



Board Governance Committee

Agenda Item 6a

April 22, 2020

Item Name: Board Education Program – Education Activity Report and 2020 Program Schedule

Program: Board Governance

Item Type: Information Consent

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 (Policy) which, in part, states CalPERS Board Members and designees are required to complete twenty-four hours of education within the first two years of assuming office and every subsequent two-year period.

This item includes the final draft Educational Activity Reports, which detail educational hours acquired by each board member and designee through December 31, 2019, or through their last two-year period if it ended during the 2019 calendar year. This item will be posted on the CalPERS website, as required by section 20100, and also includes the current 2020 Program Schedule.

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

As required by section 20100 and the Policy, Educational Activity Reports are posted annually in March on the CalPERS website. The reports include educational hours acquired by each Board member and designee through December 2019, or through their last two-year period if it ended during the 2019 calendar year.

Analysis

Final Draft Website Posting

Attachment 1 contains the final Educational Activity Reports which will be posted on the CalPERS website by the end of March 2020. Each Board member and designee has a report reflecting educational activities acquired during their respective two-year period through December 31, 2019, or through their last two-year period if it ended during the 2019 calendar year.

2020 Program Schedule

Attachment 2 contains the 2020 Program Schedule, which lists all sessions conducted this calendar year to date. The Executive Team is in the process of identifying and finalizing additional trainings. Any updates to the 2020 Program Schedule will be uploaded to the Board books as they occur.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

All costs associated with the Board Member Education Program are covered under the existing budget. Other costs for 2020 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 (one for each Board member and designee)

Attachment 2 – 2020 Program Schedule

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