

# **BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION**

# Meeting Minutes - Final Police & Fire Department Retirement Plan and Health Care Trust

Thursday, August 1, 2024

9:00 AM

City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-120 200 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, CA 95113

# **HYBRID MEETING**

PHYSICAL LOCATION: City Hall, Wing Rooms 118-120, 200 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, Ca 95113

> ZOOM INFORMATION: zoom.us Dial In: +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) <u>Meeting ID: 968 3927 8081</u> <u>Pass Code: 500324</u>

Franco Vado, Chair, Police Retiree Rep (Term Expires 11/30/24) Sunita Ganapati, Vice-Chair, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/26) Andrew Gardanier, Trustee, Fire Active Rep (Term Expires 11/30/27) David Kwan, Trustee, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/24) Howard Lee, Trustee, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/26) Eswar Menon, Trustee, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/26) Richard Santos, Trustee, Fire Retiree Rep (Term Expires 11/30/26) Dave Wilson, Trustee, Police Active Rep (Term Expires 11/30/25) Vacant, Trustee, Public Member

Pam Foley, City Council Liaison to the Board

Maytak Chin, General and Fiduciary Counsel

Roberto L. Peña, CEO, Office of Retirement Services

Present: 8 - David Kwan, Sunita Ganapati, Dave Wilson, Franco Vado, Howard Lee, Eswar Menon, Richard Santos and Andrew Gardanier The Board of Administration of the Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan and Health Care Trust met in person at City Hall Wing Rooms 118-120 and via Zoom on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Chair Vado called the Pension Plan and Health Care Trust meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. followed by roll call.

Board Members Present: Franco Vado, Dave Wilson, Richard Santos, David Kwan, Howard Lee, Andrew Gardanier and Eswar Menon.

Vice-Chair Ganapati arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Retirement Staff Present: Roberto L. Peña, Prabhu Palani, Barbara Hayman, David Aung, Harrison Pearce, Christina Wang, Dhinesh Ganapathiappan, Ron Kumar, Chris Ha, Edith Aldama, David Torres, Sherrell Aledo, and Cynthia Ayala.

Retirement Staff Present via Zoom: Linda Alexander, Nam Cao, Ellen Lee, Sandra Castellano, Donna Hepp, Marivic Co-Garcia, Veronica Solorio, Shilpi Dwivedi, Arun Nallasivan, Tram Huynh, Teresa Meyer-Calvert, and Chris Reyes.

Also Present: Bill Gold, OER; Maytak Chin, General and Fiduciary Counsel; Mark Linder, Public Attendee; Spencer Horowitz, Public Attendee; and Harvey Leiderman, Public Attendee.

Also Present via Zoom: Ian Schirato, Meketa Investment Group; Jay Castellano, Public Attendee; Valter Viola, Cortex Consulting; David Woolsey, Public Attendee; Kevin Balaod, Journalist; and Joe Ebisa, Journalist.

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Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication to participate in a Board meeting should contact the designated contact in Office of Retirement Services as far in advance of the scheduled meeting as possible. The Board strongly encourages individuals with disabilities to endeavor to submit requests for reasonable accommodation no later than five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting, as the Board may not be able to grant requests for reasonable accommodations without sufficient advance notice. The Board strongly encourages individuals with disabilities to submit their written requests via email or regular mail to facilitate tracking and response; however, if the submission of a written request constitutes a hardship, individuals may call the Office of Retirement Services to submit an oral request.

The designated contact in the Office of Retirement Services will endeavor to respond to each request within three (3) business days of receipt of the request. Depending on the request, the designated contact in the Office of Retirement Services may ask to schedule a time to discuss the request (which may occur virtually) to determine the most appropriate auxiliary aid or service, before the request is resolved.

#### ADA Designated Contact Information

Attention: Deputy Director/Chief Operations Officer, Office of Retirement Services Address: 1737 N First St #600, San Jose, CA 95112 Email: #Retire\_Admin@sanjoseca.gov Phone: 408-794-1000 (ORS Main Line)

#### THE LEVINE ACT

Senate Bill 1439 ("Levine Act") amended Government Code Section 84308 and requires disclosure and recusal by a local elected official and some members of boards and commissions if they receive campaign contributions over \$250 from a party, a participant with a financial interest in a proceeding, or their respective agents. The Levine Act was an anti-corruption law intended to curb "pay-to-play" and enhance public trust so that decision-makers can maintain their independence from the influence of donations for political campaigns. SB 1439 expanded the scope from state agency appointees or appointed local officials to include local elected officials. Please visit https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/levine-act for updated forms and information.

### AB 2449 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)

### a. Just Cause Circumstance(s) (Gov't Code § 54953)

i. The following Trustee(s) have notified the Board of a "Just Cause" to attend this meeting via teleconference.

#### NONE

ii. Call for Trustee(s) who wish to notify the Board of a "Just Cause" to attend this meeting via teleconference.

### b. <u>Emergency Circumstance(s) (Gov't Code § 54953)</u>

i. The following Trustee(s) have requested the Board approve their attendance of this meeting via teleconference due to an "Emergency Circumstance."

NONE

- ii. Call for Trustee(s) requesting the Board approve their attendance of this meeting via teleconference due to an "Emergency Circumstance."
- iii. Take action on request(s) for remote appearance.

### AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

### **CLOSED SESSION**

### CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE HEARD AT 9:00 A.M.

### I. CLOSED SESSION NEW BUSINESS

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:04 a.m. Closed session was heard immediately after the Board voted to waive sunshine.

A. <u>CLOSED SESSION:</u> PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1). Position: Chief Investment Officer.

There was no reportable action for this item from Closed Session.

**B.** <u>CLOSED SESSION:</u> PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1). Position: Chief Executive Officer.

There was no reportable action for this item from Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 10:08 a.m.

OPEN SESSION - will reconvene following Closed Session, estimated to be 10:00 a.m.

Open Session re-convened at 10:11 a.m.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

This item was heard immediately after roll call attendance.

#### WAIVE SUNSHINE:

A motion was made to waive sunshine on the attachment 4f.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Gardanier 7-0-0). Vice-Chair Ganapati was absent for the vote.

#### • PUBLIC/RETIREE/GENERAL COMMENTS - Not Related to A Specific Agenda Item

This was heard immediately after the Board came out of Closed Session. None.

#### 1. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Wilson 8-0-0).

## 1.1 Approval for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement

**a.** Aaron Alvarez, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective July 6, 2024; 5.77\* years of service. (*Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval*)

### 1.2 Approval for a Change in Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement

- **a.** Fabrice Bellini, Police Sergeant, Police Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective January 23, 2021; 22.80\* years of service. (*Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval*)
- **B.** Richard Caginia, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective February 26, 2021; 25.02\* years of service. (Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval)
- Keith Kirmse, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective August 22, 2020; 30.52\* years of service. (Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval)
- **d.** Victor Loesche, Fire Captain, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective April 3, 2021; 25.67\* years of service. (*Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval*)
- Leslie Martin, Police Officer, Police Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective December 5, 2020; 20.30\* years of service. (Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval)

- **f.** Jesus Sanchez, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective February 20, 2021; 25.05\* years of service. (Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval)
- g. James Yumen, Police Sergeant, Police Department, Request for Change of Status to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, effective April 3, 2021; 25.04\* years of service. (Disability Committee Recommendation: Approval)

# 1.3 Approval Of Minutes

- **a.** Approval of the Board Minutes of June 6, 2024.
- **b.** Approval of the Joint Board Minutes of July 1, 2024.

# 1.4 Approval of Travel Attendance & Reimbursements

- **a.** Prabhu Palani, CIO
  - Fiduciary Investors Symposium, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, September 17 19, 2024.
- **b.** Andrew Gardanier, Trustee
  - Reimbursement SACRS Spring Conference 2024, Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort, Santa Barbara, CA, May 7 10, 2024.

# 1.5 <u>Return of Contributions</u>

**a.** Voluntary | Involuntary

# 1.6 <u>Communication/Information</u>

- **a.** Police and Fire Retirement System Dashboard.
- **b.** Report of the Monthly Board Expenses for May 2024. Receive and file.
- **c.** Report out of Closed Session from May 2, 2024 Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2): One Case.

### 1.7 Education and Training

- **a.** The Cortex Report July 2024, Conferences, Seminars and Educational Programs.
- **b.** CALAPRS Principles of Pension Governance for Trustees, Tiburon, CA, August 26 29, 2024.
- **c.** Public Funds Forum, Laguna Beach, CA, September 3 5, 2024.

### 1.8 <u>Rescission Of Retirement Application</u>

**a.** Approval of request to rescind the Service Retirement application of **Michelle A. Hinch**, Police Officer, approved at the June 6, 2024 Board meeting for the effective date of July 20, 2024.

### 1.9 Notice of Alternate Payee Benefit Election

**a.** Approval of Alternate Payee Benefit election of Unreduced Retirement Option to be paid to Susann Cloutier, ex-spouse of Battalion Chief, **John B. Cloutier** to be effective June 5, 2024 under Part 17, Section 3.36.3600 of the San Jose Municipal Code.

### 2. INVESTMENTS

**a.** Oral update by CIO, Prabhu Palani.

CIO Palani made a few comments and updated the Board on the following unaudited estimated performance by Meketa Investment Group: - For FYTD as of July 31, 2024, the Pension Plan was up 46 basis points. - For FYTD as of July 31, 2024, the Health Care Trust was up 39 basis points.

-For last fiscal year, the Pension Plan was up 9.83%. -For last fiscal year, the Health Care Trust was up 9.54%.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED-DEFERRED ITEMS

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

**a.** Oral update by CEO, Roberto L. Peña.

CEO Peña updated the Board on the following:

-Tram Huynh was hired as a permanent Benefits Analyst. -The ORS summer picnic took place on June 7, 2024 and was well attended. -Cheryl Parkman, OER, has left the City of San Jose. -The ORS Newsletter will be sent out soon. -The Quarterly Staff Meeting took place on July 30, 2024 and staff was updated on the new CEO. -New CEO, John Flynn was introduced.

**b.** Oral update from the City Council Liaison to the Board.

Councilwoman Foley was absent and there was no update.

**c.** Discussion and action on adoption of City Workplace Violence Prevention Plan Policy No. 1.3.15 (Disciplinary Policy) for ORS Operations, adopted by City Council May 30, 2024.

Barbara Hayman, Deputy Director, spoke to this item and answered questions from the Board. Trustee Wilson also made a few comments.

A motion was made to adopt the City Workplace Violence Prevention Plan Policy No. 1.3.15 (Disciplinary Policy) for ORS Operations.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Ganapati 8-0-0).

**d.** Discussion and action on adoption of updated City Non-Management Performance Program Policy No. 3.3.3 with Revised Date of June 25, 2024 for ORS Operations, approved by City on June 25, 2024.

Barbara Hayman, Deputy Director, spoke to this item.

A motion was made to adopt the updated City Non-Management Performance Program Policy No. 3.3.3 with Revised Date of June 25, 2024 for ORS Operations.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Wilson 8-0-0).

e. Discussion and action on the 2025 Scheduled Board and Standing Committee Meetings.

CEO Peña spoke to this item and the Board and Counsel Chin made a few comments for directed edits to the attachment to this item.

A motion was made to approve the 2025 Scheduled Board and Standing Committee Meetings memo with the following amendments: Change Board Meeting start time to 9:00 a.m., change reference from "July 2054" to July 2025, and remove the AB 361 information.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Gardanier 8-0-0).

**f.** Discussion and action to approve and for the Chair to execute the employment contract negotiated by designated labor negotiators for new CEO.

Chair Vado introduced this item.

A motion was made to approve for the Chair to execute the employment contract negotiated by designated labor negotiators for new CEO.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Wilson 8-0-0).

**g.** Discussion and action for development of CEO transition plan with Cortex Consulting in lieu of CEO performance evaluation.

Chair Vado introduced this item. Counsel Chin answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made to approve for development of CEO transition plan with Cortex Consulting in lieu of CEO performance evaluation.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Ganapati 8-0-0).

**h.** Discussion and action for the appointment of an ad-hoc liaison to assist in transition plan for new CEO, along with Cortex.

Chair Vado spoke to this item. Counsel Chin also added a few comments.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Trustee Gardanier to be the ad-hoc liaison to assist in transition for the ORS new CEO for a 90 day period starting from the new CEO's start date.

Approved. (M.S.C. Vado/Wilson 8-0-0).

New CEO, John Flynn, was introduced and said a few comments. Chair Vado said a few kind words to CEO Peña for his retirement. CEO Peña also added comments.

### 5. <u>RETIREMENTS</u>

#### 5.1 Service Retirements

Chair Vado read the Service Retirements into the record.

A motion was made to approve the Service Retirements.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Wilson 8-0-0).

- **a.** Michael X. Gomez, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, effective July 18, 2024; 27.03\* years of service.
- **b.** Andy M. Lacayo, Police Officer, Police Department, effective August 29, 2024; 25.39\* years of service.

### 5.2 <u>Deferred Vested</u>

Chair Vado read the Deferred Vested Retirements into the record.

A motion was made to approve the Deferred Vested Retirements.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Wilson 8-0-0).

- **a.** Kenneth R. Hardesty III, Police Officer, Police Department, effective September 1, 2024; 25.60\* years of service. (*With Reciprocity 16.90 CSJ (DRO: -3.78) YOS + 8.70 PERS YOS*)
- **b.** Jesus P. Macias, Police Officer, Police Department, effective June 23, 2024; 12.51\* years of service.

## 6. DEATH AND SURVIVORSHIP NOTIFICATIONS (Moment of Silence)

Chair Vado read the Death Notifications into the record and asked for a moment of silence for those who have served and passed away. Trustees Santos and Wilson said a few kind words.

- **a.** Notification of the death of **Ernest Graves**, Police Sergeant, retired February 7, 1990, died April 28, 2024. No survivorship benefits.
- b. Notification of the death of David C. Harrison, Police Sergeant, retired August 5, 1992, died May 1, 2024. Survivorship benefits to Lois A. Harrison, spouse.
- **c.** Notification of the death of **Terry L. Kerns**, Fire Captain, retired November 23, 2002, died June 4, 2024. Survivorship benefits to Faith Hibbard, spouse.
- **d.** Notification of the death of **John P. Flatley**, Battalion Chief, retired December 31, 2005, died June 30, 2024. No survivorship benefits.
- **e.** Notification of the death of **Owen Purser**, Police Sergeant, retired December 4, 1984, died June 22, 2024. No survivorship benefits.

# 7. COMMITTEE MINUTES, REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Investment Committee (Menon - CH/Gardanier/Ganapati/Lee)

Last Meeting: April 15, 2024 Next Meeting: August 20, 2024

**a.** Oral update from the Chair of the Investment Committee.

Chair Menon updated the Board regarding matters from the last meeting.

7.2 Audit/Risk Committee (Lee - CH/Ganapati/Wilson)

Last Meeting: May 16, 2024 Next Meeting: August 15, 2024

**a.** Oral update from the Chair of the Audit/Risk Committee.

There was no update for this item.

### 7.3 <u>Governance Committee (Vado - CH/Kwan/Santos)</u>

Last Meeting: June 18, 2024 Next Meeting: September 19, 2024

**a.** Oral update from the Chair of the Governance Committee.

Chair Vado updated the Board regarding matters from the last meeting.

**b.** Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting from March 7, 2024. Receive and file.

#### The Minutes were received and filed.

**c.** Discussion and action regarding City Finance Department's requested changes to retirement boards' adopted Trustee Educational Travel Policy.

Counsel Chin spoke to this item and answered questions from the Board. Chair Vado also added comments.

A motion was made to approve the updated Trustee Educational Travel Policy with the City Finance Department's requested changes.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Gardanier 8-0-0).

**d.** Discussion and action regarding adoption of City Policy "Chapter 5.1- Purchasing: Procurement" for goods and non-professional services for ORS operations.

Counsel Chin spoke to this item and answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made to adopt the City Policy "Chapter 5.1- Purchasing: Procurement" for goods and non-professional services for ORS operations.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Kwan 8-0-0).

**e.** Discussion and action regarding adoption of proposed internal ORS Policy for procurement and contracting for professional and critical plan administrative services/goods for ORS operations.

Counsel Chin spoke to this item and answered questions from the Board. Valter Viola, Cortex Consulting, also assisted with answering questions from the Board.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to direct Cortex to made the changes discussed at the meeting to be presented in redline to the Federated Board, and to bring back the redline changes to the Police and Fire Board for consideration and approval at its September meeting before sending the revised attachment to the City Finance Director.

Approved. (M.S.C. Ganapati/Santos 8-0-0).

7.4 Disability Committee (Santos - CH/Wilson - Alts: Menon/Vado/Lee)

Last Meeting: June 10, 2024 Next Meeting: August 12, 2024

**a.** Oral update from the Chair of the Disability Committee.

Chair Santos updated the Board.

**b.** Minutes of the P&F Disability Committee meeting from May 6, 2024. Receive and file.

The Minutes were received and filed.

7.5 Joint Personnel Committee (Menon - CH/Gardanier/Vado)

Last Meeting: April 25, 2024

Next Meeting: TBD

**a.** Oral update from the Chair of the Joint Personnel Committee.

Chair Menon updated the Board.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: September 5, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

### \*Estimated

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

FRANCO VADO, CHAIR BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION ATTEST:

ROBERTO L. PEÑA, CEO OFFICE OF RETIREMENT SERVICES

## The Code of Conduct

(https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/12901/63667000496663000
0) is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

### 1. Public Meeting Decorum:

a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.

b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.

c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.

d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.

e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.

f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.

g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions: § No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.

-No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.

-The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard. b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or

otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.

c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

3. Addressing the Council, Committee, Board or Commission:

a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.

b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any discussion item and/or during open forum; the total amount of time allocated for public testimony for each public speaker or for an agenda item is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. (California Government Code Section 54954.3; Council Policy 0-37) Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak. Speakers using a translator will be given twice the time allotted to ensure non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Council, Committee, Board or Commission.

c) Speakers should discuss only the agenda item when called to speak for that item, and only topics related to City business when called to speak during open forum on the agenda.

d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.

e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.

f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.

g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.