



# BOARD OF RETIREMENT

## Staff Report

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**FROM:** Don Pierce, Chief Investment Officer

**SUBJECT:** Informational: Partners Group Manager Update.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Partners Group Manager Update.

**BACKGROUND:**

Partners Group currently manages a Global, diversified MCA for SBCERA. The account holds funds and direct investments in private equity, real estate, and infrastructure. The NAV as of December 31, 2020 was about \$515,000,000 with \$135,000,000 of unfunded commitments to identified investments.

Established in 1996, Partners Group has grown from a European focused private equity manager into a global private market platform managing \$109 billion. The SBCERA MCA reflects the firm's global capabilities with about 42% in North America, 40% in Europe, and 18% in the rest of the world. Staff works actively with Partners Group to review recommendations for the MCA.

SBCERA first invested with Partners Group in 2003. SBCERA established an MCA account with Partners Group in 2013. Over the course of the relationship, the investments have returned about 9.3% gross through December 2020. Over the course of the MCA, SBCERA's commitments have generated a 19.2% gross return.

In 2020, Partners Group was proactive in working with its portfolio companies to bolster liquidity and resiliency for the new environment. The MCA generated a 13.6% net return for SBCERA in 2020 and a 27.4% net return for the fiscal year-to-date as of December 31, 2020.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

This item was reviewed by the Investment Committee at its March 9, 2021 meeting.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

None.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:**

Prudent Fiscal Management

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A: Partners Group Presentation