



San Bernardino County Employees'
Retirement Association

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2025

9:00 AM

Board Room

Trustees Present:

JEAN-RENE BASLE, Appointed Member (Vice-Chair)
MATTHEW ERICKSON, General Member
LOUIS FIORINO, General Member
ENSEN MASON, Treasurer
DAWN ROWE, Appointed Member
DAWN STAFFORD, Retired Member
HARRY HATCH, Appointed Member

Others Present:

DEBBY CHERNEY, Chief Executive Officer
BARBARA HANNAH, Chief Counsel
CHRISTINA CINTRON, Chief of Member Services
AMY MCINERNY, Chief Financial Officer
DON PIERCE, Chief Investment Officer
AMIT THANKI, Senior Investment Officer
CHRISTA JAMES, Clerk of the Board
PETER ALDERMAN, GoldenTree
SAM AUSTIN, NEPC
RYAN RUSSELL, State Street
ELLYN CHARTERS, State Street
KIM COOK, State Street
WILL DUPREE, NEPC
MURIEL HAMPTON, Member
NATALIE LANDIS, GoldenTree
JANE OATMAN, Esq.
ROBBY PALACIOS, Member
JEFFREY WAINSTEIN, M.D.

Absent:

MARC BRACCO, Safety Member (Chair)
JOHN JOHNSON, Alternate Ex-Officio Member
JARED NEWCOMER, Alternate Safety Member

NEAL WANER, Appointed Member
VACANT, Alternate Retired Member

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was provided.

RECOGNITIONS

1. View recent feature of our We Are SBCERA video series. [25-412](#)
A recent feature in our "We Are SBCERA" video series was displayed for public viewing.

CONSENT

Item No. 2 was pulled from the Consent Calendar to be heard in Open Session.

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Erickson, to Approve the Consent Calendar as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Mason, Rowe, Stafford, and Hatch

2. Approve minutes of regular meeting conducted on September 4, 2025. [25-408](#)
A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Basle, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: 5 - Basle, Erickson, Rowe, Stafford, and Hatch
Nays: 2 - Fiorino, and Mason
3. Approve minutes of Special Board of Retirement Meeting conducted on September 11, 2025. [25-406](#)
4. Approve minutes of Special Board of Retirement Meeting conducted on September 12, 2025. [25-407](#)
5. Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement with Supplemental Retirement Allowance of Amanda Dunn - San Bernardino County - Probation. [25-394](#)
6. Dismiss with prejudice the appeal of the Disability Retirement Application of Christopher A. Hayes - San Bernardino County - County Fire, due to Applicant's noncooperation to complete the Formal Hearing record pursuant to SBCERA Procedures for Disability Retirement Applications and Formal Hearing, Rule 33(c) - Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution. [24-115.1](#)
7. Approve the Nonservice-Connected Disability Retirement with Supplemental Retirement Allowance of Michelle D. Lourenco - San Bernardino County - Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. [25-399](#)
8. Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement with Supplemental Retirement Allowance of James Miller - San Bernardino County - Real Estate Services. [25-156.2](#)

9. Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement application of Nicholas Sewell - San Bernardino County - Sheriff. [25-387](#)
10. Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement application of Raman P. Singh - San Bernardino County - Sheriff. [25-368](#)
11. Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement application of Jonathan Woods - San Bernardino County - Sheriff. [25-383](#)
12. Approve and adopt updates to Administration Policy No. 002 (Subrogation Actions). [25-386.1](#)
13. Approve and adopt updates to Administration Policy No. 007 (Presentment of Claims). [25-385.1](#)
14. Approve and adopt updates to Benefits Policy No. 021 (Distribution Restrictions). [25-382.1](#)
15. Adopt SBCERA Resolution No. 2025-5 - Employer Pay Codes of Employee Compensation. [25-381](#)
16. Adopt SBCERA Resolution No. 2025-6 declaring uncontested candidate, Dawn Stafford, as the winner of the 2025 Board of Retirement Election for the Retired Member, 8th seat. [25-379](#)
17. Ratify travel expenses for Trustees & CEO for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 - as of June 30, 2025. [25-322](#)

ACTION ITEMS

18. Action on Deferred Items from Consent, if any. [25-411](#)

Item No. 2 was pulled from the Consent Calendar and heard in Open Session. Please see entry above.
19. Approve an updated Fee Schedule and Service Level Document for custody services and reporting with State Street Bank & Trust Company, subject to documentation approved by Chief Counsel. [25-369.1](#)

Cherney, Pierce, McInerney & Law, staff, reviewed. Will DuPree with NEPC, and Ryan Russell, Ellyn Charters & Kim Cook with State Street presented.

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

Ayes: 6 - Basle, Erickson, Mason, Rowe, Stafford, and Hatch

Nays: 1 - Fiorino
20. Appointment of a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2025 SACRS Fall Business Meeting on Friday, November 14, 2025. [25-414](#)

Cherney, staff, reviewed.

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Erickson, to appoint Trustee Johnson as the Voting Delegate and Debby Cherney as the Alternate Voting

Delegate at the 2025 SACRS Fall Business meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Mason, Rowe, Stafford, and Hatch

INFORMATION ITEMS

21. Report on the Budget vs Actual Review - For the Fourth Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 (as of June 30, 2025). [25-321](#)

McInerney, staff, reported.

RECEIVE AND FILE

22. Report on the Administrative Committee meeting conducted on September 18, 2025. [25-398](#)

Received and filed.

23. Service Retirements Approved by the Chief Executive Officer. [25-397](#)

Received and filed.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

24. Chief Executive Officer. [25-410](#)

Cherney, staff, reported.

25. Chief Counsel. [25-403](#)

Hannah, staff, reported.

26. Chief Investment Officer. [25-402](#)

Pierce, staff. reported.

TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE REPORTS

27. Report by the Trustees concerning conferences and other meetings attended (as specified by Education & Training Policy No. 003 - "Trustee Travel and Expense Policy"). [25-413](#)

Trustee Fiorino reported on his attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

28. Review and determine the Service-Connected Disability Retirement with Supplemental Retirement Allowance of Muriel Hampton - San Bernardino County - ARMC. [25-401](#)

A motion was made by Hatch, seconded by Stafford, to Approve staff

recommendations 1, 2, 4 and amended staff recommendation 3 finding that Muriel Hampton is permanently incapacitated for the performance of duties and a service-connected disability retirement should be granted. Muriel Hampton is not capable of gainful employment; therefore, grant the supplemental disability retirement allowance. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Hatch, Stafford, Basle

Nays: 4 - Erickson, Forino, Mason, Rowe

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Erickson, to Approve the staff recommendation finding that Muriel Hampton is permanently incapacitated for the performance of duties and a service-connected disability retirement should be granted. Muriel Hampton is capable of gainful employment; therefore, deny the supplemental disability retirement allowance. Staff shall initiate disability benefit payments with an effective date of October 12, 2019, the day after the last day of regular compensation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Mason, Rowe, and Hatch

Nays: 1 - Stafford

- 29. Review and determine the Service-Connected Disability Retirement application of Robby L. Palacios – San Bernardino County – Sheriff. [25-367](#)

A motion was made by Hatch, seconded by Mason, to Approve the staff recommendation finding that Robby L. Palacios is permanently incapacitated for the performance of duties and a service-connected disability retirement should be granted. Staff shall initiate disability benefit payments with an effective date of January 11, 2025, date of application. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Basle, Erickson, Mason, Rowe, Stafford, and Hatch

Nays: 1 - Fiorino

Other Closed Session Matters:

- 30. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [25-404](#)
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One (1) case.

Direction was provided to staff.

OPEN SESSION

- 31. Report by Counsel on actions taken in Closed Session. [25-409](#)

Counsel reported on items taken in Closed Session and stated that direction was provided to staff on Item No. 30.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No suggestions for future agenda items. The Board congratulated Trustee Stafford on her re-election to the Board of Retirement.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Basle adjourned the meeting at 11:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN-RENE BASLE, Vice Chair

DEBBY CHERNEY, Board Secretary

DATED: _____