

Board of Retirement Regular Meeting

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

MEETING DATE:	April 18, 2018		Agenda Item 5
SUBJECT:	SACRS Spring 20 Voting Delegate	18 Conference – Di	irection to SCERS
SUBMITTED FOR:	<u>X</u> Consent	Deliberation <u>and</u> Action	Receive and File

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board give the following direction to its voting delegate on items expected to be designated for action by the membership on the agenda for the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Spring Business Meeting to be held on Friday, May 18, 2018, in Anaheim, California:

- 1. Support the election of officer candidates for the SACRS Board of Directors recommended by the SACRS Nominating Committee.
- 2. Designate the Chief Executive Officer as the party and General Counsel as the alternate party authorized to vote on behalf of SCERS on matters presented for a vote of the SACRS membership.
- 3. Authorize SCERS voting delegate(s) to: (a) Vote in accordance with the positions adopted by the Board; (b) Vote on any matters that have not been specifically addressed by the Board in a manner consistent with positions previously expressed by the Board; and (c) Abstain from voting on any matters the Board has not previously addressed and upon which the Board has not shown a strong consensus.

PURPOSE

To provide direction to the Board's designated Voting Delegate on matters that will be submitted for a vote of the membership at the Business Meeting at the upcoming SACRS Spring Conference.

Election of SACRS Directors

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.

- President: Dan McAllister, San Diego CERA
- Vice President: Vivian Gray, Los Angeles CERA
- Treasurer: Harry Hagen, Santa Barbara CERA
- Secretary: Kathryn Cavness, Mendocino CERA

Of the four recommended officer candidates, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Hagen, and Ms. Cavness are incumbents in the positions of President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively. Ms. Gray, is the sole candidate for Vice President.

SCERS Voting Delegate for the SACRS Spring 2018 Business Meeting

The Board of each SACRS member system must designate one of its members or SCERS staff to vote on behalf of SCERS at the SACRS Business Meeting. The Board's regular practice is to designate the Chief Executive Officer as SCERS' Voting Delegate. The proposed Voting Proxy form for SCERS for the Spring Business Meeting contemplates that the Board will wish to follow its past practice.

While it is not necessary to identify an Alternate Voting Delegate, the Board may do so as a contingency in the event an unforeseen circumstance arises that prevents the primary voting delegate from being available to vote on SCERS behalf at the Business Meeting. Staff proposes that General Counsel be designated as the Board's Alternate Voting Delegate for the Spring Conference.

ATTACHMENTS

- SACRS Board of Director Elections 2018-2019 Elections Recommended Ballot
- SCERS Voting Proxy for Fall 2017 Conference

Prepared by:

Reviewed by:

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Kathryn T. Regalia Chief Operations Officer

Eric Stern Chief Executive Officer



March 26, 2018

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 2018-2019 Elections - Recommended Ballot

SACRS BOD 2018-2019 election process began January 2018. Per the SACRS Bylaws, please distribute the recommended ballot to your Board of Trustees. Elections will be held during the Annual Business meeting on Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, CA.

SACRS Bylaws Election Schedule

DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
March 1, 2018	Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations prior to the first Business Day after March 1 of each calendar year. Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor on the day of the election.
March 25, 2018	The Nominating Committee will report a final ballot to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25
May 18, 2018	Nomination Committee to conduct elections during the SACRS Business Meeting at the Spring Conference (May 15-18, 2018)
May 18, 2018	Board of Directors take office for 1 year

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 immediately 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.

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 prior to the first Business Day after March 1 of each calendar year. Nominations shall not be accepted from the floor on the day of the election.

The Nominating Committee will report a final ballot 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 recommended ballot and final ballot 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 with 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.

SACRS Nominating Committee Recommended Ballot:

- Dan McAllister, San Diego CERA
- . Vivian Gray, Los Angeles CERA
- Harry Hagen, Santa Barbara, CERS
- Kathryn Cavness, Mendocino CERA

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

If you have any questions, please contact me at Ray McCray, raym1@sbcglobal.net or (209) 417-4472.

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 Administrator

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- President Vice President Treasurer Secretary



All interested candidates must complete this form and submit it along with a letter of intent. Both the form and the letter of intent must be submitted no later than March 1,2018. Please submit to the Nominating Committee Chair at <u>ravm1@sbcglobal.net</u> or to SACRS at <u>sulema@sacrs.org</u>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sulema Peterson at SACRS at (916) 441-1850.

Name of Candidate	Dan McAllister	
Candidate Contact Information (Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address MUST be included)		
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA)	
Current Position On Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	Trustee,San Diego County Treasurer Tax Collector	
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (You may only select one)	 oc President o Vice President o Treasurer o Secretary o Regular Member 	
Brief Bio	Please see attached.	

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Biography of Dan McAllister

San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector





Dan McAllister has served San Diego County residents since as the County's Treasurer-Tax Collector since 2002. He was reelected to his fourth term in June 2014 by an overwhelming 99% majority of the vote. Dan oversees the collection of more than \$6 billion in property taxes each year, the management of more than \$10 billion in the County's Investment Pool, and the administration of the County's over \$1 billion defined contribution program. Since assuming office, he has worked extensively to improve customer service. enhance communications and outreach initiatives, and ensure the fiscal stability of the treasury. Under his direction, his office collected nearly 60% of property tax payments electronically for the first time, while maintaining a 99% collection rate for the past three years. He is also a strong advocate for diversity, a value reflected in his staff that comes from all walks of life

and backgrounds. His office now delivers service in 17 different languages.

As part of his duties, Dan serves as a member of the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA), which manages more than \$10 billion of investments; he also serves as President of CaiTRUST, which manages a portfolio of \$2.8 billion. Additionally, he is a former chairman of the Board of Directors of the internationally recognized San Diego Convention Center Corporation. Prior to his election as San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Dan was a successful financial consultant and investment broker.

Dan contributes considerable time and resources to community service. He serves as Chair of the San Diego Unified School District's Special Audit and Finance Committee, and he is a participating member of the Boards of Directors of the Jackie Robinson YMCA; Habitat for Humanity, San Diego; and New Americans Museum, San Diego. McAllister's strong commitment and involvement in the community dates back to his service as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in the Western Pacific country of Micronesia.

A second-generation San Diegan, Dan has completed executive education programs in portfolio concepts and management at Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He also holds a Bachelor's degree (BA) from California State University, Fresno, and a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from United States International University.

February 26, 2018

Mr. Ray McRay Chairman Nominating Committee State Association of County Retirement Systems

Dear Mr. McRay,

This is to officially submit my name for consideration by the Nominating Committee for the office of SACRS President.

When I first ran for the Presidency, I pledged to continue to help move our organization forward with strong, inclusive leadership. I also spoke of my experiences and accomplishments as San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector; and of serving as a Trustee on the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA) Board and two successful terms as Board Chair.

Over the past four years, it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve on the SACRS Board, first as Treasurer and now as President. I am extremely proud of the work our board has completed during these years in an effort to improve our levels of customer service to our members. This past year for example the Board performed a comprehensive review and update of the Board Policies and Procedures. We added two new seats to the Board in an effort to be more inclusive and give more members an opportunity to serve on the Board. Additionally, we made strong efforts to add new people to a number of our standing committees.

Indeed, it has been a productive year for the Board and we have made a difference for the SACRS membership. Ours has been a team effort and one that can point to positive developments.

SACRS is a special organization and one that must continue to provide educational forums for disseminating information to Trustees and system staffs from all '37 Act counties. Additionally, SACRS must take an active role in the legislative process as it impacts county retirement systems.

As SACRS President for the coming year, I will continue to work collaboratively with the SACRS Board and Trustees statewide to ensure that our educational programs and conferences continue to be of the highest quality and content.

With your support and nomination, I would be honored to serve again as President of SACRS. Thank you in advance for your careful and positive consideration of my candidacy for re-election.

Sincerely, Dan McAllister President



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Name of Candidate	
	VIVIAN GRAY
Candidate Contact Information (Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address MUST be included)	
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA)
Current Position On Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	Chair, Board of Retirement http://www.lacera.com/about_lacera/bor/gray.html
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (You may only select one)	 President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Regular Member
Brief Bio	 Chair, LACERA Board of Retirement Chair, SACRS Bylaws Committee Elected general member trustee since 2012 34 years of service to Los Angeles County 10 years in Law Enforcement 24 years as an attorney for Los Angeles County
	 •6 years in private law practice •Education/Pension Trustee Certificates - Bachelors of Arts: UCLA - JD: UWLA - New York Law School - Public Pension Trustee Fiduciary Program - Stanford Law School (CALAPRS) - Principles of Pension Management - Harvard Law School Program - Trustee Work Life - UC Berkeley (SACRS) - Modern Investment Theory & Practice for Retirement Systems - IFEBP - Trustee Masters Program - NCPERS - Public Pension Funding Forum - Wharton Business School - Portfolio Concepts and Management (Pending) - National Assoc. of Corporate Directors (NACD) Board Leadership Fellow (Pending)

VIVIAN GRAY

300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 820 ~ PASADENA, CA 91101 ~ VGRAY@LACERA.COM

February 27, 2018

VIA EMAIL

SACRS Nominating Committee Mr. Ray McCray, Chair

Dear Mr. McCray:

I would like to express my interest in becoming SACRS' Vice President for 2018/2019.

For the past three years, I have been honored to serve SACRS and its members as Chair of the Bylaws Committee and been member of the Program Committee. I have worked diligently with committee members and the SACRS Board of Directors, Administrative staff and membership to move the SACRS organization forward.

I have attended almost all of SACRS BOD meetings as the Bylaws Chair in order to advise or interpret the bylaws when needed. I believe in the BOD's team concept of management and its mission to include all members to take part in keeping SACRS relevant in the pension environment.

Through continuing its strong leadership, SACRS can become the premier entity in the direct education of trustees. I believe SACRS is a viable organization within the retirement system community. We have secured a presence not only in our CERL 37 Act Systems, but are gaining headway and recognition beyond CERL.

Your consideration of me for vice president would be an honor.

I have attached the SACRS Nomination Form containing my brief bio.

Sincerely,

Vivian Gray

Vivian Gray

cc: Sulema Peterson, SACRS



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Harry E. Hagen
Santa Barbara SBCERS
Chair ex-officio member
o President o Vice President X Treasurer o Secretary o Regular Member
See Attachment

Harry E. Hagen Bio for SACRS Nomination Submission Form

I am the current Santa Barbara County Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator. I was first elected in 2010 and am currently serving in my second four-year term.

I am responsible for overseeing and investing a \$1.5 billion investment pool for local schools, general County government, and special districts. I manage the collection of taxes and general collections, administer Public Administrator estates and Public Guardian conservatorships, and oversee Veterans' Services programs. My duties also include serving as Chair of the County Debt Advisory Committee, implementing and managing the County's municipal financing program, and administering the County's deferred compensation program.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics from UCSB, am a 26-year California Certified Public Accountant, and have completed the Certificate in Public Treasury Management from USC. Additionally, I have earned the designations of Certified Public Finance Officer from the Government Finance Officers Association, Advanced Certified Public Funds Investment Manager from the Association of Public Treasurers, and Certified Fixed Income Practitioner from the Fixed Income Academy. February 2, 2018

To Ray McCray, SACRS Nominating Committee Chair,

I would like to continue serving on the SACRS Board of Directors and am submitting my letter of intent to run for the position of Treasurer.

I believe I am well qualified for the position based upon my educational and work experience. I am a 22year employee of Santa Barbara County and the current Chair of the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System. I have served as the ex-officio member of SBCERS for over 7 years. I was also an alternate member to the Board for eight years as the Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me directly.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Harry E. Hagen, CPA, CPFO, CFIP, ACPFIM Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator-Public Guardian County of Santa Barbara



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Name of Candidate	Kathryn Cavness	
Candidate Contact Information (Phone Number, Email Address and Malling Address MUST be included)		
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	Mendocino County Employees Retirement System	
Current Position On Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	Vice Chair, General Elected Member	
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (You may only select one)	Secretary	
Brief Bio	Kathryn Cavness has been serving as Trustee and representative of the General Membership on the Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association Board since December 1, 2014. She has been a member of the MCERA Audit and Budget Committee since 2014 and was elected Vice Chair of the Board on December 14, 2016. Kathryn is currently serving her first year as Secretary on the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Board of Directors. Her objectives as Secretary encompass representing the 1937 Act retirement systems and reaching out to trustees to attain greater participation in SACRS activities. Meaningful events designed for Trustees include the SACRS Spring and Fall Conferences, and the UC Berkeley Educational Program's Executive Education Courses. Other opportunities for Trustees include joining and participating in the SACRS' Educational, Legislative, Program, and Bylaws Committees. Kathryn Cavness is currently filling the position of Administrative Services Manager for the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office. Prior to this, Kathryn enjoyed an extensive career in budget and finance, and holds a MBA/Accounting.	

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Ray McCray, SACRS Nominating Committee Chair SACRS Nominating Committee

February 10, 2018

Dear Ray and Nominating Committee Members,

Please accept my letter of intent to run as Secretary in the SACRS Board of Directors officers' election for the 2018-19. I am currently serving as SACRS Board of Directors Secretary throughout the 2017-18 fiscal year. I also serve as the Vice Chairwoman of the Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association.

My interest in seeking the position of Secretary for a second term is to continue working together with the highly effective SACRS Board in achieving common goals. My focus will be on adding value for Trustees by expanding growth and positive outcomes, increasing diversity, and providing educational opportunities through boosting attendance at the UC Berkeley Educational Program. I will continue working to increase Trustee participation in SACRS Conferences and expand membership in SACRS Committees.

As the Mendocino County Employee Retirement Association Vice Chairwoman and trustee of the smallest rural county system in northern California, I welcome the opportunity to represent the smaller systems as well as all SACRS members.

My education and professional experience provides qualifications ideally suited for taking on the responsibilities of Secretary of the SACRS Board of Directors:

- SARCS Board of Directors Secretary FY 2017/18
- Vice Chairwoman on the MCERA Board and Auditing Committee
 - Public Pension Investment Management Program/ Modern
 - Investment Theory and Practice for Retirement Systems
 - UC Berkeley Hass School of Business
 - Advanced Principles of Pension Management for Trustees
 - UCLA Anderson School of Management
 - Principles of Pension Management for Trustees
 - Pepperdine University, Graziadio Business School
- County of Mendocino District Attorney's Office Administrative Services Manager with Emphasis on Finance & Budget
- · Master's Degree in Business Administration with Emphasis on Finance & Accounting

Sincerely,

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Kathryn Cavness, SACRS BOD Secretary, Mendocino CERA Vice Chairwoman



SACRS VOTING PROXY FORM

The following are authorized by the Retirement Board to vote on behalf of Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System at the upcoming SACRS Conference

(if you have more than one alternate, please attach the list of alternates in priority order):

Eric Stern, Chief Executive Officer	Voting Delegate
Robert Gaumer, General Counsel	Alternate Voting Delegate

These delegates were approved by the Retirement Board on April 18, 2018.

The person authorized to fill out this form on behalf of the Retirement Board:

Signature:

Print Name: Richard B. Fowler, II

Position: President

Date: April 18, 2018

Please send your system's voting proxy to Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Administrator at <u>Sulema@sacrs.org</u>.