



Board Governance Committee Agenda Item 7

March 13, 2017

Item Name: Update on Board Education Program

Program: Board Governance

Item Type: Information

Executive Summary

The CalPERS Board Member Education Program was implemented in 2015 to assist Board members and their designees in complying with educational requirements imposed by Government Code section 20100, effective January 1, 2015, and the related CalPERS Board Education Policy.

This is an update to an agenda item presented in December 2016. This item includes the final draft Educational Activity Report as of December 31, 2016, which will be posted on the CalPERS website, as required by section 20100. It also includes a draft 2017 Program Schedule with a list of conducted and planned educational sessions for calendar year 2017.

Strategic Plan

This item is not part of the Strategic Plan. However, implementation of and compliance with Government Code section 20100 is consistent with sound governance practice and with Strategic Plan Goal B – to cultivate a high-performing, risk intelligent, and innovative organization.

Background

In March 2016, an Educational Activity Report was posted on the CalPERS website which included educational hours acquired by Board members and designees in calendar year 2015. In December 2016, an agenda item was presented which included a newly formatted report with individual listings of educational activities acquired by each Board member and designee during calendar years 2015 and 2016. The agenda item also included the 2017 Program Schedule with a list of scheduled and planned educational activities.

Following the presentation of the agenda item, the Educational Activity Report was updated with information submitted by Board members and designees regarding any additional education acquired in calendar year 2016. Modifications to the 2017 Program Schedule were also made.

Analysis

Final Draft Website Posting

Attachment 1 contains the final draft Educational Activity Report which will be posted on the CalPERS website by the end of March 2017. Each Board member and designee has an individual page listing their respective effective date, end date of the two-year period by which they individually must comply with the requirement, and hours of educational activities acquired

for that period as of December 31, 2016. Based on the Government Code effective date of January 1, 2015, the end of the two-year period for most Board members and designees was December 31, 2016. A few designees have different two-year period end dates based on their individual appointment date. For them, an updated report with any additional educational hours acquired will be posted on the website when they reach the end of their respective two-year period.

2017 Program Schedule

Attachment 2 contains the 2017 Program Schedule which lists all sessions currently planned for this calendar year. Links are included to videos of those sessions conducted at the January 2017 Board Offsite.

For sessions to be scheduled, the Executive Team is in the process of identifying and finalizing further details. Any updates to the 2017 Program Schedule will be uploaded to the Board books as they occur.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

For sessions already conducted, no additional costs were incurred, other than those associated with staff, AV services, and administration, which are being absorbed in the existing budget. The fiduciary training provided by the Board's interim fiduciary counsel cost approximately \$13,250. Other costs for 2017 will depend upon the final program schedule and the extent to which external experts are used.

Benefits and Risks

This program supports compliance with Government Code section 20100, which is consistent with fiduciary duty and sound governance. Benefits include the enhancement of Board member expertise on topics affecting CalPERS and its beneficiaries. We see little, if any, risk associated with delivery of this program.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Educational Activity Report
Attachment 2 – 2017 Program Schedule

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