

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

Thursday, October 19, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

The October 19, 2023, Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association Board meeting will be held in the SCERA Board Room at 433 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA and will be facilitated through Zoom for members of the public who wish to attend virtually.

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

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

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/91851760823?pwd=WlJSbGM2UWE2eWc1ZU9xY1U3MTd0dz09>

Passcode: 101923

2. Call-in and listen to the meeting:

Dial 1 (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 918 5176 0823

Passcode: 101923

#### 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](mailto:Rebecca.Gay@sonoma-county.org) by 7:30 a.m., October 19, 2023. 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

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 agendaized for discussion.

Public Comment Using Zoom: Members of the public who join the Zoom meeting, either online 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](mailto: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.

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 – September 21, 2023, Retirement Board
- B. Active Member Death Benefits

**Recommendation:** Approve Consent Calendar items A and B.

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 or anticipated litigation. Those attendees will exit the Board room and/or will be placed in the virtual Zoom lobby by the host and will neither hear nor see the meeting. All meeting attendees will be re-admitted to the meeting once the Board returns to open session.

II. 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 October 19, 2023, meeting:

1. STEPHEN MERICAL, Deputy Sheriff II filed 12/14/22 for a service connected disability retirement.
2. JOHN DAY, Heavy Equipment Mechanic II filed 03/07/23 for a service connected disability retirement.
3. DANIEL VALLELUNGA, Correctional Deputy II filed 03/20/23 for a service connected disability retirement.
4. JON BUIJTEN, Probation Officer III filed 04/03/23 for a service connected disability retirement.

5. ELISE HANSEN, Communications Dispatcher II filed 04/05/23 for a service connected disability retirement.
  6. JOSE ALCALA, Correctional Sergeant filed 04/10/23 for a service connected disability retirement.
  7. VERANIKA BURRELL (AKA SAVITSKAYA), Correctional Deputy II filed 05/02/23 for a service connected disability retirement.
  8. JASON HACKATHORN, Correctional Deputy II filed 05/30/23 for a service connected disability retirement.
- B. Executive Session. Meeting closed pursuant to Government Code Section 54956(d)(2) for a conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation. One potential case.

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

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT OUT

### IV. REGULAR CALENDAR

#### A. 2024 SCERA Business Plan

**Recommendation:** Adopt the 2024 SCERA Business Plan.

#### B. SACRS Business Meeting Items – Legislative Proposal

**Recommendation:** Direct the SACRS Voting Proxy to approve the Legislative Proposal at the SACRS Fall Business meeting.

#### C. 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar

**Recommendation:** Approve the 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Calendar.

#### D. Board Communications Policy Review – No recommended changes

#### E. Placement Agent Disclosure Policy Review – No recommended changes

#### F. Securities Litigation Policy Review – No recommended changes

#### G. Communications

1. Service Retirements
2. Trustee Education Report – Q3 2023
3. 2023 Business Plan Report

4. Legislative Update

V. 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.

- A. Sonoma County Economic Development Board – Fall Economic Perspective, October 19, 2023, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA. Trustees Balzarini and Eaton attended and will report out.
- B. NCPERS Accredited Fiduciary (NAF) Program or Program for Advanced Trustee Studies (PATS), October 21 and 22, 2023, Paris Las Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.
- C. NCPERS FALL (Fiduciary, Actuarial, Legislative and Legal) Conference, October 22 to 25, 2023, Paris Las Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.
- D. CALAPRS Virtual Trustees' Round Table, October 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- E. SACRS Fall Conference, November 7 to 10, 2023, Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage, CA. Chair Williams will be attending.
- F. AON Wealth Insights Series Conference, "Complexity to Clarity, Making Better Investment Decisions", November 27 to 29, 2023, Turnberry Resort & Spa, Miami, FL.

VI. 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.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VIII. NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS

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

Audit Committee  
October 31, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

Disability Committee  
November 16, 2023  
8:30 a.m.

Investment Committee  
November 16, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT