



# BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

## Meeting Minutes - Final Joint Governance Committee

Thursday, December 4, 2025

12:30 PM

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

### HYBRID MEETING

#### PHYSICAL LOCATION:

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

#### ZOOM INFORMATION:

zoom.us

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

Meeting ID: 948 8722 0897

#### *POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

*Richard Santos, Chair (Term Expires 11/30/26)*

*Gretchen Flicker, Vice Chair (Term Expires 04/30/27)*

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

#### *FEDERATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

*Debbie Abbott, Chair (Term Expires 11/30/26)*

*Nathan Nakagawa, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/27)*

*Vacant, Trustee*

#### *COUNSEL*

*Maytak Chin, General and Fiduciary Counsel*

*John Flynn, CEO, Office of Retirement Services*

**Present** 5 - Richard Santos, Franco Vado, Debbie Abbott, Gretchen Flicker, and Nathan Nakagawa

The Joint Governance Committee met in person at 1737 N. First St., Suite 580, San Jose, CA 95112 and via Zoom on Thursday, December 4, 2025. The Police and Fire Governance Committee meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Chair Santos. The Federated Governance Committee meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Chair Abbott.

Board Members Present: Richard Santos, Franco Vado, Gretchen Flicker, Nathan Nakagawa, and Deborah Abbott.

Retirement Staff Present: John Flynn, Barbara Hayman, Sherrell Aledo, Gabriela Romero, and Amanda Hiew.

Also Present via Zoom: Julie Becker and Benita Harper, Aon Consulting Inc; and Prachi Avasthy, Public member.

I. **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. **Emergency Circumstance(s) (Gov't Code § 54953)**

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.

• **Call to Order and Roll Call**

• **Orders of the Day**

None.

**Joint Agenda****1. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

**Police and Fire Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Vado/Flicker 3-0-0).**

**FCERS Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Nakagawa/Abbott 2-0-0).**

- a.** Approval of the Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting from August 7, 2025.

**2. New Business**

- a.** Discussion on term limits for committee assignments, including committee chairs.

**This item was heard together with item 2b.**

**Chair Santos introduced this item. Julie Becker, Aon Consulting, and CEO Flynn spoke to the item. CEO Flynn answered questions from Trustee Nakagawa. Trustees Flicker, Vado, and Chair Abbott and Chair Santos added comments.**

- b.** Discussion and action on updates to the Board Operations Policy.

**This item was heard together with item 2a.**

**Julie Becker, Aon Consulting, presented the item. CEO Flynn added comments and answered questions from Trustee Nakagawa. Trustees Flicker, Vado, and Chair Abbott and Chair Santos added comments.**

**No action was taken for this item.**

- c.** Discussion and action on the Trustee Educational Travel Policy.

**Chair Santos introduced this item. CEO Flynn and Benita Harper spoke to this item.**

**After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to recommend approval of the Trustee Educational Travel Policy.**

**Police and Fire Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Flicker/Vado 3-0-0).**

**FCERS Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Nakagawa/Abbott 2-0-0).**

- d.** Discussion on the Strategic Planning project status - Oral update by Aon.

**Julie Becker, Aon Consulting, spoke to the item and answered questions from Trustee Abbott.**

**Police and Fire Agenda**

**3. New Business**

- a. Discussion and action on Police and Fire Board Self-Assessment Results and recommendations to the Board.

**Julie Becker, Aon Consulting, spoke to the item and answered questions from Trustee Flicker. Trustee Flicker and CEO Flynn added comments.**

**A motion was made to recommend approval of the Police and Fire Board Self-Assessment Results and recommendations to the Board.**

**Police and Fire Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Vado/Flicker 3-0-0).**

- **Proposed Agenda Items**

**None.**

**Adjournment**

**FCERS Committee adjourned at 1:47 p.m.**

**Police and Fire Committee adjourned at 1:56 p.m.**

**Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,**

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**John Flynn, CEO, Office of Retirement Services**

**ADA ALERT**

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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**

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**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.**