

# City and County of San Francisco Employees' Retirement System

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

### Wednesday, November 10, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Please take notice that the Retirement Board will begin its meeting with a closed session item. The Board will take public comment before going into closed session, limited to the topic of the closed session item. The Board will return to open session and begin the public portion of the meeting with General Public Comment, not earlier than 2:30 PM.

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# **RETIREMENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Al Casciato, President Ahsha Safaí, Vice President Leona Bridges Joseph Driscoll Shruti Gandhi Scott Heldfond Brian Stansbury

Jay Huish, Executive Director

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# **Retirement Board Meeting**

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#### OPENING CALENDAR

1.	Roll Call	Commissioner Leona Bridges	1:00 PM
		Commissioner Al Casciato	1:00 PM
		Commissioner Joseph Driscoll	1:00 PM
		Commissioner Shruti Gandhi	1:05 PM
		Commissioner Scott Heldfond	1:00 PM
		Commissioner Ahsha Safaí	1:30 PM
		Commissioner Brian Stansbury	Absent

#### 2. Communications

Announcement regarding instructions to follow for the teleconference Retirement Board Meeting.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

3. 111021-03 Action Item Review and Approval of November 2021 Board Resolution to Continue to Meet Remotely for at least 30 days pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e)

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Retirement Board Resolution 2021.11.10.

Jay Huish, Executive Director, provided a written and oral report on this item.

Mr. Huish asked that the Retirement Board adopt the recommended findings at this meeting, and direct the Board Secretary to put a similar item on the Board agenda every 30 days thereafter as long as the Board continues to meet remotely. Adopting the recommended findings is required to allow the Retirement Board to continue to meet by teleconference and conduct its business consistent with state and local law.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to adopt the November 2021 Resolution recommending the Retirement Board continue to meet remotely for at least the next 30 days; adopt findings under new State urgency legislation codified as Government Code Section 54953(e) (AB 361), including that (1) the State and the City remain in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, (2) State and City officials continue to recommend measures to promote physical

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and other social distancing in some settings, and (3) conducting meetings in person would present imminent risks to the safety of attendees and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

#### 4. 111021-04 Action Item CLOSED SESSION

President Casciato announced that the Retirement Board would be going into Closed Session.

President Casciato called for public comment on the Closed Session items.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

The Board entered closed session at 1:09 pm

President Casciato called Closed Session 4(b)

(b) Performance Evaluation for Actuarial Services Coordinator – July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

The following individuals were present for the closed session re Performance Evaluation for Actuarial Services Coordinator – July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) via teleconference: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí; Ashley Dunning, Nossaman, Board Governance Consultant; and Janet Brazelton, Actuarial Services Coordinator.

President Casciato called Closed Session 4(a)

(a) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING, pursuant to California Government Code section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.10(b)

Title/position to be filled: Executive Director

The following individuals were present for the closed session re PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING, pursuant to California Government Code section 54957(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.10(b) via teleconference: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí; and Gary Hudepohl, Hudepohl & Associates, Board's Executive Search Consultant.

President Casciato called Closed Session 4(c)

(c) Possible Recommendation and/or Action on Sale and Purchase of Particular, Specific Pension Fund Investment under California Government Code Section 54956.81 (4 investments).

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The following individuals were present for the closed session re Possible Recommendation and/or Action on Sale and Purchase of Particular, Specific Pension Fund Investment under California Government Code Section 54956.81 via teleconference: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí; Jay Huish, Executive Director; Darlene Armanino, Board Secretary, Caryn Bortnick, Deputy Executive Director; Kurt Braitberg, Interim Chief Investment Officer; Tanya Kemp, Managing Director, Private Markets; Anna Langs, Managing Director of Asset Allocation, Risk Management, and Innovative Solutions; Han Pham, Director, Public Equity; Ed Comerford, Director, Buyouts; David Francl, Absolute Return Managing Director; Chris Chow, Director, Real Assets; Andrew Collins, Director, ESG; Eunice McHugh, Alo Martins, Senior Portfolio Managers; Adrienne von Schulthess, Chris Terrazzano, Kien Trinh, Brady Jewett, Jiada Tu, Dennis Esselsagoe, Cynthia Wong, Patrick Li, Investment Analysts; Ba Do, Investment Operations Manager; Robert Bryan, Molly Nordale, Tran Ly, Christopher Dykzeul, Deputy City Attorneys; Allan Martin, NEPC; Anita Ng, Kelly Jensen, Charles Koegler, Marc Cardillo, Anelise Hohl, Cambridge Associates.

The Board ended Closed Session at 2:46 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:56 PM

President Casciato called for public comment.

Richard Halstead called on behalf of his wife who is recently retired and his son who is developmentally disabled. Mr. Halstead asked the Board to consider changing its policy regarding payments to a special needs trust rather than directly to a child and asked this to be placed on agenda for a future meeting.

There were no other callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** Moved by Commissioner Heldfond, seconded by Commissioner Safaí, not to disclose any discussions held in Closed Sessions 4(a), 4(b) and 4 (c) under San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí

Absent: Commissioner Stansbury

### PRESIDENT CASCIATO CALLED ITEM NO. 10.

10. 111021-10 Action Item Update on Strategies to Address Climate Risk in the SFERS Portfolio – Oil and Gas Sector

**Action:** Moved by Commissioner Safaí, seconded by Commissioner Gandhi, to continue this item for one month.

President Casciato called for public comment.

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There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí

Absent: Commissioner Stansbury

#### 5. 111021-05

#### General Public Comment - Not earlier than 2:30 pm

President Casciato called for General Public Comment.

Email received from John Stenson for General Public Comment:

WHEN OUR PENSION FUND IS MORE THAN 300 MILLION OVERFUNDED YOU SHOULD USE THIS MONEY TO PURCHASE A SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE BUILDING. BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T YOU WILL LOSE IT IN THE UPCOMMING MARKET CRASH.

A SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE BUILING WILL BE A MUCH BETTER INVESTMENT THAN HEDGE FUNDS AND IF YOU WANT TO ATTRACT TOP INVESTMENT TALENT THEY WILL WANT TO WORK OUT OF A OFFICE AND NOT A CUBICLE.

TRUMP WILL NEED A LOT OF CASH NEXT YEAR.YOU COULD BUY HIS 33% INTEREST IN THE BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING ON CLIFORNIA STREET.

WITH BEST REGARDS FROM JOHN STENSON A 46 YEAR MEMBER OF SFERS.

There were no callers and General Public Comment was closed.

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

# 6. 111021-06 Discussion Item San Francisco Deferred Compensation Plan Quarterly Report – Q3 '21

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, SFDCP Quarterly Memorandum – Q3 '21, Q3 '21 Fund Performance, 2021 SFDCP NRSM Campaign and Results, Quarterly Plan Review as of September 30, 2021.

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, Greg Ungerman, Callan, Brian Merrick, Voya, presented a written and oral report on this item.

- Investments SFDCP Target Date Funds to continue using custom/bespoke approach
   Stable Value Credit Rate increased to 1.71% for Q4 2021
- Marketing/Communications Successful end to 2021 National Retirement Security Month; Save More and Restart Direct Mailing Campaign – Final 90 Day Results

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- Operations SFDCP Staff returns to the office; In-Person Appointments now available
- Recordkeeper New "Retire Better Resources" feature on the SFDCP participant website;
   Voya Client Summit provided industry updates and connections to other plan sponsors

The Board reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

# 7. 111021-07 Action Item Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Retirement Board Meeting

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Draft Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Retirement Board Meeting.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to approve Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Retirement Board Meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

# **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.

8.	111021-08	Action Item	Consent Calendar
	111021-08b	Action Item	Voluntary Retirement Board List No. 05-21
	111021-08c	Action Item	Decisions of Hearing Officers

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Chow, Ngee K

4261 Real Property Appraiser

Ordinary Disability Retirement/Stip

Effective Date: 05/01/2021

Office of the Assessor-Recorder

Granted

Osuna, Mark B

Q082 Captain III

Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip

Effective Date: 06/30/2018

Police

Granted

Santos Jr, Edward

Q062 Lieutenant III

Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip

Effective Date: 06/30/2018

Police

Denied

111021-08d

**Action Item** 

**Conference Requests** 

111021-08e

**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.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to approve Consent Calendar.

Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

#### **INVESTMENT CALENDAR**

9. 111021-09 **Discussion Item**  Annual Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) Platform

**Update** 

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Staff Presentation - 2021 SFERS ESG Platform Update, Staff Report - Climate Action Plan - Net Zero by 2050, Staff Memorandum - Update on Strategies to Address Climate Risk in the SFERS Portfolio -Utilities Sector.

Kurt Braitberg, Interim Chief Investment Officer, and Andrew Collins Director of ESG Investing, provided an oral and report on this item.

Staff presented an annual update on the ESG Platform, including an update on all three pillars of the SFERS ESG Platform, which covers: Active Ownership, ESG in Investment Management, and Communication & Collaboration for a Sustainable Economy.

The 2021 ESG Platform update included information on SFERS' progress to address climate risk, including through the 2021 Climate Action Plan and the Utilities Sector Framework.

The Board reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

President Casciato called for public comment.

David Page proposed more outreach to retirees and active employees about their concerns on these issues and more education on what is considered socially responsible and what is considered unethical.

There were no further callers and public comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

#### PRESIDENT CASCIATO CALLED ITEM NOS. 11-14 TOGETHER

11.	111021-11	Action Item	Targeted Divestment of Tobacco Companies
12.	111021-12	Action Item	Targeted Divestment in Sudan
13.	111021-13	Action Item	Targeted/Investment of Firearms and Ammunition Manufacturing Companies and Retailers
14.	111021-14	Action Item	Divestiture of Thermal Coal Companies

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

President Casciato accepted Staff Memoranda for Items 11-14 as submitted.

**Action:** Moved by Commissioner Heldfond, seconded by Commissioner Gandhi, to approve Item Nos. 11-14 as follows:

Item 11. 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.

Item 12. 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.

Item 13. 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 of Staff's memorandum.

Item 14. Move that the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System adopt the Thermal Coal Companies restricted list presented in Appendix B of Staff's Memorandum which reflects the additions of companies as described in Staff's memorandum.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

# 15. 111021-15 Discussion Item Chief Investment Officer Report

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

Kurt Braitberg, Interim Chief Investment Officer, presented an oral and report on this item.

SFERS has generated an estimated return of 20.40% for the calendar year through October 31st. Results to-date have been led by Private Equity which has returned 50.86%. Real Assets, Public Equity, and Private Credit have posted double digit returns of 16.17%, 14.05%, and 13.13%, respectively. Absolute Return is up an estimated 3.72% while Fixed Income is down -0.31%. For reference, a 60/40 portfolio and a 60/30/10 portfolio are estimated to have returned 7.09% and 10.78%, respectively.

SFERS estimated assets at the end of October are \$36.6 Billion.

Board approved investments:

#### Project Metal Co-Invest Fund, LP

At its meeting on September 8, 2021, the Retirement Board approved in closed session an investment of up to \$20 million in Project Metal Co-Invest Fund, LP. The investment was approved by the following vote:

Ayes:

Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Stansbury

Absent:

Commissioner Safaí

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SFERS' investment of \$20 million in Project Metal Co-Invest Fund, LP closed on October 14, 2021. The investment is classified as a co-investment within SFERS' Private Equity portfolio and is SFERS' third co-investment with Thoma Bravo.

More information about Thoma Brayo is available at thomabrayo.com.

#### Clearlake Capital Partners VII, L.P.

At its meeting on September 8, 2021, the Retirement Board approved in closed session an investment of up to \$50 million in Clearlake Capital Partners VII, L.P. The investment was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Stansbury

Absent: Commissioner Safaí

SFERS' investment of \$50 million in Clearlake Capital Partners VII, L.P. closed on October 15, 2021.

This investment is classified as Large Buyout within SFERS' private equity portfolio and is SFERS' fourth investment with Clearlake Capital Group

More information about Clearlake Capital Group is available on https://clearlake.com

#### Arrowstreet Emerging Market Alpha Extension Trust Fund

At its meeting on September 8, 2021, the Retirement Board approved in closed session an investment of up to \$300 million in Arrowstreet Emerging Market Alpha Extension Trust Fund. The investment was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

SFERS' investment of up to \$50 million in Arrowstreet Emerging Market Alpha Extension Trust Fund closed on October 27, 2021. SFERS plans to tranche into the investment.

This investment is classified as an emerging markets investment within SFERS' public equity portfolio and is SFERS' third existing investment with Arrowstreet Capital, LP.

More information about Arrowstreet Capital, LP is available on <a href="https://www.arrowstreetcapital.com/">https://www.arrowstreetcapital.com/</a>

### Balderton Capital VIID, S.L.P.

At its meeting on October 13, 2021, the Retirement Board approved in closed session an investment of up to \$25 million to Balderton Capital VIID, S.L.P. The investment was approved by the following votes:

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Ayes:

Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent:

Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

SFERS' total investment of \$25 million closed on October 29, 2021.

This fund is classified as a Venture Capital investment within SFERS' Private Equity portfolio.

More information about Balderton is available on <a href="https://www.balderton.com/">https://www.balderton.com/</a>.

## Eclipse Early Growth Fund I, L.P.

At its meeting on October 13, 2021, the Retirement Board approved in closed session an investment of up to \$25 million to Eclipse Early Growth Fund I, L.P. The investment was approved by the following votes:

Ayes:

Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

SFERS' total investment of \$15 million closed on October 29, 2021.

This fund is classified as a Venture Capital investment within SFERS' Private Equity portfolio.

More information about Eclipse Ventures is available on https://eclipse.vc/.

#### **HPS Strategic Investment Partners V, L.P.**

At its meeting on October 13, 2021, the Retirement Board approved in closed session an investment of up to \$75 million in HPS Strategic Investment Partners V, L.P. The investment was approved by the following vote:

Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

SFERS' investment of \$75 million in HPS Strategic Investment Partners V, L.P. closed on November 5, 2021. The investment is classified as a Mezzanine investment within SFERS' Private Credit portfolio and is SFERS' third investment with HPS Strategic Investment Partners.

More information about HPS is available at https://www.hpspartners.com/.

Interim CIO Braitberg reported that the next Investment Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 17th (1:00 p.m.). He indicated that the focus of the meeting will be on the investment implications of recent regulatory changes in China. Staff will be joined by Melissa Ma, Co-founder and Managing Partner of Asia Alternatives, and Gabriel Santos, Global Market Strategist with J.P. Morgan Asset Management's Global Market Insights Strategy Team.

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President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

# **ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR**

# 16. 111021-16 Action Item 2021 Review and Selection of Economic Assumptions

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Cheiron's presentation of Economic Assumptions and Funding Methods, dated October 13, 2021, Cheiron's presentation of Economic Assumptions and Funding Methods, dated August 11, 2021.

Janet Brazelton, Actuarial Services Coordinator, Bill Hallmark, Cheiron, presented an oral and written report on this item.

Ms. Brazelton reported that the Retirement Board reviews the long-term economic assumptions annually in accordance with its Monitoring and Reporting Policy. The assumptions below were adopted by the Board for the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuations:

Assumption	July 1, 2020
Discount Rate	7.40%
Price Inflation	2.50%
Wage Inflation	3.25%

Cheiron presented a comprehensive review of the price inflation, wage inflation, and discount rate assumptions at the Board's August 11, 2021 meeting. Cheiron proposed no changes to the price and wage inflation assumptions for the July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation. Cheiron presented three options for the discount rate: 7.2%, 7.0%, and 6.8%. All the presented options included reductions in some existing amortization periods in light of the plan's fully funded position.

Ms. Brazelton reported that, at the August Board meeting, the Board requested Cheiron to present negative investment return scenarios for the proposed options. These scenarios were presented at the October Board meeting.

Cheiron requested that the Board adopt the economic assumptions for the July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation, and select the corresponding proposed changes in amortization periods.

	Wage Inflation	3.25%		
•	Price Inflation	2.50%		
•	Discount Rate	7 00%	7.2%	6.8%

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Reduce remaining amortization periods for existing assumptions changes and actuarial gains and losses to 5 years
While 100% funded, the net surplus will be freshly amortized each year over a 20-year period
Phase-in amortization of change in discount rate over 5 years

The Board reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** Moved by Commissioner Heldfond, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to adopt the following Economic Assumptions for the July 1, 2021 Actuarial Valuation: Price Inflation – 2.50%; Wage Inflation – 3.25%; and Discount Rate – 7.20%; and approve corresponding recommended changes in actuarial funding methods, namely, reduce remaining amortization periods for existing assumptions changes and actuarial gains and losses to 5 years and, while 100% funded, the net surplus will be freshly amortized each year over a 20-year period, per Cheiron's proposal.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí

Absent: Commissioner Stansbury

# 17. 111021-17 Action Item Approve request to adjust Industrial Disability Retirement allowance to 84% until QSR – Jon C. McMahon

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Confidential City Attorney Memorandum dated October 15, 2021.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Heldfond, seconded by Commissioner Driscoll, to approve request to adjust Jon C. McMahon's Industrial Disability Retirement allowance to 84% until he qualifies for service retirement ("QSR"), subject to the Retirement System's credit rights.

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Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí

Absent: Commissioner Stansbury

# 18. 111021-18 Action Item Approve request to adjust Industrial Disability Retirement allowance to 60% until QSR – Reginald Prasad

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Confidential City Attorney Memorandum dated October 15, 2021.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** Moved by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to approve request to adjust Reginald Prasad's Industrial Disability Retirement allowance to 60% until he qualifies for service retirement ("QSR"), subject to the Retirement System's credit rights.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Casciato, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Safaí

Absent: Commissioner Stansbury

# 19. 111021-19 Discussion Item Personnel Committee Report of October 15, 2021

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

Jay Huish, Executive Director, submitted item as written.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

# 20. 111021-20 Discussion Item Conference Expense Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2021

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Conference Training Expense Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2021.

Jay Huish, Executive Director, presented an oral and written report on this item. Mr. Huish announced that the Staff and Board Member travel ban has been lifted and the possibility of increased travel related expenses for meetings and conferences.

President Casciato called for public comment.

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There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

# 21. 111021-21 Discussion Item Executive Director's Report

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

Executive Director Huish updated the Board on SFERS' return-to-office plans.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

#### 22. 111021-22 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.

President Casciato called for public comment.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

#### 23. 111021-23

## **Adjournment**

Having no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Huish, Executive Director