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APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Mr. Henry Jones, Chairperson
- Ms. Mona Pasquil Rogers, Vice Chairperson
- Mr. Rob Feckner
- Ms. Lisa Middleton
- Ms. Stacie Olivares
- Mr. Jason Perez
- Mr. Ramon Rubalcava

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Ms. Theresa Taylor, Vice President
- Mr. David Miller
- Ms. Eraina Ortega
- Ms. Betty Yee, represented by Ms. Lynn Paquin

STAFF:

- Ms. Marcie Frost, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Matt Jacobs, General Counsel
- Ms. Kristin Garner, Committee Secretary
- Ms. Anne Simpson, Board Governance and Strategy Director

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ALSO PRE	SENT:				
Mr. Jerr	y Founta	in, Calif	fornia St	ate Retirees	
Ms. Jack	ie Lee,	CTA Liais	son		

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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRPERSON JONES: I'd like to call the Board Governance Committee to order. And the first order of business is roll call, please.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Henry Jones?

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Here.

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COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Mona Pasquil Rogers?

VICE CHAIR PASQUIL ROGERS: Here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Rob Feckner?

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Still here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Lisa Middleton.

COMMITTEE MEMBER MIDDLETON: Present.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Stacie Olivares?

COMMITTEE MEMBER OLIVARES: Here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Jason Perez?

COMMITTEE MEMBER PEREZ: Here.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY GARNER: Ramon Rubalcava?

COMMITTEE MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Present.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Thank you. And also note that Mr. Miller, Ms. Ortega, and Ms. Taylor, and Ms.

Paquin are also attending the meeting today.

I would like to get approval of the September Board Governance Committee timed agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Move approval.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Moved by Mr. Feckner.

1 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEREZ: Second.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Second by Mr. Perez.

All those in favor say aye?

(Ayes.)

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CHAIRPERSON JONES: Opposed?

Hearing none. It passes. Thank you.

Mr. Matthew Jacobs, the executive report.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Yes. Good afternoon,
Chair Jones and Board members. Over the last several
months and even perhaps over a year, the Board workstreams
have been doing the heavy lifting on developing
recommendations for Board -- changes to the Board
governance structure and reforms. And as you know, last
month, we got to the point of actually recommend -- those
recommendations came forward and several of them were
adopted.

So now, over the next several months, we will -that is management will be returning with the
implementation of a variety of these -- or all of the
decisions that the Board made last month.

So today, we have two of those. That is the implementation of the switch to Rosenberg's Rules from Robert's Rules as the parliamentary authority for the way in which the Board manages its meetings and the change in the structure of the Investment Committee to mirror the

format of the other committees, i.e. moving it from a committee of the whole to a committee of less than the whole.

We will be coming forward in the later months with some of the other changes that were voted on last month. For example, currently, the Legal Office is working with workstream 4 on the code of conduct. And the direction was to work toward a new draft, so we'll be coming back with that in -- I imagine in November. And others will come forward over the next months as well.

We also have an agenda item today regarding the potential requirement -- or actually a requirement that already exists for Board members to report out on their travel. And so that's the basic layout of today and into the future. And with that, I'll conclude my report.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.

Okay. The next item on the agenda is approval of the Governance Committee meeting minutes. Do I have a motion?

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Move approval.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Moved by Mr. Feckner.

COMMITTEE MEMBER MIDDLETON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Second by Ms. Middleton.

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All those in favor say aye?

(Ayes.)

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CHAIRPERSON JONES: Opposed?

Hearing none. The item passes.

Thank you.

Okay. Next item is Agenda Item 5a, proposed changes to board governance documents.

Mr. Jacobs.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Yes. Thank you. So as I just mentioned, this is the agenda item that would effectuate the change that was voted on last month. We have prepared red-lined versions of both the rules of conduct -- rules for the conduct of meetings and the Board Governance Policy to conform with and to effectuate the Board's decision on this.

So there's a variety of changes to both of those documents, many more in the first document than the latter one. We've also taken the liberty of eliminating some -- some passages in those documents that didn't make any sense for a number of different reasons, either it was bad grammar or it's something that the Board just doesn't do anymore.

So I'm happy to take any questions about those.

The basic concept though is pretty straightforward. Let's get rid of -- let's get rid of all the references to Robert's and the rules that conform with Robert's, replace

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them with Rosenberg's. And then the -- the appendix A, which is the little cheat sheet table of rules has been cut down dramatically to reflect what is in Rosenberg's, but which doesn't appear -- excuse me, which appears in Rosenberg's. It doesn't appear in -- let me try that again -- which appears in Rosenberg's but which become unnecessary if we're dispensing with Robert's. And you can see that there's quite a few of them that have been lopped off here. Most of them in my 5 years as your General Counsel, I have never needed to -- has never come up.
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So with that, I'm happy to take any questions about the agenda item in general or any particular proposed changes that we've made to the governing documents.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay.

Seeing no questions.

This is an action item. So do I have a motion?

COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Move approval.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Moved by Mr. Feckner.

VICE CHAIR PASQUIL ROGERS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Second by Ms. Pasquil Rogers.

All those in favor say aye?

(Ayes.)

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CHAIRPERSON JONES: Opposed?

None. The item passes. Thank you. 1 5b, proposed changes to Board governance 2 3 documents for the Investment Committee. Mr. Jacobs. 4 GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Very good. So this is, 5 again as I mentioned or similar to the last item, just 6 some changes to the governing document. In this case the 7 8 delegation resolution is the operative document that 9 created the IC as a committee of the whole. And so we have made the changes to that document to take it down to 10 a committee of no less than 9 members. 11 And again, happy to take any questions about this 12 1.3 one. CHAIRPERSON JONES: Seeing no questions. 14 This is an action item. I need a motion. 15 16 VICE CHAIR PASQUIL ROGERS: So moved. CHAIRPERSON JONES: Moved by Ms. Pasquil Rogers. 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER OLIVARES: Second. 18 CHAIRPERSON JONES: Second by Ms. Olivares. 19 20 All those in favor say aye? (Ayes.) 21 CHAIRPERSON JONES: Opposed? 2.2 23 (No.) CHAIRPERSON JONES: Note Mr. Perez's oppose. 24 25 item passes. Okay. Thank you very much.

Go to Item 6a, enhanced reporting of board member overseas travel.

Ms. Simpson.

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INVESTMENT DIRECTOR SIMPSON: Good afternoon. Thank you. Anne Simpson, Calpers staff member.

Earlier in the year, Ms. Brown made a suggestion that Board members be asked to make report backs when they went on overseas travel. And you'll recall that I mentioned I thought that there was such a requirement already on the books. So this -- we've been rather busy with governance items with this Committee in recent months. So we finally thought there was a bit of calm and I could come back and just provide you with a copy of the Travel Policy, which already governs that requirement to give reports.

However, the phrasing of it is when Board members travel for educational events. And, of course, that would cover education at home as well as abroad. So in terms of this, it's information for the Committee to consider whether the current policy meets your needs. And obviously, if there's any improvement on the existing policy, that will be for the Committee to propose. And we're very much open to your ideas, and suggestions, and direction.

So thank you.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Well, thank you.

Ms. Taylor.

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VICE PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Sorry. You were 0 for 2, and now I did it. I'm sorry.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRPERSON JONES: I was on a roll.

VICE PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I know you were.

I think it's a great idea that we do reporting on our educational and -- travel, because it can be advantageous to other folks that didn't attend. I know that Ms. Brown went to Wharton with Mr. Perez. I thought that would be great to maybe share a couple of slides that you went over, that kind of stuff.

The same with us for PRI. But I also think that's necessary -- it's not just overseas travel that -- and you guys traveled within the United States. I think it's any educational forum. And I don't know how the rest of the Board feels about this, but I think our travel should be very open. And if we are traveling, we need to state where we're going, to visit whom specifically, because I think, as Ms. Brown likes to say, we need to be transparent.

So if we're going out to visit constituents, we need to say to whom we're going to -- am I going to go visit my constituents with -- because I have several

different constituents. I have SEIU, I have CFA, I have -- so, you know, I would think that would be something that we make sure that we put on our Board travel as well. I don't -- if anybody wants to take that up, feel free. I'm not a Board -- a Committee member, so that was my thought.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: And just let me clarify the record. This item is on the agenda as a result of our CSR members who came to us and asked that we put this on the agenda. So I just want to clarify the record.

Okay. Mr. Rubalcava.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Yeah. I just wanted clarification. It was highlighted in the document, that's the language that's currently -- that's currently rules, right?

INVESTMENT DIRECTOR SIMPSON: Correct. The yellow -- the yellow section. That's correct.

COMMITTEE MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Okay. And right now, it only speaks to Educational events. So -- and it's a written report, so -- and the failure. I just want to make sure everyone understands that, the failure to summit the reports means it can result in the denial of future travel requests until such reports are received. So it's a pretty high threshold. So I just want to make people -- make sure people understand that.

I would support that we adhere by our current policy and that we do amend it to speak to any event, because I think it should be shared. So that would be my motion, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. This is an information item.

COMMITTEE MEMBER RUBALCAVA: If we're recommending, well that would be my recommendation then that we do that.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: But I guess -- Okay. So we'll come back to your point though in a minute.

Mr. Miller.

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BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yeah, I just want to -- I support doing something in regard to this. I really would welcome the opportunity when I travel on the fund's dollars, member's dollars, our dollars to have an opportunity to share with the rest of you, with our stakeholders what I've been doing, and why it was important, and what I've learned, and -- because I think there -- I have run into this tendency for people to -- particularly, for example, I went to a National Association of Corporate Directors educational director development type event, but it happened to be in Florida.

And, you know, and I got this, "Oh, you're having fun in Florida on our money", kind of thing. And I'll

tell you, it was educational, but I didn't get a chance to have any fun. You know, when you get on a plane and you get off the plane and go to the hotel, and wipe the sleep out of your eyes, and then go to meetings for three days, and then get back on a plane, let alone -- you know, I looked at the possibility of needing to go to a meeting that was overseas, and it was like, oh, my God. This is going to kill me. If I have to, you know, fly 14 hours and get on a cab, go to a hotel, spend 9, 10 hours in meetings, eat something at the hotel, because I can't go anywhere, do it again two days in a row, and then get back on a plane, it just is so daunting.

And I know when I got home, I would be facing,
"Oh, you were just over there having fun sightseeing".

And it's like, no, I really would welcome the opportunity
to share what I learned and why it was important enough
for me to consider frankly putting myself through that on
behalf of the members.

And so I really think this is something that will help us both with understanding among our stakeholders and with sharing what we've learned, so we all don't have to go to these things necessarily, if we can share what we've learned.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Mr. Feckner.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I agree with Mr. Miller on a few aspects. But I would say that, you know, the language that we have now in the gold print is there for a reason. It gives the President some opportunity to evaluate the conferences that we went to, whether or not they're viable for someone else to go to again, and again to make sure that we're collecting all that.

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But at the same time, to get back to like what Ms. Taylor said, I don't think anybody wants to hear that I went and talked to 15 people in Middletown last week. So I think we need to have some parameters around what we're going to put into this report.

But at the same time, the request that came from the audience our stakeholders, they don't get to read these reports that we submit to the President. So I think that we've got to consider creating a placeholder on the Board meeting agenda to where Board members that have gone to these industry-standard conferences et cetera get a 5 minute opportunity to explain what they went through, what they spent our dues dollar -- our fund money on, and what education opportunities there were at the same time.

So I think there needs to be a balance there. I mean, when I do my expense reports, I put on there who I went to speak to et cetera, so anybody looking at those

expenses will know where I went and who I spoke to.

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But at the same time, I don't think I have to sit here and tell you about going to talk to a group of members. But going to a conference, I absolutely agree.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Ms. Middleton.

COMMITTEE MEMBER MIDDLETON: Thank you.

heard. I know that we want to get the information out.

Last week, I went to speak to the RPEA board of directors.

That was a really great opportunity. I would like to have not an opportunity to fill out a three-page report on that, but an opportunity to document that this is outreach that was done. And so I think we should ask staff to come up with some type of reporting mechanism that is flexible enough to extend from the meeting that we have with a dozen people to the time that we are traveling for a three or four day educational conference with a variety of classes. It seems to me that's very doable.

But the bottom line to this is all of us are saying we want to make sure that we are very transparent and all of the information regarding our travel is made available.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Thank you.

Mr. Perez.

COMMITTEE MEMBER PEREZ: Thank you.

I agree with Mr. Feckner. I don't want to tie up the meetings any longer by giving oral reports. But if we write a written statement. It doesn't have to be paragraphs -- or I'm sorry. It doesn't have to be pages, but paragraphs. And maybe we can include that into a information item that people can read at a later time, the audience can read at a later time.

And as far as listing who you speak with, absolutely that should be -- I thought that's what we were supposed to do. Yeah, we need to list it. But that's on the travel expense forms. I don't know that we need to -- CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay.

COMMITTEE MEMBER PEREZ: That's it.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Mrs. Pasquil Rogers.

VICE CHAIR PASQUIL ROGERS: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

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For the State Personnel Board, I, every month, will have a report that we'll put in the record, but I just give a quick highlight. I think it's good if -- you know, for the people who if they want to read it online after, but if they want to hear about it, but I think it's -- even if it's just a sentence or two on the highlights, I think that it's very helpful.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay.

VICE CHAIR PASQUIL ROGERS: So I encourage -- I

encourage that kind of feedback for transparency sake.

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CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Well, thank you very much. So what we'll do then is take these suggestions from Mr. Rubalcava talking about any of event, Mr. Feckner talking about a placeholder on the agenda, Ms. Middleton about three days versus one day, and Mr. Jason Perez about written comments, and Mrs. Mona Pasquil Rogers comments.

So we will come back with an internal document of how we would manage this as opposed to bringing another Board report forward in terms of our operating manual, if you will.

And I think that this is another benefit from periodically -- periodically evaluating ourselves.

Because we have this document, so it's obvious there needs to be some responsiveness to it. Because obviously, we have not been completely following it. So the evaluation process have led to this discussion and to lead us to be more responsive to the policies that we already have, such as any time you travel on CalPERS business, you normally would have to go to our tool and indicate that you're traveling.

But normally, I think what happens is the Board member, if it's local, we go and we submit a travel claim. So we need to set a policy -- a practice in place that if you don't use the tool, you don't get reimbursed. So

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             CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Ms. Pasquil Rogers and
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             GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: -- and then so people
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    can respond to what they like and they don't like.
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             GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Okay. Very good.
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CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Thank you.

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Okay. We have a couple of requests to speak. Mr. Fountain and Ms. Lee on this item. If you can come down and the mics will come on and you will have three minutes to make your comments and identify yourself and your organization.

MR. FOUNTAIN: Good afternoon, Board members.

I'm Jerry Fountain, Chief Financial Officer for the

California State Retirees.

I applaud the comments that the Board has made here. I had an opportunity to speak to the Board on this subject awhile back. And it came about through a conversation I had with Mr. Jones. We had talked about some of his travels and the business he conducted overseas.

And I found it extremely interesting what he had done. I found it very enlightening as to what goes on behind the scenes with Board members. And it was very beneficial to me. And it gave me a broader scope of understanding of what the Board does.

I believe it will have a good effect on us stakeholders knowing what you're doing in our behalf. So again, I applaud the Board's conversation in this matter and carrying it forward.

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CHAIRPERSON JONES: Thank you for your comments.

MR. FOUNTAIN: Oh, if I may add to that. Mr. Miller, I understand your position totally. Although on a very smaller scale as the Chief Financial Officer for California State Retirees. We have 26 chapters throughout the state. And so far this year, I've logged 4 months in the Hilton's Property somewhere.

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(Laughter.)

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Thank you, Fountain.

MS. LEE: Hi. My name is Jackie Lee. And I'm CTA liaison.

So it's very important to me to go ahead and have some kind of reporting. I don't think that it is only on educational travel that you need to report. I really think that any travel needs to be reported too.

It doesn't have to be huge. Part of CTA board, they list on a monthly basis after their meetings. They will have their itinerary, what they've done. I mean, they would put the date and they would say I was at this chapter, at this service central council, and so on.

A quarterly -- well, first of all, as a liaison, I have to report after every Board meeting to CTA to indicate what has transpired here. I will not get paid my travel, if I don't report. So it's very important for me to be present and to relate what transpired here.

CTA has board activities that they go ahead and indicate. And I don't need the names of the people that you have met with truly. I mean, it's -- t should be a huge list. It just -- if you're meeting in Riverside, Riverside, you know. I have indicated, you know, that I have been here at the Board meeting or I come to the stakeholder meetings, and I report on what has transpired here that's -- for educational purposes, CTA is interested.

And so I really appreciate the fact that you are going to be reporting, but not only the educational part meetings. But if you're traveling either abroad or here in the United States, please let us know. If it is electronic, it's fine. You know, we all get emails.

Thank you so much.

CHAIRPERSON JONES: Okay. Thank you for your comments.

Seeing no requests to speak from the Committee members, this meeting is adjourned.

(Thereupon California Public Employees'
Retirement System, Board Governance Committee
meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.)

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