



Merced County Employees' Retirement Association

**MINUTES
RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, November 13, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

Location: Merced County Employees' Retirement Association
690 W 19th Street, Merced, CA
2nd Floor, Board Room

Zoom Conference Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93030195748?pwd=NGhFeGltSVhaSTIsK2JGWE83TVFydz09>

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Telephone Number: 1-310-372-7549, Conference Code: 975839

1. Call to Order- 8:30 A.M.

The Retirement Board may discuss and take action on the following:

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Ryan Paskin, Scott Johnston, Scott Silveira, Karen Adams, Bayani Manilay, Moses Nelson, Michael Harris and Corrina Brown. **Absent:** Alfonse Peterson, Janey Cabral and Aaron Rosenberg. **Counsel:** Tom Ebersole. **Staff:** Martha Sanchez Barboa, Monica Gallegos, Alex Lovato, Brenda Mojica, Sheri Villagrana, Patrick Armendarez and Khue Xiong.

3. Teleconference Request

Trustee Teleconference Request (Govt. Code §54953(f)(2)(A)(i)).

None

4. Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2025, and November 3, 2025.

Board voted unanimously to approve October 23, 2025, and November 3, 2025, meeting minutes.

1st – Silveira/2nd – Adams, October 23, 2025, passes 7/0. November 3, 2025, passes 6/0, Trustee Johnston abstained

5. Public Comment

Members of the public may comment on any item under the Board's jurisdiction including items on the Board's agenda. Matters presented under this item will not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Persons addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes in total. Please state your name for the record.

None

6. 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 Open Session as appropriate:

a. Retirements: Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31663.25 or § 31672.

Name	Years of Service	Department	Effective Date
Brennan-Lopez, Theresa	1	HSA	8/01/2025
Diaz-Torres, Blanca	27	Registrar of Voters	11/04/2025
Gonzalez, Joseph	24	BHRS	11/01/2025
Lewallen, Kimberly	30	Assessor	11/01/2025
Tatum, Lynne	10	HSA	11/01/2025



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- b. Monthly and Q1 Expenditure Reports submitted.

Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1st – Johnston/2nd – Manilay, passes 7/0

7. 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:

- a. Disability Retirement Applications: Personnel exceptions (Govt. Code § 54957, 31532; Cal Const. art I § 1).
 - 1. Initial Disability Application Recommendation – Raul T. Garcia
 - 2. Initial Disability Application Recommendation – Timothy A. Lemmons
 - 3. Consideration of Hearing Officer Recommendation – Dolores Mejia

8. Report Out of Closed Session – 9:33 A.M.

- a. Disability Retirement Applications: Personnel exceptions (Govt. Code § 54957, 31532; Cal Const. art I § 1).
 - 1. Initial Disability Application Recommendation – Raul T. Garcia
Board voted to approve a non-service-connected disability and deny a service-connected disability to Raul T. Garcia.
1st– Adams/ 2nd– Manilay, passes 6/0, Trustee Nelson abstained
 - 2. Initial Disability Application Recommendation – Timothy A. Lemmons
Board voted unanimously to approve a service-connected disability and deny a non-service-connected disability to Timothy A. Lemmons
1st– Paskin/2nd– Johnston, passes 7/0
 - 3. Consideration of Hearing Officer Recommendation – Dolores Mejia
Board voted unanimously to adopt the Hearing Officer's recommendation to deny a service-connected disability to Dolores Mejia.
1st– Silveira/2nd– Paskin, passes 7/0

9. Open Session

- a. Discussion of Meketa's quarterly update on the MercedCERA portfolio and discussion on capital markets and investment performance – Meketa.
No action taken.
- b. Discussion and possible action to adopt proposed Bylaws – Staff.
Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Bylaws as presented by the Bylaws ad hoc subcommittee.
1st – Johnston/2nd – Manilay, passes 7/0
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the pensionable pay codes 464 - Stacking Diff, 465 - Dive Team Diff, 466 - School Res Office Diff, and 467 - Safe Spec Assign Diff for Merced County – Staff.
Board voted to approve the pensionable pay codes of 464, 465, 466 and 467 as presented.
1st – Silveira/2nd – Adams, passes 6/0, Trustee Nelson abstained





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10. Information Sharing & Agenda Item Requests

- Trustee Paskin announced he will not be applying for a new term on the MercedCERA Board. His term ends December 31, 2025. He shared of his positive experience being on the Board, but has a need to focus in other activities. Several trustees, including Trustees Silveira, Adams, Nelson, Brown, shared their appreciation for the dedicated service he provided MercedCERA and the Merced County community.
- Trustee Silveira wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Trustee Adams reminded everyone the property tax deadline is approaching.

11. Adjournment at 10:11 A.M.

Trustee Name/Position	Signature	Date
Corrina Brown/Chair		12.11.25
Al Peterson/Secretary		12/11/25