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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT
REGULAR MEETING
December 26, 2007
Wisteria Room at Casa Nueva
260 N. San Antonio Rd.
Santa Barbara, California**

ROLL CALL 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Bobolia, Gallas, Gray, James, Kendig, McCammon, Miller, Terris
Alternate Present: Bruns
Counsel: Blakeboro
Clerk: Bignell

PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrator introduced Barry Lew to the Board. Mr. Lew became SBCERS' Retirement Benefits Manager on December 10, 2007.

CONSENT

- C-1. Receive and file the Disability Applicant Status Report.
- C-2. Adopt the attached proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision granting Jack Carrillo continued entitlement to a service-connected disability retirement.
- C-3. Adopt the attached proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision granting Loree Hintermister a nonservice-connected disability retirement.
- C-4. Receive update on the court's decision in *Rheta Wellman v. SBCERS* concerning Rheta Wellman, Applicant for Service-Connected Disability Retirement.
- C-5. Adopt the attached proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision granting Renee Wright-Edman a nonservice-connected disability retirement.

- C-6. Adopt a resolution amending the 2007-08 position allocation effective December 11, 2007, as follows:
 - a. Add one position of Retirement Staff Counsel Senior;
 - b. Amend management classifications to reflect allocation by County into new Leadership classifications.
- C-7. Receive and file Trustee Kendig's report on Opal's 10th Annual Alternative Investing Summit, December 2-4, 2007.
- C-8. Authorize Trustee Terris to attend the Dimensional Fund Advisors 2008 Annual Investment Symposium on January 29-31, 2008, in Santa Monica, California.
- C-9. Receive and file legal opinion from Fiduciary Counsel regarding reciprocity with University of California Retirement Plan.
- C-10. Adopt Retirement Report.

| | <u>Name</u> | <u>Dept.</u> | <u>Service Credit</u> | <u>Sick Leave Credit</u> | <u>ARC</u> |
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| | Donald Faith | Child Support Svcs | 25.93966 | 0.02316 | |
| D R | Heidi Garcia | ADMHS | 5.51000 | 0.19709 | |
| | Gail Hermreck | Probation | 27.69804 | 1.00000 | |
| | Therese McKenna | Public Health | 17.50800 | 0.00978 | |
| D R | Rolayne Nelson | District Attorney | 3.08454 | 0.09114 | |
| R | Craig Thomas | Fire | 32.59540 | 0.39058 | |

D=Deferred
R=Reciprocal

MOTION: Approve the Consent Agenda.

Terris/Gallas Approved by unanimous voice vote of all present.

INVESTMENTS

- 4. Receive and approve recommendation to place State Street Global Advisors on watch.

MOTION: Approve recommendation to place State Street Global Advisors on watch.

Kendig/Terris Approved by unanimous voice vote of all present.

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- 5. Authorize Trustee Terris' travel expenses incurred as a result of carrying out responsibilities associated with being President of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS).

Administrator and Counsel Blakeboro introduced item. Trustee Terris presented item and addressed issues raised by the Board

Trustees Kendig and Bobolia made, seconded, and withdrew a motion to authorize Trustee Terris' travel expenses.

Item deferred until next meeting when Trustee Terris will provide a budget and clarify SACRS' position on payment of expenses.

NO ACTION TAKEN

DISABILITIES

CLOSED HEARING

- 2. Kimberly Herman, Applicant for Service-Connected Disability Retirement:
Dismiss the application for service-connected disability retirement of Kimberly Herman, without prejudice to her right to re-apply, for failure to cooperate with the Board's procedures .

Applicant's Counsel Russell Ghitterman presented item. Counsels Ghitterman, Blakeboro, and Disability Manager Paladino addressed issues raised by the Board.

MOTION: Dismiss the application for service-connected disability retirement of Kimberly Herman, without prejudice to her right to re-apply, for failure to submit Part D-Treating Physician Statement.

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| Terris/Gray | Approved. | Yes: | Bobolia, Gallas, Gray, James, Kendig, McCammon, Miller, Terris |
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- 3. Patricia Scharli, Service-Connected Disability Retirement Applicant:
Refer the matter to a hearing officer for an evidentiary hearing on all issues.

Applicant's Counsel Ghitterman presented item. Counsels Ghitterman and Blakeboro addressed issues raised by the Board.

MOTION: Refer the matter to a hearing officer for an evidentiary hearing on all issues.

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| Terris/McCammon | Approved. | Yes: | Bobolia, Gray, James, Kendig, McCammon, Miller, Terris |
| | | No: | Gallas |

- 1. Barbara Chabot, applicant for nonservice-connected disability retirement:
Grant the nonservice-connected disability retirement application of Barbara Chabot, subject to timely requested hearing.

Counsel Blakeboro presented item. Counsel Blakeboro and Disability Manager Paladino addressed issues raised by the Board.

Trustees Terris and Kendig made, seconded, and withdrew a motion to grant a non-service connected disability retirement.

MOTION: Refer the matter to a hearing officer.

Kendig/Terris Approved by voice vote of all present.

OPEN HEARING

BOARD

- 6. Set a special meeting in January 2008 to reconsider request from the Retired Employees of Santa Barbara County for increases in retiree health subsidies.

Administrator presented item and addressed issues raised by the Board.

MOTION: Defer item and place on the next agenda following receipt of additional actuarial data.

Terris/McCammon Approved by voice vote of all present.

- 7. Consider change in regular meeting date from the fourth to second Wednesday and adopt 2008 schedule of Board of Retirement meeting dates and locations.

Administrator presented item and addressed issues raised by the Board.

MOTION: Retain current Board of Retirement fourth Wednesday of the month regular meeting date.

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| James/Gray | Approved. | Yes: | Bobolia, Gallas, Gray, James, Kendig, McCammon, Miller |
| | | No: | Terris |

MOTION: Change the regular meeting dates November 26, 2008, to November 19, 2008; and December 24, 2008, to December 17, 2008.

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| James/Gallas | Approved. | Yes: | Bobolia, Gallas, Gray, James, Kendig, McCammon, Miller, Terris |
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- 8. Receive and file Administrator's Report:
 - a. Portfolio Status Report
 - b. Private Equity Status Report
 - c. Department Operations

Administrator presented item and addressed issues raised by the Board.

Chair directed staff include a column with figures from July to the Portfolio Status Report in order to make a fiscal year comparison.

Trustee Gray requested that staff include an item at the annual winter retreat to adopt a Portfolio Status Report format that would include balance and percentage change.

NO ACTION TAKEN

- 9. Present items to Administrator for future agenda consideration.

Trustee Gray inquired about Trustees' ability to ask questions of Board Counsel, and also inquired about the cost of Independent Medical Evaluation reports.

Trustee Terris suggested review of investment manager fees.

NO ACTION TAKEN

CLOSED SESSION
(10:39 p.m. – 10:52 p.m.)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, *Patricia Weiland v. SBCERS*
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

OPEN MEETING

Board Counsel Blakeboro announced that no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session; and that Supervisor Gray had not participated in the session.

The meeting adjourned at (10:54 p.m.)

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chair

Secretary