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# ICERS

IMPERIAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF RETIREMENT

March 20, 2024

9:00 A.M.

940 W. Main Street

County Administration Center, Second Floor

El Centro, CA 92243

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the Retirement Office located at 1221 W. State Street, El Centro, CA 92243 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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#### **BOARD MEMBERS (by seat):**

1. Suzanne Bermudez, Imperial County Treasurer/Tax Collector
2. Patricia Lizarraga, General Member
3. Mario Salinas, General Member
4. Luis A. Plancarte, County Supervisor
5. Norma K. Jauregui, Appointed Member, Chair
6. Jose Landeros, Appointed Member, Secretary
7. Carl L. Armstrong III, Safety Member, Vice Chair
8. David H. Prince, Retiree Member
9. VACANT, Appointed Member
10. Jennifer Benavidez, Alternate Safety Member
11. AJ Gaddis, Alternate Retiree Member

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Open Session / Call to Order:
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discussion of the Agenda:
  - A. Items to be pulled from the Action Calendar.
  - B. Items to be pulled from the Discussion Calendar.
  - C. Items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda.
  - D. Emergency/Necessity Items to be added.
  - E. Approval of the Agenda.
  - F. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

3. Public Comments:

This is the time for the public to address the Board concerning items that are not on this Agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Board. Matters on the Action Calendar, Discussion Calendar, or Closed Session Agenda may be addressed before or during consideration of the Agenda item. Speaking time is limited to three (3) minutes.

**ACTION CALENDAR**

4. Discussion: Recognition of Service to ICERS. Staff to recognize the distinguished service of retiring Regina Rodrigues, Assistant Retirement Administrator, Juan Ridaura, Program Analyst III.
5. Convene to Closed Session:

**Pursuant to California Law (Government Code §54963) a person may not disclose any confidential information that has been acquired by being present in a Closed Session. Unlawful disclosure of confidential information is a violation of California Law and could result in discipline and/or referral to the Grand Jury.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

6.
  - A. Meeting closed pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b) to consider and take Action on the Hearing Officer's Proposed Findings of Fact and Recommended Decision after Remand in the Application for Service-Connected Disability Retirement filed by applicant Wilma Rose McKenzie. (4 attachments)
  - B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(a).) Status report regarding pending disability applications: (4 attachments)

Close Session (Continued):

C. ICERS PENDING LITIGATION

Upon advice of its legal counsel, the ICERS Board will recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a) to confer with its attorney regarding pending litigation which has been initiated formally and to which ICERS is a part.

IMPERIAL COUNTY SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION, et. al., v. County of Imperial; Imperial County Employees’ Retirement Association; Board of Administration of County Employees’ Retirement System. Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU000786

D. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Consultation with ICERS’ Cybersecurity Consultant, Peter Dewar – President, Linea Secure LLC., pursuant to Government Code §54957(a). (1 attachment)

**OPEN SESSION**

7. Announcement of Closed Session Action:

**ACTION CALENDAR**

- 8. Approval of the Minutes of the February 21, 2024 adjourned regularly scheduled meeting. (1 attachment) *(Action on this item requires a motion, a second, and a vote by the Board.)*
- 9. Discussion/Action: The Board will consider a change request from its Pension System provider, JEA, based upon ICERS’ updated Actuarial assumptions for optional forms of benefits and retirement age factors. (2 attachments) *(Action on this item requires a motion, a second, and a vote by the Board.)*
- 10. Discussion/Action: The Board shall appoint a Voting Delegate and a Voting Delegate Alternate for the SACRS 2024 Spring Conference. (1 attachment) *(Action on this item requires a motion, a second, and a vote by the Board.)*

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

*Item 11 is for discussion only. Items requiring action will be placed on a future agenda.*

11. Reports/Correspondence/Announcements:

A. Retirement Administrator:

1. Investment Graphs:

- a. Market Value Graph of the Retirement System’s Assets for February 29, 2024 (2 attachments)
- b. Book vs. Market Graph – compares the Market Value of the system’s assets to the Book Value of Assets for February 29, 2024 (1 attachment, final to be distributed)

Retirement Administrator (Continued):

- 2. Annual filing of Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700 Disclosure
- 3. SACRS Spring 2024 Conference in Santa Barbara, CA
- 4. Imperial Valley Telecommunications Authority Board Meeting Update
- B. Board Members
  - CALAPRS – General Assembly Report
- C. ICERS Legal Counsel:
  - Legislative review (1 attachment)

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
 Retirement Administrator recommends approval of Items 12 through 13

12. BUDGET:

Approval of the following Budget claims for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, to include Board Members in attendance at the 3/20/2024 meeting; Administrative Budget Expense Summary; and Treasurer’s Cash Account Summary per Govt. Code 31580.2 & 31521:

- A. Administrative Budgets (2 attachments)
- B. Treasurer’s Cash (2 attachments)

13. Administrative Agenda:

- A. Enrollment of New Employee Members to ICERS: (23)

<u>General Members</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>
Equihua, Aaron	Behavioral Health	02/09/2024
Estrada, Cassandra N	Behavioral Health	02/09/2024
Gallardo, Suzette	Behavioral Health	02/09/2024
Guillen Beatriz G	Social Services	02/09/2024
Mosquera, Elysse R	Public Health	02/09/2024
Rosales, Luisa L	Social Services	02/09/2024
Salerno, William A	Public Defender	02/09/2024
Saucedo, Michelle A	Social Services	02/09/2024
Wagner, Randy M	Public Defender	02/09/2024
Aros, Denise	Behavioral Health	02/23/2024
Arredondo, Ariana	Behavioral Health	02/23/2024
Beal, Mercedes M	Behavioral Health	02/23/2024
Benitez, Jose Jair	Behavioral Health	02/23/2024
Bernal, Jose Ismael	Behavioral Health	02/23/2024
Fimbres, Cindy	Social Services	02/23/2024
Galvan, Rachael U	Social Services	02/23/2024
Nunez, Aisha Ab	Sheriff’s	02/23/2024
Nuno, Diana	Social Services-BJMRH	02/23/2024
Perry Lopez, Angela Paige	Social Services	02/23/2024
Sanchez, Carlos	Social Services	02/23/2024

Enrollment of New Employee Members to ICERS (Continued):

Soto, Victor A	Social Services-BJMRH	02/23/2024
Velasquez, Maricruz	Behavioral Health	02/23/2024
Zavala, Melanie	Behavioral Health	02/23/2024

B. Terminations: (13)

<u>General Members</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Arvizu Torres, Ian	Behavioral Health	08/14/2023
Casillas, Mariana	Social Services	06/22/2017
Diaz, Julio	Public Health	12/13/2023
Estrada, Janet	Human Resources	10/17/2023
Kopchak, Ryan	Public Defender	01/05/2024
Ortiz, Dara	Social Services	12/22/2023
Ortiz-Diaz, Anna	Behavioral Health	11/02/2023
Robles, Cynthia	Behavioral Health	11/06/2023
Ruiz, Aksel	Social Services	11/01/2023
Sandoval, Michael	Sheriff's	05/24/2023
Siqueiros, Edgard	ICWED	12/29/2023
Tamay, Marissa	Superior Court	10/30/2023
Vancuren-Wendell, Whitney	Superior Court	06/30/2017

C. Service Retirement:

1.	Godinez, Albert A	General Member
	Department:	Planning & Development
	Effective Date:	01/17/2024
	Service:	18.623543Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.269745 Years</u>
	Total:	18.893288 Years
2.	Rocha, Myrella	General Member
	Department:	Behavioral Health
	Effective Date:	01/12/2024
	Service:	30.461832 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.063394 Years</u>
	Total:	30.525226 Years

D. Non-Vested:

1.	Andrade, Moses Anthony	General Member
	Department:	Sheriff's
	Effective:	05/25/2023
	Service:	00.514423 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.019913 Years</u>
	Total:	00.534336 Years
2.	Areyan, Rosa	General Member
	Department:	Behavioral Health
	Effective:	08/12/2022
	Service:	00.038462 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.003548 Years</u>
	Total:	00.042010 Years

Non-Vested (Continued):

3.	Delgado, Heriberto Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Assessor 12/08/2022 00.971274 Years <u>00.005490 Years</u> 00.976764 Years
4.	Dorantes, Norma Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Behavioral Health 12/16/2022 00.782572 Years <u>00.001971 Years</u> 00.784543 Years
5.	Hernandez, Sergio Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Behavioral Health 08/13/2022 01.761779 Years <u>00.017856 Years</u> 01.779635 Years
6.	Martinez, Christa Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Public Health 09/21/2022 00.707091 Years <u>00.006404 Years</u> 00.713495 Years
7.	Quezada, Sandra Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Behavioral Health 01/04/2023 00.561418 Years <u>00.004981 Years</u> 00.566399 Years
8.	Reyna, Fabiola Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Public Health 01/04/2023 01.281370 Years <u>00.004000 Years</u> 01.285370 Years

E. Final Payment of Service Retirement Allowance & Death Benefit per Govt. Code Section 31676.11:

Moore, Carla Deceased:	General Member 01/29/2024
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- F. 100% Continuance of Service-Connected Disability Retirement Allowance per Govt. Code Section 31786 & Death Benefit:

Sage, Linda  
Deceased:

General Member  
01/27/2024

- G. Member Services Statistics (1 attachment)

**OTHER ITEMS**

- 14. Special Training:

ICERS' Previously Approved Training (1 attachment)

- 15. **ADJOURNMENT**