

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Retired Employees of Alameda County

Monday, October 8, 2018

Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course, 10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland, CA

Mary Miller, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Roll Call: Mary Miller, Marian Breitbart, Paul Reeves, Rosalie Masuda, and Renaye Johnson were present. Michael Fara, ACERA staff member, Connie Land, REAC member, Dave Melander, REAC member, and Pete Albert, ACRE President were also present.

Minutes: Minutes of the September 10, 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.

Reports

ACERA: Michael Fara gave his report on the October 3, 2018 Retirees Committee meeting. There was one action item and three information items. The action item was a presentation and possible acceptance of a Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) funding report/validation. Segal Consulting, ACERA's Actuary presented the annual Actuarial Valuation of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and the Non-Other Post-Employment Benefits (Non-OPEB) provided by the SRBR as of December 31, 2017.

Last year it was reported that the SRBR fund for OPEB benefits would exhaust in 2039 and Non-OPEB benefits in 2034. The results of the December 31, 2017 valuation indicate that the terminal year of OPEB benefits is again projected to be 2039, with full benefits paid through 2038 for a total of 21 full years and one partial year. The terminal year of Non-OPEB benefits is projected to be 2038, with full benefits paid through 2037 for a total of 20 full years and one partial year.

The Retirees Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Retirement a motion to accept the December 31, 2017 Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve Actuarial Valuation prepared by Segal Consulting.

The first information item was a report on the additions and deduction to the SRBR for the six month period ending June 30, 2018. Total deductions were \$27,403,364 and total additions were \$45,135,766. The June 30, 2018 ending balance of the SRBR was approximately \$911.5 million.

The second information item was a final report on the final stages of preparing the communications pieces for ACERA's annual Open Enrollment for the Plan Year 2019 as well as the Retiree Health and Wellness Fair. The Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Albert H Dewitt Officers' Club in Alameda, CA. REAC will have an information table during the Health and Wellness Fair. Mary will staff it from 9-2, Marian plans on being there at around 9:30 and Renaye will try to be there sometime in the morning.

The targeted mailing date for the Open Enrollment packets was October 12, 2018. The Via Benefits Open enrollment period is October 15, 2018 through December 15, 2018. Group plan Open Enrollment will be November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018.

The Via benefits plan effective date is January 1, 2019 and the ACERA group plan effective date is February 1, 2019.

The third information item was an update regarding the annual Medicare Part D Certification of Coverage Notice mailing and posting to ACERA's website and an update on Via Benefits. The Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) requires entities to annually notify Medicare eligible policyholders whether their prescription drug coverage is "creditable coverage", which means the coverage is expected to pay on average as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires all plan sponsors, such as ACERA, of health plans that provide prescription drug benefits to provide a Certificate of Creditable Coverage Notice to all plan participants prior to the Part D enrollment period. The Open enrollment period for Medicare Part D is from October 15, 2018 through December 7, 2018. ACERA will mail the Notice so that it is received prior to the October 15, 2018 deadline.

Treasurer's Report: Mary presented REAC's September 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report. Receipts were \$7,691.70 and Disbursements were \$7,855.56. The only unusual disbursement was \$3,700.00 to Mr. Douglas Taylor, CPA, for REAC's Financial Review. The only unusual receipts were for \$3,000.00 member payments for the REAC Fall luncheon. Marian moved that the September 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Renaye seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mary also presented REAC's third quarter Annual Income and Expenses report for the period January 2018 through September 2018. Two errors were noted, January – December needed to be corrected to reflect January – September. In addition, there was an error in the amount reflected for the Spring Luncheon. Mary agreed to correct the report and send it out for the Boards review.

CRCEA: Connie reported that she will not be able to attend the CRCEA Conference. Renaye said that she would like to attend in Connie's place, if her schedule permitted. Paul moved that Renaye be approved to attend the CRCEA Conference and be reimbursed for her expenses if she was able to attend. Marian seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Rosalie will also be attending.

SACRS: Paul reported that he will not be able to attend SACR's Fall Conference. Liz will still be able to attend, the 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, which are currently available, are more effective than previous shots. Kaiser currently has the new vaccine (Shingrix) available, but some locations can run out.

Activities: Rosalie reported that everything was ready for today's luncheon, and it looks like there will be a very good turnout.

Membership and Recruitment: As of September 30, 2018 membership stood at 4114 members

REAC News: The REAC Newsletter will also include information on the October Health Fair, ACERA's Wellness Program, Open enrollment, and the See's candy discount.

Old Business: Membership and possible dues increase. Paul 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 some sort of "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:

For the Good of the Order: Dave Melander, member, took a moment and thanked the Board for all the work, effort, and support the Board provides for Alameda County retirees. He was very pleased and very thankful that the Board continues, year after year, to assist retirees.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Reeves, Board Secretary

Next Meeting

November 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m. (Tuesday)
Health Care Services Agency Building, Room 242,
1000 San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro