

**MERCED COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF RETIREMENT POLICY
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR PLAN ADMINISTRATOR TO
EXECUTE INVESTMENT DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED**

Purpose and Scope

The Merced County Employees' Retirement Association (MCERA) exists for the purposes of providing accurate, timely benefits to its members and their beneficiaries.

The Board of Retirement (the Board), having exclusive authority and exclusive fiduciary responsibility for the investment and administration of the fund, hereby establishes the following "Delegation of Authority for Plan Administrator to Execute Investment Documentation as Required" (the Policy) for the investment and administration of MCERA assets. The Board reserves the right to amend, supplement, or rescind this Policy at any time.

Authority of the Board of Retirement

Article XVI, §17 of the Constitution of the State of California vests the Board with "plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility for the investment of moneys and the administration of the system". Government Code §31596.1 authorizes the Board to retain investment managers "in connection with the administration of the Board's investment program".

Policy Statements

- The Board's Investment Consultant(s) shall bring investment opportunities to the Board for its determination.
- After the Board has made a determination to invest MCERA funds with an investment manager(s) and or fund(s), or to increase, decrease or otherwise change the amount of such investments, there is certain documentation that must be executed on behalf of the Board in order to effectuate the Board's decision and respond to the demands of the day to day operations of the investment.
- Once the Board has determined that the investment is in the best interest of the Fund, the Plan Administrator has the delegated authority by the Board to execute all and any documentation with the investment manager on behalf of the Board with legal review.
- The Board also authorizes the Plan Administrator to consult with legal counsel and consultant(s) to implement the best terms for MCERA which may include but is not limited to; fees and fee structures, side letter terms, Limited Partner Agreements, Subscription documents and amendments to such documents, liquidation terms and individually managed account terms and conditions.
- After consulting with legal counsel, the Chair and/or the Vice Chair of the Board, and after attempting to negotiate terms with a fund or manager, the Plan Administrator shall have the authority to rescind a decision to invest if, in the Plan Administrator's discretion, it is in the best interest of the MCERA.

- The delegation of authority set forth above, is extended to execution, negotiation and renegotiation of custodial bank contracts and existing manager or consultant contracts in order to implement the best terms for MCERA. The Plan Administrator does not have the authority to terminate, extend the term, or increase the amount of an existing contract without Board action.
- The Board authorizes the Plan Administrator to consult with MCERA consultant(s) to fund capital calls and commitments from existing custodial accounts and rebalance of the portfolio, if applicable.
- Any significant actions of the Plan Administrator authorized by this Policy shall be reported to the Board at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting.

This Policy is adopted by the Merced County Employees' Retirement Association Board of Retirement on July 26, 2018.



Darlene Ingersoll, Chair



Alfonse Peterson, Secretary



Kristen Santos, Plan Administrator