

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

Thursday, March 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.

In accordance with Retirement Board Resolution #156, adopted on September 23, 2021 and readopted February 17, 2022, the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association Retirement Board meeting was held virtually and in compliance with California Government Code section 54953(e) through WebEx Meetings.

Individuals interested in participating in the meeting were invited to join using one of the following methods:

1. WebEx meeting application via computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://sonomacounty.webex.com/sonomacounty/j.php?MTID=m2b82f7bdfc5c03c0eae24ff1baf00b8b>

2. Call-in:

(408) 418-9388

Meeting ID: 2496 879 6278

Password: 03172022

Presiding via

WebEx: Brian Williams, Chair

Present

via WebEx: Trustees Travis Balzarini, Chris Coursey, Amos Eaton, and Joe Tambe

Present in the

SCERA Boardroom: Trustees Greg Jahn, Tim Tuscany, and Bob Williamson; Chief Executive Officer Julie Wyne, Assistant CEO/Chief Legal Counsel Cristina Hess, Member Services Manager Jackie Purter, Finance and Retiree Services Manager Cheryl Enold, Retirement Analyst Rebecca Gay, and Administrative Aide Julia Smith

Also present

via WebEx: Joe Ebisa (Journalist)

Absent: Trustees Neil Baker (Alternate Retiree) and Erick Roeser

Public comments were solicited prior to the meeting by emailing Rebecca.Gay@sonoma-county.org. Members of the public that joined the WebEx meeting via the app or dial in were provided opportunity to submit live public comment for each agenda item after the Board and staff provided their comments.

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 – February 17, 2022 Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation: Approve Consent Calendar item A.

A motion was made by Trustee Jahn, seconded by Trustee Balzarini to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried 7-0-1-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini		Mr. Williamson	Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			

II. REGULAR CALENDAR

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

Trustees discussed current emergency orders and Sonoma County Health Officer recommendations regarding meeting in person, personal concerns regarding family member exposure and AB 1944, legislation to remove the Brown Act requirement to post the address of each teleconference location and post an agenda.

Recommendation: Affirm that the conditions set forth in Retirement Board Resolution #156 still exist and warrant continued application of Government Code section 54953(e) to SCERA Retirement Board and Committee meetings for the next thirty days through April 16, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Tuscany, seconded by Trustee Williamson to affirm that the conditions set forth in Retirement Board Resolution #156 still exist and warrant continued application of Government Code section 54953(e) to SCERA Retirement Board and Committee meetings for the next thirty days through April 16, 2022. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			

Mr. Tambe
Mr. Tuscany
Mr. Williams
Mr. Williamson

B. SACRS Proxy Designation

Recommendation: Designate a Voting Proxy for the SACRS Spring Conference.

A motion was made by Trustee Tuscany, seconded by Trustee Williamson to designate Mr. Williams as the Voting Proxy and Ms. Wyne as the alternate. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

C. Adoption of FY 2022/23 Contribution Rates

1. Resolution #157 Authorizing Adoption of Employee and Employer Contribution Rates for FY 2022/2023 for the County of Sonoma.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution #157.

A motion was made by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Williamson to adopt Resolution #157. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

2. Resolution #158 Authorizing Adoption of Employee and Employer Contribution Rates for FY 2022/2023 for the Superior Court of California-County of Sonoma.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution #158.

A motion was made by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Balzarini to adopt Resolution #158. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

3. Resolution #159 Authorizing Adoption of Employee and Employer Contribution Rates for FY 2022/2023 for the Sonoma Valley Fire District.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution #159.

A motion was made by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Tambe to adopt Resolution #159. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

- D. Incompatible Activities Policy Review

Ms. Wyne indicated that the only change to the policy was to note that it was reviewed as required.

Recommendation: Approve amendments to the Incompatible Activities Policy.

A motion was made by Trustee Jahn, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve amendments to the Incompatible Activities Policy. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

E. Wire Transfer Policy

Ms. Wyne indicated that the policy was amended to ensure the person initiating a wire was not in the same reporting hierarchy as the person approving the wire.

Recommendation: Approve amendments to the Wire Transfer Policy.

A motion was made by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve amendments to the Wire Transfer Policy. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

F. 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. CALAPRS General Assembly, March 5 to 8, 2022, San Diego Mission Bay Resort, CA. Trustee Williams attended and reported that it was good to see colleagues in person and get back to the hallway conversations about pension operations that are

so useful. The sessions were largely helpful with a few that did not apply to how SCERA operates its pension system.

2. CALAPRS Advanced Principles of Pension Governance, March 30 to April 1, 2022, UCLA Luskin Conference Center, Los Angeles, CA. Trustee Williamson is attending.
3. CALAPRS Trustee Roundtable, April 29, 2022, virtual.
4. SACRS Spring Conference, May 10 to 13, 2022, Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort, Rancho Mirage, CA. Trustees Tuscany and Williams are attending.

G. Communications

1. Service Retirements
2. Reciprocal Service Connected Disability Benefit – Eric Rhodes
3. SACRS March 2022 Legislative Update

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Opportunity was given 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.

There were no general discussion items.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no public comments.

The Board of Retirement moved into Executive Session and closed the meeting to all attendees who were not necessary for the determination of a disability retirement. While the meeting was closed, those attendees were placed into the WebEx lobby by the WebEx host and did not hear or see the meeting.

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 provided the recommendations made by the Committee at the March 17, 2022 meeting:

1. JONATHAN DEVAULT, Correctional Deputy II filed 07/06/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Jahn, seconded by Trustee Williamson to deny a service connected disability retirement for Jonathan Devault, Correctional Deputy II. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

2. DANIEL SOOY, Correctional Deputy II filed 07/15/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Williamson, seconded by Trustee Tuscany to deny a service connected disability retirement for Daniel Sooy, Correctional Deputy II. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

3. DONALD FLETCHER, Deputy Sheriff II filed 08/02/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Tambe, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve a service connected disability retirement for Donald Fletcher, Deputy Sheriff II. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			

Mr. Jahn
Mr. Tambe
Mr. Tuscany
Mr. Williams
Mr. Williamson

4. ADRIAN MANCILLA, Lieutenant filed 08/16/21 for a service connected disability retirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Jahn, seconded by Trustee Williamson to approve a service connected disability retirement for Adrian Mancilla, Lieutenant. The motion carried 8-0-0-1 with voting as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Balzarini			Mr. Roeser
Mr. Coursey			
Mr. Eaton			
Mr. Jahn			
Mr. Tambe			
Mr. Tuscany			
Mr. Williams			
Mr. Williamson			

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

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT

Trustee Williams reported that the Board unanimously denied service connected disability retirements for Jonathan Devault, Correctional Deputy II and Daniel Sooy, Correctional Deputy II; and the Board unanimously granted service connected disability retirements for Donald Fletcher, Deputy Sheriff II and Adrian Mancilla, Lieutenant.

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.

Investment Committee
March 24, 2022
8:30 a.m.

Disability Committee
April 21, 2022
8:30 a.m.

Retirement Board

April 21, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Administrative Benefits Committee

April 21, 2022

~9:45 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

IX. APPROVAL

The above minutes from the March 17, 2022 Retirement Board meeting were approved at the Retirement Board meeting on April 21, 2022.

BRIAN WILLIAMS, CHAIR