



San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System

SPECIAL RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 18, 2025

1145 Market Street, 6th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94103

1:00 PM

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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RETIREMENT BOARD MEMBERS

Leona Bridges

Joseph Driscoll

Shruti Gandhi

Scott Heldfond, President

Tim O'Connor

A.J. Thomas, Vice President

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO

Special Retirement Board Meeting

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1. Roll Call	Commissioner Leona Bridges	Absent
	Commissioner Joseph Driscoll	1:00 PM
	Commissioner Shruti Gandhi	1:00 PM
	Commissioner Scott Heldfond	1:00 PM
	Commissioner Tim O'Connor	Absent
	Commissioner A.J. Thomas	1:00 PM

There were no comments from the public and General Public Comment was closed.

Absent: Commissioners Bridges, O'Connor

Action: Moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Gandhi, to move into closed session and to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session for pending litigation

with legal counsel.

Ayes: Commissioners Driscoll, Ghandi, Heldfond, Thomas

Absent: Commissioners Bridges, O'Connor

The Board entered Closed Session- Action Item- Pending Litigation at 1:08 PM

The following individuals were present for closed session: Commissioner Driscoll, Ghandi, Heldfond, Thomas; Alison Romano, CEO & CIO; Caryn Bortnick, Chief Operating Officer; Of Groom Law Group, Samuel Levin, Kelly Geloneck, David Levine; Darlene Armanino, Board Secretary.

The Board ended Closed Session at 2:13 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:14 PM

Public Comment was called.

There were no comments from the public and Public Comment was closed.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Driscoll not to disclose discussion held in closed session under San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).

Ayes: Commissioners Driscoll, Ghandi, Heldfond, Thomas

Absent: Commissioners Bridges, O'Connor

Caryn Bortnick, Chief Operating Officer, stated that in Closed Session, the Board took the following action: They voted for the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System to sign on as an *Amici Curiae* Brief being filed by the Groom Law Group in the case of *Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association vs. County of Los Angeles and Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles*.
Vote was 4-0 in favor.

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Adjournment

Having no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:18 PM