

**SONOMA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021, and readopted June 30, 2022, the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association Retirement Board meeting will be held virtually and in compliance with California Government Code section 54953(e).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON

Thursday, July 21, 2022
9:00 a.m.

The July 21, 2022, Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association Retirement Board meeting will be facilitated virtually through WebEx Meetings.

Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting using one of the following two methods:

1. Join the WebEx meeting application on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://sonomacounty.webex.com/sonomacounty/j.php?MTID=m87d5edfbe9a743d1edd5d5e59bb4cf71>

2. Call-in and listen to the meeting:

Dial 1 (408) 418-9388

Enter meeting ID: 2499 559 7578

Enter password: 07212022

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Email Public Comment: To submit an emailed public comment to the Board, in advance of the meeting, email rebecca.gay@sonoma-county.org by 7:30 a.m., July 21, 2022. Please provide your name, the number of the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak, and your comment. These comments will be provided to the Board members prior to the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE MEETING

Public Comment Using WebEx: Members of the public who join the WebEx meeting, either through the WebEx app or by calling in, will be able to provide live public comment for each agenda item, after the Board and staff have provided their comments.

Non-confidential materials distributed with the agenda packet and/or related to an item on this agenda submitted to SCERA after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection electronically. Please send an email request for non-confidential materials to julia.smith@sonoma-county.org.

ACCOMMODATION: If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact the Retirement Office at (707) 565-8100, at least 72 hours in advance to ensure arrangements for accommodations.

The public may address the Board of Retirement regarding any agenda item during the Board's consideration of the item. The Retirement Board maintains and reserves the right to take action on any item agendized for discussion.

Brian Williams, Chair

Bob Williamson, Vice Chair

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

All agenda items on the Consent calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Trustee, staff member or member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

- A. Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2022, Retirement Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Active Member Death Benefits

Recommendation: Approve Consent Calendar items A through B.

II. REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Discuss Retirement Board Resolution #156 – COVID State of Emergency and imminent threat of risk

Recommendation: Take appropriate action.

- B. Deductions from Retiree Payments Policy Review

Recommendation: Approve the amendments to the Deduction from Retiree Payments Policy.

- C. Administrative Benefits Committee Charter Review

Recommendation: Acknowledge the Administrative Benefits Committee Charter review.

- D. Audit Committee Charter Review

Recommendation: Acknowledge the Audit Committee Charter review.

- E. Disability Committee Charter Review

Recommendation: Approve amendments to the Disability Committee Charter.

F. Benefit Appeals Policy and Process

Recommendation: Approve amendments to the Benefit Appeals Policy and Process.

G. Trustee/Staff Training & Conferences

Notify Julia Smith if you plan to attend any future event. Please note, if out of state travel to attend a conference is not approved in the Budget, separate approval from the Board must be obtained prior to attending the conference.

1. NCPERS 2022 Public Pension Funding Forum, August 21 to August 23, 2022, UCLA Meyer & Renee Luskin Conference Center, Los Angeles, CA.
2. CALAPRS Principles of Pension Governance for Trustees, August 29 to September 1, 2022, The Lodge at Tiburon, Tiburon, CA.
3. UBS Trumbull Property Fund Annual Investor and Client Advisory Council Meetings, September 12 to September 15, 2022, Hayes Mansion, San Jose, CA.
4. CALAPRS Virtual Trustee Roundtable, October 28, 2022.

H. Communications

1. Service Retirements
2. Member Interest Crediting Rate
3. Key Findings – Actuarial Valuation for the plan year ending December 31, 2021
4. Trustee Education Report 2Q2022
5. Sonoma County Prepayment of Contribution Letter FY 2022/2023
6. Email correspondence from member and SCERA response re: COLA and PAFR

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Opportunity to advise the Board of new matters and for Trustees to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter or direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of the Retirement Board.

The Board of Retirement will move into Executive Session and close the meeting to all attendees who are not necessary for the determination of a disability retirement. While the meeting is closed, those attendees will be placed into the WebEx lobby by the WebEx host and will not hear

or see the meeting. The WebEx screen will indicate that the attendees are in the lobby and, if still present, will be re-connected to the meeting once the Board returns to open session.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive Session. Meeting closed pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) to consider the employment status and evaluation of performance of a SCERA member or members as concerns eligibility for a disability retirement.

Disability Committee Chair will report on recommendations made by the Committee at the July 21, 2022, meeting:

1. Applications for review:

KATHRYN SNYDER, general member who retired effective 10/12/14 with a service retirement. On May 11, 2022, Ms. Snyder submitted a request that her retirement be suspended and that she be reinstated per Government Code section 31680.4. She has been offered the position of an Account Clerk II with the County of Sonoma.

2. Proposed Decision for review:

MAZEN AWAD, Captain, requested an application on 06/29/21 for a service connected disability retirement. Application request was reviewed and denied for not meeting Government Code Section 31722 (timeliness of application). Mr. Awad service retired 03/10/20 and did not file within 4 months of retiring and was unable to prove permanence back to his date of retirement.

The Board of Retirement will move out of Executive Session and reopen the meeting to all WebEx attendees who were placed in the lobby during the closed session period.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT

VII. NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS

All meetings are held at SCERA in the Board Room at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA, or virtually via WebEx unless otherwise noted.

Administrative Benefits Committee

July 21, 2022

~10:00 a.m.

Investment Committee

July 28, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Disability Committee
August 18, 2022
8:30 a.m.

Retirement Board
August 18, 2022
9:00 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT