



# BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

## Action Minutes - Final

### Police & Fire Department Retirement Plan and Health Care Trust

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Wednesday, January 21, 2026

9:00 AM

1737 N. First St. Suite 580, San Jose, CA 95112

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#### HYBRID MEETING

#### PHYSICAL LOCATION:

1737 N. First St. Suite 580, San Jose, CA 95112

#### ZOOM INFORMATION:

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Dial In: +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 936 7463 2756

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

*Andrew Gardanier, Chair, Fire Active Rep (Term Expires 11/30/27)*

*Eswar Menon, Vice-Chair, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/26)*

*Gretchen Flicker, Trustee, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/28)*

*Sunita Ganapati, Trustee, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/26)*

*David Kwan, Trustee, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/28)*

*Howard Lee, Trustee, Public Member (Term Expires 11/30/26)*

*Richard Santos, Trustee, Fire Retiree Rep (Term Expires 11/30/26)*

*Franco Vado, Trustee, Police Retiree Rep (Term Expires 11/30/28)*

*David Woolsey, Trustee, Police Active Rep (Term Expires 11/30/28)*

*George Casey, City Council Liaison to the Board*

*Maytak Chin, General and Fiduciary Counsel*

*John Flynn, CEO, Office of Retirement Services*

**The Board of Administration of the Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan and Health Care Trust met in person at 1737 N. First St., Suite 580, San Jose, CA 95112 and via Zoom on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Chair Gardanier called the Pension Plan and Health Care Trust meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. followed by roll call.**

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Gardanier, Franco Vado, David Woolsey, Richard Santos, Howard Lee, David Kwan, Eswar Menon, Sunita Ganapati, and Gretchen Flicker.

**Retirement Staff Present:** John Flynn, Sandra Castellano, Amanda Hiew, Jay Kwon, Jennifer You, Harrison Pearce, Arun Nallasivan, Christina Wang, Dhinesh Ganapathiappan, Ellen Lee, Ryan Reynado, Edith Orosco, Gabriela Romero, Sherrell Aledo, and Cynthia Ayala.

**Retirement Staff Present via Zoom:** Barbara Hayman, Benjie Chua-Foy, Nam Cao, Teresa Meyer-Calvert, Julie He, Ron Kumar and Shilpi Dwivedi.

**Also Present:** Maytak Chin and Chris Maldonado, General and Fiduciary Counsel; Julie Becker, Aon Consulting; and George Casey, Council Liaison.

**Also Present via Zoom:** Joe Ebisa, Journalist; Bill Gold, OER; Colin Kowalski, Meketa Investment Group; Andrew Roper, Public member; Benita Harper, Aon Consulting; Nate Weinstein, Public member; Jason Kobilka, Public member; Bill Hallmark, Cheiron; Jason Kobilka, Public member; and Brett, Public member.

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#### ADA Designated Contact Information

Attention: Deputy Director/Chief Operations Officer, Office of Retirement Services

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#### THE LEVINE ACT

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#### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

\*\* **SB 707 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)**

- i. Take action on request(s) for remote appearance.

#### CLOSED SESSION

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

**I. CLOSED SESSION NEW BUSINESS**

Closed Session was heard immediately after roll call. The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:03 a.m.

**A.**

**CLOSED SESSION:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -  
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2): Two Cases.

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

**B.**

**CLOSED SESSION:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -  
PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a). *Robnett v. City of San Jose, et al.*, Northern District Court of California, Case No. 5:24-cv-02385-NC.

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

**C.**

**CLOSED SESSION:** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -  
PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a). *Robnett v. City of San Jose, et al.*, Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV480587.

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

The Board came out of Closed Session at 9:48 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION - will reconvene following Closed Session, estimated to be 9:45 a.m.**

Open Session re-convened at 9:49 a.m.

**• ORDERS OF THE DAY**

This was heard immediately after Closed Session.

Orders of the Day:

-Item 7.3d to be heard before the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made to approve the Orders of the Day.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Lee 9-0-0).

A motion was made to waive sunshine on attachments 7.3c(1), 7.3c(2), 7.3d(1) & 7.3d(2).

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Gardanier 9-0-0).

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

None.

## 1. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

This item was heard immediately after item 7.3d.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Menon 9-0-0).

### 1.1 **Approval Of Board Minutes**

- Approval of the Board Minutes of December 4, 2025.
- Approval of the Amended Board Minutes of November 6, 2025.

### 1.2 **Approval Of Travel and Reimbursements**

- John Flynn, CEO
  - CALAPRS 2026 General Assembly, March 8-11, 2026, Carlsbad, CA.
  - CALAPRS Virtual Adminstrators' Round Table, February 6, 2026.
- Eswar Menon, Vice-Chair
  - The 20th edition of With Intelligence The Annual, April 20-22, 2026, Los Angeles, CA.
- Franco Vado, Trustee
  - CALAPRS General Assembly 2026, March 8-11, 2026, Carlsbad, CA.
- Reimbursements
  - NCPERS Accredited Fiduciary (NAF) Program (Module 1 & 2), Hollywood, FL, October 25 - 26, 2025 - John Flynn.
  - NCPERS Fall Conference, Hollywood, FL, October 26 - 29, 2025 - John Flynn.
  - SACRS Fall Conference 2025, Huntington Beach, CA, November 11-14, 2025 - Andrew Gardanier.
  - SACRS Fall Conference 2025, Huntington Beach, CA, November 11-14, 2025 - David Woolsey.
  - Northern California Institutional Forum, Berkeley, CA, December 8-9,

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2025 - Sunita Ganapati.

**1.3 Approval of Return of Contributions**

a. Voluntary | Involuntary

**1.4 Communication and Information Reports**

a. Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan Dashboard.

b. Report of the Monthly Board Expenses for November and December 2025.  
Receive and file.

c. Q2 FY25-26 Budget to Actual Quarterly Budget Report.

d. **Educational Travel Reports:**  
• Northern California Institutional Forum, Berkeley, CA, December 8-9, 2025  
by Sunita Ganapati.

**1.5 Education and Training**

a. CALAPRS 2026 Program Calendar.

b. Quarterly Trustee Education Opportunities Report.

c. NCPERS 2026 Legislative Conference & Policy Day, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, January 26 - 28, 2026.

d. CALAPRS General Assembly 2026, The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa, Carlsbad, CA, March 8-11, 2026.

**1.6 Rescission Of Retirement Application**

a. Approval of request to rescind the Service Retirement application of **Tom Newland**, Fire Engineer, approved at the December 4, 2025 Board meeting for the effective date of January 17, 2026.

**1.7 Change of Retirement Application**

a. Approval for a change in effective date for **Lawrence R. Chua**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, from January 3, 2026, to January 17, 2026, for a service retirement approved at the December 4, 2025, Board meeting.

**2. INVESTMENTS**

a. Oral update by CIO, Prabhu Palani.

**CIO Palani updated the Board.**

**3. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED-DEFERRED ITEMS**

a. Discussion and action on Discount Rate assumption for the OPEB June 30, 2025, actuarial valuation.

**This item was discussed.**

**A motion was made to increase the discount rate assumption for the OPEB June 30, 2025, actuarial valuation to 6.25%.**

**Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Flicker 9-0-0).**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Oral update by CEO, John Flynn.

**CEO Flynn updated the Board.**

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

**City Council Liaison, Councilmember George Casey, updated the Board on matters before the City Council and relevant to the Board.**

c. Discussion and action of standing committee assignments.

**This item was discussed.**

**A motion was made to approve the proposed committee assignments.**

**Approved. (M.S.C. Woolsey/Santos 9-0-0).**

d. Presentation on relevant changes to the Brown Act by Senate Bill No. 707, effective January 1, 2026.

**This item was presented.**

e. Discussion and action on the 2025 Police and Fire Board Self-Assessment: Presentation by Aon.

**This item was presented.**

**A motion was made to accept the 2025 Police and Fire Board Self-Assessment.**

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Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Vado 9-0-0).

**5. RETIREMENTS**

**5.1 Service Retirements**

Chair Gardanier read the Service Retirements into the record. Trustee Ganapati and Chair Gardanier added comments.

A motion was made to approve the Service Retirements.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Menon 9-0-0).

- a. **Brett S. Blean**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, effective January 29, 2026; 27.75\* years of service.
- b. **Jason Clements**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 26.00\* years of service.
- c. **Joseph Crivello**, Battalion Chief, Fire Department, effective January 29, 2026; 30.52\* years of service.
- d. **Matthew J. DeLorenzo**, Police Officer, Police Department, effective January 23, 2026; 25.36\* years of service. (*With Reciprocity - 22.66 CSJ + 2.69 PERS = 25.36 YOS*)
- e. **Louie Fong**, Fire Prevention Inspector, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 25.11\* years of service.
- f. **Daniel Lizardo Jr.**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 25.92\* years of service.
- g. **Matthew E. McIntyre**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, effective July 9, 2025; 25.00\* years of service.
- h. **Gilbert M. Morales**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 27.16\* years of service.
- i. **Benjamin I. Naranjo**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 28.59\* years of service.
- j. **Scott E. Nelson**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, effective January 15, 2026; 25.61\* years of service.
- k. **Michael D. O'Brien**, Police Officer, Police Department, effective January 31, 2026; 27.27\* years of service.

- I. **Hector Sandoval**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 26.01\* years of service.
- m. **Shawn T. Tacklind**, Battalion Chief, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 29.99\* years of service.
- n. **Scott W. Trotter**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 29.97\* years of service.

## 5.2 Early Retirement

Chair Gardanier read the Early Service Retirements into the record.

A motion was made to approve the Early Service Retirements.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Gardanier 9-0-0).

- a. **Greig Sniffen**, Fire Captain, Fire Department, effective January 31, 2026; 24.65\* years of service.

## 5.3 Deferred Vested

Chair Gardanier read the Deferred Vested Retirements into the record. Chair Gardanier and Trustee Santos said a few kind words.

A motion was made to approve the Deferred Vested Retirements.

Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Vado 9-0-0).

- a. **Matthew D. Medina**, Police Officer, Police Department, effective December 30, 2025; 27.15\* years of service. (*With Reciprocity - 1.75 CSJ + 25.40 PERS = 27.15 YOS*)

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

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

- a. Notification of the death of **Ronald Hackett**, Fire Inspector, retired September 2, 2004, died December 15, 2025. No survivorship benefits.
- b. Notification of the death of **Keith J. Livermore**, Firefighter, retired June 1, 1996, died December 3, 2025. No survivorship benefits.
- c. Notification of the death of **John MC. Gill**, Police Officer, retired October 16, 2017, died November 22, 2025. Survivorship benefits to Lourdes MC. Gill,

spouse.

- d. Notification of the death of **Joseph Penaflor**, Fire Captain, retired September 7, 1988, died November 12, 2025. Survivorship benefits to Mary Penaflor, spouse.
- e. Notification of the death of **Sam Seibert**, Fire Captain, retired March 28, 1976, died November 30, 2025. No survivorship benefits.
- f. Notification of the death of **M. Earl Thompson**, Assistant Fire Chief, retired August 12, 1985, died November 12, 2025. Survivorship benefits to Carol Thompson, spouse.

## **7. COMMITTEE MINUTES, REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **7.1 Investment Committee (Menon - CH/Gardanier/Kwan/Lee)**

**Last Meeting: December 16, 2025**

**Next Meeting: February 24, 2026**

- a. Oral update from the Chair of the Investment Committee.  
**Chair Menon updated the Board.**
- b. Minutes of the Investment Committee meeting from August 26, 2025. Receive and file.  
**The Minutes were received and filed.**

### **7.2 Audit/Risk Committee (Lee - CH/Ganapati/Woolsey)**

**Last Meeting: October 30, 2025**

**Next Meeting: February 19, 2026**

- a. Oral update from the Chair of the Audit/Risk Committee.  
**Chair Lee updated the Board.**
- b. Discussion and action on the management letter comments and recommendations regarding audit findings to the Board of Administration of the City of San Jose Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan from Macias Gini & O'Connell (MGO).  
**This item was discussed.**

**A motion was made to accept management letter comments and recommendations regarding audit findings to the Board of Administration of the City of San Jose Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan from Macias Gini & O'Connell (MGO).**

Approved. (M.S.C. Ganapati/Santos 9-0-0).

**7.3 Governance Committee (Santos - CH/Vado/Flicker)**

**Last Meeting: January 15, 2026**

**Next Meeting: March 18, 2026**

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

- Discussion and action on revised updates to the Board Operations Policy.
- Discussion and action on the updates to the Trustee Educational Travel Policy.

**Chair Santos said a few comments.**

b. Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting from December 4, 2025. Receive and file.

**The Minutes were received and filed.**

c. Discussion and action on the Governance Committee's recommendation to accept the updated Board Operations Policy.

**This item was discussed.**

**A motion was made to approve the Governance Committee's recommendation to accept the updated Board Operations Policy.**

**Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Menon 9-0-0).**

d. Discussion and action on the Governance Committee's recommendation to accept the updated Trustee Educational Travel Policy.

**This item was heard after Orders of the Day and the Board's vote to waive sunshine.**

**This item was discussed.**

**A motion was made to approve the Governance Committee's recommendation to accept the updated Trustee Educational Travel Policy.**

**Approved. (M.S.C. Santos/Vado 9-0-0).**

**7.4 Disability Committee (Santos - CH/Woolsey - Alts: Lee/Vado/Gardanier)**

**Last Meeting: January 12, 2026**

**Next Meeting: February 9, 2026**

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

**Chair Santos updated the Board.**

**b.** Minutes of the Disability Committee meeting from November 10, 2025. Receive and file.

**The Minutes were received and filed.**

**7.5 Joint Personnel Committee (Menon/Gardanier/Vado)**

**Last Meeting: January 8, 2026**

**Next Meeting: January 27, 2026**

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

**Vice-Chair Menon updated the Board.**

**b.** Minutes of the Joint Personnel Committee meeting from October 24, 2025. Receive and file.

**The Minutes were received and filed.**

**• PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**• ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting: February 18, 2026**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.**

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\*Estimated

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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ANDREW GARDANIER, CHAIR  
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION  
ATTEST:

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JOHN FLYNN, CEO  
OFFICE OF RETIREMENT SERVICES

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- 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.

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-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.
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