



## Finance and Administration Committee

# Agenda Item 8a

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**February 14, 2022**

**Item Name:** 2021 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election Results

**Program:** Board of Administration Election

**Item Type:** Information

### **Executive Summary**

CalPERS team members from the Operations Support Services Division (OSSD), in conjunction with the Office of Public Affairs (PAOF), Stakeholder Relations (STRL), Information Technology Services Branch (ITSB) and the Legal Office (LEGO), completed the 2021 CalPERS Board of Administration Member-at-Large Election. The results include the re-election of David Miller to Position A and the election of Jose Luis Pacheco to Position B. The term of office for both elected candidates is January 16, 2022 through January 15, 2026.

### **Strategic Plan**

This agenda item is not a product of the Strategic Plan but is part of the regular and ongoing workload of OSSD.

### **Background**

The CalPERS Board of Administration consists of 13 members; six (6) of the members are elected by their represented membership. In accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Section 554.8(d), the candidate receiving the majority vote for each position shall be certified by the Secretary of State as being elected. In the event that no candidate for any position receives a majority of votes, a runoff election will be conducted involving the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes.

The following is a summary of the 2021 Member-at-Large Election results:

- The Position A seat was decided by a majority vote in the primary election and David Miller was re-elected with 72.65% of the votes. No runoff election was conducted.
- The Position B seat was decided by a majority vote in the primary election and Jose Luis Pacheco was elected with 61.76% of the votes. No runoff election was conducted.
- The results of the 2021 Member-at-Large Election were officially certified by the Secretary of State on October 25, 2021.

- Voter turnout for the 2021 Member-at-Large Election was 13.36% for the primary election based on 1,484,291 total eligible voters and 198,357 total votes received. The 198,357 total votes received is based on all valid and invalid votes submitted through the paper, online, and phone voting channels.
- In Attachment 1, Member-at-Large Primary Election Voter Information, Sacramento had the highest participation for the Top 10 Cities with the highest number of votes (5.38%). The retired members were the highest voting population (70.48%) and mail-in voting was the most popular voting method (77.62%).
- The cost for the 2021 Member-at-Large Election was approximately \$2.53 per voter based on 1,484,291 total eligible voters. The cost based on total votes received was approximately \$18.92.
- OSSD partnered with PAOF, STRL, and ITSB to increase voter awareness of the 2021 Member-at-Large Board Election. Some of the outreach efforts included:
  - Candidate Statement Videos
  - Toolkits for the Employers
  - Spotlight Ads/Banners on Inside CalPERS
  - Press Releases
  - Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) Messages
  - Hosting a virtual candidate forum, streaming live, and placing it on the CalPERS website for future viewing
  - Launching the new online PIN retrieval tool

### **Budget and Fiscal Impacts**

The total cost to conduct the 2021 Member-at-Large Election for fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22 was \$3,753,756.35. The detailed cost summary is shown in Attachment 3.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Member-at-Large Primary Election Voter Information

Attachment 2 – Voter Outreach Statistics

Attachment 3 – Cost Summary

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