



Merced County Employees' Retirement Association

**MINUTES
RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, October 24, 8:30 A.M.

Location: Merced County Department of Public Health
260 E 15th Street, Merced, CA 95341
Auditorium

Zoom Conference Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93030195748?pwd=NGhFeGltSVhaSTIsK2JGWE83TVFydz09>

Dial In Number: 669-900-6833, MEETING ID: 930 3019 5748, PASSCODE: 095484
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Telephone Number: 1-310-372-7549, Conference Code: 975839

1. Call to Order- 8:33 A.M.

The Retirement Board may discuss and take action on the following:

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Scott Johnston, Ryan Paskin, Alfonse Peterson, Moses Nelson, Bayani Manilay (arrived at 8:35 A.M.), Aaron Rosenberg, Scott Silveira (arrived at 8:38 A.M.). **Absent:** Karen Adams, Janey Cabral, Michael Harris, Corrina Brown.

Counsel: Tom Ebersole **Staff:** Kristie Santos, Martha Sanchez Barboa, Pete Madrid, Alex Lovato, Khue Xiong, Alex Ortega, Patrick Armendarez, Nikki Barraza, Sheri Villagrana, Brenda Mojica, Terri Sanders, and Sarah Smith.

3. Teleconference Request

Trustee Teleconference Request (Govt. Code §54953(f)(2)(A)(i)).

None

4. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2024.

Board voted unanimously to approve the September 26, 2024, meeting minutes.

1st- Rosenberg/2nd- Peterson, passes 5/0

5. Public Comment

Members of the public may comment on any item under the Board's jurisdiction including items on the Board's agenda. Matters presented under this item will not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Persons addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes in total. Please state your name for the record.

None

6. Consent Calendar

Consent matters are expected to be routine and may be acted upon, without discussion, as one unit. If an item is taken off the Consent Calendar for discussion, it will be heard as the last item(s) of the Open Session as appropriate:

a. Retirements: Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31663.25 or § 31672.

Name	Years of Service	Department	Effective Date
Compton, Misty	25 Years	DA	10/19/2024
Kodman, Rod	2 Years	Public Defender	10/11/2024
Peterson, Glenn	22 Years	Sheriff	10/07/2024
Ramirez, Joann	18 Years	HSA	9/28/2024
Rodrigues, Ana	27 Years	HSA	10/01/2024

b. Monthly Budget Report not available due to year end.

c. Monthly Performance by Meketa.



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**Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.
1st- Johnston/2nd- Peterson, passes 6/0**

7. Closed Session

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff, county employees and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Board will meet on in closed session are identified below. Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1:

- a. Disability Retirement Applications: Personnel exceptions (Govt. Code § 54957, 31532; Cal Const. art I § 1).
 - 1. Initial Disability Application Recommendation – Rosalie Rios
- b. Public Employee Annual Review (Govt. Code § 54957).
Title: Assistant Plan Administrator – Benefits and Administration

8. Report Out of Closed Session

- a. Disability Retirement Applications: Personnel exceptions (Govt. Code § 54957, 31532; Cal Const. art I § 1).
 - 1. Initial Disability Application Recommendation – Rosalie Rios
**The Board voted unanimously to approve a service-connected disability and to deny a non-service-connected disability to applicant Rosalie Rios.
1st- Johnston/2nd- Nelson, passes 6/0
Trustee Rosenberg recused himself and left the room for this item.**
- b. Public Employee Annual Review (Govt. Code § 54957).
Title: Assistant Plan Administrator – Benefits and Administration
Staff given direction.

9. Open Session



- a. Discussion and possible approval of MercedCERA moving plan with possible office closures in December 2024. – Staff.
**The Board voted unanimously to approve the moving plan as proposed.
1st- Silveria/2nd- Manilay, passes 7/0**
- b. Discussion and Possible Action of Legislative Review proposed by SACRS – Staff.
**The Board voted unanimously to approve the SACRS Legislative Review as presented.
1st- Johnston/2nd- Silveira, passes 7/0**

10. Information Sharing & Agenda Item Requests

- a. Staff introductions of Pete Madrid (Assistant Plan Administrator – Investments), Alex Lovato (Fiscal Manager – Accounting/Investments), Theresa “Terri” Sanders (Accountant III), and Sarah Smith (Accountant II) – Staff.

11. Adjournment 9:32 A.M.

Accepted By,

Trustee Name/Position	Signature	Date
Ryan Paskin/Chair		11/14/24
Al Peterson/Secretary		11/14/2024