

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2022

The Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles met on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ken Buzzell, President
Sumi Parekh, Vice President
Andrea Ambriz
Rigo Arellano
Brian Churchill
Michael Lawson (virtual participation)
Garrett Zimmon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: William Chun

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
POLICE PENSIONS: Joseph Salazar, Interim General Manager
William S. Raggio, Executive Officer
Greg Mack, Acting Assistant General Manager
Evangelina Masud, Commission Executive Assistant

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Anya Freedman, Deputy City Attorney

President Buzzell called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. All of the above-listed Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting with the exception of Commissioner Ambriz who joined in the Board room at 8:40 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

B. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION

There were no public comments.

C. DISABILITY CASES

DISABILITY CLAIM – SURVIVING SPOUSE – TIER 5

Bobby J. Wagner, Surviving Spouse of Becky V. Strong (P) Police Officer II (Deceased)

As recommended by Staff and concurred in by the applicant, the prior Board action of October 7, 2021, granting a service pension continuance survivor pension is set aside, and a service-connected survivorship pension is granted. Motion made by Commissioner Arellano, seconded by Commissioner Parekh and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon, and President Buzzell – 6; nays - none; absent, Commissioners Ambriz and Chun. Mr. Wagner represented himself but was not present.

DISABILITY CLAIM – NEW CLAIM – TIER 5

James W. Brimberry

(P)

Police Officer II

As recommended by Staff and concurred in by the applicant, a service-connected disability pension is granted at 60% for his neck, lower back, left shoulder, bilateral elbows and wrists, right hip, right hamstring, and right knee only, and due to the nature of the disability, no foreseeable purpose for review. Motion made by Commissioner Churchill, seconded by Commissioner Zimmon and adopted by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon, and President Buzzell – 6; nays - none; absent, Commissioners Ambriz and Chun. Mr. Brimberry was represented by Thomas J. Wicke, Esq. of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, Sherwin and Lee.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD DETERMINE THAT CONDUCTING A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE PLANS, OR RELATED THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES IS IMPRACTICAL AND/OR UNDESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Commissioner Ambriz arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Mr. Greg Mack, Acting Assistant General Manager, Pensions Division presented the report to the Board. The report was approved as submitted. Commissioner Zimmon, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Retiree Healthcare Program, thanked those who participated in the process.

Mr. Freddy Escobar, President of United Firefighters of Los Angeles City, and Mr. Jeff Cawdrey, President of Los Angeles Firemen’s Relief Association gave public comment.

Resolution 23073

Commissioner Churchill moved that the Board:

1. Approve the attached resolution and determine that conducting a competitive bidding process for health, dental, and vision insurance plans, or related third-party administrator services is impractical and/or undesirable; and,
2. Direct staff to begin negotiations with Los Angeles Police Relief Association (LAPRA), Los Angeles Firemen’s Relief Association (LAFRA), Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL), and United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC) (collectively referred to as "Associations") for successor contracts for third-party administrative services to be effective July 1, 2023 for a five-year term, containing strong fiduciary oversight and transparency requirements as delineated in the attached resolution,

which was seconded by Commissioner Parekh and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

Resolution 23074

Commissioner Churchill moved that the Board adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Under the Los Angeles City Charter and Administrative Code, the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners (Board) has the authority to administer a health and dental insurance program for retired members and eligible beneficiaries of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension plan (LAFPP). See L.A. Charter §§1330(a), (d), 1428(a), (d), 1518(a), (d), 1618(a), (d), 1718(a), (d); L.A. Admin. Code §§4.2018, 4.1150-4.1167; and

WHEREAS, consistent with these Charter and Administrative Code provisions, the Board has the legal authority to: (1) contract with health and dental insurers, health plans or third-party administrators to make group health and dental insurance plans available to LAFPP retirees and eligible beneficiaries; (2) approve health and dental insurance plans to be funded with LAFPP subsidy dollars; and (3) set subsidy amounts annually; and

WHEREAS, the Board must exercise its authority over this health and dental insurance program in a manner consistent with its fiduciary duties, including its duties of prudence, loyalty, and impartiality; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, the Board has delegated its authority to contract with health insurers to the Los Angeles Police Relief Association (LAPRA), Los Angeles Firemen’s Relief Association (LAFRA), United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC) and since 2001 also delegated to Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) its authority to contract for dental plans (collectively referred to as “Associations”); and

WHEREAS, the Board’s duty of prudence includes an ongoing duty to monitor those persons or entities to whom it has delegated its legal authority under the Charter and Administrative Code and to ensure that such delegation of authority remains prudent over time; and

WHEREAS, the Board in 2006 entered Memoranda of Understanding with the Associations, which defined the roles and responsibilities of each party regarding the administration of retiree health and/or dental plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board in 2011 entered into Operations Agreements with the Associations further defining the roles and responsibilities of each party, which Operations Agreements expired in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board in 2018 entered formal contracts with the Associations that increased transparency and strengthened the Board's fiduciary oversight and legal compliance, including by requiring one performance audit of the Associations during the term of the contracts, requiring the Associations to provide certain HIPAA compliant claims information to the Board's healthcare consultant to independently validate annual plan renewals, establishing annual public Board presentations by the Associations summarizing claims experience along with health plan information and related trends, and affirming the Board's fiduciary duty to its members in administering the retiree health program and the Board's legal responsibility to approve health and dental plans as suitable for subsidy funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board's 2018 contracts with the Associations expire on June 30, 2023, and the Associations have notified the Board of their intent to enter into subsequent agreements effective July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board on June 16, 2022 considered a staff recommendation to issue Requests for Proposals for retiree health, dental, and vision insurance plans and/or third-party administrator services now that the Board's access to summary claims experience make it possible to do so; and

WHEREAS, as on June 16, 2022, to gather additional information to inform the Board's careful consideration whether such a Request for Proposals process would be practical and desirable, the Board President formed an Ad Hoc Committee on the Retiree Healthcare Program ("Ad Hoc Committee"), which was comprised of two elected and two appointed Board members; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee held public meetings on July 21, 2022 and August 5, 2022, during which it received presentations and written reports from LAFPP's Internal Auditor, LAFPP's healthcare consultant, and from the Associations; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee carefully reviewed and considered the detailed information presented and the legal advice provided to the Board regarding the Board's fiduciary duties and statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee found that the Associations provide a comprehensive range of services to active and retired LAFPP members and their survivors and beneficiaries, including but not limited to long-term care insurance, life insurance, and emergency relief, and provide a unique personal level of wrap around customer services for LAFPP members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee found that the Associations serve as third-party administrators for the health and dental plans offered to both active and retired LAFPP

members and their eligible beneficiaries, and thus are uniquely positioned to provide a seamless transition of health and dental coverage for active members upon retirement and ensure continuity of medical coverage and providers to LAFPP members; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee found that the Associations conduct competitive bidding processes or equivalent market check processes at regular intervals to ensure that the health and dental insurance plans offered to our retirees are competitively priced for the value and quality of benefits and services provided; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee found that LAPRA and LAFRA—which together administer plans for the majority of LAFPP retired members—conducted member satisfaction surveys in 2020 which show that the majority of retirees are satisfied or extremely satisfied with the retiree health plans, the benefits provided with those plans, and the level of customer service provided by LAPRA and LAFRA; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Charter generally requires City contracting authorities to conduct a competitive bidding process before entering contracts unless an exception applies; and

WHEREAS, Section 371(e)(10) provides certain exceptions to competitive bidding requirements when the contracting authority determines that the use of competitive bidding would be “undesirable, impractical or impossible or where common law otherwise excuses compliance with competitive bidding requirements;” and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2022, the Ad Hoc Committee approved a recommendation that the Board determine, based on the information received and evaluated by the Ad Hoc Committee and the Board, and consistent with the Board’s legal authority and fiduciary duties, that conducting a competitive bidding process would be impractical and/or undesirable before entering new contracts with health and dental insurers or third-party administrators to make group health and dental insurance plans available to LAFPP retirees and eligible beneficiaries, and that the Board should promptly begin negotiations with the Associations for successor contracts for third-party administrative services to be effective July 1, 2023, containing strong fiduciary oversight and transparency requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board has determined that the use of competitive bidding would be impractical and/or undesirable before entering contracts effective July 1, 2023 to make group health and dental insurance plans available to LAFPP retirees and their eligible beneficiaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will require contracts with the Associations effective July 1, 2023 to include terms requiring the Associations to continue to conduct competitive bidding and/or equivalent market checks at regular intervals during the term of the contracts to ensure that the plans made available to LAFPP retirees and subsidized with LAFPP trust funds are competitive in terms of benefits and cost to the retirees and LAFPP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will require contracts with the Associations effective July 1, 2023 to include terms specifying the parameters of public reports by the Associations to the Board on the result of their competitive bidding and/or equivalent market check process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will require contracts with the Associations effective July 1, 2023 to include the same or stronger transparency and oversight terms as the 2018 contracts between the parties, including but not limited to performance audit(s) by the LAFPP Internal Auditor, annual Board presentations and approvals of suitable plans by resolution, claims data sharing, and independent validation of renewal rates by the Board's health consultant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will require contracts with the Associations effective July 1, 2023 to include a fiduciary standard of care applicable to all services provided by the Associations under the contracts, consistent with the Associations' role as agents exercising delegated authority to assist the Board in carrying out its legal authority over the LAFPP retiree health program under the City Charter and Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will require contracts with the Associations effective July 1, 2023 to include terms specifying that the Associations must notify the Board no fewer than six (6) months in advance of the proposed change if the Association desires to change their membership requirements in any manner that could impact the eligibility of any LAFPP retiree or survivor to enroll in any health and/or dental plan previously approved by the Board to be administered by the Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will require contracts with the Associations effective July 1, 2023, to include that at least once during the term of this contract, the Associations will allow an audit of the Associations' health and/or dental plans related to the LAFPP retiree healthcare program. The scope and objectives of the audit will be defined by LAFPP's Departmental Audit Manager and approved by the Board, subject to all applicable laws and auditing or similar professional standards,

which was seconded by Commissioner Parekh and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

2. PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC EQUITY STRUCTURE EDUCATION BY RVK AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Kristy Nguyen, Acting Chief Investment Officer, Investments Division and Mr. Ryan Sullivan, Senior Consultant of RVK presented this item to the Board. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23075

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board review the Public Equity Structure Education by RVK and direct Staff and RVK to bring to the Board analysis and recommendations for the public equity asset class at a future Board meeting,

which was seconded by Commissioner Ambriz and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

3. ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICIES REVIEW AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Annie Chao, Investment Officer II, and Ms. Kristy Nguyen, Acting Chief Investment Officer of Investments Division presented and discussed this item with the Board. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23076

Commissioner Zimmon moved that the Board:

1. Approve the proposed amendments to Section 1.0 – Investment Guidelines Policy;
2. Approve the proposed amendments to Section 2.0 – Private Equity Investments Policy;
3. Approve the proposed amendments to Section 3.0 – Real Estate Policy;
4. Approve the proposed amendments to Section 4.0 – Commodities Policy;
5. Approve the proposed amendments to Section 6.0 – Risk Management Policy;
6. Approve the proposed amendments to Section 7.0 – Proxy Voting Policy;
7. Approve the proposed amendments to Section 8.0 – Manager Selection and Retention Policy;
8. Approve all the remaining formatting, grammatical, ordering, and clarifying amendments to the overall Board Investment Policies;
9. Discuss any other desired amendments to the Board Investment Policies; and,
10. Authorize Staff to make technical corrections or clarifications to the Policies to effectuate the intent of the Board,

which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

4. THIRD-PARTY SOLICITATION POLICY

Mr. Kyle Susswain, Sr. Benefits Analyst II, Retirement Services Section presented and discussed this item with the Board. The report was received and filed.

5. REVIEW OF BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICY SECTION 18.0 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Esther Chang, Senior Management Analyst II, Administrative Services Section presented and discussed this item with the Board. Interim General Manager Salazar provided additional comments. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23077

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board:

- 1) Amend Board Governance Policies, Section 18.0 – *Compensation of City Attorney Legal Fees, Benefits, and Expenses*; and
- 2) Authorize staff to make technical corrections or clarifications to the Board Governance Policies, Section 18.0 to effectuate the intent of the Board,

which was seconded by Commissioner Churchill and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President – 7; nays, none.

6. FIRST QUARTER UPDATE OF THE 2022-23 BUSINESS PLAN AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. James Pineda, Management Aide, and Ms. Esther Chang, Senior Management Analyst II, Administrative Services Section presented and discussed this item with the Board. Interim General Manager Salazar provided additional comments. In addition, Ms. Kristy Nguyen, Acting Chief Investment Officer of Investments Division and Ms. Kristen Rosauer, Sr. Benefits Analyst II, Disability Pensions Section gave comments. The report was approved as submitted.

Resolution 23078

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board:

1. Authorize a revision to the Business Plan for Project No. 12 – Reinforcing Employee Connections and Organizational Culture in a Hybrid Workforce, by:
 - a. Moving section b) of the September 30, 2022 Milestone to December 31, 2022; and
2. Authorize a revision to the Business Plan for Project No. 14 – Institutional Limited Partners Association Diversity in Action Initiative, by:
 - a. Revising the Project History and Deliverables;
 - b. Removing the September 30, 2022, Milestone; and,
 - c. Updating the December 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023 Milestones to effectuate the revised Deliverables,

which was seconded by Commissioner Churchill and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

7. REVIEW OF CITY ATTORNEY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION POLICY SECTION 17.0 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. William S. Raggio, Executive Officer, Administrative Operations Division presented and discussed this item with the Board.

Resolution 23079

Commissioner Churchill moved that the Board:

1. Consider and approve the revised City Attorney Performance Evaluation Policy; and,
2. Direct staff that only seated Board members should complete the evaluation survey,
3. Instruct staff to provide the City Attorney Performance Evaluation as part of the Commissioner off-boarding process to obtain their input.

which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

E. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Monthly Report
2. Marketing Cessation Information
3. Benefits Actions approved by Interim General Manager on October 6, 2022

Pursuant to Resolution 04008, adopted by the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners on August 7, 2003, the following benefit actions have been approved by the General Manager.

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 1 – 1

Vance K. Singleton	Police Widow	Retired:	03-21-11	Died:	08-06-22
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DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 2 – 25

Gerald J. Coley	Fire Service	Retired:	07-02-80	Died:	08-14-22
Ernest A. Eiseley	Fire Service	Retired:	02-01-78	Died:	08-18-22
Ronald J. Landis	Fire Service	Retired:	06-13-93	Died:	08-24-22
Richard E. Olsen	Fire Service	Retired:	08-02-98	Died:	07-29-22
Gilbert L. Turner	Fire Service	Retired:	11-04-86	Died:	08-29-22
Kenneth W. Colby	Police Service	Retired:	02-19-89	Died:	09-03-22
Frank Decesare	Police Service	Retired:	08-30-98	Died:	08-13-22

W.M. W. Dewalsche	Police Service	Retired:	01-20-82	Died:	08-14-22
Gilberto Herrera	Police Service	Retired:	07-05-98	Died:	08-23-22
F. H. Mecklenburg	Police Service	Retired:	02-01-78	Died:	07-21-22
Wraydine S. Mercier	Police Service	Retired:	01-18-87	Died:	08-14-22
Fred W. Rembold	Police Service	Retired:	01-03-91	Died:	09-13-22
Brian W. Galbally	Police Disability	Retired:	11-18-81	Died:	09-01-22
Nanci J. Agee	Fire Widow	Retired:	01-12-16	Died:	08-10-22
Ethel I. Crumpacker	Fire Widow	Retired:	11-03-06	Died:	08-27-22
Mary J. Dalley	Fire Widow	Retired:	07-11-71	Died:	07-07-22
Betty J. Hall	Fire Widow	Retired:	01-19-11	Died:	08-10-22
Gayleene K. Bielman	Police Widow	Retired:	09-04-14	Died:	08-07-22
Joann Herendeen	Police Widow	Retired:	05-03-91	Died:	08-29-22
Kathleen L. Keranen	Police Widow	Retired:	04-26-18	Died:	09-03-22
Wraydine S. Mercier	Police Widow	Retired:	01-20-08	Died:	08-14-22
Marguerite B. Robinson	Police Widow	Retired:	07-30-19	Died:	08-07-22
Glenda J. Roddy	Police Widow	Retired:	10-21-92	Died:	08-07-22
Norna M. Sporrer	Police Widow	Retired:	07-31-20	Died:	07-02-22
Margo Tennesen	Police Widow	Retired:	04-01-96	Died:	08-19-22

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 3 – 2

Julie A. Hill	Police Disability	Retired:	11-22-02	Died:	06-03-22
Jerald R. Morin	Police Disability	Retired:	04-01-05	Died:	07-24-22

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS – TIER 5 – 3

Rocco R. Paccione	Fire Service	Retired:	05-19-02	Died:	08-21-22
Timothy S. Wilson	Fire Service	Retired:	10-01-06	Died:	09-04-22
Kathleen L. Keranen	Police Service	Retired:	05-01-02	Died:	09-03-22

DISCONTINUED PENSIONS FORMER SPOUSE – TIER 2 – 3

Jeanne H. Landis	Fire Service	Retired:	03-01-03	Member Died:	08-24-22
Judith A. Rogers	Fire Service	Retired:	04-01-94	Died:	01-12-22
Darla J. Hill	Police Service	Retired:	11-01-93	Died:	03-05-20

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 3 – 9

Police

Victor M. Arellano	Lieutenant II	Eff:	04-06-22	25 Years	205 Days
Blanca L. Avila	Police Officer II	Eff:	07-01-22	25 Years	14 Days
Charles G. Dickinson	Police Officer III	Eff:	03-01-22	26 Years	3 Days
Barbara X. Galicia	Police Officer III	Eff:	03-01-22	26 Years	89 Days
Thomas A. Garcia	Sergeant I	Eff:	07-05-22	25 Years	38 Days
Antonino Giambruno	Police Officer II	Eff:	04-01-22	25 Years	333 Days

Eric P. Obrecht	Detective I	Eff:	04-01-22	26 Years	1 Day
Marlon D. Mooror	Police Officer II	Eff:	03-10-22	26 Years	170 Days
Darren Rubiano	Police Officer II	Eff:	06-01-22	25 Years	0 Days

SERVICE PENSION/DROP – TIER 5 – 18

Fire

Anthony J. Guzman	Engineer	Eff:	08-01-22	32 Years	47 Days
Jack P. Holt	Engineer	Eff:	08-01-22	27 Years	179 Days
Theodore H. Mayeda	Engineer	Eff:	04-01-22	33 Years	172 Days
Jeffrey S. Nelson	Engineer	Eff:	07-01-22	29 Years	67 Days
Julian F. Salinas	Firefighter III	Eff:	08-01-22	27 Years	186 Days
George S. Suchand	Inspector I	Eff:	05-02-22	27 Years	20 Days

Police

Eliseo J. Brito	Police Officer II	Eff:	03-01-22	25 Years	120 Days
Vito G. Ceccia	Detective III	Eff:	05-02-22	26 Years	230 Days
Steven J. Conner	Sergeant I	Eff:	05-01-22	26 Years	28 Days
Mario A. Cubillos	Police Officer III	Eff:	07-01-22	25 Years	2 Days
Antonio Delatorre	Police Officer II	Eff:	07-01-22	25 Years	8 Days
Christopher C. Dutton	Sergeant II	Eff:	03-01-22	25 Years	9 Days
Cecilio J. Flores Jr.	Police Officer II	Eff:	08-01-22	25 Years	40 Days
Edward J. Kim	Police Officer II	Eff:	07-02-22	26 Years	293 Days
Norma R. Kirkpatrick	Sergeant I	Eff:	02-01-22	25 Years	120 Days
Adrienne N. Legaspi	Sergeant II	Eff:	06-07-22	26 Years	323 Days
Anthony P. Rheault	Detective III	Eff:	07-01-22	25 Years	9 Days
Christopher K. Rodriguez	Detective II	Eff:	04-01-22	25 Years	10 Days

ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE APPLICATION – TIER 3 – 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member's Rank</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>% Rate</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Monica L. Brian (Barbara A. Lyden)	Police Officer II	Service Pension	Continuance: 60% + 1 minor child	08-01-22

4. Other business relating to Department operations

Interim General Manager Salazar gave the following updates:

- The fund's assets are at \$27.3 billion this week, up from \$26.9 billion the last week.
- A lease with a prospective tenant for the vacant first-floor space is currently being negotiated.
- Staff is participating in the International Great Shake-Out Earthquake Drill today.
- Introduction of the new department staff from various sections.

Commissioner Ambriz requested an update on the department's current vacant positions.

Commissioner Zimmon requested an update on the department's fraud detection measures. Mr. William S. Raggio, Executive Officer, provided the latest update on this topic.

Commissioner Ambriz inquired about the delays in the disability hearings process. Interim General Manager Salazar and Ms. Kristen Rosauer provided her with the status.

Commissioner Buzzell requested an update on the use of the LAFPP Board room by the Los Angeles Fire Department Commission. Mr. Raggio provided the update.

F. CONSENT ITEMS

1. DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCING OPTION FOR BOARD MEETINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Resolution 23080

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, LAFPP is committed to preserving public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, all LAFPP Board meetings are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend and participate as the LAFPP Board conducts its business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, at Section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2021, the Board met via teleconference and/or in the Board room and determined by majority vote, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), that due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, meeting in person without continuing to provide a teleconference and/or videoconference option for Board members and the public, as permitted by the Brown Act, would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a public health concern in Los Angeles, with a High or Substantial rate of community transmission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), the Board finds that holding Board meetings in person without

continuing to provide a teleconference and/or videoconference option for Board members and the public, as permitted by the Brown Act, would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)(A) and (B)(i), the Board finds that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of all Board members to meet safely in person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board instruct staff to report back on November 3, 2022, and every thirty (30) days or fewer through December 2022, for the Board to reconsider the circumstances of the State of Emergency and determine, as required by Assembly Bill 361, whether that State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing,

which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Resolution 23081

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board adopt the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule,

which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

3. QUARTERLY TRAVEL REPORT FOR COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Received and filed.

4. QUARTERLY LEGISLATION TRACKING REPORT

Received and filed.

Commissioner Parekh moved that the Board approve the consent items, which was seconded by Commissioner Arellano and approved by the following vote: ayes, Commissioners Ambriz, Arellano, Churchill, Lawson, Parekh, Zimmon and President Buzzell – 7; nays, none.

G. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items referred for consideration.

H. CLOSED SESSION

1. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(A) AND (D)(1) TO CONFER WITH, AND/OR RECEIVE ADVICE FROM, LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION (ONE CASE): WILLIAMS v. LAFPP ET AL., CASE NO. 2:22-cv-05640-CJC-JC (C.D. Cal) AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

The Board met in closed session.

2. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1): BOARD REVIEW OF THE CITY ATTORNEY ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

The Board met in closed session.


3. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1) TO CONSIDER GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

The Board met in closed session.

Upon reconvening in open session, President Buzzell stated there was no public report.

President Buzzell called for public comment to which there was none.

Meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.



for President



Secretary