

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

California State Retirees Board of Directors Meeting

March 30, 2022
Hilton Arden West Sacramento

Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Stephanie Hueg.

2. Salute to the Flag

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

3. Roll Call

Members present were:

Stephanie Hueg, CSR President
Elnora Hunter-Fretwell, Executive Vice President
Mary McDonnell, Vice President
Jerry Fountain, Chief Financial Officer
Sharon Stoltzman, District A Director
Manijeh Fatollahi, District B Director
Ron Franklin, District C Director
Vincent Herrera, District D Director
Keith Umemoto, District E Director
Tim Behrens, District F Director
Patsy Jimenez, District G Director

4. Introductions, Agenda Changes/Corrections and Unscheduled Items

President Hueg shared ground rules and acknowledged the reimbursement amounts under the Expense Claims tab of the Agenda packet were outdated. President Hueg asked staff to share the correct reimbursement amounts:

- Incidentals - \$15
- Breakfast - \$20
- Lunch - \$20
- Dinner - \$30
- Mileage - .585 per mile

5. February 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes were included in the agenda material.

6. Approval of October 30, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

CSR 7/22/1 MOTION: Umemoto, second by Herrera - that the CSR Board of Directors accept the amended minutes of the February 11, 2022 meeting to indicate Board member Sharon Stoltzman was present. CARRIED

7. President's Report of Activities

President Hueg has authorized executive officers to attend different chapters and offer their assistance. She has also authorized District Directors to attend chapter meetings as well as CalPERS meetings. President Hueg expects Board members to notify the chapter president prior to their arrival and ask for time on the agenda or offer assistance on agenda topics. Board members may also ask for a meeting with chapter leadership before or after the chapter meeting.

8. Board Member Activity Reports

Printed activity reports were distributed with the agenda material; board members reviewed their reports, making updates and adding comments.

9. Chief Financial Officer Report

CFO Fountain reviewed the Financial Report that was in the agenda packet:

**CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES
Chief Financial Officer Report
Jerry Fountain
March 30, 2022**

CSR Financial Operating Results – February 2022

For the month ending February 28, 2022, CSR has recognized a net surplus of \$171k with a budgeted surplus of \$373k for fiscal year 2022.

Based only on February 2022 activity, revenue is on track to exceed budgeted revenue by approximately \$152k. Expenditures are currently expected to come in under budget, which is largely due to restricted activity due to the pandemic.

CSR's cash, money market, and investment balances held at Wells Fargo and Edward Jones on February 28, 2022, is approximately \$5.6 million.

10. Blanning & Baker

Ted Toppin presented updates on current bills and the state budget. He also reviewed and discussed CSR endorsed candidates.

11. Headquarters Report

Executive Director Rocco Paternoster presented on the following: reorganizing of HQ and trying to get back to normal operations; CSR Info; website redesign has been halted due to a security breach which brought the current website down, the website redesign will rectify these issues, improve the system and make for a more user friendly experience on the iPad and smart phones; email security; @CalRetirees emails.

12a. Finance Committee

Chair David Okumura shared there is a new member of the committee, Larry Long.

12b. Membership Committee

Chair Merilee Colton announced the Vice Chair is John Bowden and note taker is Todd Mayer. The committee will meet four times a year and the next three meetings are April 20, July 20, and October 19, all via Zoom at 3 p.m.

Chair Colton made a recommendation to add another member to the committee.

CSR 10/22/1 Motion: Behrens, second by Umemoto – to add CSR member Denise Simpson to the Membership Committee. CARRIED

12c. Health Benefits Committee

Chair Larry Woodson shared the committee has held three HBC meetings; Dr. John Gilman is the newest member of the committee and brings experience as a physician and health policy & legislation consultant to the CA State Assembly and the US Senate; Tom Considine is the HBC Vice Chair.

Chair Woodson shared the committee continues to participate and provide public comments at CalPERS meetings, advocate for members regarding health benefits, address and answer concerns and complaints on the Long Term Care (LTC) policy increases and settlement, monitor and address the Medicare Direct Contracting model now called ACO REACH and more. The committee will be reviewing and commenting on CalPERS preliminary health plan rates for 2023, which will be released in June.

12d. Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee

Chair Marilyn Hamilton presented that procedures for officer vacancies are not compatible with Governing Rules section 6.00. This needs to be addressed with either a resolution or changes to the Governing Rules.

12e. PAC Committee

Chair Arlene Espinoza shared recommended endorsements from the committee.

CSR 8/22/1 Motion: Behrens, second by Umemoto – to take the four PAC motions in toto. CARRIED

Motion 1A: Recommend to the Board endorsement of listed incumbent Constitutional Officers. Motion by Laramendi, second by Cheng.

Motion 1B: Recommend to the Board endorsement of listed legislative incumbent candidates for Assembly and Senate. Motion by Cheng, second by Laramendi.

Motion 1C: Recommend to the Board endorsement of listed legislative special election and open seats with the addition of AD 37 Gregg Hart (Santa Barbara). Motion by Beltran, second by Moody.

Motion 1D: Recommend to the Board addition of AD Mike Fong to the list of endorsed legislative incumbent candidates for Assembly and Senate. Motion by Laramendi, second by Cheng.

CSR 9/22/1 Motion: Umemoto, second by Fountain – to adopt the proposed campaign contributions. CARRIED

13. New Business

President Hueg administered the Oath of Office to Allen Lee who replaced Carol Bowen as President for Chapter 1 and Don Perkins as Secretary for Chapter 35.

Board Member Tim Behrens announced he is running for a seat on the CalPERS Board of Administration in the 2022 Special Retired Member Election.

Member Cessaly Hutchinson announced she is running for a seat on the CalPERS Board of Administration in the 2022 Special Retired Member Election.

Board member Ron Franklin presented a proposed Governing Rule change to prohibit the purchase of alcohol for consumption at any CSR meetings.

CSR 11/22/1 Motion: Franklin, second by Herrera – to include the following language in the Governing Rules: “Chapters shall not use chapter funds to provide alcohol for members at events.” No vote.

CSR 12/22/1 Motion: McDonnell, second by Fountain – to table Franklin’s motion regarding chapter funds and alcohol use to allow private discussion by the Board; President Hueg to determine when to bring back as an agenda item. CARRIED

16. What’s On Your Mind?

17. Adjourn

President Hueg adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.