



San Bernardino County Employees'  
Retirement Association

## BOARD OF RETIREMENT

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### Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, March 5, 2026

9:00 AM

Board Room

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#### Trustees Present:

JEAN-RENE BASLE, Appointed Member (Chair)  
NEAL WANER, Appointed Member (Vice-Chair)  
MARC BRACCO, Safety Member  
MATTHEW ERICKSON, General Member  
LOUIS FIORINO, General Member  
JOHN JOHNSON, Appointed Member  
ENSEN MASON, Treasurer  
DAWN ROWE, Appointed Member  
DAWN STAFFORD, Retired Member  
PARTH BHATT, Alternate Ex-Officio Member  
GARY MCBRIDE, Alternate Retired Member  
JARED NEWCOMER, Alternate Safety Member

#### Others Present:

DEBBY CHERNEY, Chief Executive Officer  
BARBARA HANNAH, Chief Counsel  
JAKE ABBOTT, Senior Investment Officer  
STACEY BARNIER, Chief Human Resources Officer  
CHRISTINA CINTRON, Chief of Member Services  
TOM KIM, Senior Investment Officer  
AMY MCINERNY, Chief Financial Officer  
SANDY MEIER, Survivor Benefits Manager  
DON PIERCE, Chief Investment Officer  
AMIT THANKI, Senior Investment Officer  
CHRISTA JAMES, Clerk of the Board  
PHILLIP AGCOILI, Member  
KHALID ALSUWADI, Member  
JARROD BURNS, Member  
ALLISON CALLAGHAN, Esq.  
CLARICE CHOY, Member  
LISA CLEARY, Member  
TIFFANY CUDOG, Member

ASHLEY DUNNING, Esq.  
 RAMONA FOX, Member  
 JACOB FOYIL, Employer Representative  
 COLLEN GOGGIN, Member  
 LISA GUERRA, Employer Representative  
 CHRISTOPHER LOCKWOOD, Esq.  
 SHARON OCHOA, Member  
 RON SANCHEZ, Member  
 MARTIN SANTOYA, Member  
 SIMON UMSCHIED, Employer Representative  
 LORI VARGAS, Member  
 DAVID VASQUEZ, Esq.  
 ANGELA WALKER, Member  
 ALEX WESTERFIELD, Esq.

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM. Chair Basle led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced protocol regarding Public Comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No general public comment was provided. Members provided comment on Item No. 13 at the time the item was heard. Please see entry below.

The Board recognized Ms. Shella Greer, Accountant at SBCERA, as she prepares to retire after more than 30 years of dedicated service to SBCERA and its members. Amy McInerney, on behalf of staff, presented Ms. Greer with an official resolution in honor of her years of commitment and contributions to SBCERA.

**CONSENT**

Item No's. 4, 5 and 6 were pulled from the Consent Calendar to be heard in Open Session.

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Johnson, Mason, Rowe, Stafford, and Waner

- 1. Approve minutes of regular meeting conducted on February 5, 2026. [26-083](#)
- 2. Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement with Supplemental Retirement Allowance of Jason Salcido - San Bernardino County - Public Works. [26-069](#)
- 3. Approve the Service-Connected Disability Retirement application of Jesse Valadez - San Bernardino County - District Attorney. [26-070](#)
- 4. Approve the request to extend the employment of Jarrod Burns from March 7, 2026 through April 7, 2027, in accordance with SBCERA Benefits Policy No. 032, Retirees Returning to Work. [26-080](#)

Cintron, staff, reviewed. Jacob Foyil, employer representative, provided comment.

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Johnson, Rowe, and Waner

**Nays:** 3 - Fiorino, Mason, and Stafford

- 5. Approve the request to extend the employment of Colleen Goggin from March 7, 2026 through September 3, 2027, in accordance with SBCERA Benefits Policy No. 032, Retirees Returning to Work. The request meets the policy criteria for extensions beyond the 18-month employment limit, based on the employer’s demonstration of Extreme Necessity and a defined, time-limited scope of work. [26-062](#)

Cintron, staff, reviewed. Simon Umscheid, employer representative, provided comment.

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Johnson, Rowe, and Waner

**Nays:** 3 - Fiorino, Mason, and Stafford

- 6. Approve the request to extend the employment of Angela Walker from March 7, 2026 through April 7, 2027, in accordance with SBCERA Benefits Policy No. 032, Retirees Returning to Work. [26-079](#)

Cintron, staff, reviewed. Lisa Guerra, employer representative, provided comment.

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Johnson, Rowe, and Waner

**Nays:** 3 - Fiorino, Mason, and Stafford

- 7. Approve the 2026 performance evaluation process and timing for the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Counsel. [26-087](#)
- 8. Approve and adopt updates to General Policy No. 013 (Legal Representation of Trustees and Employees of SBCERA). [26-033.1](#)
- 9. Rescind Administration Policy No. 004 (Reproduction Charges). [26-032.1](#)
- 10. Approve and adopt updates to Benefits Policy No. 009 (Retiree Payroll Deductions and the Assignment of Benefits). [26-038.1](#)
- 11. Approve and adopt updates to Education and Training Policy No. 003 (Trustee Travel and Expense Policy). [26-067.1](#)

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 12. Action on Deferred Items from Consent, if any. [26-082](#)

Item No's. 4, 5 and 6 were pulled from the Consent Calendar and heard in Open Session. Please see entries above.

- 13. Approve and adopt the proposed findings and the recommendations of the hearing officer: Alameda Appeal for Clinical Laboratory Scientists (fka Professional Laboratory Technicians). [26-101](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed. Ashley Dunning and Alex Westerfield with Nossaman provided comment. David Vaquez, Esq. provided comment. The following members provided comment as well: Sharon Ochoa, Phillip Agcoili, Ramona Fox, Tiffany Cudog, Lisa Cleary, Lori Vargas, Clarice Choy, Martin Santoyo, and Ron Sanchez.

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Basle, Erickson, Johnson, Mason, Stafford, and Waner

**Nays:** 3 - Bracco, Fiorino, and Rowe

- 14. Approve and adopt [Proposed] SBCERA Resolution No. 2026-3 regarding the implementation of exclusion of Night Standby (D06). [24-492.1](#)

Hannah & Cherney, staff, reviewed.

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Johnson, Mason, Rowe, Stafford, and Waner

**Nays:** 1 - Fiorino

Trustee Mason left the meeting at 11:08 AM.

- 15. Approve and adopt Benefits Policy No. 037 (Survivor Benefit - No Named or Deceased Beneficiary Designation). [26-065.1](#)

Hannah and Meier, staff, reviewed.

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

**Ayes:** 9 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Johnson, Rowe, Stafford, Waner, and Bhatt

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 16. Review of the CERL system survey regarding disability retirement processes. [26-034.1](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed.

- 17. Review of the Supplemental Disability Retirement Allowance Process. [26-066.1](#)

Hannah, staff, reviewed.

18. Review Summary & Cost Implications of California Assembly Bill 1383 (pending legislation). [26-107](#)

Cherney, Hannah and McInerney, staff, reviewed.

**RECEIVE AND FILE**

19. Report on the Investment Committee meeting conducted on February 12, 2026. [26-074](#)

Received and filed.

20. Report on the Administrative Committee meeting conducted on February 19, 2026. [26-072](#)

Received and filed.

21. Service Retirements Approved by the Chief Executive Officer. [26-104](#)

Received and filed.

22. Report on outside counsel law firms currently retained by SBCERA. [26-001.1](#)

Received and filed.

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

23. Chief Executive Officer. [26-081](#)

Cherney, staff, reported.

24. Chief Counsel. [26-088](#)

Hannah, staff, reported.

25. Chief Investment Officer. [26-075](#)

Pierce, staff, reported.

**TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

26. Report by the Trustees concerning conferences and other meetings attended (as specified by Education & Training Policy No. 003 - "Trustee Travel and Expense Policy"). [26-084](#)

No reports by Trustees.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- 27. Approve and adopt the proposed findings and recommendations of the referee regarding the application for Service-Connected Disability Retirement of Khalid Alsuwadi - San Bernardino County - Sheriff. [26-097](#)

A motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Erickson, to Approve and adopt the Hearing Officer’s Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommended Decision to reject Khalid Alsuwadi’s disability retirement application, as Applicant is not eligible to apply for a disability retirement, based on the facts that there is no substantial evidence of a mature claim for a disability retirement prior to his voluntary resignation in lieu of termination, effective January 13, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 9 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Johnson, Rowe, Stafford, Waner, and Bhatt

- 28. Approve and adopt the proposed findings and recommendations of the referee regarding the Disability Retirement Application of Muriel Hampton - San Bernardino County - ARMC. [25-401.1](#)

A motion was made by Waner, seconded by Bracco, to Approve and adopt the Hearing Officer’s findings and recommendations to deny Muriel Hampton’s request for a Supplemental Disability Retirement Allowance benefit. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 9 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Johnson, Rowe, Stafford, Waner, and Bhatt

- 29. Refer the matter back with instructions to the hearing officer for further proceedings regarding the application for Service-Connected Disability Retirement of Robert R. Yglesias - San Bernardino County - Sheriff. [26-106](#)

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Rowe, to Approve staff recommendation to Refer the matter back with instructions to the hearing officer for further proceedings regarding the application for Service-Connected Disability Retirement of Robert R. Yglesias. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 9 - Bracco, Basle, Erickson, Fiorino, Johnson, Rowe, Stafford, Waner, and Bhatt

Other Closed Session Matters:

- 30. Purchase or sale of particular, specific pension fund investments pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.81. [26-042.1](#)

No reportable action was taken.

**OPEN SESSION**

- 31. Report by Counsel on actions taken in Closed Session. [26-085](#)

Counsel reported on action taken in Closed Session and stated that no reportable action was taken on Item No. 30.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustee Fiorino suggested engaging a firm or firms to do more extensive background checks

on European Emerging Market managers, to ensure that those managers are not misaligned with SBCERA's priorities and beliefs.

Chair Basle suggested an agenda item for the Board to discuss the participation of the Ex Officio delegate/alternate in Board meetings, and requested that staff provide information about how other California plans handle this.

**ADJOURN**

Board Chair Basle adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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JEAN-RENE BASLE, Board Chair

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DEBBY CHERNEY, Board Secretary

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_