



San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

1145 Market Street, 6th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94103

11:00 AM

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Leona Bridges

Joseph Driscoll

Shruti Gandhi

Scott Heldfond, President

Tim O'Connor

A.J. Thomas, Vice President

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO

Retirement Board Meeting

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OPENING CALENDAR

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| 1. Roll Call | Commissioner Leona Bridges | 11:12 AM |
| | Commissioner Joseph Driscoll | 11:12 AM |
| | Commissioner Shruti Gandhi | Absent |
| | Commissioner Scott Heldfond | 11:12 AM |
| | Commissioner Tim O'Connor | 11:12 AM |
| | Commissioner A.J. Thomas | 11:12 AM |

2. 051425-02 General Public Comment

General Public Comment was called.

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

3. 051425-03 General Public Comment

General Public Comment was called.

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

Action: This is a discussion only item.

4. 051425-04 Action Item Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Retirement Board Meeting and April 18, 2025 Special Retirement Board Meeting

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Draft Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Retirement Board Meeting and April 18, 2025 Special Retirement Board Meeting.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: Moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Retirement Board Meeting and April 18, 2025 Special Retirement Board Meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Heldfond, O'Connor, Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Gandhi

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 requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

| 5. 051425-05 | Action Item | Consent Calendar |
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| 051425-05a | Action Item | Voluntary Retirement Board List No. 11-24 |
| 051425-05b | Action Item | Decisions of Hearing Officers |
| Applicant - A Effective Date: 06/29/2024 | 1823 Senior Administrative Analyst MTA | Ordinary Disability Retirement/Stip Denied |
| Applicant - B Effective Date: PERS | 8308 Sheriff's Sergeant Sheriff | CalPERS Disability Retirement Certified |
| Applicant - C Effective Date: 02/28/2022 | H002 Firefighter Fire | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Denied |
| Applicant - D Effective Date: PERS | 8306 Senior Deputy Sheriff Sheriff | CalPERS Disability Retirement Certified |
| Applicant - E Effective Date: 05/01/2023 | H002 Firefighter Fire | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |
| Applicant - F Effective Date: 06/10/2023 | Q002 Police Officer Police | Industrial Disability Retirement Granted |
| Applicant - G Effective Date: 02/08/2022 | Q062 Lieutenant 3 Police | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |
| Applicant - H Effective Date: PERS | 8304 Deputy Sheriff Sheriff | CalPERS Disability Retirement Certified |
| Applicant - I Effective Date: 09/30/2023 | H020 Lieutenant, Fire Suppression Fire | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |

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| Applicant - J Effective Date: PERS | 8304 Deputy Sheriff Sheriff | CalPERS Disability Retirement Certified |
| Applicant - K Effective Date: PERS | 8304 Deputy Sheriff Sheriff | CalPERS Disability Retirement Not Incapacitated |
| Applicant - L Effective Date: 08/01/2023 | H020 Lieutenant, Fire Suppression Fire | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |
| Applicant - M Effective Date: 07/01/2022 | Q004 Police Officer 3 Police | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted in part/Denied in part |
| Applicant - N Effective Date: 02/22/2023 | Q004 Police Officer 3 Police | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |
| Applicant - O Effective Date: 09/18/2018 | H002 Firefighter Fire | Industrial Disability Retirement Denied (SR 09/18/18) |
| Applicant - P Effective Date: 10/01/2021 | 8214 Parking Control Officer MTA | Ordinary Disability Retirement/Vest Granted |
| Applicant - Q Effective Date: 06/30/2023 | Q004 Police Officer 3 Police | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |
| Applicant - R Effective Date: 11/01/2022 | H002 Firefighter Fire | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |
| Applicant - S Effective Date: PERS | 8304 Deputy Sheriff Sheriff | CalPERS Disability Retirement Certified |
| Applicant - T Effective Date: 05/01/2024 | H020 Lieutenant, Fire Suppression Fire | Industrial Disability Retirement/Stip Granted |

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Action Item

Conference Request

Request approval for Commissioner Leona Bridges who attended the Milken Global Conference, May 4-7, 2025, Beverly Hills, CA.

Request approval for Commissioner Leona Bridges to attend the NASP 36th Annual Financial Services, June 2-4, 2025, Columbus, OH.

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Discussion Item

**Retirement Board Member Reports
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Report by Commissioner Shruti Gandhi who attended the Equity Summit, March 18-20, 2025, Indian Wells, CA.

Report by Commissioner Leona Bridges who attended the NASP Day of Education, March 18-20, 2025, Marina Del Rey, CA.

Report by Commissioner Driscoll who attended the SDP Annual Conference, March 23-28, 2025, Vancouver, BC.

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Voluntary Retirement Board List, Decisions, Conference Requests, Conference Attendance Reports.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: Moved by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Heldfond, O'Connor, Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Gandhi

ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

6. 051425-06 Action Item Election of Retirement Board President

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

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: Moved by Commissioner Heldfond, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to nominate Commissioner A.J. Thomas as Retirement Board President.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Heldfond, O'Connor, Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Gandhi

7. 051425-07 Action Item Election of Retirement Board Vice President

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

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: Moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, to nominate Commissioner Leona Bridges as Retirement Board Vice President.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Heldfond, O'Connor, Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Gandhi

8. 051425-08 Discussion Item Chief Executive Officer's Report

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Member Services Dashboard, Travel, Education and Due Diligence Quarterly Report, Retirement Board Forward Calendar for June 2025 to February 2026, Public Retirement Conferences and Training Programs for SFERS Trustees – Nossaman LLP.

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO, provided updates on several key initiatives and behind-the-scenes efforts that are not typically covered in the CEO report:

- SFERS is currently in the midst of its budget cycle, with significant work underway behind the scenes, including post-audit activities.
- Staff are actively responding to inquiries related to Proposition E, collaborating with City Boards and Commissions to assess effectiveness and gather feedback.
- Both SFERS and the San Francisco Deferred Compensation Plan (SFDCP) offices are now open to members five days a week.
- In alignment with the Mayor's directive, SFERS will transition to a four-day in-office workweek beginning mid-August.
- SFERS is coordinating with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), which is undergoing a technology transition, to ensure payroll and other pension-related systems remain aligned and integrated.

Caryn Bortnick, Chief Operating Officer, shared that SFERS is expanding its member education efforts, including an increased number of online webinars. In addition, enhancements to the member portal are underway to provide more 24/7 online services and improve the overall digital experience for members.

The Board engaged in a question and answer session.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: This is a discussion only item.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN CALENDAR

9. 051425-09 Action Item SFDCP Investment Policy Statement

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, SFDCP Investment Policy Statement – redline.

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, reported that it is recommended to review the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) periodically to ensure that it captures the most recent investments and any policy changes. Staff and Callan proposed the removal of the SFDCP Real Estate Fund, and the addition of the new SFDCP Diversified Real Asset Fund (effective 2/28/25). Amendment dates for the Terms of Reference are also being captured.

The proposed IPS revisions were presented to the Deferred Compensation Committee on March 5, 2025, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve forwarding the SFDCP Investment Policy Statement to the Retirement Board with a recommendation for approval.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: Moved by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve proposed revisions to the SFDCP Investment Policy Statement.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Heldfond, O'Connor, Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Gandhi

10. 051425-10 Discussion Item San Francisco Deferred Compensation Plan Quarterly Report – Q1 '25

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, SFDCP Quarterly Memorandum – Q1 '25, Q1 '25 Plan Review, Quarterly Metrics & Activity – Q1 '25, Galliard Q1 '25 Economic Update, SFDCP Q1 '25 Newsletter.

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, presented a quarterly report on the San Francisco Deferred Compensation Plan covering four key areas:

Investments

- Stable Value Credit Rate increased to 3.27% for Q2 2025
- New 2070 Target Date Fund Vintage and 2015 TDF collapse into Retirement Fund
- New Callan Investment Consultant – Eugene O’Neill
- Underlying funds within SFDCP Small-Mid Cap Equity placed on Watchlist
- SFDCP Large Cap Growth Equity Fund Search

Marketing/Communications

- New SFDCP Webinars – Investing 201 and SFDCP Updates
- City Hall Employee Workshop – Retirement Sessions

Operations

- New SFDCP Walk-in hours to align with SFERS
- SECURE 2.0 - Section 603 (Mandatory Roth Contributions)

Recordkeeper

- New SFDCP Retirement Counselor - Niki Shea

The Board engaged in a question and answer session.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: This is a discussion only item.

11. 051425-11 Action Item SFDCP Stable Value Guidelines

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Callan Presentation, SFDCP Stable Value Investment Guidelines – redline.

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, reported that after discussions with Galliard, Staff and Callan have made some proposed revisions, which are reflected in the redlined document which was presented to the Deferred Compensation Committee on March 5, 2025, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve forwarding the SFDCP Stable Value Guidelines to the Retirement Board with a recommendation for approval.

The Board engaged in a question and answer session.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: Moved by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Driscoll, to approve proposed revisions to the SFDCP Stable Value Guidelines.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Heldfond, O'Connor, Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Gandhi

INVESTMENT CALENDAR

12. 051425-12 Discussion Item Investment Committee Report

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

A.J. Thomas, Chair of the Investment Committee, reported at their meeting of March 12, 2025, the Investment Committee:

- Approved the Minutes of the May 8, 2024 Investment Committee meeting.
- Discussed the Wilshire annual update on capital market assumptions and asset allocation for 2025, as required by the IPS.

The Board engaged in a question and answer session.

Chair Thomas thanked the Commissioners for attending these meetings and staff for all the work that goes into these meetings.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: This is a discussion only item.

President Heldfond called a break at 12:05 PM and returned at 12:45 pm

13. 051425-13 Discussion Item Absolute Return Annual Update

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, SFERS Annual Absolute Return Update.

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO, David Francl, Managing Director, Absolute Return, Ryan Fuh, Associate Portfolio Manager, Kien Trien, Investment Officer, Jay Sliger and Roberta Osborne (Blackstone), presented an update including a review of SFERS' Absolute Return portfolio strategy, performance, composition, and activity.

Staff and Blackstone discussed the current market environment, opportunities and initiatives.

The Board engaged in a question and answer session.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: This is a discussion only item.

14. 051425-14 Discussion Item Public Equity Update

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, SFERS Annual Public Equity Update.

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO, Kurt Braitberg, Managing Director, Public Markets, Han Pham, Director, Public Equity, Patrick Li, Associate Portfolio Manager, Ray Xu, Investment Officer, presented to the Board an annual update for the Public Equity portfolio which provided an overview of the portfolio's strategic plan, performance, activity, and initiatives.

For the year ending December 31, 2024, the Public Equity portfolio was valued at \$10.6 billion and accounted for 29.2% of SFERS Total Plan.

The Board engaged in a question and answer session.

Public Comment was called.

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

Action: This is a discussion only item.

15. 051425-15 Discussion Item Chief Investment Officer's Report

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Exhibit 1: Performance and Market Update, Exhibit 2: Plan Value Report, Exhibit 3: Update on Closed Investments.

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO, provided a written report on performance, market update, plan value and reported the following closed investments:

PeakSpan Capital Growth Partners IV, L.P.

Under its delegated authority, SFERS invested \$40 million in PeakSpan Capital Growth Partners IV, L.P. The investment closed on April 2, 2025.

The fund will be classified as Growth Equity within SFERS' Private Equity portfolio.

More information about PeakSpan is available at <https://www.peakspancapital.com/>.

Atlas Capital Resources V LP

Under its delegated authority, SFERS committed \$75 million to Atlas Capital Resources V LP. The commitment closed on April 25, 2025.

The commitment will be classified as buyout within SFERS' Private Equity portfolio.

More information about Atlas is available at <https://www.atlasholdingsllc.com>.

HPS Investment

Under its delegated authority, SFERS approved an investment of up to \$85 million to HPS Strategic Investment Partners VI, LP.

SFERS' investment of \$85 million to HPS Strategic Investment Partners VI, LP closed on May 1, 2025. This investment is classified as Subordinated Lending within the SFERS' Private Credit portfolio. The investment is SFERS' fifth with HPS Investment Partners, LLC ("HPS") within the Private Credit portfolio.

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

Mayfield Select III, L.P

At its meeting on April 20, 2023, the Retirement Board approved in the closed session investments of up to \$50 million to be allocated between Mayfield XVII, L.P. and Mayfield Select III, L.P. The investments were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Safaí, Thomas

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Gandhi

On May 1, 2023, SFERS committed \$20.5 million to Mayfield XVII, L.P. and \$13.5 million to Mayfield Select III, L.P., and this was disclosed at the Board meeting on May 18, 2023. On April 30, 2025, SFERS closed on an additional \$6.5 million, bringing the total commitment to Mayfield Select III, L.P. to \$20 million.

This investment will be classified as Venture Capital within SFERS' Private Equity portfolio.

More information about Mayfield is available on <https://www.mayfield.com/>.

KLCP Domestic Fund IV LP

Under its delegated authority, SFERS approved an investment of up to \$80 million to KLCP Domestic Fund IV LP and up to \$40 million to KLCP Co-Inv Domestic Fund IV LP.

SFERS' investment of \$80 million to KLCP Domestic Fund IV LP and \$40 million to KLCP Co-Inv Domestic Fund IV LP closed on April 29, 2025. These investments are classified as Credit Opportunities within the SFERS' Private Credit portfolio. The investments are SFERS' fourth and fifth with Kennedy Lewis Investment Management LP ("Kennedy Lewis") within the Private Credit portfolio.

More information about Kennedy Lewis is available at <https://www.kennedylewiscapitalcompany.com/>

Threshold Ventures V, L.P.

Under its delegated authority, SFERS invested \$35 million in Threshold Ventures V, L.P. The investment closed on April 23, 2025.

The fund will be classified as Venture Capital within SFERS' Private Equity portfolio.

More information about Threshold Ventures is available at <https://threshold.vc/>.

Perceptive Advisors LLC

The CEO & CIO approved the termination of Perceptive Advisors LLC on March 13, 2025 with final proceeds to be received at a future date. The termination was approved by the CEO & CIO in accordance with SFERS Manager Selection, Monitoring and Termination Policy approved by The Retirement Board at its meeting on July 20, 2023.

The investment was classified as Equities within SFERS' absolute return portfolio share class B of SFARI II.

Bridgewater Pure Alpha Fund II, LLC and Bridgewater Pure Alpha Major Markets II, LLC

The CEO & CIO approved the termination of Bridgewater Pure Alpha Fund II, LLC and Bridgewater Pure Alpha Major Markets II, LLC on March 18, 2025 and final proceeds of the investments were received on April 11, 2025. The termination was approved by the CEO & CIO in accordance with SFERS Manager Selection, Monitoring and Termination Policy approved by The Retirement Board at its meeting on July 20, 2023.

The investments were classified as Global Macro within SFERS' absolute return portfolio share class B of SFARI II.

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Action: This is a discussion only item.

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| 16. 051425-16 | Discussion Item | Retirement Board Member Good of the Order |
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There were no comments from the public and Public Comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

17. 051425-17 **Adjournment**

Having no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.