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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF RETIREMENT

October 16, 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: Norma K. Jauregui, Jose Landeros, Carl L. Armstrong,
David H. Prince, Argelia Gaddis.

MEMBERS ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL: Jennifer Benavidez, Mario Salinas.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzanne C. Bermudez, Patricia Lizarraga, Luis Plancarte.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: ICERS Disability Counsel: Vivian
Shultz.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Board
General Counsel: Chris Waddell.

STAFF PRESENT: Scott W. Jarvis, Retirement Administrator, Angie Aguilera,
Assistant Retirement Administrator, Cristina Solis Vargas, Retirement Specialist I.

CLERK OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD: Jessica Mitchell, Retirement
Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Counsel for County of Imperial: John Z. LaCrosse; Jose
Gonzalez

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

Discussion of the Agenda (Continued):

- C. Items pulled from the Consent Agenda: None
- D. Emergency/Necessity Items added to the Agenda: None
- E. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by Armstrong, Second by Landeros, to approve the Agenda carried unanimously by those present.

- F. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

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

TRUSTEE BENAVIDEZ ARRIVED AT 9:06 AM

- 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.

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

- 4. 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 Prince to convene into Closed Session carried unanimously by those present.

TRUSTEES ARMSTRONG & BENAVIDEZ RECUSED THEMSELVES FROM ITEM 5.C

TRUSTEE SALINAS ARRIVED AT 9:15 AM

CLOSED SESSION

- 5. 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 Jose Gonzalez.
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(a).) Status report regarding pending disability applications:

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 System; Board of Administration of County Employees' Retirement System. Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU000786

OPEN SESSION**6. Announcement of Closed Session Action:**

Mr. Waddell reported that on **MOTION** by Jauregui, Second by Prince the Board voted unanimously to grant the application of Jose Gonzalez for Service-Connected Disability Retirement.

Mr. Waddell reported that in closed session an update regarding the status of the Deputy Sheriffs' case was provided with no reportable action taken.

ACTION CALENDAR**7. Approval of the Minutes of the September 18, 2024, adjourned regularly scheduled meeting.**

MOTION by Armstrong, Second by Prince to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2024 adjourned regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously by those Present.

8. Presentation by ICERS' Consultant: Scott Larson, Principal Consultant, Linea Solutions:

Discussion/Action: Regarding Linea Solutions Recommendation on ICERS' future Pension Administration System needs.

MOTION by Armstrong, Second by Salinas to approve Staff work with Linea Solutions to develop and solicit an RFP for future Pension Administration System needs. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

BREAK FROM 10:19 AM TO 10:29 AM**9. Discussion/Action: The Board will consider approving one additional "Optional" year of service to its existing Actuarial Consultant Agreement with the Segal Company.**

MOTION by Prince, Second by Landeros to approve one additional "Optional" year of service to its existing Actuarial Consultant Agreement with the Segal Company. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

10. Discussion/Action: The Board shall appoint a Voting Delegate and a Voting Delegate Alternate for the SACRS 2024 Fall Conference.

MOTION by Armstrong, Second by Salinas to appoint Trustees Jauregui as Voting Delegate and Landeros as Alternate Voting Delegate at the SACRS 2024 Fall Conference, and approved the delegates vote as “informed but uninstructed”. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

11. Discussion/Action: The Board will be provided with an update on the Ad Hoc Committee that was formed to review existing ICERS’ funding policies as they relate to the potential for future Retiree COLA Relief.

Mr. Waddell provided the Board with a summary of the proceedings and recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION by Jauregui, Second by Salinas to direct the Ad Hoc Committee to develop a revision to the Interest Crediting and Unallocated Earnings Policy and develop a Statutory COLA Policy and bring those back for Boards consideration at a future date.

TRUSTEE BENAVIDEZ LEFT THE MEETING AT 10:43 AM

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 12 is for discussion only. Items requiring action will be placed on a future agenda.

12. Reports/Correspondence/Announcements:

A. Retirement Administrator:

1. Investment Graphs:
 - a. Market Value Graph of the Retirement System’s Assets for September 30, 2024
 - b. Book vs. Market Graph – compares the Market Value of the System’s assets to the Book Value of Assets for September 30, 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 the Board with a summary of the most recent IVTA Board meeting.

3. SACRS Fall Conference:

Mr. Jarvis opted to forgo the item as he provided commentary during the previous SACRS Action item.

B. Board Members:

Trustee Prince announced that the ICARE Annual Luncheon at the Eagles Lodge was a success with close to 125 attendees. Mr. Prince also stated the retirees gave very positive feedback on ICERS’ recent newsletter and that it was well received.

C. ICERS Legal Counsel:

Legislative Review

Mr. Waddell provided the Board with a brief update on the SACRS and Olson Remcho handouts including AB2284, which he indicated was ultimately signed by the Governor.

Trustee Prince requested that Mr. Waddell track the progress of HR 82 and report back.

CONSENT AGENDA

Retirement Administrator recommends approval of Items 13 through 14

13. BUDGET:

Approval of the following Budget claims for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year, to include Board Members in attendance at the 10/16/2024 meeting; Administrative Budget Expense Summary; and Treasurer's Cash Account Summary per Govt. Code 31580.2 & 31521:

A. Administrative Budgets

B. Treasurer's Cash

14. Administrative Agenda:

A. Enrollment of New Employee Members to ICERS: (15)

<u>General Members</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>
Briseno, Cinthia	Behavioral Health	8/23/2024
Camarillo, Yveth	Behavioral Health	8/23/2024
Gonzalez, Jazmyn	Public Health	8/23/2024
Ramirez Mata, Maria	Public Health	8/23/2024
Solis, Ali	Behavioral Health	8/23/2024
Coronado, Brittney	Clerk of the Board	9/06/2024
Leon, Belen Alexandra	Agricultural Commissioner	9/06/2024
Romero, Saen Nereida	Behavioral Health	9/06/2024
Ruby, Vanessa	Public Health	9/06/2024
Salcido, Tyler	LAFCO	9/06/2024
Valenzuela Castro, Jesus	Social Services	9/06/2024
Ward, Tori	Assessor	9/06/2024
<u>Safety Members</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lopez, Luis Alonso	Juvenile Hall	8/23/2024
Martinez, David Guillermo	Juvenile Hall	8/23/2024
Gomez Angulo, Cesar	Sherrif's Office	9/06/2024

B Terminations: (12)

<u>General Members</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Arriaga, Beatriz	Superior Court	02/18/2023
Brownell, Monica	Social Services	04/03/2024
Contreras, Amy	Social Services	07/31/2024
Garcia, Erica	Child Support	07/25/2024
Garcia-Campos, Stephanie	Behavioral Health	04/12/2024
Mendoza, Guillermo	PW Road Construction	08/12/2023

Terminations (Continued):

Olmos, Blanca	Human Resources	08/08/2024
Pacheco, Stephanie	Behavioral Health	08/08/2024
Ramirez, Jose Ramon	Sheriff-Coroner	06/29/2021
Riordan Rickey, Mary	Superior Court	07/23/2024
Tabarez, Julien	Behavioral Health	07/25/2024
Trejo, Viviana	Behavioral Health	10/01/2021

C. Service Retirement:

1. Barboza, David	Safety
Department:	Sheriff's Office
Effective Date:	08/09/2024
General Service:	01.499779 Years
Safety Service:	19.583173 Years
Sick Leave:	<u>00.001899 Years</u>
Total:	21.084851 Years
2. Dhillon, Cara Mia	General
Department:	Behavioral Health
Effective Date:	08/01/2024
Service:	25.670553 Years
Sick Leave:	<u>00.076615 Years</u>
Total:	25.747168 Years
3. Palomera, Jesus	General/Intersystem
Department:	Public Health
Effective Date:	08/31/24
Service:	12.215096 Years
Sick:	<u>00.000000 Years</u>
Total:	12.215096 Years
4. Powell, Robert J	General/Deferred
Department:	Agricultural Commissioner
Effective Date:	08/27/2024
Service:	17.568750 Years
Sick Leave:	<u>00.464351 Years</u>
Total:	18.033101 Year
5. Rouhotas Jr., Tony L	General/Deferred
Department:	Executive Office
Effective Date:	08/16/2024
Service Retirement:	
General Service:	04.003846 Years
Safety Service:	24.804332 Years
Sick Leave:	<u>00.185317 Years</u>
Total:	28.993495 Years

D. Make-Up Buyback:

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| 1. Aguirre, Vania K | Safety Member |
| Department: | Probation/Correction |
| Service: | 02.170423 Years |
| 2. Martinez-Castro, Irma | General Member |
| Department: | Sheriff's Office |
| Service: | 02.380288 |

E. Deferred/Inter System:

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| 1. Mascarena, Emily | Safety |
| Department: | Probation/Correction |
| Effective Date: | 05/24/2024 |
| Service: | 02.206010 Years |
| Sick Leave: | <u>00.002745 Years</u> |
| Total: | 02.208755 Years |
| 2. Valdez, Darlene | General |
| Department: | Behavioral Health |
| Effective Date: | 08/10/2023 |
| Service Date: | 02.661303 Years |
| Sick Leave: | <u>00.000798 Years</u> |
| Total: | 02.662101 Years |

F. Deferred:

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| 1. Salgado, Valerie | General |
| Department: | Sheriff's Office |
| Effective Date: | 12/16/2023 |
| Service: | 07.499399 Years |
| Sick Leave: | <u>00.004163 Years</u> |
| Total: | 07.503562 Years |
| 2. Torres, Christian | Safety |
| Department: | Sheriff's Office |
| Effective Date: | 07/02/2022 |
| General Service: | 00.715385 Years |
| Safety Service: | 14.285096 Years |
| Sick Leave: | <u>00.083413 Years</u> |
| Total: | 15.083894 Years |
| 3. Vallejo, Dominic | General |
| Department: | Behavioral Health |
| Effective Date: | 03/15/2023 |
| Service Date: | 12.298197 Years |
| Sick Leave: | <u>00.024880 Years</u> |
| Total: | 12.323077 Years |

G. Final Payment of Service Retirement Allowance & Death Benefit per Gov't Code Section 31676.11:

Pineda, Luis	General Member
Deceased:	08/28/2024

H. Member Service Statistics:

OTHER ITEMS

15. Special Training:

ICERS' Previously Approved Training

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on November 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.


Norma K. Jauregui, Chair


Jose Landeros, Secretary