



City and County of San Francisco Employees' Retirement System

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Friday, April 14, 2023

1145 Market Street, 6th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94103

1:00 PM

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Deliver an exceptional voluntary retirement program, with empowering education and advanced tools that enable participants to achieve their financial retirement goals.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ahsha Safaí, Chair

Leona Bridges

Joseph Driscoll

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO

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Documents provided to the Governance Committee prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum and the following Terms of Reference (TOR) and policies:

- Retirement Board TOR
- President TOR & Vice President TOR
- Executive Director TOR
- Actuarial Services Coordinator TOR
- Governance Committee TOR
- Investment Committee TOR
- Operations Oversight TOR
- DC Committee TOR
- Personnel Committee TOR
- Code of Fiduciary Conduct, Ethics and Governance
- Board Performance Evaluation
- Board Operations
- Executive Director Performance Evaluation

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO, reported that these policies were thoroughly reviewed by herself, Caryn Bortnick, the City Attorney and Governance Consultant, Nossaman.

The Committee engaged in a question and answer session.

Commissioner Driscoll called for Public Comment.

No public present, Public Comment was closed.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Driscoll, to review and recommend to the Board for approval revisions to Board Terms of Reference and Policies: Minor Edits.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll

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| 6. 041423-06 | Action Item | Review and Recommend to Board Revision of Board Policies: More Substantive Edits |
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