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# APPEARANCES

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Bill Slaton, Chairperson

Mr. Richard Costigan, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Michael Bilbrey

Mr. Rob Feckner

Mr. J.J. Jelincic

Mr. Henry Jones

# BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. John Chiang, represented by Mr. Grant Boyken

Mr. Richard Gillihan, represented by Mr. Ralph Cobb

Ms. Dana Hollinger

Ms. Priya Mathur

Ms. Betty Yee, represented by Mr. Alan Lofaso

### STAFF:

Mr. Doug Hoffner, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Cheryl Eason, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Matt Jacobs, General Counsel

Ms. Barbara Cody, Committee Secretary

### ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Neal Johnson, Service Employees International Union Local 1000

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# PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: I'd like to call the Governance Committee meeting to order. The first order of business is the roll call.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY CODY: Bill Slaton?

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY CODY: Richard Costigan?

VICE CHAIRPERSON COSTIGAN: Here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY CODY: Michael Bilbrey?

Rob Feckner?

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COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Good morning.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY CODY: J.J. Jelincic?

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY CODY: Henry Jones?

COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY CODY: Ron Lind?

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Excused.

Okay. Thank you very much. Next order of

19 | business is the executive report.

Mr. Jacobs.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: All right. I just wanted to let the Committee members, Board members know that -- and the audience as well, that we've added an item here, or I should say a document, that has been circulated to the Committee members. It's also available on the --

copies of it are available on the desk in the back. This is a copy of Agenda Item 7a from the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 19th of this year. And it pertains to Agenda Item 7, Board Member Compensation and Reimbursement, so we'll get to that in a little -- in a few minutes.

The agenda today -- for today is pretty straightforward. We're going to start by cleaning up the Board Governance Policy. We'll move on to a discussion of travel expense transparency. From there, we'll move on to Board member compensation. And then the final substantive item on the agenda is a follow up to the off-site discussion that we had last month about Committee meeting management. And we had an opportunity to hear a lot of information at that off-site, but no real opportunity to discuss whether to implement any of the suggestions or recommendations. And so we'll have that opportunity here today.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: All right. Thank you very much. Mr. Bilbrey has joined us, also Ms. Hollinger, Mr. Boyken from the Treasurer's office, Mr. Lofaso from the Controller's office, and Mr. Cobb from Calhr. We have a full complement here.

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Oh, and Ms. Mathur has joined us as well.

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CHAIRPERSON SLATON: So I think we have just about a -- pretty close to a full Complement.

We're going to move to the action consent item. I notice this is the approval of the April 20th Board Governance Committee minutes, which tells me that we have not met in quite awhile, which I guess means we have been well governed. So you could read it that way, if you wish.

Anyway, so I'll entertain a motion on the approval of the minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER BILBREY: Move approval.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Second.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Motion from Bilbrey, second from Feckner.

All in favor say aye?

(Ayes.)

18 CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Opposed?

Motion carries.

The consent items are there. You have a copy in your iPads of the parking lot. If anybody has items that they wish to add to that parking lot, let me know or the Vice Chair know.

Anybody have a comment regarding those today?

I don't see any hands going up.

So we'll move to Item number 5, the proposed revisions to Board Governance Policy.

Mr. Jacobs.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Yes. These changes are non-substantive in nature, for the most part, and they've all been spelled out in the agenda item. We're happy to take any questions, either me or Gina Ratto, if there are any questions about the proposed changes to the governance policy.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: This is a redundant issue, right, that we're changing?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Yes. And it's an addition -- an issue of primarily removing a redundancy, which has a potential for errors in the future, and there have been errors in the past in terms of reconciling the multiple documents.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Okay. Oh, is it just an information item. You're right.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Yes. Mr. Jelincic has a question. No, it's --

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Oh, it's an action --

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: It's an action item.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: It's an action item for a

24 deletion.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Yeah, I was just

going to point out that we labeled it as an information item, but the recommended action is a action item. Now, I don't think that's a particularly big deal, because we could -- we also have a little note that says we can act on information items. But I just thought it was appropriate that we -- it get pointed out.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Yeah. So noted. It is in the agenda item as an action item, so -- but anyway, so I'll entertain a motion, if there's no further discussion.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Move it.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Second.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Moved by Jones, seconded from Feckner.

All those in favor say aye?

15 (Ayes.)

16 CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Opposed?

Motion carries.

All right. We'll move to travel -- Item number 6, Travel Expense Transparency. And I think we've had discussions about this before about the issue of our desire to have as much transparency in our operations as a public agency. And so I've asked Ms. Eason to be here to comment on the issue of how we are currently reporting, and how we want to report, and in particular the travel that the Board does on CalPERS business, and how that

might come together.

So, Ms. Eason.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: Thank you. Cheryl Eason, Calpers staff.

So what we currently do is we post a monthly report on the website for reimbursed costs only, and they cover Board and -- what's considered to be Board and key staff. And so that would involve all the executive, and a number of our investment folks, the Investment Managers and Investment Directors.

And when we talk about reimbursed costs, that is all those costs that have been paid out of pocket by the traveler and that we have reimbursed them for. So typically, that would not cover airfare and hotel, if that's billed through the Concur System. So it's not a complete reporting of all the travel costs by trip, but rather what we have reimbursed to that individual for that particular month, and those are done on a monthly basis.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: So, Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Cheryl, if I put a hotel on the credit -- on the -- yeah, the Amex credit card, that also does not show up --

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: Yes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: -- even though it's not through Concur.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: Yes, that's correct. So it would be -- because that is a -- COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Direct pay.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: -- issued. But if you put it on your personal credit card, if you -- if you did that, then -- and reimbursed you for that cost directly. Amex is reimbursed through to the Amex company.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Mr. Costigan.

VICE CHAIRPERSON COSTIGAN: So just like -- so I can better understand. Right now, if you book through the Board travel unit, which goes through DGS, we're not disclosing airfare or any other costs. So unless you actually secret reimbursement for per diem, parking, but if you use -- as J.J. said, if you use the American Express card, you're not even going to -- it won't be disclosed that we've reimbursed for -- so, for example, I'm looking at the March one where went to Monterey. Next to me is a reimbursement for \$288.48. That would have been mileage, because I submitted a form. But because the hotel room was paid for by the master account, none of that is being captured or publicly disclosed?

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: That's correct.

And that's the limitations that we have currently within our reporting that we currently report.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: So I guess from my

perspective, my objective would be to have an accurate report on travel that we have, so that we are in full disclosure. So how do we get from where we are today to there?

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: So we have looked at our processes, and we -- you know, we believe that we can do some automation. It requires some tweaking of our process, but I think it's really through a type of system where we would just assign a trip number. And through that trip number, we would then be able to pick up all those costs that come through the system, whether they come through American Express, whether they come through Concur, whether they come through personal travel expense reimbursement form.

And so it's a -- you know, that's the process that we would use. We could automate that, which would take away a lot of the manual process to that, and then post that, which it would be a more complete picture of the costs. And we could do that on a trip basis, so that you would see the total cost of that trip.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Comments from either Committee members or other Board members?

Mr. Boyken.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER BOYKEN: Thanks. I do appreciate the idea of making travel more transparent.

I'm wondering though, is there, you know, a rationale for maybe separating the travel to and from meetings to off-sites from kind of, call it, the Board education travel. And then, you know, we have a logical place to report that monthly. Every month that we meet we have an agenda item with Board travel requests, and that could be a place where we report year-to-date. I mean, it would even be possible to plan a little bit, set a budget each year, and then report how we're doing against that budget, but -- and I'm getting this -- these are not original ideas. I've seen this within one other system.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Well, it seems like there's -- you know, there's two types of travel. There's travel that Board members make, because they don't have to live in Sacramento to be able to attend regular Board meetings. I'm not -- from my perspective, I'm not as concerned with that. And maybe that clouds the whole issue that if you took that aside, it's really advancing the mission of Calpers outside of Board week, what are we doing, and do we want to have, you know, full and transparent disclosure of that effort to the public?

I guess I see the difference between the two, is that what you're saying?

ACTING BOARD MEMBER BOYKEN: Yeah. No, that's the point that I was making is maybe -- what I'm most

concerned with as well is making full transparency of the travel that's sort of outside the scope of the normal Board meetings, because I think that's probably what gets the most scrutiny.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Yes. Ms. Mathur.

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: I would just suggest that perhaps there's more than those categories. Some Board members sit on other boards on behalf of Calpers --

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Sure.

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: -- which is slight -- which is different from the educational component that -- so it just -- there might be -- I think we need to think a little bit more about what categories we would want to include, if we were to do that.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Okay.

VICE CHAIRPERSON COSTIGAN: I'm going to take a little different route. I mean, just from the standpoint I think transparency is important. And, I mean, Mr. Boyken, you're absolutely right, I mean, folks traveling up here. But that's what the transparency is for. Attend Board meeting in Sacramento, cost was X. Attend PRI, cost was Y. I'm going to a conference next month, cost will be Z.

I didn't quite realize, and maybe I should have,
I assumed everything -- because I had seen a report in the

past - actually, Mr. Feckner, I think you had put out - that sort of showed our year-to-date costs. So this information is captured somewhere. I mean, I was a little surprised at some of my -- at what it was. It was fine.

But I didn't realize, for example, we're not capturing -- because I -- when -- on the end where I sit for example -- and look over at the Board unit, but I know the travel that I'm booking next month, one way, I paid the change fair difference. So I actually know what the cost to the system cost of the ticket, the actual cost for me. So we're capturing that data.

Now, what I'm hearing is we're not actually reporting that data out anywhere. So where -- so when the Board unit actually books the travel, and DGS sends me the confirmation notice, and says here's the cost of the ticket, what is that document not available?

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: It's just, I think, as sort of a passage of time, there was a policy in place that the Board has called the Form 700 and Travel Transparency Report that talks about posting of the -- of just the reimbursable cost, which I believe was a -- at one time was what other government agencies did. And then when that was rescinded, we just continued to do that.

But I guess to answer that question, we do a report that's internal that we provide to Board Services

Unit on the American Express costs. We do one that's reimbursable. What we don't do is we don't one -- that has one that just brings everything together. And I think that's where the -- that's where the gap is in our reporting.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: And I -- from what you said, I think we can get there.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: Yes

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: So -- but I want to come back to the point that Ms. Mathur made. You know, when you -- you're a member of PRI?

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: (Nods head.)

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Right, so you travel on that behalf -- on behalf of Calpers to advance our mission.

I'm going to go to Chicago in September for a CII

Conference, along with a couple other Board members. I'm not sure I see -- it's all too advance the mission of Calpers, so I'm not sure I see a difference between the travel that you would take as a Board member of another organization, and the travel I would take to attend a conference. Is there a difference between the two?

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: Well, I think what Grant

was saying was breaking out into two components, one is travel for meetings and off-sites, and the other was education.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Oh, I see.

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: But sitting on a board is not the same as education. So I'm just -- if those are the two categories -- I'm just saying those are not two -- those would not be the two categories I would choose.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER BOYKEN: Okay. Then maybe a broader term than education. I wasn't wedded to that idea of it. I think there is a distinction between travel to and from regular Board meetings and other travel. I don't know what to call it.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: I agree there is a difference, but I don't think there really ought to be a difference in reporting. It is, in fact, a cost incurred on behalf of the System paid for by the System. So I think it all ought to be reported.

The Amex cards don't get reported.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Well, that's what we're talking about trying to rectify.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: But on the other hand, some people do not have the Amex card.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: True.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And so their's -they would put it on their own Credit card and that would
get reported. So there's a difference in how we are

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than Rich's or yours, just because of the geography, but

in either case it's still what the cost is. And so

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Board expenses down to the level of the travel claim. And

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 $\label{eq:chairperson} \mbox{CHAIRPERSON SLATON:} \quad \mbox{Mr. Feckner first, and then} \\ \mbox{Mr. Jones.}$ 

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Yeah, I would just like to say I agree with both J.J. and with Richard, but I think it could be the direction of the Chair to direct staff to come back with a itemized plan that this Board -- this Committee can then recommend to the full Board.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Good. Well, that was going to be my next comment.

Mr. Jones.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Yeah, I'm exactly where Rob is on that, and -- but I support full transparency.

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    think we should report all costs. However, I think it's
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             CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Reported. Okay. Why don't
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             COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: And there's some
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             COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: No, but --
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             CHAIRPERSON SLATON: -- take our comments.
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             COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Well -- but I'm just
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    saying, put some indication that --
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             CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Right.
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             COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: -- it's, you know,
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             CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Yeah. So, Ms. Eason, do you
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with me and the Vice Chair and we'll come back with a

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proposal.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: Yes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Can I ask one?

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Yes, Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Have we created any real -- I mean, obviously, we created some extra work, but have we created any real major problem that you can see off the top of your head?

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EASON: No. In fact, I think what it actually does is it simplifies it for us, because rather than having a number of reports, I think this would actually cover off those, and we can consolidate it into one.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Good. Okay. I think we've completed that item. Let's move to Item number 7, Board Member Compensation and Reimbursement. So the current system that we have for those who are elected to the Calpers Board is that there's a declaration made of a percentage of compensation for your employer to be reimbursed. And then I believe there are times sheets that are prepared to reconcile against that.

And I thought being one who's not subject to that, in thinking is there a simpler way for us to do that? Do we want to consider some simplification of that?

I see people working at time sheets, and meanwhile they're representing a \$300 billion fund that's very important to the citizens of California and our members, and we're sitting here filling out hourly timesheets.

So I haven't filled out a timesheet since I was a busboy in freshman year of college, so I find it interesting. So I thought I'd toss that out for conversation. Do we want to see if we want -- if there's interest in having a -- maybe a simpler system that potentially would just declare if you're doing this on the Board, it's this percentage, and if you're doing that, it's that percentage.

So I'd just toss that out and see if there's any interest in talking about this.

Mr. Jelincic and then Mr. Feckner.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: As one of the people who fills out the -- well, used to fill out the time sheet, now staff does it, the -- it really has not been a problem, because quite frankly what I do is I -- when I was filling it out myself, I would actually go back to my calendar and just look at where I had been, and, you know, it doesn't take a lot of time.

The -- now, that staff -- staff used to do it, and I'd get it -- they'd email it to me, and I'd go against my calendar and check. And then like today they

gave me one that was all filled in, and signed I it, and I really didn't -- wasn't going to take the time to back to my calendar. I was in a committee meeting.

But -- and I will also point out that in my case there's a little asterisk that says I'm a CalPERS employee, and they're going to pay 100 percent of my time in any case. So it's -- it really has not been that big of a problem.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: All right. Mr. Feckner.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree with Mr. Jelincic. I don't see it as being a problem. I think as we're all using the Board calendar, it makes it easier for everyone to project that. And sometimes I think if things are not broken, why do we have to try and change them, but -- so, for me, anyway, its seems to work.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Mr. Boyken.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER BOYKEN: So is your question about Board member efficiency and filling out timesheets or was it about a formulaic --

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Well, it's really just the whole formula concept of having to reconcile against a annual projection, and then the staff having to then reconcile that to the original request. And so I'm always

one for simplification. So I thought, well, if you just -- if you just had -- the President is 100 percent, and if you're a Board member and a Committee Chair, it's a different percentage and if you're merely a Board member, then it's a third percentage. And then just eliminate the timekeeping aspect of it. That was my thought, but if people are -- particularly those who are subject to it, are comfortable where they are, then that's fine.

I just brought it up trying to create efficiencies if it's possible and desired.

Mr. Bilbrey.

COMMITTEE MEMBER BILBREY: Actually, the work here to fill out for CalPERS is not. It's at my actual employment --

(Laughter.)

COMMITTEE MEMBER BILBREY: -- that I have a lot more that I have to fill out and do there.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Uh-huh. Okay. So I don't see a ground swell of desire here to make any change. So I think thank you, we've had a discussion of it, and we'll move on to the next agenda time, and maybe sometime in the future I'll have to do timesheets too. Who knows. You never know.

Item number 8 is Committee Meeting Management.

And this is coming out of the off-site, where we had our

session with Diane Miller, which I thought was very productive. So there were four items that kind of came out of that in Agenda Item 8. And those four things were increasing Board member staff coordination and planning agendas, reducing the volume of materials provided to Board members, enforcing pre-set time estimates on agenda items, and consider coaching for Chairs and Vice Chairs in meeting management.

So those are kind of the four things that came out of that. So I'll open it up again for discussion. Are there things that we can do in -- either from the Committee members or from others here to improve our governance in terms of running meetings?

Mr. Feckner.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Just a question. On the second bullet, when it says reducing volume, does that mean reducing paper volume or actually volume that goes on the Diligent Board Books or the Resource, et cetera?

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Well, it could be either.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: I'm all for getting rid of extra paper, but I think if it's reducing reports and things like that that we should be responsible for, that I wouldn't be in favor of. But as far as saving trees and paper, I'm fine with that.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: I think part of it also, in

my mind, is a -- how much of it is -- obviously we want to get the information, but how much of it do we need to have a discussion of? How many -- you know, when a presentation is made to us, do we always -- do we have death by PowerPoint?

(Laughter.)

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: You know, do we need to set -- is it good for us to set some rules of expectation, so that we can move the agenda toward -- more toward the strategic things, and less toward the volumetric things?

Ms. Mathur.

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: Yes, I would very much endorse what you just said. I think that it is an issue. Sometimes -- you know, our job is to make really important strategic and policy decisions. And sometimes too much information can make it more difficult to make the best decision, to distill out the most essential information, and insight that can be gleaned.

So I do think that there's work that needs to be done on our agenda materials broadly to ensure that we are not -- we are not overwhelmed with data at the expense of information -- of relevant information. So I do think that's work that needs to be done. I would also -- I would actually agree with all of the items that were recommended by Ms. Miller.

I think having estimates that are known to the public and to the Board for the amount of time that each agenda item is expected to take, and then endowing the Chair with the authority to manage to that time. Of course, the Chair can always deviate if a really fruitful discussion and debate is, occurring and -- but I think that is an important piece of running these meetings effectively and efficiently and honoring everyone's time, because there's a -- there are a lot of people who are spending a lot of time in those Board rooms.

So those are my thoughts.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Just a reaction to one of your points. And I have been on a couple of boards where actually the timekeeper, the person in charge of that, is the Vice Chair, rather than the Chair, because the Chair has got a lot of things on his or her plate in managing the meeting. And so the Vice Chair who doesn't necessarily have a giant role during that time period, may be a natural place where that can be the person who's in charge of adhering to the time, and reminding the Chair that it's time to move on to the next agenda item. So that's a thought of something we could do organizationally.

Other comments?

Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: One of our earlier

Board consultants had talked about the approach that -
and I think it was GM took -- where the Board material

really comes in layers. So the first is kind of the

summary, the next is a discussion of the rationale, and

then a expansion of -- well, the rationale of the pros and

cons, and then some expansion of other material, and then

ultimately source documents, in many cases just links.

And then the Board member can actually go through it and get to whatever level of comfort they need. And, you know, but not everybody -- you know, recognizing here not everybody has the luxury of time nearly as much as I do. But the -- you know, not everybody needs to dig as deep, if you get comfortable.

So it's a different way of structuring it that I think we ought to at least look at or at least have staff look at and come up with some pros and cons on.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Mr. Costigan.

VICE CHAIRPERSON COSTIGAN: So similar to what

Ms. Mathur raised, I agree, I mean, there's too much

information. One of the expected -- or setting

expectation from Board -- from the Chairs and Vice Chairs

of the committees on like the PowerPoint presentations. I

will say for those that are listening to come in front of

SPB, folks don't do very well that read their

presentations. The assumption is we've read the briefings. We've read the ALJ decision. So you're to do a synopsis, not to sit there and argue everything that's in the pleadings.

And I think too often what I see in the PowerPoint presentations is assume we've read it, and do a short presentation. But going slide by slide sometimes, I -- the information again, and being prepared, and based upon the conversation we just had related to time and compensation, the assumption is you're rolling into these committee meetings already reading -- read all the materials, and that the meetings could be run shorter.

I don't know short of reducing the actual number of meetings we have for each committee to reduce the flow of information. I mean, as we saw today, in the conversation at Finance and Admin, we were going through quarterly reports. At some point, we've got to make a -- just a decision how much information is too much information. Not that it impedes our ability to make a decision, but is the information available?

I will say just even moving to the iPads, has really changed a significant amount. I still like the hard materials, but I think at the same time, the iPads have also made it more convenient as to realize and forget how big the amount of materials we get are.

I mean, because you don't see it. You don't see -- that's why I bring my binder. You actually -- three Committee hearings. If you look at the 976 pages we have tomorrow for Board of Administration versus just on the iPads, it's much easier.

So I do think that's one thing that we could set as committee members is the expectation we've come in, we've read your presentation, is there anything else you'd like to add?

And then if not move to the action item, that would shut down a lot of stuff. Anyway. Because that adds -- Doug knows most of us already made a determination. I don't think anybody is going to sway us at an argument side as to where we're already going to be based upon the information that we've read. So thank you.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Mr. Feckner.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I realize this is an information, and nothing precludes us from taking an action. I would move that we -- that the Committee recommend to the full Board adopting these four principles, with the caveat on the last one, that it instead of consider, that we say coaching is "available" for Chairs and Vice Chairs, rather using the word "consider", but that it's available for those Chairs that want it or it's suggested that they

might be able to benefit by using some coaching.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: I would ask -- let me ask for a friendly amendment on it, which is slightly change the word -- the wording in the first word of each of them, as opposed to "increasing", "increase". So make it declarative, so increase, reduce enforce and then make coaching for Chairs and Vice Chairs available.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Fine with me.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Is there a second for the motion, first of all?

VICE CHAIRPERSON COSTIGAN: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Seconded by Costigan.

Discussion?

Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Yeah. This is probably going to shock everybody, I really have some problems with the pre-set time estimates. The -- there is some value in having them and giving people a context, but to say we're going to enforce it. Yesterday, we had a very good discussion on the real estate policy. If you went back and looked at the timed agenda, it was 20 minutes for questions. And quite frankly, we could not have really discussed the policy in 20 minutes. So, I mean, I -- as a guideline, I think they make sense, but I think there's a real problem with saying we're going to

enforce it.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Mr. Feckner.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: I would agree with Mr. Jelincic, but I think that puts the onus back on the Board, especially the Chair and Vice Chair and staff to make sure those times are really reliable and can be done in that period of time. Sometimes I think we just throw numbers on there, instead of actually what's going to work and what doesn't.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Well, and -- if I may?

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Well, first, Mr. Jones and then Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Yeah. I think that maybe -- you know, the 20 minutes, for example, many times it's not staff, it's the Board who keep asking questions over and over. And that is what expands the time. So maybe an approach to addressing the problem is to limit the number of questions as opposed to the time. And that will automatically reduce. You know, maybe each Committee member will have two questions. You'll have a first round and a second round. And because after you go a couple of rounds, most of the questions should be answered. And so that's just another thought in terms of an approach.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: I think one of the things we

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             COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: But what may be
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             COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: But he's the Chair.
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             COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Of this Committee.
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CHAIRPERSON SLATON: So, Mr. Jones, when -- you know, if we establish -- and we can do it in writing or we can do it as part of our delegation to the Chair of the committee, to set the rules for the governing of that particular committee meeting. And if you want to have --

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set the standard at the start of the meeting that it's two questions, and then we, you know, move on to other people's questions, then fine.

I mean, as far as I'm concerned, I would say that's the discretion of the Chair to do that as long as you let everybody know at the start of the meeting or at the start of the agenda item, if you think it's going to be an issue.

You know, so what do others thing. Do we need to put that in our -- in writing or do we need to just have that at the discretion of each individual Committee Chair?

Oh, Ms. Mathur?

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: Thank you. I think what I said earlier I would still stand behind. That I think as a general rule, you know, we should be able to make estimate -- reasonable estimates of what each agenda item should take, and the Chair should -- you know, should enforce those time limit, and that the Chair should have discretion if he or she deems that the discussion that's ongoing is constructive and continuing to add to the entire Committee's understanding of the issue to allow the discussion to continue beyond the estimate.

So I think it -- I think we can sort of articulate it in a way that is not overly prescriptive, that allows for the discretion of the Chair as the

individual who's running the Committee meeting, and yet encourages adherence to predetermined or estimates of time.

So what I hear you saying is maybe that particular line needs to say enforce at the discretion of the Chair, pre-set time estimates on agenda items.

Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Yeah. Looking at my 30-year history. Agendas have been amazing. Quite Frankly, things that people have really expected to go a long time, just sometimes snap through in literally minutes. Other times things that people are expecting to be very quick turn out to lead to lots of questions, because there is, you know, multiple viewpoints. So I think there's a real difficultness in doing this. Although, I do think Rob -- to Rob's point, we need to really think more closely about what are these actually going to be?

When Henry said limit the number of questions. You know, I kind of rebelled at that. But then when you refined it, as you know, and you used the example, two questions, then move on to the next Board member, and go through that way, that I really have no problems with, as long as, you know, you can loop back and eventually get to it.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: I think you're right, but at the end of the day, the Chair is in charge of the meeting. So, in my way of thinking, you know, that you can go around the room and take questions, but at some point in time, somebody has to be the -- have the responsibility for governing the meeting and at the end of the day, that's the chair. So you want to have robust conversation, robust dialogue, but you can't have one person dominated. And so the Chair, somebody has to a decision. You know, who else besides the Chair, Mr. Jelincic.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: Well, I will point out that we operated under Robert's Rules. And quite frankly, any member of the Committee could move to cutoff debate at any point.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: That's true. That is true. You could use that approach versus the Chair. And that's available since we operate Under Robert's Rules. So any Committee member can raise a point of order and make a recommendation.

So I want to come back for a moment to -- because we've got a motion on the floor. But I want to come back to one item in here that we really haven't fleshed out. We've talked about it a little bit, which is this issue of presentation material from staff, and what I call death by

PowerPoint.

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So how do we -- if we wish to have things and several members have expressed interest in tightening things up to be the more strategic issues, the summary, kind of the guts of what it is we, as a Board or as Committee, should be focused on, how do we give that direction? How do we cause that to have -- how do we give staff permission to do that? Any thoughts on that?

Ms. Hollinger.

BOARD MEMBER HOLLINGER: Yeah. I think if that's the direction we're going to go, then the PowerPoint that we're to be reviewing ahead of our meeting should give us the information to make a decision, or maybe the relevant information necessary. And then correspondingly, when they're presenting to us it's not reviewing page by page of the PowerPoint, but maybe are there any questions for clarification, if it's an action item to enable us to make a decision, or things we didn't understand.

But I think it's got to be two-fold. I think we have to be clear about the expectation then of what they're going to present to us, as well as us taking the onus to inform ourselves. So we're not -- you know, so we can make those decisions.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Do your homework, as Mr. Feckner just said, as an aside.

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How about from staff, Doug, what do you think? INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HOFFNER: you, Bill. I thought there was some great feedback that we got at the off-site by Diane Miller in really sort of how to organize some of those materials. And I don't recall them all at the top, but particularly it related to action items. I think she basically indicated there's sort of a general format that we might want to think about using in terms of how to pull that information up, raise it to the level of awareness for the Board about what your -- what we are proposing to you to take action on, what other considerations were included within that discussion we may have had internally, summarize them in an appropriate level of detail, and if it's a PowerPoint, she said no more than three to six slides, I think, to some -- that effect.

The onus then would be on us to basically, in working with the Chairs of the committees, to come back with some information -- you know, have a back and forth of what that information may look like. You know, I saw one slide today I think it was a 45-page PowerPoint.

BOARD MEMBER HOLLINGER: Right.

INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HOFFNER: So how do we get to the end goal, which is the recommendation

we're making to you for an action item that has the level of information you need to make a decision, and have the dialogue -- which really what she was encouraging was less about the materials, but the conversation that we, as staff to Board, are going to have around the items. And then focus on that, ensuring that we have enough material before you that kind of leads to that discussion.

And that's maybe not a part we've totally discussed yet today, but I took that as a way from the July off-site as that piece of the dialogue that needs to occur.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Ms. Mathur.

BOARD MEMBER MATHUR: It seems to me that perhaps it would be useful or instructive to have a set of guidelines, sort of -- and examples of what works and what is effective, and get -- what drives to the point and drive -- you know, and gets the relevant necessary information surface so that a good decision can be made.

So perhaps there was a little bit of work on the staff side to sort of come up with some that, and then it's not really something for the Board to necessarily adopt, as much as it is just to help guide the development of materials moving forward.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Well, building on what you just said, one thing that could happen is we could take a

typical agenda action item, have them work on how would that look under kind of a new protocol, and serve it up to us as an example, and see how it holds together.

I'm reminded of the -- on action items, the initial two or three page memo that comes, which has an awful lot of boilerplate in it. There's usually about one paragraph or two paragraphs that's the substance. So why do we have all the boilerplate?

Well, maybe we need it, maybe we don't. You know, it raises the question how do you -- how best to communicate that one or two paragraphs that's the essence of what it is you're asking us -- that they're asking us to do. So that ties in, I think, to what you're saying.

Mr. Bilbrey.

COMMITTEE MEMBER BILBREY: And I just want to add also once we come up with a process, that we also talk to our consultants about that as well, especially the Chairs to make sure they don't have 78-page PowerPoints also.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: Bill.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Yes, Mr. Jones.

COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES: And that's fine, your comments, but I think we also need to be mindful of that these two pages that were created as a result of responding to some of the requests by Board members like we wanted in each recommendation wanted to know what

strategic plan was responsible for this item. We now want to know what Investment Beliefs this particular item is addressing. So that is something we need to give up if you're talking about -- you know, it's not all just staff, it's us too, have to make some concessions.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Yes. Exactly. Exactly. Okay. Oh, Ms. Hollinger.

BOARD MEMBER HOLLINGER: Yeah. The other thing is like, even today, even some of the people who -- I was not part of the Performance and Comp Committee, but, I mean, we're all confused like, well, what did Ted have now? What did this give him? I mean, it could have just been done in a simple sentence, you know what I mean? And also, the -- because I think it was a lot to distill something very simple. You know, we like to say what the baseline of what someone has today, the pros, the cons.

Because one thing J.J. brings up, he also wants to hear the cons, and I think that's beneficial for all of us to hear like both sides if it could be in a way that, you know, represents the positives as well -- or the upsides as well as potential downsides.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Okay. Other comments?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: I have a comment, Bill.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Yes, Mr. Jacobs.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: I think it's really an

agenda item by agenda item analysis. It's going to vary significantly. I try to write my agenda items so that they're self-contained, and I can just get up here and say, any questions, and then answer questions.

It's kind of like the approach that is commonly used in court, which is you present your papers and the judge, if he or she has read them, which doesn't always happen, then all he or she needs is to clarify a few things, and then he or she makes the decision.

There's going to be other matters where it really isn't that simple. And if you've got all these charts, then it's going to be valuable for a staff member to summarize them, give you a high level overview of those. I think that what would be helpful to staff perhaps would be the direction, which I'm sensing you collectively are providing, which is we don't necessarily need the big PowerPoint presentation. Why don't you focus on what it is that you're presenting and make a determination, with our help if you need it, about what -- how much time you're going to need to spend in presenting it through a PowerPoint or other types of assistance.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Okay. So we have a motion on the floor. Before we take a vote on it. I do want to get a consensus -- see if we have a consensus regarding one of the items was the -- who keeps time. And I made a

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Motion carries. I think we did something good. We'll find out as it progresses.

So a summary of Committee direction, I think you just articulated.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: I just did. There's one other item just to recap that Ms. Eason is going to work with the Chair and the Vice Chair on a specific proposal to capture all of the expenses that arise from Board Member travel, and I think that's it, those two items.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: And we'll bring that back to this Committee --

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: -- at a future meeting.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: It's now time for public comment? Do we have anyone who wishes to address the Committee?

Mr. Johnson. I think we have a microphone for you. Maybe. We're working on it.

There you go.

MR. JOHNSON: Neal Johnson, SEIU 1000.

You know, I -- having been a staff member of boards and commissions, and having worked on agenda items, I appreciate some of the problems of trying to communicate

the information and, you know, the sometimes easy to communicate, sometimes very difficult to. You also have -- any of staff probably has the frustration that at 5:00 o'clock on the second day of the Board meeting when everyone really wants to get out of there and you've got an important item, you have -- and you've spent all this time on it, you have to try to summarize in 25 seconds, the essence of it, and how do you do that?

You know, yesterday, I think Wylie at the end of the investment compliance sort of had to summarize very quickly what he was -- what staff was trying to convey. And we know that happens. But one of the -- you know, my concerns with trying to limit the amount of information is you are a public body and you have to be able to make a decision that also the public understands why you made that decision, as well as we, the stakeholders, et cetera.

And so you really, I think, have to walk this sort of fine line of how you get the information out there. You know, God, I sometimes look at my house and go Ewh, after the Board meeting --

COMMITTEE MEMBER JELINCIC: It's in the cardboard box.

MR. JOHNSON: -- with a stack of paper that's huge of do I really need all of this? Although, sometimes it's nice to be able to go back two years later and

actually look at certain of the items, and say, okay, this is what we looked at this time. This is how it's evolved. So, you know, I really don't have a good direction, but I think you really need to exercise some caution on how much information. It may well be just there are attachments that don't get really brought into it, and, you know, the -- maybe the agenda item format gets changed, so that you can really bring the substantive things out very quickly.

And then I'm also concerned about the time limits. I think it's nice to know how much -- how long somebody -- whether this is going to be a 15-minute item, a 30-minute item. But trying to really enforce that, I think creates a real problem, you know, being a public agency having to have public decisions.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: Okay.

MR. JOHNSON: I thank you.

CHAIRPERSON SLATON: All right. Thank you, Mr. Johnson. And I agree with much of what you said. I think that the objective here is to try to have the best information available, the most succinct information available both for us and for the public. And I don't think we want to say that other -- that all the information, and all the tables, and all the charts doesn't flow and isn't available. But the fact is how do

we spend our time in making sure both the public and we, as a board, understand the importance of the decision we're making, and the understanding of the information behind it, so that we can make good decisions on behalf of our members and the people of the State of California.

And on the time limit, it's just a matter of we want to -- we want to work efficiently and well, but take care of the people's business as well. So thank you very much for your comments.

And with that, I was hoping that this meeting would be over by 12:30. And I have -- woops, what?

No, it don't show up.

Okay. So I win by six minutes. So this meeting is adjourned.

Thank you.

(Thereupon California Public Employees'
Retirement System, Board Governance Committee
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