



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Minutes - Final Joint Governance Committee

Friday, March 14, 2025

9:00 AM

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

HYBRID MEETING

PHYSICAL LOCATION:

1737 North First Street, Suite 580

San Jose, CA 95112

ZOOM INFORMATION:

zoom.us

Dial In: +1 669-219-2599 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 977 0210 8267

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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

Gretchen Flicker, Trustee (Term Expires 04/30/27) -- 220 2nd Street, Avila Beach, CA

FEDERATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mark Linder, Chair (Term Expires 11/30/28)

Debbie Abbott, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/26)

Prachi Avasthy, Trustee (Term Expires 11/30/25)

COUNSEL

Maytak Chin, General and Fiduciary Counsel

John Flynn, CEO, Office of Retirement Services

Present 6 - Richard Santos, Franco Vado, Mark Linder, Debbie Abbott, Prachi Avasthy, and Gretchen Flicker

The Joint Governance Committee met in person at 1737 N. First St., Ste 580, San Jose, CA 95112 and via Zoom on Friday, March 14, 2025. The Police and Fire Governance Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Santos. The Federated Governance Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Linder.

Board Members Present: Richard Santos, Franco Vado, Mark Linder, Deborah Abbott and Prachi Avasthy.

Board Members Present via Zoom utilizing the Traditional Brown Act teleconferencing rules: Gretchen Flicker. Chair Linder questioned Trustee Flicker on whether she met the qualifications to teleconference under the Brown Act, and Trustee Flicker responded in the affirmative.

Retirement Staff Present: John Flynn, Barbara Hayman, Cynthia Ayala, Edith Aldama, Sherrell Aledo, and Chris Ha.

Also Present: Julie Becker and Benita Harper, Aon Consulting Inc; and Scott Miller, Segal Inc.

Also Present via Zoom: William Neville, Rick Funston, Randy Miller and Chris Waddall, Funston Advisory Services LLC; and Jeff Mills, Segal Inc.

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**

A motion was made to waive sunshine on attachments 2b(1), 2b(2), 2b(3) and 2b(4).

Police and Fire Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Vado/Santos 3-0-0). This motion passed by roll call vote.

FCERS Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Abbott/Avasthy 3-0-0).

Joint Agenda

1. Consent Calendar

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Police and Fire Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Vado/Santos 3-0-0). This motion passed by roll call vote.

FCERS Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Avasthy/Abbott 3-0-0).

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting from December 19, 2024.

2. New Business

- a. Nomination and Election of Governance Committee Vice Chair.

Chair Santos introduced the item. CEO Flynn spoke to the item.

Trustee Vado nominated Trustee Flicker for Police and Fire Governance Committee Vice Chair and Trustee Flicker accepted the nomination.

A motion was made to elect Trustee Flicker as Police and Fire Governance Committee Vice Chair.

Police and Fire Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Vado/Santos 3-0-0). This motion passed by roll call vote.

Chair Linder nominated Trustee Abbott for Federated Governance Committee Vice Chair and Trustee Abbott accepted the nomination.

A motion was made to elect Trustee Abbott as Federated Governance Committee Vice Chair.

FCERS Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Avasthy/Linder 3-0-0).

- b. Discussion and action regarding recommendation of Governance Consultant to the board of trustees. The contract period would be as soon as executed through June 30, 2031. Finalists: AON Consulting Inc, Funston Advisor Services LLC, and Segal Inc.

CEO Flynn spoke to this item. Aon Consulting Inc, Segal Inc, and Funston Advisory Services LLC presented to the Committee separately and answered questions from the Committee.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to recommend Aon Consulting Inc. as the Board Governance Consultant for contract period through June 30, 2031.

Police and Fire Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Flicker/Vado 3-0-0). This motion passed by roll call vote.

FCERS Committee Approved. (M.S.C. Avasthy/Abbott 3-0-0).

- **Proposed Agenda Items**

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully submitted by,

John Flynn, CEO, Office of Retirement Services

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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.

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.