Matthias Bauer of RVK, Inc. on World Market Activities and December 31, 2023 performance.

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Retirement receive and file the Monthly Investment Performance Analysis Period Ended December 31, 2023, presented by Principals and Co-Lead Consultants Marcia Beard and Matthias Bauer, CFA of RVK, Inc.

Break

10:40 AM

3.4. U.S. Equity Structure Study

10:50 AM

Presenter: RVK, Inc.

Presentation by RVK, Inc. Principals and Co-Lead Consultants Marcia Beard and Matthias Bauer on the U.S. Equity Structure Study.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Retirement receive and file the U.S. Equity Structure Study presented by Principals and Co-Lead Consultants Marcia Beard and Matthias Bauer, CFA of RVK, Inc., consider the recommendations of RVK, Inc., and take one of the following actions:

1. Approve the restructuring of the Public U.S. Equity portion of the portfolio to terminate the Rice Hall James Small Cap Opportunities (SA) and Dimensional U.S. Small Cap Value (CF) allocations and reallocate the balances of approximately \$69 million into DFA U.S. Small Cap Portfolio Institutional Class (DFSTX); or
2. Take other action as appropriate.

Board

3.5. Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Mid-Year Budget Review

11:20 AM

Presenter: Rico Pardo, SBCERS Controller

Presentation by Rico Pardo, SBCERS Controller, on the System's Mid-Year Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Retirement receive and file the mid-year budget report for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and approve the proposed budget adjustment for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024.

Lunch

11:50 AM

3.6. June 30, 2023 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Valuation

12:05 PM

Presenter: Cheiron

Presentation by Heather Fantz, Anne Harper, and Graham Schmidt of Cheiron, Inc. on the valuation results for the Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Retirement receive and file the presentation from Consulting Actuaries Heather Fantz, Anne Harper, and Graham Schmidt of Cheiron, Inc. on the valuation results and file the report on Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2023.

Meeting adjourns.

12:35 PM