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APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mr. Henry Jones, President
- Ms. Margaret Brown
- Mr. Rob Feckner
- Ms. Fiona Ma, represented by Mr. Frank Ruffino
- Ms. Lisa Middleton
- Mr. David Miller
- Ms. Stacie Olivares
- Ms. Eraina Ortega
- Mr. Jason Perez
- Mr. Ramon Rubalcava
- Ms. Shawnda Westly
- Ms. Betty Yee, represented by Ms. Lynn Paquin

STAFF:

- Ms. Marcie Frost, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Dan Bienvenue, Interim Chief Investment Officer
- Mr. Michael Cohen, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Christian Farland, Chief Information Officer
- Mr. Douglas Hoffner, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr. Matthew Jacobs, General Counsel
- Dr. Donald Moulds, Chief Health Director
- Mr. Brad Pacheco, Deputy Executive Officer, Communications & Stakeholder Relations

APPEARANCES CONTINUED

STAFF:

- Mr. Anthony Suine, Deputy Executive Officer, Customer Services & Support
- Mr. Scott Terando, Chief Actuary
- Ms. Marlene Timberlake D'Adamo, Chief Compliance Officer
- Mr. Danny Brown, Chief, Legislative Affairs Division
- Ms. Pam Hopper, Board Secretary
- Mr. Kelly Fox, Chief, Stakeholder Relations

ALSO PRESENT:

- Ms. Christy Bouma, California Professional Firefighters
- Mr. Dillon Gibbons, California Special Districts Association
- Mr. J.J. Jelincic
- Mr. Neal Johnson
- Ms. Donna Snodgrass, Retired Public Employees Association
- Mr. David Soares, Retired Public Employees Association

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PROCEEDINGS 1 PRESIDENT JONES: I would like to call the Board 2 3 of Administration meeting to order. And the first order of business is roll call, please. Ms. Hopper. 4 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Henry Jones? 5 PRESIDENT JONES: Here. 6 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Margaret Brown? 7 8 BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Here. 9 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Rob Feckner? BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Good morning. 10 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Frank Ruffino for Fiona 11 Ma? 12 ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Present. 1.3 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Lisa Middleton? 14 BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Present. 15 16 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: David Miller? BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Here. 17 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Stacie Olivares? 18 Mr. President, I don't see Stacie on yet. 19 20 PRESIDENT JONES: She had sent a note that she may have to go off at a certain time, so she's excused 21 until she can come back. 2.2 23 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Okay. Thank you. Eraina Ortega? 24 BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Here. 25

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             PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Ms. Hopper.
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    agenda, approval of the November 18th timed agenda.
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             BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Move approval.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Moved by Ms. Brown.
             BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: (Raise hand.)
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Second by Mr. Feckner.
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             Mrs. Hopper, please.
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             BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER OLIVARES: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Oh, she's back. Okay.
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ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Aye.

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BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, I have
Margaret Brown making the motion, Rob Feckner seconding it
to approve item number two, approval of the timed agenda.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Hopper.

Okay. So, good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

One week ago, our nation celebrated a very special day,

Veterans Day. It is a time that Americans honor all those who have served or are currently serving in our armed forces and those who currently serve in reserve status -- statute -- status.

Today, we want to continue the celebration and honor the veterans that are part of the CalPERS team, our members, employers and stakeholders. I'd like to welcome Jeffrey Scott from our San Diego Regional Office. Mr. Scott, served in the Navy for four years as a member of Seal Team 1. We are honored to have him here virtually to lead us in our pledge today.

Mr. Jeffrey, would -- Scott, would you please lead us in the pledge?

MR. SCOTT: Sure. Thank you.

(Thereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was

recited in unison.)

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Jeffrey.

MR. SCOTT: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: And I want to thank all veterans for their service to our country. We are grateful for your dedication, sacrifice and courage.

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At this time, I want to give our members, employers, and stakeholders a preview of the January meetings. For the second year, the Board will have a day of education with the second day afforded to the Annual Stakeholders Forum. The education day will be held on January 19th and will cover a number of topics. These will include refresher training on Bagley-Keene, the Political Reform Act and Government Code section 1090, and fiduciary duties.

We will also be briefed about the process our health plans use to set administrative expenses and establish reserve balances, as well as the process that management uses to recommend the Board adopt administrative decisions as precedential.

The next day we'll host our Stakeholders Forum.

We will have four 75-minute presentations on the lifecycle of a CalPERS member, our priorities in health care, and our upcoming asset liability management process. I strongly encourage our stakeholders to attend the forum.

Today is our last meeting in 2020. It has certainly been a challenging year to say the least. I want to thank my fellow Board members for their patience and flexibility as

we navigated the COVID environment. And, of course, a tremendous thanks goes out to the CalPERS team for the seamless service they have provided our members and employers during this time.

On behalf of the Board, I want to wish everyone a very safe and healthy holiday season. So let's hope for a good and prosperous year in 2021.

Thank you very much.

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With that, I would call on Ms. Frost for her report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Great. Thank you, President Jones. And good morning, Board members. I wanted to start with an update related to COVID-19 and our ongoing response to the pandemic. Throughout the year, really our top priority has been both to keep serving our members at the high levels of service that we did prior to COVID-19, but as well as to keep our employees and our stakeholders safe.

We've continued our day-to-day business environment with roughly 85 percent of our team members working remotely. And then our focus does remain on serving our customers, while we note that our employees are balancing many other priorities in their own households right now.

Our core processes do continue to perform quite

well. Anthony Suine did report out in his executive report during PHBC. But just to recap a few of the primary core process performance. Benefit payment timeliness is exceeding its target of 95 percent with its average between January and October of this year being at 97 percent.

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And then our overall customer satisfaction rating also remained above the target of 90 coming in averaging around 92 percent. And then also during the terrible fires again this year in California, we were quick to respond to reassure all of the local retirees who were living in those impacted areas that they would continue to receive their benefit payments whether those payments needed to be redirected or if we could get those individuals, those retirees set up for automatic deposit.

So turning now to the recruitment of our next Chief Investment Officer. We are continuing with that process and our goal to have someone in place early next year. Interviews will begin the first week of December.

Meanwhile, I want to take a quick moment to welcome Sterling Gunn to our investment team. Sterling is the new Managing Investment Director over the Trust Level Portfolio Program. And he was a part of a couple of the Monday Investment Committee panels. He brings a wealth of experience to CalPERS and we feel very fortunate that we

were able to recruit him.

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It took us a little bit of time to get him over the Canada -- Canada-U.S. border, but he's here now. And you'll be hearing quite a bit from Sterling over the course of the year with all of the asset liability management agenda items coming to the Investment Committee.

Sterling is replacing Eric Baggesen, who is retiring after more than 16 years at CalPERS. I think many of you know Eric well. Eric Baggesen is retiring after, you know, spending many -- you know, many moments here at CalPERS helping the team. He's served in a variety of roles here with us during his 16 years. And so on behalf of all of us here at CalPERS, the Board, as well as management and employees, I do want to thank him for his service to our members -- our two million members and to the entire team in the Investment Office. We wish him a lot of happiness in his retirement. I know that he and his wife did buy and essentially reconstruct a new home. So this will give him some time to enjoy that.

I also want to take just a moment to recognize and congratulate Anne Simpson on her permanent appointment as the Managing Investment Director of Board Governance and Sustainability.

Turning to health, you've heard some very

important discussions over the past couple of days about long-term care, as well as potential design and benefit changes to the health plans, the health plan changes that both Don Moulds and Marta Green brought to you are, you know, really quite innovative and could potentially, more likely than not, benefit many of our members and help us continue to provide those high quality plans while also looking at ongoing cost containment.

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As far as long-term care, we know that these choices are quite difficult. We're doing everything we can -- possibly can to minimize and mitigate their impact for the participants in the Long-Term Care Program.

We will continue to explore more options, bring those back to the Committee and to the Board that would do one of two things, strengthen the program and again aid many of the policyholders.

Yesterday, also the Pension and Health Benefits

Committee adopted a portfolio rating strategy for the HMO

and PPO plans that we will -- we do believe will set us on
a better path for rate parity amongst all of the plans.

The portfolio may present some volatility at the outset.

However, after the initial ramp-up period, members will
experience more premium rate stability over the long term.

In the Finance and Admin Committee, you were presented with a mid-year budget adjustment. That

represents our ongoing efforts to control our operational costs. The mid-year budget shows that we've reduced expenses by about 12 percent for the fiscal year. You are also presented with the financial statements that once approved today will be published in our comprehensive annual financial report, or also known as the CAFR, in December.

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And then finally, the most recent funding levels and risk report that was presented by our actuaries shows a slight increase to our funded status. And we know that this will be of interest to our employers and encourage — and we also would like to encourage them to continue to use that pension outlook tool that was developed internally between our IT organization and the actuaries, so that they can run — the employers can run their own cost scenarios for their agencies. And, of course, if they have any questions with any of those results, they should contact their actuary. Everyone of our employers has an assigned specific actuary.

And then as far as recent engagements, all of these obviously have been conducted in a virtual manner. The first one is the diversity investment exchange. This was done in October. October, there were quite a number of opportunities for CalPERS to participate. This was a first time that directed at leaders in the investment

industry. And I think the -- really, the goal of this event was to raise awareness about how to advance diversity and inclusion practices in these organizations.

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Interestingly enough, the other person on this panel with me was Andrew Junkin, which was the Board's former consultant, who's now the Chief Investment Officer for the Rhode Island Pension System. So this was a fireside chat format and it was good to catch up with Andrew as well.

And then I also had the honor to participate on a panel that was moderated by Hiro Mizuno, which many of you know. We brought Hiro to the Board for some presentations and some insight into work that he had done while he was in -- at GPIF. This was the annual Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures. This is a summit that's hosted in Japan. And again, the focus of this discussion was more related to the Coronavirus and its impact on sustainable investment practices and business operations for publicly-traded companies.

I think it's important to note that Japan has the largest number of TCFD reporting companies worldwide.

Almost a quarter of all of the reports come from Japanese companies. And I was able to share some of the highlights of our own TCFD report, which Anne Simpson was able to present to you and then talked more about our work with

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That was followed by participation in Canada's International Economic Forum of the Americas, also known as the Toronto Global Forum. And that's also an annual event with a mission to really just foster discussion among economic leaders around the world. My session was more focused on the investor's role and economic recovery, and more specifically our approach to long-term sustainable investing strategies.

So as you know with our -- at the end of our five-year strategic plan coming to a close here pretty quickly, we have been working with our Stakeholder Relations team and the Enterprise Strategy and Performance Team to actively solicit feedback for that next five-year strategic plan.

So to day, we've connected with more than 40 stakeholder leaders representing 25 organizations just to get their input on, you know, the areas that they think that CalPERS does well and the opportunities or areas for improvement, what do they see as the -- really the external threat landscape, and then also additional potential partnerships that we might be able to form with them.

The team has taken a very thorough approach to contact a wide variety of stakeholder groups, including

member associations, retiree groups, employer associations, industry associations, legislative staff, consultants, and leaders also in the private business sector. All I think who have given us a some unique perspectives that we haven't brought into this process in the past.

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For the most part, the majority of CalPERS is being effective at our core obligation to pay pension benefits and to administer the health plans, but there's also a shared desire to see us focus on achieving our targeted rate of return to fund pension payments. And I think those thoughts did vary across those groups that I mentioned.

The key takeaway from the conversations is that, you know, really the stakeholder community is clear about the importance of the health of the portfolio, our ability to hit that assumed rate of return target, to minimize as many costs as we can to the employer and prospectively to the member as well.

And then finally I'll end our outreach summary with the numbers and feedback received from our first ever Educational Forum. As you recall, the forum took place in -- online in mid-October. Of the 2,600 attendees who had originally registered, we had about 1,600 who ended up actively participating for the two-day event, I think

based on some of the industry standards that we've been able to gather, we did expect about a 50 percent drop in actual attendees, so our numbers a little bit above that standard.

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In addition, I think the event proved effective in recruiting more individual agencies than what we've been able to see in the past. While we typically get participation from about 400 individual agencies, the online forum was able to increase that number to about 780, which is about a 90 percent increase over last year.

And then of those 780 agencies, 236, this was the first time that they had ever attended one of these educational events. So certainly, the more agencies that we can reach to help support them in their CalPERS roles the better. And then in our post-event survey, attendees provided positive reviews of the forum and educational sessions overall. If you'd like to see those numbers, I'd be happy to share those with you as well. And then for those attendees who were watching and who registered, the presentations that were done over that two days will remain available through the attendee hub through mid-February.

Now, quickly over to the Spotlight on Excellence award. Of course, one of the highlights of the forum every year is our annual Spotlight on Excellence award

presentation. This award honors outstanding public service and is a peer-nominated award coming from CalPERS' contracting agencies. This year's recipient, which is Trieste Huey, from the Fontana Unified School District. So we'd like to actually show her story right now in this video if we could roll that, please.

(Thereupon a video was played.)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: So I think it's always a pleasure to see these Spotlight on Excellence stories. Just a big congratulations to Trieste. We know that peer recognition is one of the most powerful forms of recognition that you can actually receive.

And so that brings me to this year's Our Promise Campaign. Remember, Our Promise is the annual charitable giving campaign that provides State employees with a chance to allocate charitable donations through payroll deduction. Of course, many of our nonprofit organizations are inn great need of support this year. And the campaign is certain to make quite a bit of difference. So, so far this year, we only have about 18 percent of our team members who've stepped up to donate. We certainly like to see that number climb a little bit higher, but I'd like to thank Don Martinez and Forrest Grimes for chairing this year's campaign team. It has been difficult to come up with the right types of events, when we're trying to do

this virtually. So I do appreciate all of their efforts and the unique way that they've had to run the campaign this year.

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So one final note before I close out with the Investment Performance. This is the last Board of Administration meeting of the year. The next time we will meet will be January 19th and 20th for our annual Board education and stakeholder days, both of which will take place online.

So now to the investment performance. As of September 30th of 2020, the fiscal year-to-date is 4.6, the one career is 7.8, the three-year is 6.9, the five-year is 8.4, and the 10-year is 8.2.

And with that, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, as well as a very nice Holiday season. And that does conclude my report, President Jones.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thanks very much, Ms. Frost.

And, Ms. Frost, could you send the campaign fundraising information to Board members, so many of us -- some of us may want to also contribute. So if you could do that.

Okay. Thank you.

Okay. So now we will move to Item 6, action consent items.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Mr. Jones -- Mr.

President, can I just make a quick comment?

PRESIDENT JONES: Sure, Mr. Ruffino.

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ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Thank you, Mr. President. The -- Treasurer Ma would like to recognize and thank a CalPERS team member. The Treasurer's Office received word from a resident of one of our constituent cities that CalPERS team member Daniel Miller did an excellent job presenting some very high level and complex information when discussing the components of the actuarial valuation for the City of Upland at a recent well-attended Finance Committee meeting. The Treasurer would like to thank Mr. Miller for his work on this presentation and the way that he represented every member of the CalPERS Board in his interaction with the City of Upland's residents, council members, and staff while explaining the specific detail to make up the City of Upland's retirement funding portrait.

So again thank you to Mr. Miller for your dedication and commitment to our member.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mr. Ruffino, for that in recognizing our Board member and our staff member we appreciate that. It's good to hear good news about the work that our members are doing and serving our members throughout the state. So thank you very much for that.

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So now back to the Item 6, action consent items.
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: So moved.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Moved by Mr. Miller second by
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             Mrs. Hopper, we have a motion on that. Mrs.
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             BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mrs. Hopper.
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    any of those items from the consent calendar, so we will
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   move on to Item, 8, Committee Reports and Actions.
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             The first Item is 8a, the Investment Committee.
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    For that I call on the Vice Chair, Mr. Miller.
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             The Finance and Administration Committee met on
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    November 17th, 2020. The Committee recommends and I move
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PRESIDENT JONES: Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller, I think that is Finance. This is Investment Committee.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Oh. Sorry. I got the wrong one. Hang on and let me navigate this thing.

Oh, there we go. Got the right one. Sorry about that.

PRESIDENT JONES: That's okay.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Autopilot here.

The Investment Committee met via videoconference on November 16th, 2020. The Committee approved the following:

Agenda Item 7a, the recommendation to set the discount rate for the Long-Term Care Fund to 4.75 with a portfolio risk upper threshold of 9.5 percent, and the inclusion of private assets and leverage as allowable investments within allocation ranges to be approved at a future committee meeting.

Agenda Item 7b, the recommended changes to Investment Committee's delegation.

Agenda Item 9a, to consent to the transfer of the Wilshire Consulting contract to its new ownership entities.

The Committee received reports on the following topics:

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An educational review of how CalPERS uses
tracking error as part of the investment risk framework;
Wilshire Associates annual financial analysis of CalPERS
divestments; an update on CalPERS investment strategy on
climate risk and opportunity; the annual report on
external managers compliance with the Responsible
Contractor Policy;

The Chair directed staff to: Include a market and economics update in February, 2021 Investment

Committee meeting; accelerate the presentation of the five-year divestment review to the Committee from November 2021 to March 2021; gather information to further the understanding of the relationship between Wilshire and the ACA Compliance Group and how that fits into Wilshire's management of potential conflicts of interest.

The Committee heard public comment on a labor dispute.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the February 2021 Investment Committee meeting:

Discussion on the asset allocation for the Long-Term Care Program; an ALM support workshop covering various foundational topics for the upcoming ALM cycle;

1 and a market and economics update.

The next meeting of the Investment Committee is scheduled for February 16th, 2021 in Sacramento, California.

Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

The next item is item

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES: Yes.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Did you not want to take

11 | roll call votes for those action items?

PRESIDENT JONES: No. Now that the Investment Committee is a committee of the whole, that is not

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BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Okay.

PRESIDENT JONES: It's just report.

Okay. Thank you though, Mrs. Hopper.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Excuse me,

19 President. I have a -- this is Lynn Paquin. I have a 20 question on IC summary.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Ms. Paquin.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Thank you. My question is we had given Matt Jacobs and his legal staff direction to pursue further information with Wilshire regarding the conflicts of interest framework that they

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are developing. And it's not clear when they're going to bring that back. And my question is instead of waiting for the February Investment Committee meeting, is it possible to address that during our education session in January given that we are starting the ALM process in February itself?
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PRESIDENT JONES: Yeah, I see no problem with that. We could ask staff to contact them and see if we can move that -- getting that information to an earlier date.

Ms. Frost, can you be sure that they are aware of that request. I think she's on mute. Ms. Frost, can you hear?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: I'm aware.

PRESIDENT JONES: Mr. Jacobs, can you hear me?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: I'm aware of the

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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Good. Thank you. Okay.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. You're welcome.

Okay. So now we move -- we have a request coming up from Ms. Brown on IC. Ms. Brown, you have a -- no, that's Lynn. Okay. Ms. Brown, do you have a question on IC summary also?

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: No. No. I'm just -- I'm

trying to give a heads up for Pension and Health to separate out the vote, so...

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. It said IC. Okay.

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Okay. Then let's move to Item 8b, Pension and Health Benefits Committee. For that, I call on the Chair Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you, Mr. President.

Pension and Health Benefits Committee, PHBC, met
on November 17th, 2020.

The Committee recommends and I move the Board approve the following:

Agenda Item 6a, approve health plan changes for the 2022 plan year, including new Medicare Advantage and basic plans, service area expansions of existing plans, and new benefits for an existing Medicare Advantage plan.

PRESIDENT JONES: Oh motion of the Committee.

Any discussion?

Seeing none.

Mrs. Hopper, please.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Yes. Margaret Brown?

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Aye.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Rob Feckner?

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Aye.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Frank Ruffino for Fiona

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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Theresa Taylor?
             PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
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             BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Aye.
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Aye.
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             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, for Item
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PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you very much.

Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you.

Agenda Item 6b, approve adoption of the portfolio rating approach for the basic health plan portfolio using the Milliman Advances Risk Adjusters, MARA, prospective risk scoring tool with a two-year phase in. This rating approach includes replacing the current PERS Basic Preferred Provider Organization, PPO, plans with a proposed PERS Platinum and PERS Gold plans. Benefit design changes will be considered next November as part of year two of a two-year phase in.

PRESIDENT JONES: Mrs. Brown, are -- are you asking for a comment or you want to just have a separate vote on this?

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: No. No, I do have a comment before we vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Are you calling on me? Okay.

So, you know, I do appreciate all the information staff brought to us, but I -- what I believe we are still missing quite a bit of information on the number of people that are going to be impacted and affected. Quite a few

of our members are participants in health care need the low cost health care. And especially with this now going to Platinum and Gold, I don't know what the impact is, other than it's going to raise rates substantially.

The other issue is, is that the benefit modifications, we don't know what those are. Those are going to happen in the following year. So we voted for something that's going to increase rates dramatically for a large population of our members, I think. I don't know that for a fact, and we don't know what costs -- what cuts are going to come to them in terms of their benefits. So we're going to raise their rates. I'm talking about the Platinum and Gold Plans. We're going to raise their rates and we're going to reduce their benefits. And we really don't know what those benefits are that are going to be raised to -- or reduced to.

And so I think it's premature to vote on this. I know we're probably going to move forward. And so I'm just saying why -- I'm voting no.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you.

Okay. I call for the vote. Ms. Hopper, please.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Margaret Brown?

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: No.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Rob Feckner?

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BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Aye.
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   Feckner made the motion for the approval of Agenda Item
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mrs. Hopper.
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             BOARD MEMBER FECKNER:
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    recommendations to pursue proposed amendments to existing
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA:
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             BOARD MEMBER OLIVARES: Aye.
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             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, I have
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    the motion made by Rob Feckner, all ayes for approval of
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   Agenda Item 6c minimum standards for health benefits.
             PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you Mrs. Hopper.
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             Agenda Item 6d, Mr. Feckner.
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             BOARD MEMBER FECKNER:
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             Agenda Item 6d, approve adoption of a rate
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    effective July 2021. Authorize recommended benefit design
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    changes would be optional for policyholders.
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             BOARD MEMBER BROWN: No, I don't have comment.
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             BOARD MEMBER BROWN: No.
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BOARD MEMBER PEREZ: Aye. 1 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Ramon Rubalcava? 2 BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye. 3 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Theresa Taylor? PRESIDENT JONES: Excused 5 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Shawnda Westly? 6 7 BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Aye. 8 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Lynn Paquin for Betty 9 Yee? ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: 10 Aye. BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, Rob 11 Feckner makes the motion. We have one no made by Margaret 12 Brown for the approval of Agenda Item 6d, long-term care 13 optional benefit design and premium changes. 14 15 PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mrs. Hopper. 16 Mr. Feckner. BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you. 17 The Chair directed staff to: provide the Board with specific numbers 18 and locations of members in the PPO plan; provide the 19 20 Board with an exact timeline for rate increase benefit mitigation options - was it in advance of the rate

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the March PHBC meeting. The Committee will receive reports on the PHBC delegation,

increase or at the same time.

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health open enrollment results, Long-Term Care Program, and the retired members cost of living.

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The next meeting of the PHBC will be March 17th. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Feckner.

The next item on the agenda is 8c, Finance and

Administration Committee. For that, I call on the Vice

Chair, Mr. Miller.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Okay. Thank you. I think I've got the right one in front of me here.

The Finance and Administration Committee met on November 17th, 2020 and the Committee recommends and I move the Board approve the following:

Agenda Item 4b, approve November 2020 prospective report of solicitations, contracts, purchase orders and letters of engagement.

Agenda Item 4c, approve an additional one year contract term extension for the external Investment Manager contracts without a defined duration.

Agenda Item 6a, approve the draft CalPERS 2019 through 2020 basic financial statement.

Agenda Item 6b, approve a \$72.3 million reduction for a total revised 2020 to 2021 budget of \$1.621 billion

And Agenda Item 6c, approve the CalPERS Board elections candidate nomination petition options to pursue

an emergency regulation to permit non-original signatures 1 during the pandemic. 2 PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Miller. 3 Ms. Brown, you had a note that one of these items 4 you want to separate for the vote? 5 BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Yes, I believe Mr. Miller 6 7 does as well, the very last one, because we may want to 8 abstain. PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. That's 6c then. 9 BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Yes. 10 PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. So call for the vote of 11 the members of the Board will be on 8 -- Agenda Item 4b, 12 4c, 6a, 6b. So roll call Mrs. Hopper. 1.3 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Margaret Brown? 14 15 BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Aye. 16 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Rob Feckner? 17 BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Aye. BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Frank Ruffino for Fiona 18 19 Ma. 20 ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye. BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Lisa Middleton? 21 BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye. 2.2 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: David Miller? 23

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Stacie Olivares?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

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BOARD MEMBER OLIVARES: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
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             BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. On mine it says B, okay.
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             BOARD MEMBER BROWN:
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Okay B.
             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Okay. So it should 6b?
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Yeah. Okay. All right.
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   then that item is approved.
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8		PRESIDENT JONES: Frank?
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19		BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Jason Perez?
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22		BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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24		PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
25		BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Shawnda Westly?

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BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Lynn Paquin for Betty

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ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Aye.

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7 PRESIDENT JONES: He was there a minute ago.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, that --

right now leaves with David Miller making the motion. I

10 | have seven ayes, one no made by Jason Perez, two

11 abstentions, one from Margaret Brown and the other from

12 David Miller.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Mr. Ruffino, can you

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ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Yes, I can hear

16 you, but I -- okay. It think just worked. Can you guys

17 hear me now?

18 PRESIDENT JONES: Yes, we can.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Yes.

20 ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: My vote is aye.

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22 PRESIDENT JONES: Okay.

23 BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Okay. Your vote for

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25 ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye, yes. Thank

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2 PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you.

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BOARD MEMBER MILLER: The Committee received reports on following topics: Annual review of funding levels and risk report.

The Chair directed staff to:

Provide a breakdown of the investment, personnel and administrative expenses; research privacy protection, short-term and long-term, for CalPERS Board election nomination petitions.

The Committee heard public comment from the City of Tulsa regarding and outstanding utility issue on a property owned by CalPERS.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the February Finance and Administration Committee meeting:

2021 CalPERS Board of Administration member-at-large notice of election; and the annual diversity report.

The next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee is scheduled for February 2021.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you very much -- BOARD MEMBER MILLER: And that concludes my

25 report.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you very much, Mr.

Miller. Okay. We now move to the Item 8d, Performance,

Compensation and Talent Management Committee. For that, I

call on the Chair, Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you, Mr. President.

The Performance, Compensation and Talent Management Committee met on November 18th, 2020.

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The Committee received reports on the following topics:

2019-20 fiscal year-end compensation outcomes for statutory positions; financial interest separate requirements for Chief Investment Officer position.

The Chair directed staff to:

Defer the incentive compensation recommendations for the Chief Investment Officer position to the next Board meeting, once the new investment compensation consultant Global Governance Advisors is under contract;

Provide additional information and research on how financial interest separation requirements for positions within the organization compared to other public funds, as well as potential restrictions relevant to categorization of financial interests.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the February Performance, Compensation and Talent Management Committee meeting. The

Committee will receive a semiannual status report on the Chief Executive Officer's incentive plan and review the Committee delegation. The Committee will receive the incentive compensation recommendations for the Chief Investment Officer position from the Board's new compensation consultant, Global Governance Advisors.

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The next meeting of the Performance, Compensation and Talent Management Committee is scheduled for February 2021.

Thank you. That ends my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mr. Feckner.

The next item 8d, Risk and Audit Committee. I call on the Chair, Mr. Miller.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. President.

The Risk and Audit Committee met on November 12th, 2020.

The Committee recommends and I move the Board approve the following:

Agenda Item 6a, Independent Auditor's Report fiscal years 2019 to 2020. Approve the CalPERS Board of Administration independent financial statement auditor's report and the accompanying required reports of the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2020.

Agenda Item 6b, independent auditor's management letter. Approve the CalPERS Board of Administration's

independent financial statement auditor's management letter for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2020.

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Agenda Item 6c, independent financial statement auditor selection. The Risk and Audit Committee approve and recommends to the CalPERS Board of Administration, one, the finalist selected by the subcommittee of the Risk and Audit Committee as CalPERS independent financial statement auditor, and two, approve CalPERS to enter contract negotiations with the approved finalist. And if those negotiations are unsuccessful, approve CalPERS to enter contract negotiations with the next highest scoring finalist.

Agenda Item 6d RFP for parallel valuation and certification services. Approve the release of an RFP seeking an external firm to provide parallel actuarial valuation and certification services to the Board of Administration on a quadrennial schedule. Approve the draft services to be provided, minimum qualifications, proposal of valuation process and proposal evaluation sheet.

PRESIDENT JONES: On the motion of the Committee.

Any discussion?

Seeing none.

Ms. Hopper please.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Margaret Brown?

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6		ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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10		BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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18		BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
19		BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Theresa Taylor?
20		PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
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22		BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Aye.
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25		ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Aye.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, David Miller making the motion for Item 6a, 6b, 6c and 6d, all ayes.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you very much, Ms. Hopper.

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BOARD MEMBER MILLER: The committee received reports on the following topics:

Third-party valuation and certification of the 2019 annual valuations of the Judges' Retirement System, Judges' Retirement System II, Legislators' Retirement System, and the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program; and, the enterprise risk management framework review.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of to what expect at the February Risk and Audit Committee meeting.

The election of the Risk and Audit Committee
Chair and Vice Chair. The review of the Risk and Audit
Committee delegation. And the mid-year plans for
enterprise compliance and enterprise risk management.

The next meeting of the Risk and Audit Committee is scheduled for February 2021 in Sacramento, California.

That concludes my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Miller.

The next Item, 8f, Board Governance Committee.

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BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Thank you, Mr.

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President. The Board Governance Committee met on November 18, 2020. The Committee discussed whether to change the composition of the Pension and Health Benefits Committee to a committee of the whole. The Committee also reviewed and discussed the proposed revision to the Board Governance Policy regarding the reporting of investigations to the Board and ask management to bring back revised language that incorporates comments made

The next meeting of the Board Governance

Committee is tentatively scheduled for March 16th, 2021 in

Sacramento, California. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Ms. Middleton.

The next item, action agenda items, 9a, proposed decisions of administrative law judges. The -- we also BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Mr. Jones.

PRESIDENT JONES: I had comment on Board Governance.

PRESIDENT JONES: Oh. Okay. Mrs. Brown, go ahead.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Sorry to interrupt.

First of all, I just want to thank the Committee for the great discussion on making the PHBC committee of

the whole. I know we are not all in agreement, but I think with the big decisions we have -- we've made and we have coming -- going forward, I think it could be critical for all us to participate.

And I don't know if this is in Board Governance,
Mr. Jones, or if it's in another committee, but we still
haven't fixed the number of meetings for Pension and
Health Benefits. We only have one meeting in June when it
comes to rate setting. And that is typically not enough
time. And we certainly aren't sharing with our
stakeholders. And so usually we get two meetings
back-to-back, where we come with preliminary and then
final numbers. I just think it's critical that we add
another meeting. And I don't know if we -- when that gets
discussed, but I think it's critical. We've also heard
that from our stakeholders as well.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Yes. Thank you, Ms. Brown for your comments. And another Board member raised that issue earlier and I indicated that the stated Board meetings are at minimum, that when there's necessary additional meetings can be added. So if there are items that you believe that needs to be discussed prior to those meetings, I'd consult with the Chair and the CEO of the Health Benefits Committee and -- for consideration of a

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BOARD MEMBER BROWN: So I think I just did that, but I'll do it again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. But I'm just letting you know what that process is. Okay.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. You're welcome. Thank you.

Okay. Now, we will move to Item 9a, proposed decisions of administrative law judges. And before we move into these items, Chirag Shah our independent Board counsel for administrative decisions is on the phone in case we have to refer any questions to him.

And also, I've been asked to have a separate vote on 9a13, the Alex Ray case. So with that, I will call on Board Member Rob Feckner to go through the recommendations for 9a through 14, excluding 9a13.

Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you, Mr. President.

I move the Board adopt the proposed decisions at agenda items 9a through 12 and number 14 as the Board's own decisions with the minor modifications argued by staff to Agenda Items 9a1, 8, 11 and 12.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. On the motion.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: I'll second.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Moved by Mr. Feckner second by
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             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Margaret Brown?
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             BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER OLIVARES: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER PEREZ: Aye.
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PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Shawnda Westly?

BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Aye.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Lynn Paquin for Betty

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ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Aye.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, I have Rob Feckner making the motion, David Miller seconding it. All ayes for agenda items 9al through 12 and 9al4, excluding 9al3.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Ms. Hopper.

So now we'll go to 9a13, the Alex Ray case.

Ms. Westly.

BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Thank you. And I'm sorry for not being on camera. The pandemic elementary school has really been a drain on my Internet. I wanted to just pull this for a comment. I understand that this is based on what looks like a precedential decision from last year in the fall. So while I think I'm spitting into the wind, I definitely want to make a point.

This one concerned me, because I'm concerned about conferring intent in a manner that changes the rules of the game for our retirees. And I think that this does just that. I realize that we took that -- the position

that we did. This was prior to me being on the Board.

But these decisions are felt entirely by the retirees who make decisions to retire based on an understanding of what their allowance will be. And decisions like these turn the tables on them.

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I -- we are bound to follow the law, but we can't push the law into a place that evaporates liabilities for the system and employers at a great harm to retirees. And this felt a little bit like legal gymnastics to me. Special compensation may include the full monetary value of normal contributions paid to the Board by the employer, and though special compensation is part of compensation earnable by a member. So I feel like he is not getting his due for his retirement and I will be voting no.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Westly.

So seeing no additional requests to speak on this item. Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Yes, Mr. President.

I move that the Board adopt the proposed decision at Agenda Item 13 as the Board's own decision.

PRESIDENT JONES: Yeah, Mrs. -- on the motion -- it's been moved by Mr. Feckner. Do I have a second?

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Aye. Second.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Second by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Hopper, please.

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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Theresa Taylor?
             PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
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             BOARD MEMBER WESTLY:
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ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN:
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             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, I have
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    Rob Feckner making the motion, Margaret Brown seconding it
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    for agenda Item 9a13 Alex Ray. I have nine ayes and two
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           Those were by Jason Perez and Shawnda Westly.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Hopper.
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             BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you, Mr. President.
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             I move that the Board deny the petition for
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Moved by Mr. Feckner.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Second by Mr. Perez.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Hopper.
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Legislative Proposals.

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Mr. Brown.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Hello, Mr. President and Board members. Danny Brown, Calpers team member.

I have three legislative proposals for you today. This first one is seeking approval to sponsor legislation that would assist the Investment Office in pursuing private debt investment opportunities. This is the same proposal the Board approved in February and the bill language attached is the final version of the bill that was in print, with the one exception that the bill now only applies to CalPERS. We would welcome CalSTRS and UC retirement system's inclusion if they request it.

In short, this bill is intended to facilitate bringing private debt investment management in-house by setting up public records, disclosure requirements consistent with existing law. The Board memo notes how the proposal is modeled after current law both for external alternative investments and for public banking.

Bringing these investments in-house would provide more control over these investments and we would avoid the fees and costs associated with external management.

The disclosure is in current law, and proposed here provide the appropriate balance for protecting

borrower's information and ensuring transparency for investment team's decisions and performance.

Because this issue has been discussed before, I will stop and I'm available to answer any questions and I believe that Jean Hsu is also available, if we need some technical questions answered.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you.

Seeing no requests from Board members to speak on this, so I will entertain a motion and second, and then we do have a request from the public to speak on this item.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: (Raised hand.)

PRESIDENT JONES: So moved by Mr. Miller.

Second -- can I get a second?

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: (Hand raised.)

PRESIDENT JONES: Second by Mr. Feckner.

Okay. The motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Miller. Ms. Hopper, please -- hold on. We have a public request to speak.

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STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS CHIEF FOX: Yes, Mr. President. We have one caller. Mr. David Soares from the

Retired Public Employees Association of California.

MR. SOARES: Good afternoon. Again, my name is David Soares. I'm with RPEA. I'm a retired prosecutor.

And I just want to indicate that the item 9c1

private lending bill, we would be able to support that bill with amendments, which had actually been proposed previously. We certainly support exploring private debt. And we know that the underwriting process should be kept private, but we believe that the constituent ownership of the borrower, the terms of the loan, and the collateral pledged must remain public information.

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I think that there was some confusion due to personalities. I know when I got involved in this bill, a strong letter from the Senate Judiciary Committee staff indicated that bills limiting public access to records relating to public funds are limited by policy from personal or proprietary information only.

Not knowing the ownership, or terms, or collateral is ripe for conflicts of interest. And the discussion before the Legislature is going to devolve into a discussion of how the CalPERS Board, and particularly the CEO and the Board President, have failed to establish -- follow well established law, in particular the Political Reform Act of 1974.

We would much prefer that the Board direct staff to work with us to craft a bill that protects proprietary information of potential borrowers disclosed during underwriting and negotiation, but that does not hide the nature of assets held in Public Trust.

We would much prefer to be able to support this bill, because we were not able to support it as it was proposed, and it could get ugly again.

We'd like to avoid that very much. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you.

We have a motion on the floor.

(At 12:23 p.m. the webcast went out.)

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Shawnda Westly?

BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Aye.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Lynn Paquin for Betty

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ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Aye.

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, I have David Miller making the motion, Rob Feckner seconding it. I have nine ayes, one no made by Margaret Brown, one abstention from Eraina Ortega.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mrs. Hopper.

Mr. Brown, the next item is optional membership, enrollment date.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Yeah. In this next item we're seeking approval to sponsor legislation that would specify that membership enrollment date for optional members is the start date for the appointment, if the membership election is received by Calpers within 90 days of the start date.

If the election is received after 90 days, the enrollment date would be the first day of the month in which the election is received by CalPERS.

Current law does not provide deadlines for this election, which has allowed confusion with both employers and optional members. As a result, CalPERS team members have unnecessarily -- unnecessary workload addressing enrollment issues with optional members. Optional members are local elected officials, Governor appointees, and legislative employees. This proposal provides a clear timeline to make -- to process these elections while providing both employers and the optional members the flexibility of a 90-day window. With that, I'll stop and answer any questions that you may have.

PRESIDENT JONES: I don't see any questions from Board members. And so this is an action item. What is the pleasure of the Board.

Do I have a motion?

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Move approval.

PRESIDENT JONES: Moved by Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: (Hand raised.)

PRESIDENT JONES: Second by Mr. Rubalcava.

Further discussion?

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Ms. Hopper, please.

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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
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             BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Aye.
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ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Aye

BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, I have Rob Feckner making the motion, Ramon Rubalcava seconding it for Agenda Item 9c2, all ayes.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Ms. Hopper.

We now will move to Item 9c3, collection of overpayments, deduction from warrants.

Mr. Brown.

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: In this last item we are seeking approval to sponsor legislation that would allow CalPERS to collect any overpayment made to or on behalf of any member, former member, or beneficiary from any future CalPERS benefit payment that may be payable.

When a retiree (inaudible) there is often an overpayment that must be collected and reconciled with the benefits associated with the individual. When there are ongoing benefit payments, CalPERS is usually able to reconcile the overpayment by withholding that amount from that ongoing payment to a surviving spouse or beneficiary.

For lump sum payments, this reconciliation may not always be possible. CalPERS team members are required to try to identify who is the liable party when an overpayment has been made. This proposal gives CalPERS team members the authority to recover overpayments by

withholding the owed amount from future benefit payments, which is intended to reduce unnecessary workload and reduce uncollected overpayments. The authority is modeled after a CalSTRS law enacted in 1976.

And that ends my presentation and I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Seeing no questions from the Board members. It's been moved and seconded

No, we need a motion.

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BOARD MEMBER BROWN: I have a question.

PRESIDENT JONES: Ms. Brown.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Yes. Mr. Brown, how many -how often does this come up in a year? Do you know how
many times -- or what this -- how many times this comes
up?

don't have that number off the top of my head. I know that there was about \$550,000 in uncollected debt in '18 and '19 and about a little over 400,000 in the prior fiscal year. I don't know -- I can get that number of how often it comes up. But again, it typically only comes up when either the member dies and they don't have a -- they're not leaving a continuing benefit to a surviving spouse, or maybe the surviving spouse dies and so there's a lump sum death benefit payment being paid. So it

doesn't happen -- I would have to get those numbers to you, but I could.

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BOARD MEMBER BROWN: So my question is so we would take the overpayment from the future ongoing payments. My concern is is like what if the overpayment wasn't made to the surviving spouse and then we're going to take it from the surviving spouse? I mean, that's my concern, that we're not penalizing a different party that didn't receive the overpayment. Do you think that's what we're not doing?

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: No, I think -- well, in the sense of the -- if there is a ongoing payment -- so, for example, the member dies and the spouse is now going to get a continuing benefit, they would just offset this payment against that continuing benefit. If there is a -- if there's a death and there's no continuing benefit, and maybe the only thing that's going to be paid out is a lump sum death benefit remaining balance, they're going to deduct it from that balance. And you're correct, we try to determine that whoever got these overpayments is -- we try to determine who the liability -- liable party is try to collect from that liable party. But in this -- what this bill allows us to do or clarify that we can do is that we don't necessarily have to match up the liability. We can just go ahead and

offset it against that ongoing payment.

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me of the old IRS rule when they would go after the separated spouse with children because the deadbeat ex-husband wasn't paying, you know, or wasn't filing his taxes and the IRS put a stop to that. So I don't want us chasing the wrong party for the repayment. But, you know, maybe the rest of us don't feel the same way.

But that would be my concern and I would hope that we could find that out, that we -- we wouldn't be doing that. This could be something where maybe the -- you know, the new wife got the overpayment and now the first wife is getting the pension, and, you know, you're going to be debiting from one when they didn't get the overpayment. That's my only concern.

don't know if Anthony is on the line and wants to jump in.
But I think it's more of a situation where it's not so
much the spouses. It think it's maybe child one and child
two or, you know, it might be the children that one
child -- one child has access to the member's bank account
or another child might be getting, you know, the lump sum
death benefit. So I think it's more of that than spouses,
but I would have -- if Anthony is available, maybe he
can --

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: I do. I see him.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN:

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DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: Yeah. Thank you, Danny and Ms. Brown. Anthony Suine, CalPERS team member. Yeah, Danny is exactly right. Ongoing benefits are always collected to payoff overpayments. So if there were ongoing benefits, and this is just to clarify other type of lump sum benefits that maybe they could be payable. We're not aware of who took the overpayment after the date of death or the payment after the date of death that created the overpayment, and we would apply these lump sum death benefits to offset that overpayment. So we're always making the fund whole before paying any additional benefits.

If the ex-spouse had a separate payment stream, they would not be liable for -- for the overpayment to the member.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Is the typical overpayment because we don't get the date of death right away and we keep making like retirement payments, and then -- okay. Is that correct?

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: That's correct in most cases.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Mr. Feckner.

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BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Yes. Thank you. Don't run off Mr. Suine. I assume this may be for you as well. Given the scenario that you just put out there, if there's an overpayment to a member and something happens, but they have a community property settlement, do we then collect that overpayment back from both parties?

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: If there was a -- I'll have to think that through a bit, Mr. Feckner. If -- if there's a -- if there's a community property element that the ex-spouse is getting paid independently from the member. So we're just collecting from the member's -- on the member's overpayment, so we wouldn't hold the ex-spouse liable.

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Right, but then if -- but if the member is -- then is -- there's is reduced, we're not reducing the spouses's -- the ex-spouses's?

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: It depends. If they were -- if there was a -- if there was an erroneous payment, right, if the payment being paid was erroneous, we would reduce again both of those, but in the case of the death, we wouldn't reduce the ex-spouse's ongoing benefits for that particular case.

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Thank you.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: Does that help?

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Yes. Thank you. 1 PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. I have a question. 2 Are there any statute of limitations in terms of time that you 3 can go back and recoup overpayments? 4 DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: On death 5 benefits, it's 10 years, Mr. Jones. 6 7 PRESIDENT JONES: What about other kinds of 8 benefits? DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: There are 9 statute of limitations for the member that are up to three 10 years or anything over three years, are non-collectible. 11 PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. 12 DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUINE: But the death 13 benefits are a different situation. 14 15 PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Okay. Thank you very 16 much. Okay. So this is an action item. 17 BOARD MEMBER BROWN: I'll move approval. 18 19 PRESIDENT JONES: Moved by Ms. Brown. 20 Need a second? BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: I'll second. 21 PRESIDENT JONES: Second by Mr. Feckner. 2.2 23 Okay. So, Ms. Hopper. BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Margaret Brown? 24

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Aye.

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19		PRESIDENT JONES: Excused.
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Margaret Brown making the motion, Rob Feckner seconding it. I have 10 -- 11 ayes for Agenda Item 9c3.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you Ms. Hopper.

Now, we'll move to Item 9d, approval of Committee delegations. Mr. Jacobs.

again, Board members. This agenda item brings together for Board approval all of the 2020 revisions to the various committee delegations. Those obviously were revisions that have been approved by the respective committees. They're all fairly minor. The revisions essentially clean up some of the more archaic and unnecessary language in the delegations to make them more readable. There are also a few other relatively minor revisions that are outlined in the agenda item.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs. So this is item 9d. Do I have a motion?

BOARD MEMBER FECKNER: Move approval.

PRESIDENT JONES: Moved by Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Second.

PRESIDENT JONES: Seconded by Mr. Miller.

Questions or comments?

Mrs. Brown. No, I'm sorry, D -- yeah, Ms. Brown.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Mr. Perez is in front of me.

PRESIDENT JONES: He's asking for 10d.

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BOARD MEMBER BROWN: Okay. Great.
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             BOARD MEMBER PEREZ: Matt, along the same
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             GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Correct.
             BOARD MEMBER PEREZ: Okay. Thank you.
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             GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: You're welcome.
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you.
             So this is an action item. Ms. Hopper, please.
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             BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Margaret Brown?
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6		ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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23		BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Lynn Paquin for Betty
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BOARD SECRETARY HOPPER: Mr. President, Rob Feckner making the motion, David Miller seconding it for Item 9d, all ayes.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you very much. We now will move to information agenda items. 10a, Mr. Brown.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Good afternoon again, Mr. President and Board members. Danny Brown, Calpers team member.

This item is the State and federal legislative update. On the State side, since our September Board meeting, the Governor has signed or vetoed all the legislation sent to his desk this year, which included two more of the bills that you supported.

First AB 2101, our annual housekeeping bill, was signed. The final bill language is in attachment 2. And you will see that the legislative committees decided to include housekeeping provisions for CalSTRS and the '37 Act County Systems in the bill.

And second, AB 2967 by Assemblymember O'Donnell was signed. This bill prohibits future exclusions through the CalPERS contract amendment process.

Moving to the election, the results are largely settled and the State Legislature partisan makeup has only small changes. In the State Senate, two Republican

incumbents have been defeated. So the Democratic majority will be 31 members out of 40 seats. In the State

Assembly, the Republicans have picked up one seat, leaving the breakdown 60 Democrats, 19 Republicans and one no party preference. So you can see both in the Senate and in the Assembly, the Democrats have a supermajority.

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Both Houses reconvened and start the 2021-22 session on December 7th. We are still waiting to see what the session calendar will look like in 2021 and how the Legislature will manage its workload. And once the Committee makeups have been announced, we will begin our outreach.

Moving to the federal update and starting with the election, and I'm sure I'm not telling you anything you probably don't already know, but Joe Biden has been declared the winner and next President of the United States. And even though President Trump continues to dispute the results, we are not expecting the outcome to change. The Democrats have also held onto the House, but their majority could shrink by as many as 10 seats if not more. This would give the house Democrats the smallest majority since 1919.

The control of the Senate is pending a runoff in January for both seats in Georgia. The Democrats must win both seats to take control of the Senate with a 50/50

split. Most pundits think the Republicans will be able to hold on to at least one seat, giving them a slim Margin of 51 to 49, but we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

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The Lame Duck session has also started in Congress. And despite hopeful talk on both sides of the aisle, the odds are not favorable that Congressional leaders will be able to reach an agreement on COVID-19 relief package or a full year omnibus appropriations bill before the end of session.

The federal government is currently funded through December 11th. So the thought is Congress will pass another short-term continuing resolution to get them past the inauguration.

Then the question is whether they can include some kind of very limited bipartisan COVID-19 aid in that bill. As for the bigger stimulus package, and although Senate Majority Leader McConnell has entered the negotiations, the sides are still far apart with Democrats holding firm the their request for two trillion plus dollars in relief, while Senator McConnell and Senate Republicans are still around \$500 billion.

Some think that the runoff in Georgia will give them enough incentive to reach an agreement, because no wants to be blamed for not providing COVID relief when

that race takes place in January.

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The other thing we'll be watching and engaging on during this Lame Duck session is the slim chance that legislation dealing with balance billing and prescription drug costs can be included in any this last minute legislation. While it is a long shot, Senator Lamar Alexander, the Chair of the Health Committee, is retiring at the end of the year, and Senator Grassley must give up his chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee due to internal rules, regardless of who controls the Senate.

Both senators have been committed to reaching bipartisan agreements and many think that they -- they're going to work hard to try to get something done before their tenure is up.

Of course, now with Senator Grassley being -testing positive for COVID, I'm not sure -- it probably
makes the chances even less that something is going to
happen in that area.

Finally, I will end by saying we have started the process of developing our federal priorities for next year and plan to cover those with you in February. Obviously, we'll need to consider the outcome of the Senate race in Georgia, as well as the key appointments made by President-elect Biden. We will continue to increase our activity on federal health care policy. And as Don

mentioned yesterday, Marta Green was recently added to the board of the Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable, which is step in that direction and will improve our access to federal policymakers.

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We're also recently released an RFP for federal lobbying spring-fed pool that could be used to focus on specific health care issues as needed.

And with that, I'll end my presentation and happy to answer any questions anybody has.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay I'm -- I see no questions,
Mr. Brown from the Board members.

Are you raising your hand, Ms. Ortega?

BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: (Shake head.)

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. I do have one question Mr. Brown. I heard this morning earlier that I think it's 32 members of Congress have NOW tested positive. Can they vote remotely or do they have to be present IN the chambers?

think it depends on -- I think -- I think it depends if it's a committee or a floor vote, but I believe -- I believe on the Senate floor, they need to be present. In fact, that was Senator Grassley missed a vote, I believe, on Tuesday. And it's the first time he's missed a vote in I don't know how many years. And so he's been like the

longest standing senator to not miss a vote and he missed one.

So I believe that they do participate remotely in certain committee hearings, but I believe on the floor, they have to be present.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Okay. Thank you very much.

Okay. So we move to -- thank you, Mr. Brown, for that report. We move now to 10b, options for retaining fiduciary counsel.

Mr. Jacobs.

I can't hear you, Matt.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: All right. There we go.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay.

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17 PRESIDENT JONES: That's okay.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Okay. This agenda item presents the Board with options for selecting and utilizing fiduciary counsel. As you know, our current model and one that we've been using for several cycles now for the selection of fiduciary counsel is to have a single primary fiduciary counsel.

In addition, of course, on occasion, we have called on specialized fiduciary counsel to address a

specific fiduciary issues when such expertise has been needed. The current incumbent, Nossaman, the team headed by Ms. Dunning, is under contract through March of 2022. And so in the absence of any changes, we would typically commence a solicitation to see who else might be interested in that engagement in the fall of 2021.

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So there are benefits to sticking with that model and they're outlined in the agenda item. But in short, it would be kind of continuity of the same counsel. And there's a certain efficiency involved there, as far as the incumbent having full knowledge of all the fiduciary issues that the Board has been confronting. And that can be useful as a background and a basis as new fiduciary issues arise, and there's a potential cost savings.

There are disadvantages to sticking with that model, which are essentially less flexibility, as far as choosing counsel for particular fiduciary issues. And there is a conflict potential, if you come up with -- if Nossaman were to have a conflict with respect to a particular issue, it would be more difficult to obtain fiduciary counsel on a -- on an expedited basis. It's not impossible to be sure.

There are options if you wanted to change this model. The second option that's listed in the agenda item is to do a new solicitation now, as opposed to waiting

until the fall of 2021. The basic difference between what we have now, which is continuing the Nossaman contract through its expiration, would be that it would allow the Board to kind of test the waters to see what other options may be out there now.

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The disadvantage is that the cost could be greater and there would be a certain ramp-up time for a new fiduciary counsel.

The third option -- excuse me -- also outlined in the agenda item would be to do a new solicitation and select multiple firms. This is what STRS has gone to this year. STRS actually selected four different fiduciary counsels with respect to different areas of fiduciary counsel -- fiduciary advice. A primary advantage of this is it gives CalPERS, both the Board and the Legal Office, more immediate access to multiple firms. The disadvantage is -- or a disadvantage is cost. Another disadvantage is multiple firms ramp-up time and potential, at least theoretic, inefficiencies from no single firm being aware of all the fiduciary issues confronting CalPERS, and the history of those issues, and also a certain lack of continuity.

And then option 4 is to select a primary fiduciary counsel and then a single back-up. And that has a mix of some of the advantages and disadvantages that

have already described albeit to a lesser degree. And then I'm sure that there are variations of each of these that could also be adopted.

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And so that's really where we are and what the options are for the Board. Management is agnostic as to which of these we should go with. We can make any of them work and they all have their -- their strong points and less strong points.

So with that, Mr. President, I will kick it back to you for the Board to discuss.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.
Mr. Miller.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yes. Thank you, Mr.

President. I have a comment and a question. The comment is I'm very much in favor of new solicitation. We've had some discussions before where some -- we've come up about, you know, strengths and shortcomings of our current status quo. But my question, because I would lean toward number 4, having a primary fiduciary and back-up in circumstances where we might need it.

But I guess my question is having not been here all that long, how often or have we needed to get a specialist fiduciary counsel for specific issues in the past that would lead us to think maybe we need multiples or has that not really been an issue with us?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Mr. Miller, I don't think it's been a huge issue. We've done it on a couple of investment matters that you know about. We've done that recently. And we did that on a Board -- excuse me, an issue that arose with respect to the responsible contractor party -- excuse me, Responsible Contractor Policy, probably at least two years ago. And we really haven't had an issue retaining the expertise. We have quite a few firms that we are under contract with for a wide variety of matters, not just fiduciary matters.

So they -- we tend to be able to find the type of expertise that we need within those firms, even though they may not be engaged with us specifically to provide fiduciary counsel. So it's not a big issue and we have been able -- and we've done it probably, putting aside the investment issue this career, maybe on average once a year.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yeah, thank you. That's helpful. So I still feel that number 4 to me seems to be the option that I would be most enthusiastic about.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Mr. Perez.

BOARD MEMBER PEREZ: Thank you.

I like option 3, because I have -- I have had questions our current -- and she's made comments that

she's not the expert in that specific area. And I think -- I think the Board and our members deserve the experts for a specific area. So for that reason I like option 3.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Ms. Paquin.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Thank you, Mr.

President. Our office is also in favor of option 3. As

Mr. Jacobs mentioned during his opening remarks, CalSTRS

has already gone to this model and it's been very

effective so far. As we all know, it takes a long time to

put RFPs together, and go through, and solicit and

interview the firm to make a selection.

And it's nice to though that there are multiple firms with different strengths and expertise in the pool. It doesn't mean that we're paying them to be in the pool, but if we do need to call upon their expertise and we can engage them in whatever project we're interested in very quickly.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Any other comments?

Mr. Jacobs, if we were to go with option 1, that doesn't prevent us from bringing in additional fiduciary counsel, as needed, such as opining on a significant investment transaction, et cetera, is that correct?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: That is correct, Mr.

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PRESIDENT JONES: And so then there's no -- and it's almost like a spring-fed pool, if we continue with the -- just the -- one fiduciary counsel and then go to the pool when we need to.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Well, it's not quite the same, but it's not grossly different. You know, if you regard all of our counsel for our various areas. So, for example, we've got, gosh, probably six, eight different firms under con -- maybe more than that for various transactional matters.

They tend to have some of this expertise that -this specialized expertise that we need, so we can call on
them if they're willing to provide us that kind of
specialized expertise, as we did recently with Pillsbury,
without getting into a whole new contract.

The idea of a spring-fed pool is more that you have multiple firms that are specifically in a fiduciary -- fiduciarily kind of designated pool. So it's -- I don't know if that helps, but it's -- I mean, to get to -- more to Ms. Paquin -- I think Ms. Paquin is thinking of more of a model where we've actually got a few firms that are -- that have this fiduciary -- specific fiduciary expertise that would be in this pool that we would draw from, as opposed to having one or two firms,

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and then kind of reaching out to a pool that is perhaps less specialized to get, you know, on a more ad hoc basis.
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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. And so I -- you know, I like the continuity of option 1, with back -- perhaps a backup or having pre-qualified additional fiduciary counsel to access when necessary, as opposed to going to four different fiduciary counsels, and as you said, that that would eliminate some of the continuity. And as -- and, you know, when we hire a fiduciary firm, we're hiring the firm, so they have additional expertise I'm sure that they could bring to the table, as opposed to having to go out and hire someone on a specific issue.

So that's my comment.

Mr. -- who's next here? I think Ms. -- Mr. Perez you -- you have -- you still have a question?

BOARD MEMBER PEREZ: There's no question before,
I think, but I'm prepared to motion that we go with option
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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. So we have a -- it's a motion. Is there a second for

ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: I'll second.

BOARD MEMBER OLIVARES: I second.

PRESIDENT JONES: Mr. Perez moved the motion for

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BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Thank you.

A couple of questions. One, a procedural question. This came to us as an information item. If we take and make a motion and have a vote on that, we are moving from information to action item, is that something we're permitted to do?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: It is something we're permitted to do. I know that some of the stakeholders don't like it, but legally it is something we're permitted to do. We do notice that in our notice. It goes out that information items can be transformed into action items.

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: All right. Thank you.

Second question is more substantive to the discussion here. Mr. Jacobs, have you had any difficulty under the current model in being able to identify the need for and then obtain counsel, in any fiduciary area, where we've needed expertise?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: No.

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: All right. So, I mean, I'm not opposed necessarily to making change, but it seems that we are moving quickly into this. And I question whether or not a more thorough review of what we need in the way of fiduciary counsel and doing so consistent with the process that we have coming up, where we will be going

out to RFP in the fall of '21 would be more appropriate, but I'm open after hearing from my colleagues.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Middleton Ms. Olivares.

BOARD MEMBER OLIVARES: Thank you. I am in support of option 3. However, I also concur with Ms. Middleton's remarks. As we go forward with selecting a CIO and setting a new conflict of interest policy, I think it's critical that we have a fiduciary that has extensive experience in dealing with institutional investors and has deep institutional investment knowledge.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Lynn Paquin.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER PAQUIN: Thank you.

So I appreciate, Mr. Jacobs, you know, the fact that CalPERS has a lot of different counsels that we work with and under contract. But I do seem to recall that when we were hiring Pillsbury, which I think that they've done a great job so far, it took a long time. And I think I remember it was at least six months, but please correct me if I'm wrong. And I think the concept behind option 3 is to have firms with different expertise, so that if we wanted to talk to them about different investment models, talk to them about compliance issues, whatever it is, we would have access to them right away without having to go

through an extended period of time with the search process. So we are definitely in favor of option 3.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Mr. Miller.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Yeah, I had a question and a comment. My question I guess to Mr. Jacobs, option 3 wouldn't preclude our current fiduciary counsel from being in that pool or competing to be in that pool, in any way, would it?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: No, it would not. That is correct.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: And so my comment is I'm finding myself persuaded by the -- you know, the information and the -- what Ms. Paquin and Mr. Perez have shared with us. And so I'm very much leaning toward number 3. I really think it would be good timing to get a new solicitation going and in knowing all the challenges and all the decisions we have coming up, I think we would benefit from that.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Any other comments or questions on that? We do have a motion on the floor.

And so seeing no additional questions or comments on the potion by Mr. Perez and --

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Really, I mean -- Mr. Jones, if I might interject.

PRESIDENT JONES: Yes.

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GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: I'm sorry. This can
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             PRESIDENT JONES: Any other comments by Mr.
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             GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: No, sir.
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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. So we have a motion on the flood. It was moved by Mr. Pere and second by who was it? Who seconded the motion?

BOARD MEMBER OLIVARES: I did.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Ms. Olivares. Thank you. Okay. So --

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: So, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT JONES: Yes.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: I've got a point of clarification. So the motion does it -- I'm trying to understand, you know, is the motion states that this needs to be executed tomorrow, right away rather than waiting until we prepare to go out for an RFP? I did not -- the motion implies there is an urgency of some sort. And I'm just trying to understand is that -- am I correct in that, or -- or not?

PRESIDENT JONES: Mr. Jacobs.

on that. I think the way I'm understanding it is that we will just proceed to get the solicitation out there in the normal course. That may meet -- that would be probably be mid -- it would probably take a couple weeks to get it out on the street and we'll just proceed apace. Is that sufficient?

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Okay. Thank you.

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             PRESIDENT JONES: Yeah. Okay. Ms. Olivares.
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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you very much, Ms. Hopper.

Now we move to Item 10c, Summary of Board Direction. Ms. Frost.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: President Jones, I noted one, and that was to provide the Board with the Our Promise Campaign terms.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Okay. I think that's it too. So now we would move to public comment. And I got a request to -- from the public comment is on one of the items 9a13, the Alex Ray. But before we call on that person, I think there's a legal issue. So I'm going to ask Mr. Jacobs or Ms. Chirag Shah to comment on that before we call on the speaker.

Mr. Jacobs.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Sure. I'm happy to comment, but I think if Mr. Shah is till on, as your independent fiduciary -- not fiduciary, independent counsel on OAH matters, he might want to comment first.

PRESIDENT JONES: Are you still on Mr. Chirag Shah?

MEETING MODERATOR: Chirag Shah did not come back online. He was having some issues earlier and I don't think he's here.

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GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Okay. Well, here's the problem. Public comment is not authorized under the Administrative Procedure Act on OAH matters. And, of course, the APA, the Administrative Procedures Act, is the law underwhich we proceed in these administrative adjudication matters. And as a consequence of that provision -- or that lack of authorization in the APA, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act specifically exempts OAH matters from the requirement that there be an opportunity for public comment. So we have historically followed that and not permitted public comment on pending OAH matters.
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PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. I think that --

mean, these are -- these are adjudications that are supposed to be decided on the basis of the administrative record themselves that have been developed. And not to have third parties or even lawyers come in outside of that specific process to try to sway a decision on such a matter.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. I think we will -- Ms. Westly -- Ms. Westly.

BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: Just a point of clarification, didn't we already vote on it?

PRESIDENT JONES: Yes, we did.

BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: So I don't understand.

it's a good point, Ms. Westly. And I originally gave that advice on this, because I thought, hey, once you vote on it. It's done, so what's the big deal. But then I remembered that this could very well come back. It's not final until the petition for -- the opportunity for a petition for review has expired. And many of these things do come back to the Board on a petition for review. And so it's really not final, even though you did already vote on it.

BOARD MEMBER WESTLY: That seems flexible, but thanks.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay.

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GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Sure.

PRESIDENT JONES: Ms. Middleton.

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: I had exactly the same question Ms. Westly had.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Okay. Seeing no further comments or questions from the Board, we will take legal advice on that and ask whether or not there are any additional public comments or requests to speak, Mr. Fox.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS CHIEF FOX: Yes, Mr.

President. We have a total of five callers, the first of which will be Neal Johnson, SEIU Local 1000.

MS. JOHNSON: Hello. Can you hear me?

PRESIDENT JONES: Yes, we can.

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MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Actually, I am no longer with Local 1000. I am -- as of the end of May, I am a retiree in the system after 45 plus years as -- in the State of California, having gone back to when Ronald Reagan was Governor.

Anyway, what I was calling about was to congratulate Eric Baggesen on his retirement. Eric and I -- I've known Eric since back in the Joe Dear era probably 2010 and ALM process. And then through the years have been able to talk with Eric, found him very knowledgeable, very helpful, willing to discuss things. Ι don't always agree with him. But anyway, one of the things we -- he and I used to talk about was getting to retirement and working on our old sports cars, him the Corvette, which I think he sold, and I have two old Lotuses that I may be now getting too old to really fix But that was always my dream and I just and repair. wanted to thank Eric for his helpfulness during the last decade and wish him well in retirement.

The other thing I would like to comment on, this came up in Ms. Brown's comments about the overpayments, was the -- and it's something I fought with the IRS about, the innocent spouse isn't always the wife or the female. It can be the male. And, you know, I went through that

with my ex-wife who, among other things, had retired many years -- a number of years ago and didn't bother to tell PERS that she had gotten divorced and that consequently I wasn't a beneficiary. And it wasn't until I tried to file for retirement and it took a good month to deal with finding the divorce decree and submitting it and getting things through that -- anyway, I'm retired and anyway just wanted to thank Eric for his help and wish him well in retirement. And thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you. And Congratulations to you on your retirement, Mr. Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: You're welcome, Henry.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Mr. Fox.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS CHIEF FOX: Yes, Mr.

President. The next caller is Donna Snodgrass from RPEA

MS. SNODGRASS: -- and congratulations -- good

17 | afternoon, Board members, and congratulations, Neal.

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I just have a few comments. I'm speaking as an RPEA member and president of the Chapter 47 in Yucaipa Valley. Last September, there was a Board Item 9c1 that was brought asking to set a precedent regarding retired annuitant rules and policy. It appears the issue or the item has been pulled for consideration, and that was a good decision.

I still feel that I need to comment on the part of the case that I was going to anyway, and that includes the 960-hour rule. I'm not arguing the case. That's been done, but there is, however, an error in the amount of time to be repaid. And I'm not speaking specifically for this case, please excuse me.

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I have personally assisted members with multiple appeals for members who received the letters of this 960-hour violation. During the conversations with CalPERS staff, thankfully they agreed that the rule was applied incorrectly and this resulted in a massive reduction of the amount that was owed by the members. It didn't excuse the amount owed. We didn't argue that.

The -- I'll give you two examples and I'm changing some dates and dollar amounts and I'll explain why later.

One amount was in excess of 300,000 and another amount was approximately 250,000. These were reduced to 9,800 and 9,300 respectively, after looking at this rule. The 960-hour rule says the reinstatement period is for the period of violation. And the 960 hours is based on a fiscal year, July 1st to June 30th. However, the reinstatement periods in those letters had been in every case based on a calendar year.

And I'll give an example of, Member A was

reinstated January 1st through December 31st of 2014. The repayment amount included the whole year allowances plus all interest and earnings that was compounded for five years. The period of violation happened in April of 2014 and should have ended June 30th of that year. So only April, May and June should have been the violation.

Because July 1st started the clock all over again and they weren't in violation until April. So I'm asking now, if the Board, because it looks like this is a little more widespread, please have all of these audited cases reviewed for the error in the 960-hour rule.

I can tell you that the members I'm speaking on behalf of are so frightened of CalPERS now, that they wouldn't let me use their case -- the exact examples or their names and they hate receiving any mail from CalPERS with a logo on because, they don't know what to expect and they don't even want to open it.

So thank you for considering this. And I'm available for more details any time from the staff to answer anymore question.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you.

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STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS CHIEF FOX: Yes, Mr.

President. We have -- the next caller Mr. J.J. Jelincic,

I think, representing RPEA.

MR. JELINCIC: This is J.J. Jelincic, and I'm not representing RPEA. I'm speaking for myself as a beneficiary. And I want to apologize to the Board, and especially, Mr. Feckner.

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I should not have assumed that when you met ni closed session in April and June to discuss the long-term care strategy that you got any information about the plans to adjust the premiums or the benefits structure, let alone learned anything.

I should not have assumed that last month's Health Pension Benefit closed committee meeting about health plan rate strategy provided you any information about risk and mitigation.

I should not have assumed that this week's closed Investment Committee meeting on long-term care asset allocation provided any information.

Since the system's policies and procedures related to the review of Form 700, the detection of errors, and dealing with conflicts of interest are secret as client-attorney privileged, why should I not suspect that the Board is being less than fully transparent.

When the Board approved the annual audit plan for the Audit of Office -- the Office of Audit Services, it directed that internal audits be reported to the Risk and Audit Committee in closed session.

Eleven internal audits were completed, but I noticed that none of them were reported to the Committee. This lack of review must somehow help the Board's oversight function, even if I don't see it.

I guess this is just another example of why I should believe that the Board's focus is on the members, transparency and oversight.

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PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you.

Mr. Fox.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS CHIEF FOX: Yes, Mr.

President, the next caller is Dillon Gibbons with the

California Special Districts Association.

MR. GIBBONS: Hello, Chair and members of the Board. Dillon Gibbons with the California Special Districts Association.

Just calling in reference to a couple comments that were made regarding taking action on information items. As Mr. Jacobs stated, a number of stakeholders don't appreciate it. I'm one of them. My association is one of them, particularly in the format that Board meetings are now taking place. These remote meetings, to call in, takes time. I've got to hear that action is being taken on what was not supposed to be an action item or that is, yes, footnoted that anything can be come one,

dial in the 800 number, leave my name, the agenda item I've got -- that I want to talk on, then wait for an operator to get on, confirm all of that information, and then contact whoever else is on -- who -- I assume it's Mr. Fox contacting Mr. Jones that I want to speak on an item.

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This all -- while this is all happening, I'm having these conversations trying to get through the phone line, the Board is continuing to take action, have discussion on these items. So again particularly while we're in this pandemic setting and your -- we're doing these remote distance meetings, taking action on information items I believe flies in the face of the transparency efforts that this Board is consistently trying to undertake and that we consistently support.

So again, I would urge you to, wherever possible, please avoid taking action on information items. If you think you want to take action on a potential information item, have it changed on the agenda.

With that, thank you very much for your time.

Today's action item -- or informational item being taken action on was not of a significant concern of mine, more just the issue of information items being turned to action items.

Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Gibbons.

And I think also Mr. Jacobs did also echo that concern.

And I did share with you that I will be asking our Board members to be more considerate of those kinds of actions going forward, so that the public will have an opportunity to opine or make comments on these items as we go forward. So legitimate concern. So thank you.

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STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS CHIEF FOX: Yes, Mr.

President. The last caller is Christy Bouma, California

Profession Firefighters.

MS. BOUMA: Good afternoon, members. Christy
Bouma on behalf of the California Professional
Firefighters. I thank you for the opportunity to make
public comment and for your work, always and over the last
several days.

The Board is fully aware that the CPF has been very active in the Legislature trying to protect against adverse actions that harm retirees after the fact that they've made the decision to retire. So I just wanted to make a comment about our concern, about the ongoing practice of taking great liberties to try and eliminate compensation items after the fact, maybe sometimes they're disfavored. But either way, that effectively punishes retirees and provides a windfall to employers and systems.

The firefighters recognize the overall goal that we all share to have a strong funded status of the system and to have a sustainable system to the benefit of employers and all members of the system.

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But this is not the way we achieve it by making determinations after the fact. So we would just ask you to be very mindful of that as you address these issues going forward, whether in your legal department or in your policy decisions.

Thanks for the time. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT JONES: Thank you for your comments.

Mr. Fox.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS CHIEF FOX: Mr. President, that concludes public comment for this Board of Administration meeting.

PRESIDENT JONES: Okay. Well, thank you very much. And that will conclude our open session meeting. And we're going to take a lunch break -- a short lunch break. Before -- but before I need to indicate that we'll now adjourn -- we will adjourn into closed session for Items 1 to 3 from the closed session agenda. This will include the following litigating matters -- litigation matters, Wedding et al. v. Calpers. We'll also receive the General Counsel's update on pending litigation.

So at this time the Board Members will exit this

open session meeting and connect to the closed session
meeting.

To the members of the public watching on
livestream, this concludes our open session meetings for
November. Thank you for joining us.

And we will reconvene our closed session meeting

And we will reconvene our closed session meeting at 2:15.

(Thereupon California Public Employees'
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meeting open session adjourned at 1:27 p.m.)

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