

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Chair- Frederick Tan
Vice Chair- Vacant
Secretary- Vacant
Harry E. Hagen
Trent Benedetti
Zandra Cholmondeley
Steve Lavagnino
Rob Adam Perry
Ted Sten
Michael Vidal
Xiaoli Zhang-King
Alternates
Gary Blair
Ryan Sullivan

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT
January 27, 2021
Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System
Solstice Conference Room
130 Robin Hill Road, Suite 100
Goleta, California**

Roll Call at 9:03 a.m.

Members Present: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal,
Zhang-King

Alternates Present: Blair, Sullivan

Counsel Present: Blakeboro

Clerk Present: Couture

Pledge of Allegiance led by CEO.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

MINUTES

A-1. Approve Minutes of December 9, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

A-2. Approve Minutes of January 13, 2021 Special Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve Minutes of December 9, 2020 Regular Board meeting and January 13, 2021 Special Board meeting.

Motion: Vidal

Second: Sten

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

BOARD

B-1. Oath of Office

Trustee Hagen swore in 3rd General Member Xiaoli Zhang-King, 4th Appointed Member Trent Benedetti, 8th Retired Member Zandra Cholmondeley, 8th Alternate Retired Member Gary Blair, and 9th Appointed Member Ted Sten.

B-2. Election of Officers:

a. Chair

MOTION: Nominate Trustee Tan as the Chair of the Board of Retirement.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Vidal

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

b. Vice Chair

MOTION: Nominate Trustee Hagen as the Vice Chair of the Board of Retirement.

Motion: Vidal

Second: Sten

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

c. Secretary

MOTION: Nominate Trustee Vidal as the Secretary of the Board of Retirement.

Motion: Benedetti

Second: Sten

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

CONSENT

C-1. Adopt Retirement Report

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Total Service Credit</u>	<u>Sick Leave Credit (incl. in Total)</u>	<u>ARC</u>
Dis.	Fred Cypert	Survivorship	5.86342	0.00007	
	Diyana Dobberteen	DRO-A	4.79165	0.00000	
	Neil Drete	Probation	22.43692	0.53430	
	Howard Hammeren	APCD	20.90153	0.52782	
D R	Wendy Hanson	Sheriff	21.99492	0.16802	
D	Walter Litwin	Public Health	2.07490	0.04710	
	Javier Francisco Palencia	Behavioral Wellness	14.94376	0.00740	

D=Deferred R=Reciprocal Dis. = Disability Dis. Pend = Disability Pending

<u>Beneficiary on Payroll</u>	<u>Decedent Retiree</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Ladene Hersman	David Hersman	Sheriff	03/28/1998	11/08/2020
Robert Maynez	Alice Maynez	Public Health	01/26/2002	08/31/2020

C-2. **Trustee Training Opportunities**—Authorize the attendance of interested trustees at upcoming training events requiring Board pre-approval, as requested.

C-3. **Quarterly Cash Flow**—Cash Flow Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

MOTION: Approve items C-1 through C-3, with an amendment to C-2 approving Trustee Benedetti to attend KKR’s Americas Investors’ Meeting.

Motion: Benedetti

Second: Vidal

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

D-1. Lucille Brown, Applicant for Service-connected Disability Retirement:

Consider the Findings of Fact and Recommendation of Referee Irene Ayala, along with any timely filed objections, and approve and adopt the recommendation to grant the application for service-connected disability retirement of Lucille Brown.

DISCUSSION: Disability Manager Cristal Rodriguez presented the item. The Applicant's Counsel, Russell Ghitterman, was also present and addressed the Board.

MOTION: Approve and adopt the Findings of Fact and Recommendation of Referee Irene Ayala to grant the application for service-connected disability retirement of Lucille Brown.

Motion: Vidal
Second: Lavagnino

Approved by voice vote.
Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

D-2. John Mandujano, Applicant for Service-connected Disability Retirement:
Adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision granting John Mandujano a service-connected disability retirement.

DISCUSSION: Disability Manager Cristal Rodriguez presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. The Applicant's Counsel, Russell Ghitterman, was also present and addressed the Board.

MOTION: Adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision granting John Mandujano a service-connected disability retirement.

Motion: Hagen
Second: Perry

Approved by voice vote.
Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

D-4. Ronald Phillips, Applicant for Service-connected Disability Retirement:
Grant the application of Ronald Phillips for service-connected disability retirement, subject to timely requested hearing by an interested party.

DISCUSSION: Disability Retirement Specialist Michael Bailey presented the item. The Applicant's Counsel, Jane Oatman, was also present and addressed the Board.

MOTION: Grant the application of Ronald Phillips for service-connected disability retirement, subject to timely requested hearing by an interested party.

Safety Alternate Trustee Sullivan participated and voted on this item as a member of the same safety service as the Applicant, in place of Trustee Tan.

Motion: Sullivan
Second: Sten

Approved by voice vote.
Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Sullivan, Vidal, Zhang-King

- D-3. Rebeca Ambrosio, Applicant for Service-connected Disability Retirement:
Deny the application of Rebeca Ambrosio for service-connected disability retirement, subject to timely requested hearing by an interested party.

DISCUSSION: Disability Retirement Specialist Michael Bailey presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION: Deny the application of Rebeca Ambrosio for service-connected disability retirement, subject to timely requested hearing by an interested party.

Motion: Cholmondeley

Second: Hagen

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

- D-5. Maria Ybarra Applicant for Service-Connected Disability Retirement:
Grant the application of Maria Ybarra for non-service-connected disability retirement with respect to a specific medical condition, and refer the issue of service-connection to an evidentiary hearing.

DISCUSSION: Disability Manager Cristal Rodriguez presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION: Grant the application of Maria Ybarra for non-service-connected disability retirement with respect to a specific medical condition, and refer the issue of service-connection to an evidentiary hearing.

Motion: Cholmondeley

Second: Sten

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

- D-6. Receive and file Disability Retirement Monthly Status Report

DISCUSSION: Disability Program Manager Cristal Rodriguez presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

OPEN SESSION

Counsel Blakeboro announced the Board had met in closed session to discuss Disability Items D-1 through D-6. With regard to items D-1 through D-5, the Board took actions consistent with staff recommendations. The Board took no action on item D-6.

BOARD

1. **June 30, 2020 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Valuation**—Cheiron

Presentation by Heather Fantz and Graham Schmidt of Cheiron on the valuation results for the Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION: Heather Fantz and Graham Schmidt of Cheiron presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

2. **June 30, 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

—Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation

Presentation by Brown Armstrong Partner Rosalva Flores, CPA and Alaina Sanchez, CPA of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year June 30, 2020 (“CAFR”) to the Board.

DISCUSSION: Rosalva Flores and Alaina Sanchez of Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

INVESTMENTS

3. **Market Update and November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020 Performance Review**—RVK, Inc.

Presentation by Principals Marcia Beard and Matthias Bauer of RVK, Inc. on World Market Activities and November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020 performance.

DISCUSSION: Marcia Beard and Matthias Bauer of RVK, Inc. presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

4. **Private Equity Discretionary Consultant Search Results**—Staff

Presentation by ACEO Lauren Thompson and Investment Associate Henrik Struik of SBCERS, and Paul Yett and Natalie Fitch of Hamilton Lane, on the SBCERS' private equity discretionary consultant search results.

DISCUSSION: SBCERS ACEO Lauren Thompson and SBCERS Investment Associate Hendrik Struik presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. Paul Yett and Natalie Lane of Hamilton Lane also presented and responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION: Approve Hamilton Lane as discretionary consultant for the SBCERS' allocation to private equity and direct staff to negotiate a contract renewal with Hamilton Lane for an additional five year term, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion: Cholmondeley

Second: Sten

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

BOARD

5. **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 Mid-Year Budget Review**—Staff

Presentation by SBCERS Financial Systems Analyst Nicolas Nocker on the System's Mid-Year Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

DISCUSSION: Nicolas Nocker presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took no action.

6. **CEO Operations Report**—Gregory E. Levin, CPA CEO

Presentation by Gregory Levin on significant operational activities of SBCERS.

DISCUSSION: Gregory Levin presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION: Receive and file the Operations Report and authorize the scheduling of an additional regular Board meeting on February 25, 2021.

Motion: Cholmondeley
Second: Vidal

Approved by voice vote.

Yes: Benedetti, Cholmondeley, Hagen, Lavagnino, Perry, Sten, Tan, Vidal, Zhang-King

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chair

Secretary