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IMPERIAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF RETIREMENT

June 20, 2024

9:00 A.M.

940 W. Main Street

County Administration Center, Second Floor
El Centro, CA 92243

1. The meeting called to order by Chair Jauregui at 9:02 a.m.

- A. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Suzane Bermudez, Patricia Lizarraga, Norma K. Jauregui, Jose Landeros, David H. Prince, Argelia Gaddis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mario Salinas, Luis A. Plancarte, Carl Armstrong, Jennifer Benavidez.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Board General Counsel: Chris Waddell.

STAFF PRESENT: Scott W. Jarvis, Retirement Administrator, Angie Aguilera, Assistant Retirement Administrator, Jessica Mitchell, Retirement Administrative Assistant.

CLERK OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD: Cristina Solis Vargas, Retirement Specialist I.

OPEN SESSION

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Jauregui led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion of the Agenda:

- A. Items pulled from the Action Calendar: None

- B. Items pulled from the Discussion Calendar: None

- C. Items pulled from the Consent Agenda: None

- D. Emergency/Necessity Items added to the Agenda: None

Discussion of the Agenda continued:

E. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by Bermudez, Second by Gaddis, to approve the Agenda carried unanimously by those present.

F. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Lizarraga, Second by Prince, to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously by those present.

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.

Mr. Jarvis announced Jessica Mitchell as the new Retirement Administrative Assistant, effective May 17, 2024. David Puente was introduced with his return to ICERS' as the Retirement Financial Officer, effective May 13, 2024.

Clerk of the Retirement Board reported no emails or phone calls received.

ACTION CALENDAR

4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 15, 2024, adjourned regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION by Gaddis, Second by Bermudez to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2024 adjourned regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discussion/Action: Proposed 2024/2025 ICERS Administrative Budget.

Mr. Puente presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, prepared in accordance with guidelines established by both the California Government Code and the California Employees' Retirement Law (CERL).

MOTION by Bermudez, Second by Lizarraga to adopt the proposed 2024-2025 ICERS' Administrative Budget, carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discussion: ICERS' Staff to discuss ongoing Succession Planning efforts within the Retirement Department. *

Mr. Jarvis presented the Board with ICERS' Succession Plan as part of the broader 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Waddell recommended that the Board wait until the County's classification and compensation study is complete before determining potential staff reclassifications that would facilitate Succession Planning.

Note: Items marked with an asterisk (*) are part of ICERS 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 7 is for discussion only. Items requiring action will be placed on a future agenda.

7. Reports/Correspondence/Announcements:

A. Retirement Administrator:

1. Investment Graphs:

- a. Market Value Graph of the Retirement System's Assets for May 31, 2024
- b. Book vs. Market Graph – compares the Market Value of the system's assets to the Book Value of Assets for May 31, 2024

Mr. Jarvis updated the Board on ICERS' portfolio performance activity for the current period.

2. Imperial Valley Telecommunications Authority Board Meeting Update

Mr. Jarvis provided a brief summary of the most recent IVTA Board meeting held on June 6th, 2024, which included the election of the new officers.

Trustee Jauregui inquired about the newly elected officers' names. Mr. Jarvis to follow up with an email reply to the Board upon return to the office.

3. Fiduciary Insurance – Waiver of Recourse

Mr. Jarvis reminded the Board to submit payment for Waiver of Recourse to Alliant Insurance Inc to be submitted by July 15, 2024.

B. Board Members

Trustee Knowledge Self-Assessments

Mr. Jarvis discussed the Self-Assessment handout and advised the Board of its confidentiality. Upon completion of the assessment, Trustees desiring to have future training are to contact Mr. Jarvis or Mr. Waddell directly.

C. ICERS Legal Counsel

Legislative review

Mr. Waddell reported that a committee hearing for SB1379, as reported by SACRS, had recently been postponed but this bill will continue to be monitored for its outcome.

8. 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.

MOTION by Gaddis, Second by Bermudez, to convene into Closed Session carried unanimously by those present.

CLOSED SESSION

- 9. A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
(Government Code §54956.9(a).) Status report regarding pending disability applications:

- B. 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

ICERS' STAFF RECUSED THEMSELVES AT 10:21 AM TO 11:05 AM

- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position of Retirement Administrator pursuant to Government Code §54957 (b) (1).

BREAK FROM 11:05 AM TO 11:10 AM

OPEN SESSION

- 10. Announcement of Closed Session Action:

Mr. Waddell reported that on Motion by Bermudez, Second by Landeros the Board voted unanimously to grant the application of Robert Cruz for the Service-Connected Disability Retirement.

Mr. Waddell reported that an update regarding the status of the Deputy Sheriffs' case was provided to the Board and no reportable action was taken.

Mr. Waddell announced the Board concluded The Retirement Administrator performance evaluation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Retirement Administrator recommends approval of Items 11 through 12

- 11. BUDGET:

Approval of the following Budget claims for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to include Board Members in attendance at the 06/20/2024 meeting; Administrative Budget Expense Summary; and Treasurer's Cash Account Summary per Govt. Code 31580.2 & 31521:

- A. Administrative Budgets

- B. Treasurer's Cash

12. Administrative Agenda:

A. Enrollment of New Employee Member to ICERS: (40)

<u>General Members</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bejarano Zambrano, Luis	Planning & Dev. Services	5/03/24
Beltran, Genesis Olivia	Social Services	5/03/24
Bogart, Emily	Behavioral Health	5/03/24
Castillo, Isabella	Behavioral Health	5/03/24
Castillo, Lorrelina	Auditor-Controller	5/03/24
Chavez Estrada, Livia	Social Services	5/03/24
Cordova, Sabrina	Social Services	5/03/24
Gonzalez, Emma	Social Services	5/03/24
Maciel, Norma	Behavioral Health	5/03/24
Ortega, Alexis	Social Services	5/03/24
Reynoso, Luisa	Behavioral Health	5/03/24
Romero, Kayla	Social Services	5/03/24
Spence, Jacob	Agricultural Commissioner	5/03/24
Trujillo, Jakob Micheal	Behavioral Health	5/03/24
Velasquez, Andrew	Sheriff's-Courts	5/03/24
Villa, Iliana	Social Services	5/03/24
Zavala Alfaro, Pamela	Behavioral Health	5/03/24
Ayala, Sesar	Public Works	5/17/24
Bejarano, Daniel	Cooperative Extension	5/17/24
Calles, Jose	Behavioral Health	5/17/24
Cortez, Adriana	Social Services	5/17/24
Castro, Guillermo	Behavioral Health	5/17/24
Cerros, Gerardo	Public Works	5/17/24
Cervantes, Daniela	Social Services	5/17/24
Claudio, Michelle	Behavioral Health	5/17/24
Diaz, Mariam	Social Services	5/17/24
Espinoza, Joel	Public Works	5/17/24
Estrada, Jorge Thomas	Sheriff's	5/17/24
Garcia, Cinthya Alejandra	Sheriff's-Corrections-	5/17/24
Gomez, Lorene	Social Services	5/17/24
Hurtado, Andrea	Superior Court	5/17/24
Hurtado Garcia, Hector	Sheriff's	5/17/24
Lozano, Sabrina Villa	Social Services	5/17/24
Nolasco, Francisco	Behavioral Health	5/17/24
Otero, Lorenzo	Public Works	5/17/24
Pena, Vanessa	Social Services	5/17/24
Rodriguez, Jose	Behavioral Health	5/17/24
Sornia, Guillermo	Public Works	5/17/24
Valenzuela, Cynthia Annette	Behavioral Health	5/17/24
Vera, Javier	Public Works	5/17/24

C. Terminations: (9)

<u>General Members</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Castro, Aida	Behavioral Health	04/11/24
Escobar, Teresa	Social Services	04/23/19
Faccin, Carolina	Superior Court	11/08/18

Terminations (Continued):

Gallegos, Teresa	Superior Court	03/29/24
Herring, Christopher	Public Health	07/05/21
Morales, Elva	Behavioral Health	04/02/24
Ramirez, Rosa	Public Health	11/27/19
Valenzuela, Carolina	Behavioral Health	04/02/24
Vicente, Johanna	Behavioral Health	03/08/24

C. Service Retirement:

1.	Druihet, Timothy	General Member
	Department:	ICWED
	Effective Date:	05/03/2024
	Service:	10.875779 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.003394 Years</u>
	Total Service:	10.879173 Years
2.	Gonzalez, Camilo	Safety Member
	Department:	Sheriff/Deferred
	Effective Date:	04/22/2024
	Service:	15.343029 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.249832 Years</u>
	Total Service:	15.592861 Years
3.	Gutierrez, Carolina	General
	Department:	Social Services
	Effective Date:	03/22/2024
	Service:	15.840471 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.001428 Years</u>
	Total Service:	15.841899 Years
4.	Reyes, Francisco	Safety Member
	Department:	Sheriff's
	Effective Date:	10/06/2023
	Service:	25.503846 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.444058 Years</u>
	Total Service:	25.947904 Years

D. Non - Vested:

1.	Aguilar, Connie Yvette	General Member
	Department	Public Health
	Effective Date:	9/22/23
	Service:	01.190264 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.005389 Years</u>
	Total Service:	01.195653 Years
2.	Amaya, Lizeth	General Member
	Department	Behavioral Health
	Effective Date:	10/20/23
	Service:	00.526803 Years
	Sick Leave:	<u>00.003495 Years</u>
	Total Service:	00.530298 Years

Non-Vested (Continued):

3.	Anguiano, Marylyn Department: Effective Date: Service: Sick Leave: Total Service:	General Member Sheriff's 10/07/23 01.538462 Years <u>00.001947 Years</u> 01.540409 Years
4.	Aviles Padilla, Andrea Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total Service:	General Member Behavioral Health 02/18/23 00.100000 Years <u>00.004716 Years</u> 00.104716 Years
5.	Becerra, Jasmine Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Behavioral Health 02/23/24 01.188582 Years <u>00.011678 Years</u> 01.200260 Years
6.	Caro Villa, Gilberto Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total Service:	General Member Public Works 07/15/23 01.638101 Years <u>00.010510 Years</u> 01.648611 Years
7.	Castro, Martina Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total Service:	General Member ICWED 09/02/23 00.499519 Years <u>00.001005 Years</u> 00.500524 Years
8.	Castro, Veronica Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total Service:	General Member Behavioral Health 11/18/23 00.125841 Years <u>00.001154 Years</u> 00.126995 Years
9.	Cosio, Jessie Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member BJMRH 01/13/24 02.426683 Years <u>00.006793 Years</u> 02.433476 Years

Non-Vested (Continued):

10.	Estrada Villegas, Giovanna Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Behavioral Health 06/16/2023 00.749279 Years <u>00.003005 Years</u> 00.752284 Years
11.	Flores, Yesenia Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Public Health 03/04/23 00.175000 Years <u>00.003995 Years</u> 00.178995 Years
12.	Gonsalez, Emily Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Air Pollution 06/01/23 00.019231 Years <u>00.001726 Years</u> 00.020957 Years
13.	Medina, Francisco Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Library 10/24/20 00.192308 Years <u>00.004183 Years</u> 00.196491 Years
14.	Mejorado, Eduardo Department Safety Service: General Service: Sick Leave: Total:	Safety Member Sheriff's 03.653846 Years 01.269231 Years <u>00.025673 Years</u> 04.948750 Years
15.	Mendoza, Diego Department Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Sheriff's 11/08/23 00.198077 Years <u>00.010827 Years</u> 00.208904 Years
16.	Montano, Jesus Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Social Services 09/28/23 00.189784 Years <u>00.007279 Years</u> 00.197063 Years

Non-Vested (Continued):

17.	Munoz, Francisco Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Probation and Corrections 02/10/24 00.234615 Years <u>00.004553 Years</u> 00.239168 Years
18.	Myers, April Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member District Attorney's 12/09/23 02.636538 Years <u>00.005183 Years</u> 02.641721 Years
19.	Oakley Havens, Crista Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Agricultural Commissioner 08/02/2023 00.656370 Years <u>00.002111 Years</u> 00.658481 Years
20.	Ojeda, Corina Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Public Health 02/23/24 04.000000 Years <u>00.086115 Years</u> 04.086115 Years
21.	Oseguera, Martha L. Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Behavioral Health 10/25/23 00.993630 Years <u>00.003827 Years</u> 00.997457 Years
22.	Perez, Jose Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member CEO/GSA/Fleet Services 08/19/23 00.146755 Years <u>00.005534 Years</u> 00.152289 Years
23.	Pino Perez, Betsy Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Social Services 07/29/23 00.539784 Years <u>00.003308 Years</u> 00.543092 Years

Non- Vested (Continued):

24.	Ramiro, Virginia Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Sheriff's-Corrections 05/23/2023 00.303966Years <u>00.000058 Years</u> 00.304024 Years
25.	Romero, Marcus Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Probation-Corrections 08/03/2023 01.514303 Years <u>00.000798Years</u> 01.515101 Years
26.	Turnage, Dominique Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	Safety Member Probation and Correction 02/21/24 00.500000 Years <u>00.023529 Years</u> 00.523529 Years
27.	Velasco, Karen Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Social Services 05/19/2023 00.384615 Years <u>00.004861 Years</u> 00.389476 Years
28.	Viloria, Marisa Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Assessor 05/06/2023 00.613341 Years <u>00.006115 Years</u> 00.619456 Years
29.	Yonan, Steven Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member County Counsel 02/03/24 04.636538 Years <u>00.070875 Years</u> 04.707413 Years
30.	Zavala, Johana Department: Effective: Service: Sick Leave: Total:	General Member Social Services 06/22/2023 00.400000 Years <u>00.002457 Years</u> 00.402457 Years

E. Medical Leave Buyback:

Soto, Elenor
Department:
Service:

General Member
Social Services
1.000000 Years

F. Re-Deposit Buyback:

Cazares, Blanca
Department:
Service:

General Member
Behavioral Health
04.115385 Years

G. Final Payment of Survivor Service Retirement Allowance per Govt. Code Section 31760.1:

Brand, June C
Deceased:

General Member
04/13/2024

H. Final Payment of Service Retirement Allowance per Govt. Code Section 31760.1:

Sampson, Shirley
Deceased:

General Member
04/23/2024

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

Jones, L Kenneth
Deceased:

General Member
03/27/24

J. Member Service Statistics

OTHER ITEMS

13. Special Training:

ICERS' Previously Approved Training

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on July 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.


Norma K. Jauregui, Chair


Jose Landeros, Secretary