



San Bernardino County Employees'
Retirement Association

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026

9:00 AM

Board Room

Trustees Present:

MATTHEW ERICKSON, Committee Chair
LOUIS FIORINO, Committee Member
DAWN ROWE, Committee Member
DAWN STAFFORD, Committee Member

Others Present:

DEBBY CHERNEY, Chief Executive Officer
BARBARA HANNAH, Chief Counsel
AMY MCINERNY, Chief Financial Officer
SANDY MEIER, Survivor Benefits Manager
CHRISTA JAMES, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Committee Chair Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced protocol regarding Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was provided.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of Administrative Committee meeting conducted on December 18, 2025. [26-068](#)
A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Stafford, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: 3 - Erickson, Rowe and Stafford
Abstain: 1 - Fiorino
2. Recommend that the Board approve and adopt updates to Benefits Policy No. 009 (Retiree Payroll Deductions and the Assignment of [26-038](#)

Benefits).

McInerney, staff, reviewed.

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Stafford, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Erickson, Fiorino, Rowe and Stafford

3. Recommend that the Board approve and adopt updates to Education and Training Policy No. 003 (Trustee Travel and Expense Policy). [26-067](#)

Cherney, staff, reviewed.

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Stafford, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Erickson, Rowe and Stafford

Nays: 1 - Fiorino

4. Recommend that the Board approve and adopt updates to General Policy No. 013 (Legal Representation of Trustees and Employees of SBCERA). [26-033](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed.

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Stafford, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Erickson, Fiorino, Rowe and Stafford

5. Recommend that the Board rescind Administration Policy No. 004 (Reproduction Charges). [26-032](#)

Cherney and McInerney, staff, reviewed.

A motion was made by Stafford, seconded by Rowe, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Erickson, Fiorino, Rowe and Stafford

6. Recommend that the Board adopt and approve updates to the Procedures for Disability Retirement and Formal Hearings. [26-064](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed. The committee recommended further discussion with participating employers regarding Rule 6 and directed staff to bring this item back to a future Administrative Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Stafford, to Approve Rule 11A and recommended further discussion with participating employers regarding Rule 6. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Erickson, Rowe and Stafford

Nays: 1 - Fiorino

7. Recommend that the Board approve and adopt Benefits Policy No. 037 (Survivor Benefit - No Named or Deceased Beneficiary). [26-065](#)

Designation)

Hannah and Meier, staff, reviewed. The committee discussed and recommended a minor revision to the proposed policy in Section II - Operating Criteria, to provide clarity as to a benefit payout if there is an active trust for the member.

A motion was made by Stafford, seconded by Rowe, that this agenda item be Approved as amended to include a minor revision to the proposed policy in Section II – Operating Criteria, to provide clarity as to a benefit payout if there is an active trust for the member. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Erickson, Fiorino, Rowe and Stafford

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8. Review CERL system survey regarding the disability retirement processes. [26-034](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed.

- 9. Review of the Supplemental Disability Retirement Allowance Process. [26-066](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed.

- 10. Discussion regarding outside counsel law firms currently retained by SBCERA. [26-001](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No suggestions for future agenda items were provided.

ADJOURN

Committee Chair Erickson adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW ERICKSON, Committee Chair

DEBBY CHERNEY, Board Secretary

DATED: _____