



Board Governance Committee Agenda Item 3d

April 17, 2017

Item Name: Revision to Board Governance Policy Regarding Form 700 Transparency

Program: Enterprise Compliance Division

Item Type: Action Consent

Executive Summary

The *Form 700 and Travel Transparency Policy* (Attachment 1) was rescinded at the September 2016 Board Governance Committee meeting. As directed by the Committee, Form 700 transparency language is being added to the Board Governance Policy.

Strategic Plan

This agenda item supports Strategic Plan Goal B: Cultivate a high-performing, risk-intelligent and innovative organization.

Background

At its October 20, 2010 meeting, the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted the CalPERS *Form 700 and Travel Transparency Policy*, which required CalPERS to post certain Form 700 and travel cost information to *CalPERS Online*. At its September 21, 2016 meeting, the Board rescinded the *Form 700 and Travel Transparency Policy*, and directed the team to preserve the posting of Form 700 filings and travel expenses on the CalPERS external website. This item adds language to the Board Governance Policy to clarify the posting of Form 700 filings to CalPERS website.

Analysis

The proposed transparency revisions to the Board Governance Policy (Attachment 2, page 7) require publication of Board member Form 700s as previously directed, while also providing the Board with additional flexibility to address future transparency needs. An operational policy will be developed in conformance with the final *Board Governance Policy* language approved by the Board.

Staff believes the *Board Travel Policy* adequately covers the travel cost disclosures presented at the September 20, 2016 Finance and Administration Committee meeting, including the Committee's direction regarding changes to the reporting elements presented by staff.

The proposed transparency policy revisions do not require changes to delegations of authority or the *Board Travel Policy*.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

There are no new costs associated with this agenda item.

Benefits and Risks

This policy mitigates risk of noncompliance due to lack of awareness, by combining Board member transparency requirements into the *Board Governance Policy*, in conformance with other similar requirements.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – *CalPERS Form 700 and Travel Transparency Policy* (Rescinded)

Attachment 2 – Proposed Revision to Board Governance Policy

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