

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

CALENDAR

## Wednesday, October 14, 2020

1:00 p.m.

<u>Please take notice that the Retirement Board will begin its meeting with a closed session item. The</u> <u>Board will take public comment before going into closed session, limited to the topic of the closed</u> <u>session item. The Board will return to open session and begin the public portion of the meeting with</u> <u>General Public Comment, not earlier than 2:00 PM.</u>

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### **RETIREMENT BOARD MEMBERS**

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Jay Huish, Executive Director

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#### **OPENING CALENDAR**

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Communications
- 3. 101420-03 Action Item CLOSED SESSION

Public comment on Closed Session items.

Public comment.

(a) Possible Recommendation and/or Action on Sale and Purchase of Particular, Specific Pension Fund Investment under California Government Code Section 54956.81 (3 investments).

(b) To consider the employment of Executive Director.

The Committee may discuss this item in Closed Session under California Government Code Section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

Enter closed session.

Return to open session.

**Action:** Vote whether to disclose discussions held in closed session under San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

#### 4. 101420-04

General Public Comment – Not earlier than 2:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES: During general public comment, members of the public shall have an opportunity to directly address the Retirement Board on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Retirement Board and not on the agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on each item on the agenda when public comment is called for that item. Members of the public wishing to comment on a matter not on the agenda today may address the Retirement Board now. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless the Chair specifies a different time.

### 5. 101420-05 Action Item Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2020 Meeting

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Draft Minutes of the September 9, 2020 Retirement Board Meeting.

Action: Approve Minutes of the September 9, 2020 Retirement Board Meeting.

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## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Retirement Board and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Retirement Board. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Retirement Board so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

6.	101420-06	Action Item	Consent Calendar
	101420-06b	Action Item	Voluntary Retirement Board List No. 04-20
	101420-06c	Action Item	Decisions of Hearing Officers
	Angelo J. Spagnoli Effective Date: 6/14/18	Q52 Sergeant III Police	Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted
	101420-06d	Action Item	Travel Requests
	101420-06e	Discussion Item	Retirement Board Member Reports and Comments

Action: This is a discussion only item.

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Voluntary Retirement Board List, Decisions.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar.

# **INVESTMENT CALENDAR**

# 7. 101420-07 Discussion Item Annual ESG Update

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memoranda

Action: This is a discussion only item.

8. 101420-08 Action Item Targeted Divestment of Tobacco Companies: Level III of SFERS ESG Investment Policy

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

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Action: Move that the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System maintain the current policy with respect to divestment from U.S. Tobacco companies and approve the list of restricted companies as outlined in Appendix B of Staff's memorandum.

9. 101420-09 Action Item Targeted Divestment in Sudan: Level III of SFERS ESG Investment Policy

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

**Action:** Move that the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System maintain its policy with respect to divestment from certain companies operating in Sudan and approve the list of restricted companies as outlined in Appendix C of Staff's memorandum.

# 10. 101420-10 Action Item Targeted/Investment of Firearms and Ammunition Manufacturing Companies and Retailers: Level III of SFERS Social Investment Procedures

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

Action: Move that the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System maintain its policy with respect to divestment from firearms and ammunition manufacturing companies and retailers and adopt the List of Restricted Firearms and Ammunition Manufacturers and Retailers presented in Attachment B.

 11.
 101420-11
 Action Item
 Targeted Divestment of Thermal Coal Companies: Level III

 of SFERS ESG Investment Policy

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

Action: Move that the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System maintain its policy with respect to divestment from thermal coal companies and approve the list of restricted companies as outlined in Appendix B of Staff's memorandum.

# 12. 101420-12 Action Item Update on Strategies to Address Climate Risk in the SFERS Portfolio – Climate Action Plan

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

Action: Approve Updates to List of Restricted Oil & Gas Companies.

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#### 13. 101420-13 Discussion Item Risk Review for SFERS Total Plan

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memoranda

Action: This is a discussion only item.

#### 14. 101420-14 Discussion Item Chief Investment Officer Report

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: CIO Report

Action: This is a discussion only item.

#### **DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN CALENDAR**

#### 15. 101420-15 Discussion Item Deferred Compensation Committee Report

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Deferred Compensation Committee Report for March 4, 2020, August 31, 2020 and September 28, 2020.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

#### 16. 101420-16 Discussion Item Deferred Compensation Manager Report

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, August 2020 Monthly Activity Report, National Retirement Security Month Communications.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

# 17. 101420-17 Action Item Approval to Issue Request for Proposals for SFDCP Investment Consulting Services

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

Action: Approve the Issuance of the Request for Proposals for SFDCP Investment Consulting Services

### **ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR**

# 18. 101420-18 Discussion Item Presentation of SFERS Audited Financial Statement and Required Communications for Years Ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

Action: This is a discussion only item.

# 19. 101420-19 Action Item Approve request to adjust Industrial Disability Retirement allowance from 50% to 90% until QSR – James W. Perry, III

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Confidential City Attorney Memorandum dated September 16, 2020.

Action: Approve request to adjust James W. Perry, III's Industrial Disability Retirement allowance from 50% to 90% until he qualifies for service retirement ("QSR"), subject to the Retirement System's credit rights.

### 20. 101420-20 Discussion Item Executive Director's Report

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Executive Director's Report

Administrative Update:

- > New Operational Risk and Quality Assurance Director Derwin Brown
- Pension & Investments article: Appeals courts to revisit 'California rule' cases
- Update on Service Levels during Shelter in Place Order

Attachments for Informational Purposes:

- Pension & Investments article: Appeals courts to revisit 'California rule' cases
- Retirement Board Forward Calendar for October 2020 to October 2021
- Request for Proposal in Progress Blackout Period
- Public Retirement Conferences and Training Programs for SFERS Trustees Nossaman LLP

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Action: This is a discussion only item.

### 21. 101420-21 Discussion Item Retirement Board Member Good of the Order

Retirement Board members may request that any matter be calendared at a future meeting. All such requests shall be calendared in a reasonable time. (Board Operations Policy ¶24.) The Board will not discuss any items requested to be calendared until a subsequent meeting when the matter is included on the agenda with the required public notice.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

22. 101420-22

Adjournment