CalPERS 2023 Board Self-Assessment

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Board Self-Assessment

Agenda

- CalPERS Board Self- Assessment Overview and Process
- Summary of 2021 Board Self-Assessment and Outcomes
- Timeline for 2023 Board Self-Assessment

CalPERS Board Self-Assessment Overview

The CalPERS Board Governance Policy, Section XI states:

"A. The Board has adopted a self-assessment process which assesses the whole Board, the President and Vice President, individual members, committees, and committee chairs and vice chairs, and includes multiple bases for evaluation:

- 1. Principles
- 2. Responsibility and authority
- 3. Process
- 4. Outcomes



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- B. One or more techniques may be utilized for obtaining self assessment feedback, including:
 - Expert third party facilitator to lead or co-lead (with the Board President) the self-assessment process
 - 2. Feedback from external key stakeholders on Board performance
 - 3. Third party evaluation of the Board's performance
 - 4. Peer-to-peer and upward evaluations (360°) from staff

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C. Each Board member will sign a statement acknowledging fiduciary responsibilities in conjunction with self-assessment processes

D. An independent third party will assess Board performance every two years

- In 2018 and 2021, the CalPERS Board partnered with the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), to survey and assess the board's effectiveness and performance as a governing body
- National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) provided independent, expert facilitation
- CalPERS is a long-standing NACD member
- The self-assessment was led by the Cari Dominguez, Director of NACD

CalPERS Board
Self-Assessment Process

Board Assessments

Committee Assessments

Director Peer Assessments

Board Assessment

- Provide a comprehensive review of the competencies and overall effectiveness of the board to align priorities
- External consultant will report its assessment of the board's functionality, processes, strengths, weaknesses, boardroom culture and dynamics, communication, and information flow with management

Committee Assessments

- Enable CalPERS' committees to review their core competencies, create baseline metrics, and define key performance indicators
- This process will identify areas for enhancement and assist committees in developing concrete action plans
- Committee assessments follow the same rigorous methodology and data analysis process as board assessments.

Director Peer Assessments

- Director peer assessments help assess and align board members to collectively perform as a strategic asset for your organization
- Directors assess themselves and their peers along a set of behavioral questions and will be provided with feedback, which will outline key areas of strength and areas to consider for continuous development

NACD Board Self-Assessment Framework

Reflects five core competencies relevant to performance:

- Board Structure
- Operational Oversight
- Board Oversight of CEO Performance and Succession
- Strategy Oversight
- Risk Management and Oversight



NACD Findings and Opportunities

The CalPERS 2021 Board Self-Assessment identified opportunities to:

- Establish processes for CEO succession planning and long-term talent strategy
- Further develop Board Member onboarding and education

CEO Succession Planning and Talent Strategy

Board Members are provided many tools to assist with CEO succession planning and talent strategy through CalPERS' NACD membership:

- CEO Succession Planning & Talent Oversight Resource Center
- Board Oversight of Talent Strategy
- The Art of Directorship: CEO Succession
- Success at the Top: CEO Evaluation and Succession
- Sample CEO Succession Process



Onboarding and Education

Within the first three months of a Board Member's appointment, the CalPERS Board Education Policy requires training on each of the following:

- CEO Briefing
- Board President Briefing
- Executive Management Introduction
- Mentorship
- Education



Timeline for 2023 Board Self-Assessment

- Planning and Development June to August 2023
 - Deliverables approved by Chair, contracting and procurement
- Survey and Interviews September through November 2023
 - Board members complete and submit confidential surveys for external consultant's analysis
 - 1x1 interviews with external consultant are conducted
- Data and Survey Analysis November 2023
 - External consultant analyzes written survey data and interviews
- Initial results presented to CalPERS Chair Late November 2023
- Final Results and Delivery January 2024
 - Survey results and outcomes presented to the Board by external consultant

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