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# REAC NEWS

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE — MARY MILLER

The ACERA sponsored Health Fair included a variety of vendors with good information and was well attended. REAC had a table and garnered some new memberships from attendees. Thanks to all of you who stopped by and said hello and gave us your insights. Open enrollment runs from November 1 through November 30 for Kaiser plans as well as vision and dental; through December 7 for Via for Via Benefits Medicare plans and December 15 for Via non-Medicare plans. Be sure that your benefits are in place for the coming year. ACERA and VIA Benefits staff are available to help with any questions you may have.

It is also fall, creeping up on winter. Flu vaccines are available as well as shingles vaccines. Check with your health care provider to see what is appropriate for you. Additionally, the air quality from the northern fires is impacting the Bay Area. Health officials recommend spending as little time out of doors as possible, and using face masks rated N95, which filter out small particles.

Two REAC Board members attended ACERA's annual offsite meeting at their invitation. Congresswoman Jackie Speier gave the opening remarks. Presentations were made by experts in the fields of global investing, Environmental-Social-Governance (ESG) investing, and disruptive technology. A wealth of information was provided to the board members who make important decisions while working with their consultants in managing our retirement funds.

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## ACERA Investment Report

ACERA reported in its September 2018 Performance Report that the fund has a loss of \$12,027,690. The total fund returned .10%. The total market value of the fund at the end of September was \$8,271,706,798.

## REAC BOARD MEETINGS

**December 10, 2018**

(Monday) 9:30 AM  
Ala. Cty. Health Care #242  
1000 San Leandro Blvd.  
San Leandro

**January 14, 2018**

(Monday) 9:30 AM  
Ala. Cty. Health Care #242  
1000 San Leandro Blvd.  
San Leandro

<http://reacsite.org>  
[reacwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:reacwebsite@gmail.com)

## ACERA TRUSTEES MEETINGS

**December 13, 2018**

(Thursday) 2:00 PM  
475 14th Street, Oakland

**January 10, 2018**

(Thursday) 2:00 PM  
475 14th Street, Oakland

[www.acera.org](http://www.acera.org)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rosalind Balolong  
Robert Crowder  
Crystal L. Felder  
Brenda Fay Harrison  
Valerie Hill  
Dawn Normand  
Mary Rizzo Shuman  
Leegretta Wright  
Thomas York

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

*Health Care Services Agency Building, Room 135,  
1000 San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro, CA*

**ROLL CALL:** Mary Miller, Marian Breitbart, Rosalie Masuda, and Renaye Johnson were present. Connie Land, REAC member was also present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the October 8th, 2018 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Marian and seconded by Renaye that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no new announcements to report.

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## Reports

**ACERA:** The monthly Retiree Committee Meeting was canceled and there was no representative from ACERA in attendance of this meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary presented REAC's October 31, 2018 Treasurer's Report. Receipts were \$5,521.71 and Disbursements were \$5,075.05. The only unusual disbursement was \$2,750.01 reimbursement to Mary Miller, Acting President. Mary Miller used her personal credit card to pay the remaining balance for the Fall Luncheon and was reimbursed. Mary also requested that after an audit, the

Miscellaneous Checking Account #3 be closed. This account was set up for the specific use of the state CRCEA Conference 2017, hosted by REAC. Marian moved that the October 31, 2018 Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Rosalie seconded the motion and the motion was approved. The Account #3 will be closed as of 1/1/2019 and the remaining balance will be moved to the Checking Account #2.

Mary also presented REAC's third quarter Annual Income and Expenses report for the period January 2018 through September 2018 for review by the board of directors, before creating the REAC Income and Expense Budget for 2019. There was a discussion on areas where cuts could be made due to the deficit incurred during 2018, along with the consideration of raising monthly dues.

**CRCEA:** Rosalie attended the CRCEA Conference and found it to be very informative. She stated that it was well attended by the 20 counties involved in CRCEA. There were workshops and discussions on pension stability and pending law suits in the different counties.

**SACRS:** Nancy Reilly will be attending, the SACRS Conference which will be held November 13,

2018 thru November 16, 2018 at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort in Indian Wells.

**RETIREMENT BOARD:** There was no additional information to report.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:** There was no Investment Committee report.

**HEALTH CARE:** Rosalie reported that the new Flu shots are available and more effective than previous shots. Kaiser currently has the new vaccine (Shingrix) available to address Shingles, but some locations can run out. Rosalie also reported on the poor air quality due to the Northern California fire. She stated when purchasing a mask to be worn outside, that it is important to ensure that it is a N95 mask.

**ACTIVITIES:** Rosalie reported that there were 118 participants at the Fall Luncheon. It appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves. There was a discussion on the Spring Luncheon that will be held March 11, 2019. Please save the date and tell your friends! We will have our annual meeting before the Luncheon and hope to invite speakers that will provide great information for retirees.

**MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT:** As of October 31, 2018, membership stood at 4117 members. Connie requested

500 membership cards be printed. Mary moved to have these cards printed, Renaye seconded the motion and the purchase of 500 new member application cards was approved.

**REAC NEWS:** The REAC Newsletter will also include Pending Law Suit information from Jon Orellanda, a reminder of the See's candy discount, Flu and Shingle shot availability, Air Quality information and a summary of the Offsite ACERA Board Meeting with Jackie Spiers and Investment Presentations.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mary will follow up with Paul who agreed to draft a letter, for Board review and further discussion, to be sent to REAC members which would explain the need to increase the dues. He will also include an "Opt Out" type checkbox which could be used to expedite the decision-making process. ACERA staff will be providing some additional clarification at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The nominating committee for open board positions will be all board members that are not up for re-election. Connie Land has agreed to be considered for a REAC Member at Large position for next year. Mary will review the openings and the term limits for additional information at December's meeting.

Currently there are 18 counties receiving a hard copy of the REAC newsletter. Beginning in January

2019, the newsletter will be sent to them electronically.

The January 2019 Board of Directors Meeting will be designate to address the Goals and Objectives for REAC.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** There was nothing added for the good of the order.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Renaye Johnson for Paul Reeves, Board Secretary*

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### Next Meeting

December 10, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Health Care Services Agency  
Building, Room 242,  
1000 San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro

## IN MEMORIAM

In deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following retirees:

**ALGA, Gene**

General Services Agency  
09/07/2018

**AQUINO, Maria**

Social Services Agency  
01/07/2018

**BEARD, Robert**

Non member Survivor of Rosie  
Beard  
07/26/2018

**BERMAN, Paul**

Social Services Agency  
06/03/2018

**BLANKENSHIP, King**

Probation  
09/26/2018

**BRITTO, Rosalind C.**

Superior Court  
06/01/2018

**CENTER, Claudette**

Sheriff's Office  
08/28/2018

**CLARK, Barbara**

Superior Court  
07/03/2018

**COOPER, Norman**

Probation  
09/06/2018

**CROSBY, Josephine**

Alameda Health System  
08/24/2018

**GUICE, Georgie**

Non member Survivor of Lew Guice  
01/26/2018

**HARRIS, Albert**

General Services Agency  
06/11/2018

**HOPKINS, Marilyn**

Non member Survivor of William  
Hopkins  
08/31/2018

**HUYNH, Tran**

Social Services Agency  
08/23/2018

**LAYTON, Carol**

Superior Court  
08/11/2018

**LEIGHTON, Alan**

Non member Survivor of  
Erma Leighton  
04/09/2018

**MILLER, Henry**

General Services Agency  
05/18/2018

**OLIVER, Naomi**

Social Services Agency  
08/11/2018

**RALPH, Kathryn**

Probation  
03/09/2018

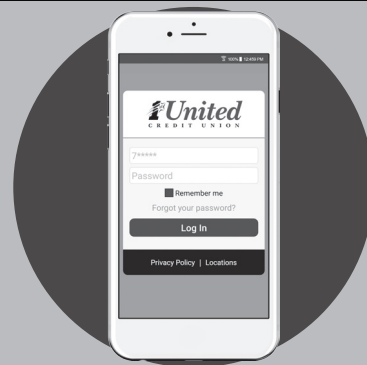
**SERALIE, Elizabeth**

Assessor  
07/21/2018

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**ACOLATSE, Ann E.**  
Sheriff's Office

**BRANDT, Juanita B.**  
Probation

**CAMERON, Maria**  
Alameda

**CAMPBELL, Evon**  
Sheriff's Office

**CARLSON, James**  
Health Care Services

**CHARLES, Jeanne G.**  
District Attorney

**CONTRERAS, Juan**  
General Services Agency

**CROWDER, Robert**  
Alameda Health System

**DeVITO, Michael**  
Health Care Services

**DINGEL, Earlemaire**  
DEFERRED

**ESPINOSA, Jesus G.**  
Information Technology Department

**FELDER, Crystal**  
Public Health

**FREEDMAN, Joyce M.**  
Health Care Services Agency

**FUENTES, Eliane M.**  
Health System First 5

**FUKUSHIMA, Dianne**  
Superior Court

**HARRISON, Brenda F.**  
Social Services

**HILL, Valerie**  
Social Services

**HUNTER, Darren**  
Health Care Services

**JUMONVILLE, Louis**  
Social Services

**KEELING, Cheryl J.**  
Housing Authority

**LAM, Hien My**  
Superior Court

**LIANG, Judy**  
Library

**LICANO, Debra W.**  
Probation

**MAGALLANES-ORDAZ, Carmen**  
Information Technology Department

**MCGRORY, Robert**  
Sheriff's Office

**NAGRAMP, Angela**  
Health Care Services Agency

**NGUYEN, Hung**  
General Services Agency

**NGUYEN, Nhung**  
General Services Agency

**NORMAND, Dawn**  
Library

**RICHARDSON, Ronald I.**  
Health Care Services Agency

**RIZZO-SHUMAN, Mary**  
Housing Authority

**ROBINSON, Elliott C.**  
Social Services

**SANCHEZ, Irmira**  
Board of Supervisors

**SUAREZ, Wilfredo**  
General Services Agency

**THOMAS-FOUSSENI, Deborah**  
Alameda Health System

**WASHINGTON, Wanda L.**  
Alameda County Medical Center

**WILLIAMSON, Kimberly A.**  
Sheriff's Office

**WILLIAMS-REDMON, Latresiya**  
Sheriff's Office

**WOERGOETTER, Gerald R.**  
Public Works Agency

**WRIGHT, Leegretta**  
Social Services

**YEE, Judy F.**  
Social Services



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