

**MercedCERA ADMINISTRATIVE RETIREMENT BOARD Minutes**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 – 8:15 A.M.**

**MERCED COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1-310-372-7549, CONFERENCE CODE: 975839**

ALTERNATE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER (FOR USE ONLY IF PRIMARY NUMBER  
MALFUNCTIONS): 669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 930 3019 5748, Passcode: 095484

**CALL TO ORDER** - 8:15 A.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:** Scott Johnston, Al Peterson, Janey Cabral, Karen Adams, Aaron Rosenberg, Scott Silveira, David Ness, Michael Harris and Wendy Alvares. **Absent:** Ryan Paskin. **Counsel:** Jeff Grant. **Staff:** Kristen Santos, Martha Sanchez, Alexis Curry, Michelle Lee, Mark Harman, Sheri Villagrana and Brenda Mojica.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 27, 2021

The MercedCERA Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to approve the May 27, 2021 minutes.

Peterson/Cabral U/A (8-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff, county employees and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Board will meet on in closed session are identified below. Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1.

**(1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of Case: CCC Deputy Sheriffs Assoc. v. CCCERA, et al, Case No. MSN12-1870 (AFSCME v. MercedCERA)

**(2) DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS: PERSONNEL EXCEPTION**

(Govt. Code § § 54957, 31532; Cal Const. art. I, § 1)

1. Informal Hearing
  - a. Elias, Robert
  - b. Parras, Stacy
2. Formal Hearing
  - a. None
3. Disability update and possible action:
  - a. Aceves, Martin
  - b. Arroyo, Elizabeth
  - c. Banda, Gregory
  - d. Brooks, Roland

- e. Castillo, Araceli
- f. Cureton, Michael
- g. Daniel, Autumn
- h. Herrera, Yvonne
- i. Jenkins, Robert L.
- j. Kayser, Esther
- k. Kirn, Mary Kay
- l. Leyro, Domingo
- m. Moua, Keo
- n. Weatherly, Lana

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Report on any action taken in closed session.

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**No action taken. Counsel given direction.**

**2. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS: PERSONNEL**  
**EXCEPTION - Informal Hearing**

- a) Elias, Robert  
**The MercedCERA Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant a non-service connected disability and deny a service-connected disability for Robert Elias.**  
**Silveira/Cabral U/A (8-0)**
  
- b) Parras, Stacy  
**The MercedCERA Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to grant a non-service connected disability and deny a service-connected disability for Stacy Parras.**  
**Silveira/Peterson U/A (8-0)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent matters are expected to be routine and may be acted upon, without discussion, as one unit. If an item is taken off the Consent Calendar for discussion, it will be heard as the last item(s) of the Board Action/Discussion as appropriate.

**RETIREMENTS:** Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31663.25 or § 31672

All items of earnable compensation for service or disability retirements listed below are in compliance with the pay code schedule approved by the Board of Retirement. The retirement is authorized; however, administrative adjustments may be necessary to alter the amount due to: audit, late arrival of data, court order, etc.

|                      |         |              |                 |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| a. Vang, Sue         | H.S.A.  | 30 Yrs. Svc. | Eff: 05/22/2021 |
| b. Powell, Donald    | Sheriff | 5 Yrs. Svc.  | Eff: 05/31/2021 |
| c. Gaillard, Juanita | R & R   | 11 Yrs. Svc. | Eff: 06/01/2021 |
| d. Lopez, Debbie     | H.S.A.  | 18 Yrs. Svc. | Eff: 06/01/2021 |
| e. Lewis, Kevin      | H.S.A.  | 33 Yrs. Svc. | Eff: 06/05/2021 |
| f. Lopez, Susan      | H.S.A.  | 20 Yrs. Svc. | Eff: 05/29/2021 |
| g. Dinuzzo, Robert   | DPW     | 20 Yrs. Svc. | Eff: 05/22/2021 |



YTD fiscal year 2020/2021 retirees: 83  
YTD fiscal year 2019/2020 retirees: 104  
YTD fiscal year 2018/2019 retirees: 103

**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:** Submitted

**The MercedCERA Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar.  
Cabral/Rosenberg U/A (8-0)**

**BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION**

1. Discussion on Trustee Fiduciary Roles and Responsibilities – Ashley Dunning, Nossaman LLC.

**No action taken.**

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the MercedCERA annual budget for FYE 2022 – Staff.

**The MercedCERA Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt the proposed administrative budget and projection for FY 2021/2022.**

**Silveira /Peterson U/A (8-0)**

3. Discussion on proposed investment officer classification – Staff.

**No action taken.**

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt pay code CAP as non-pensionable for the Superior Courts of Merced County – Staff.

**The MercedCERA Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adopt pay code CAP as non-pensionable for the Superior Courts of Merced County.**

**Adams/Peterson U/A (8-0)**

5. Review calendar of any training sessions and authorize expenditures for Trustees and Plan Administrator. Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31522.8 and MercedCERA's Trustees Education and Training Policy requirements. Examples of upcoming training and educational sessions:

- SACRS/UC Berkeley Public Pension Investment Management Program, July 13-22, 2021 (virtual conference).
- SACRS Fall Conference, November 9-12, 2021 (in person/virtual conference TBD).

**No action taken.**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

- **Trustee Silveira:** Thanked everyone for the great discussions and wanted to thank Mark, Martha and Kristie for the presentations. He also requested to take into consideration going back to in person meetings.
- **Trustee Harris:** Looks forward to meeting in person.
- **Plan Administrator:** Informed the Board that rooms have been secured with the county to host in person meetings with whoever wants to meet in person. Attending remotely will continue as an option. Trustees can choose how they want to attend starting with the next meeting on June 24, 2021.

**MercedCERA UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**


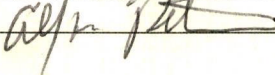
Please note: The MercedCERA Board Meeting and/or Education Day times and dates may be changed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act by the MercedCERA Board as required.

- June 24, 2021
- July 8, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:34 A.M.**

Accepted By,

| Trustee Name/Position     | Signature  | Date     |
|---------------------------|--|----------|
| Scott Johnston/Vice Chair |  | 6/24/21  |
| Al Peterson/Secretary     |  | 06/24/21 |