



Board of Retirement Regular Meeting

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

Agenda Item 7

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2020

SUBJECT: SACRS Board of Directors Election

SUBMITTED FOR: Consent Deliberation and Action Receive and File

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the election of officers for the 2020-21 State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Board of Directors, as recommended by the SACRS Nominating Committee.

PURPOSE

This item supports the 2019-20 Strategic Management Plan to maintain transparent communications among stakeholders by engaging peer retirement systems on statewide pension matters that are of importance to SCERS members.

DISCUSSION

Under the SACRS Bylaws, each member system is to place the election of SACRS Directors on a Board agenda for approval; a system designee then votes the Board's preference at the following SACRS conference.

The SACRS 2020-21 Board of Directors Elections was to take place at the Spring Conference in May 2020; however, because the conference was cancelled, the elections were suspended until the next full meeting of the membership in November. The November conference is now uncertain, in light of COVID-19 social distancing requirements in place.

In an effort to maintain current business continuity, the SACRS Board of Directors has decided to move forward with an election via electronic proxy voting.

The SACRS Nominating Committee has provided member systems with a Recommended Ballot that proposes the following officer candidates for the SACRS Board of Directors positions:

- Vivian Gray, Los Angeles, President
- Roger Hilton, Orange, Vice President
- Harry Hagen, Santa Barbara, Treasurer
- Kathryn Cavness, Mendocino, Secretary

- David MacDonald, MD, Contra Costa, Regular Member
- John Kelly, Sacramento, Regular Member

The SCERS Board has previously designated the CEO to vote on behalf of this system regarding SACRS matters.

ATTACHMENTS

- SACRS 2020-21 Board of Directors Election Notice

Prepared by:

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Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer



March 24, 2020

To: SACRS Trustees & SACRS Administrators/CEO's
 From: Ray McCray, SACRS Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair
 SACRS Nominating Committee
 Re: SACRS Board of Director Elections 2020-2021 Elections – Final Ballot

SACRS BOD 2020-2021 election process began January 2020. Please provide the final ballot and voting instructions to your Board of Trustees and Voting Delegates.

DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
March 1, 2020	Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.
March 25, 2020	The Nominating Committee will report a final ballot to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25
November 10-13, 2020 (Exact date TBD)	Nomination Committee to conduct elections during the SACRS Business Meeting at the Fall Conference, November 10-13, 2020
November 10-13, 2020	Board of Directors take office for 1 year (until Spring 2021 Elections)

Per SACRS Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1. Board of Director and Section 2. Elections of Directors:

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of the officers of SACRS as described in Article VI, Section 1, the immediate Past President, and two (2) regular members

A. Immediate Past President. *The immediate Past President, while he or she is a regular member of SACRS, shall also be a member of the Board. In the event the immediate Past President is unable to serve on the Board, the most recent Past President who qualifies shall serve as a member of the Board.*

B. Two (2) Regular Members. *Two (2) regular members shall also be members of the Board with full voting rights.*

Section 2. Elections of Directors. *Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.*

The Nominating Committee will report its suggested slate, along with a list of the names of all members who had been nominated, to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25. The Administrator of each regular member County Retirement System shall be responsible for communicating the Nominating Committee's suggested slate to each trustee and placing the election of SACRS Directors on his or her board agenda. The Administrator shall acknowledge the completion of these responsibilities with the Nominating Committee.



Director elections shall take place during the first regular meeting of each calendar year. The election shall be conducted by an open roll call vote, and shall conform to Article V, Sections 6 and 7 of these Bylaws.

Newly elected Directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the office of Treasurer. The incumbent Treasurer shall co-serve with the newly elected Treasurer through the completion of the current fiscal year.

Due to the cancellation of the Spring Conference because of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the elections will be held at the SACRS Fall Conference November 10-13, 2020 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, Indian Wells. Elections will be held during the Annual Business meeting, date TBD, November 10-13, 2020.

SACRS Nominating Committee Final Ballot:

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| • Vivian Gray, Los Angeles CERA | President |
| • Roger Hilton, Orange CERS | Vice President |
| • Harry Hagen, Santa Barbara, CERS | Treasurer |
| • Kathryn Cavness, Mendocino CERA | Secretary |
| • David MacDonald, MD, Contra Costa CERA | Regular Member |
| • John Kelly, Sacramento CERS | Regular Member |

Additional Candidates Submitted:

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| • Vere Williams, San Bernardino CERA | Regular Member |
| • Edward Robinson, Kern CERA | Regular Member |

Please prepare your voting delegate to have the ability to vote by the recommended ballot and by each position separately.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Ray McCray, raym1@sbcglobal.net or (209) 471-4472.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this timely matter.

Sincerely,

Ray McCray

Ray McCray, San Joaquin CERA Trustee
SACRS Nominating Committee Chair

CC: SACRS Board of Directors
SACRS Nominating Committee Members
Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Executive Director