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### PROCEEDINGS 1 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Good morning, everyone. 2 Welcome to the Board of administration open session. 3 And we will start with roll call. 4 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Theresa Taylor. 5 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Here. 6 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: David Miller. 7 8 VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: Here. 9 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Deborah Gallegos for Malia Cohen. 10 ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: Here. 11 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Michael Detoy. 12 BOARD MEMBER DETOY: Here. 13 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Frank Ruffino for Fiona 14 15 Ma. 16 ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Present. BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Eraina Ortega. 17 BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Here. 18 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Jose Luis Pacheco. 19 20 BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Present. BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Kevin Palkki. 21 BOARD MEMBER PALKKI: Good morning. 22 23 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Ramón Rubalcava. BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Present. 24 25 BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Yvonne Walker.

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BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Here.

BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: Dr. Gail Willis.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right.

Thank you very much. With that, I have asked David Miller to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Thereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was

recited in unison.)

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you very much, everyone, and welcome again. Good morning.

So Women's History Month is this month. And earlier this month, we celebrated Women's International Day, both acknowledge and focus on contributions that women have made to history, to culture, and society, and they bring attention to important issues such as gender equality, discrimination, and equal pay. It is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the often overlooked role of women in U.S. history. This year's theme is Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations.

The theme celebrates the strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. While there are many inspirational women, the work of women educators has been a driving force in the progress of education systems not

only in America, but throughout the world. This year's theme of recognizing educators comes full circle. It was educators in Santa Rosa, California, who first celebrated Women's History in March 1978.

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Over the years, other cities across the country joined the City of Santa Rosa, and in 1980 President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8th, National Women's History Week. Congress made it a month-long celebration in 1987. And that's why we celebrate Women's History Month to take a moment each year and celebrate the achievements that women have fought so hard to achieve and to reeducate -- rededicate ourselves to tackling the challenges that remain.

And I am proud to serve on this Board that consists of a majority of women. And I'm proud that this organization is led by a woman. I'm also proud of all the women at CalPERS whose contributions every day make our organization a better place and I thank you for everything that you do.

And then let me add a congratulations to our CEO,
Marcie Frost, who was recently named to Barron's 100 Most
Influential Women in the U.S. Finance list for a second
time. And thank you, Marcie. Well deserved.

Last month, we recognized our friend and colleague Lisa Middleton who is no longer a Board member.

We've prepared a resolution for her acknowledging and thanking her for her contributions. And I'd like to share a few passages request with everyone today.

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"Whereas, Ms. Middleton brought a wealth of experience, insight, and leadership to Board discussions as a former Mayor of Palm Springs advocating for all -- for interests of all local government and employers; and,

"Whereas, she served as the first openly transgender person on the CalPERS Board, consistently advocating for the ideas -- ideals and values of diversity, equity, and inclusion;

"Whereas, she was often a voice of reason in the midst of complex policy discussions that had lasting consequences for members and employers;

"Now therefore be it resolved, the CalPERS
Board of Administration individually and as a
body express our sincere appreciation to Lisa
Middleton for her many contributions and
outstanding service to the system, and extend our
sincere best wishes to her in her future
endeavors."

And we will make sure to get this to Lisa. Thank you so much. And with that, I will turn this over to Ms. Frost for her CEO report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Thank you,

President Taylor, and good morning to all of you. I want
to briefly update you on two initiatives, as well as be
able to spot -- speak a little bit more about climate
investments.

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So earlier this month, we did open registration for our Catalyst conference they we co-host with CalSTRS. This year, it will be held in Sacramento. If you want to put a save-the-date on your calendar, it will be May 12th and 13th. We have capacity for about 800 registrations and we are currently at 20 percent of that number, so still time to register. And I do expect that we will continue to have some pretty strong interest. And I'll keep you updated on our progress.

This event pairs funders as well as those seeking to be funded. Puts everyone together in a single location. The format from our last Catalyst event, we received very strong positive feedback about pairing up funders and those seeking to be funded in more of like the speed dating style, for lack of a better term for that. Although the format is a bit different this year, it still really is to do the networking, giving access to people, express their innovation, teach them how to do pitches. And so we're really excited about offering that event again in May.

Several of our emerging and diverse managers have expressed their concerns about organizations stepping away from commitments. And so, the timing of this event I don't think could be any better. These commitments have been made by Calpers and others, and have always been made based on careful fiduciary review. We provide opportunities to our broader investor community, which will provide value to our 2.3 million members. Ours has always been about opportunity. It has never been about preference.

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So I also mentioned last month that we launched a new recruitment campaign with advertising in the Sacramento, Bay Area, and Los Angeles markets. Hopefully, as you've driven on some of our freeways or highways around Sacramento, or the Bay Area, or Los Angeles, you've seen some of our team members on these billboards. Team members who very confidently and proudly are expressing their views of working at CalPERS, and CalPERS being an employer of choice.

While the campaign has only been running for about three weeks, early results show that it is driving traffic to our website and our career landing page. We had more than 153,000 sessions on our website with about half of those visitors spending time with the information we make available about job opportunities and resources.

The campaign will run through the end of May, so we should have more meaningful results for you in the next couple of months.

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I thought I would share some of the key recruitment messages and some of the associated branding that we put in. So I'll talk about four of the areas.

One is we put a healthy focus on equity. That really highlights the health equity work that the Health Program is doing. Inclusivity is key to our investment strategy. Inclusivity is in our DNA and building better together.

So hopefully, you will have an opportunity to see more of those. If not, I will spend a little bit more of my time in April going through the campaign, going through the DEI framework, and the associated results over the last 12 months.

So on climate. So this will be my main focus.

It is a topic that captured much of the public comments -or some of the public comment on Monday. We certainly had
a lot of public comment yesterday as well during Monday's
meeting of the Investment Committee. That's really
climate change, and our investment thesis, and responding
to climate changes.

As you may remember one year ago, our colleague, Michael Cohen, was selected to serve as the Chair of the Climate Action 100+ Committee, an organization that

CalPERS helped create, and we remain committed to helping it succeed. Climate Action 100+ selects a new Steering Committee Chair every 12 months. And Michael's last duties in the role will take place this week. I want to begin by thanking him for his work in representing CalPERS and our Investment Beliefs.

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It hasn't been an easy year. Climb Action 100+ has found itself battered by the cross-winds of partisan politics. On several occasions, critics overlooked clear, consistent guidance that the organization's signatories act independently. Under Michael's leadership, Climate Action 100+ reaffirmed its focus on seeking consensus, and it prioritized dialogue with companies built on the organization's founding principles of transparency, engagement, and cooperation in identifying climate risks, and getting consistent transparency from the companies where we invest.

Working together, Climate Action 100+ can help investors, like CalPERS, identify those new opportunities for financing the energy transition. And that effort is exactly what members of the public told us they wanted when they showed up here on Monday to talk about climate change. So just a moment to thank Michael Cohen. I -- you know, he will remain a part of the steering committee, but will step down as its chair.

So we did hear loud and clear this week from members of the public urging CalPERS to find those new climate investing opportunities and to shed some of the assets on which we rely now. I can assure those who speak up, we did hear you and we share your goals. But it's how we achieve those goals where we might take issue with some of what was said. Addressing climate change is an imperative, but so too is the fiduciary duty of CalPERS. And that duty requires a diversified portfolio that can provide retirement benefits far into the future.

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We believe that a pro-investing approach to climate change means more than just betting on today's green companies. It means investing in technology that might for now be an up and coming side project for a company.

Two weeks ago, a new activist group in California did publish a report that took issue with CalPERS's efforts to define and track our pro-climate investments, but there's no single standard for doing that. And I'll come back to that issue in just a moment.

First, however, let's remember that our \$100 billion Climate Action Plan is a pro-investment plan. It is not a divestment plan. Divestment would put symbolism over substance. It would mean placing arbitrary goals above the opportunity to help finance nothing short of a

global energy trans -- excuse me, transformation. It would also mean fewer investment opportunities, less diversification, and a high stakes gamble for millions of Californian public sector workers and the employers who contribute to their retirement.

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A good investor places their money in what's going to grow, what has the potential to produce competitive returns, but you wouldn't know that by the report that was issued two weeks ago, a report with several faulty conclusions that were accepted as fact by Bloomberg News. The accusation was that CalPERS thinks oil drilling is a climate solution, but the report's authors know that's not really true. For almost two years our team has been consulting with outside analysts on how to best count our baseline investments in pro-climate technologies. Some of that technology is being developed by traditional Energy companies in which we invest, and we believe it's reasonable to assign an investment value to that technology.

But the report promoted in new (clears throat) -excuse me -- newspapers across the state by the Bloomberg
article treated our efforts as nothing short of an effort
to mislead our members and our stakeholders. Almost no
attention was given to the very small role those legacy
energy companies play in our climate solutions, and

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In the case of one company cited by the report, no one pointed out that we've only counted \$29,000 of the investment in our \$53 billion of baseline climate solutions. It's hard to call that kind of omission a mistake. As we know, context does matter. What we need more discussion about, and what CalPERS has long sought, is consistency in defining climate solutions. Our work has passed muster with a variety of independent analysts. Our methodologies are science based and carefully applied. And as I said last year, we are committed to continual improvement.

Our plan sets our an agenda through the end of 2030 and we agree there's a lot of work to be done. We welcome conversation and we believe in transparency, but we also believe in setting the record straight and ensuring that our investments can fulfill the retirement promises made to our members.

And that does conclude my report, President Taylor and I'm happy to take questions.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Frost. I am not seeing any questions right now.

So with that, we will move on with the agenda.

And we are on Agenda Item 5, action consent. What's the

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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Move approval.
             CHAIR TAYLOR: Move approval Mr. Pacheco.
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             VICE CHAIR MILLER:
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             CHAIR TAYLOR: And seconded by Mr. Miller.
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             BOARD CLERK ANDERSON: (Shakes head.)
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             CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. All those in favor say aye?
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             CHAIR TAYLOR: All those opposed?
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    Committee met on March 17th, 2025.
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recommendations to adopt the recommended policy changes for the Responsible Contractor policy in its third reading.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That's the only one?

Yes. On a recommendation from the Committee.

All those in favor?

(Ayes.)

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All opposed?

Any abstentions?

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: I oppose.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: You oppose?

Okay. All those opposed? And then any

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VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: The Committee received reports on the following topics: CalPERS trust level review consultant report; CalPERS trust level review; asset liability management, governance and reporting; proxy voting and corporate engagements update; total fund portfolio management investment treasury overview; and the Responsible Contract Policy annual overview.

The Chair directed staff to perform a cost and scope analysis of a market study of prevailing wage and labor peace agreements for the Responsible Contractor

Policy.

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The Committee heard public comment on the following topics: labor relations; climate change; sustainable investments; and private equity investments.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the June Investment Committee meeting: Quarterly Chief Investment Officer report; asset liability management; private equity, private debt, and real assets annual program reviews; and a modernizing investment data and technology update.

The next meeting of the Investment Committee is scheduled for June 16th, 2025 in Sacramento, California. That concludes my report Madam President.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

I do have a question from Ms. Gallegos. Go -- there we do. Go ahead.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: I'd like a point of clarification. This is a meeting summary, so what were we voting on exactly? We had the vote yesterday on the third reading.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Correct. And so that's approved now by the whole Board. We always do approval by the whole Board

ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: And this is an action item listed?

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes. 1 BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: Where is the action item 2 listed, sorry, on the agenda? 3 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Agenda Item 5a the responsible 4 contracting policy third reading. 5 ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: I got. Yes. 6 Understand. I'd like to amend my vote then, 7 8 please. 9 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Can we do that? CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Yes. 10 ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: To abstain. 11 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: To abstain. 12 ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: Yes. 13 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So we have one no and one 14 abstention, is that correct? 15 16 Okay. Go ahead. GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Okay. As a general 17 matter, the Investment Committee does not need the full 18 Board to review or vote. 19 20 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Because we already all voted, yeah. 21 GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: You're a body of the 2.2 23 whole, so the vote is what the vote was yes -- on Monday. ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: Perfect. 24 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Perfect. 25

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GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: If Ms. Gallegos -- oh,
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    so you're good.
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             CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Yes.
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            VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: Good catch, Deborah.
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GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: That's an independent vote that does not require this body to review it.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: So the vote that we did on Monday --

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Is effectively the vote of the Board.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Oh, okay. So I would like to -- if I could amend mine -- so I was basically saying the same thing. I said the same thing what I did on Monday to no.

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: What you said on Monday stands.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah.

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BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: I see. And if --

VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: This vacates this --

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: So this vacates this?

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Okay. Very good then. I just -- I wanted some clarity on that. Thank you. And yes, next time, we can get some instructions on that, it would be good. Thank you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: We'll take care of it.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Mine went off too.

We move on to the Pension and Health Benefits Committee, Mr. Rubalcava.

Whoops. Go ahead.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Thank you, Madam

President. The Pension and Health Benefits Committee met
on March 18, 2025. The Committee reelected me, Ramón

Rubalcava as Chair and Kevin Palkki as Vice Chair of the Pension and Health Benefits Committee.

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

Agenda Item 6a. After hearing extensive public comment regarding out of state health plan options, very hardship and heartfelt testimony, the Committee approved the recommendations of Option 3 in the presentation. The Committee also approved modifications to the 2026 Value-Based Insurance Design program in the PERS Gold Basic plan.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. On recommendation from Committee. All those in favor?

(Ayes.)

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All those opposed?

ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: No

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ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: No.

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All those opposed?

BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: No.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

And any abstentions?

All right. With that, you can move along.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Thank you, Madam President.

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The Committee received reports on the following topics: the Committee received information regarding the health open enrollment results; an update on the PPO transition; and retiree cost of living adjustment. The committee received public comment on risk adjustment.

The Committee directed staff to, one, continue looking for more affordable out-of-state options including but not limited to changes in statute and continued conversation with CalHR and report back to the Board in June, which is the next public meeting of the Committee; report back to the June Board meeting of when appropriate -- or when appropriate with clinical quality metrics for PPO members who transition to Blue Shield and Included Health.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the May Pension and Health Benefits Committee meeting. The Committee will meet in closed session to discuss pharmacy benefits contracting efforts and the health plan rate renewal negotiation strategy, and provide a long-term care contracting update.

The next meeting of the Pension and Health
Benefits Committee is scheduled for May 19th, 2025 in
Sacramento, California.

That concludes my report, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much, Mr. Rubalcava.

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I have to -- I don't normally vote at full Board, but I do need to register my no vote yesterday on 6a, so thank you.

And then I understand, if I've got this correct,
L.R. Roberts wants to talk on this, 7b, is that correct?
L.R. ROBERTS: Yes.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Come on down.

And then I will move on to 7c, which I believe is Board Governance, and that's you, David.

Here. Do you have it. If you don't, I have it. Sorry. Yeah, right here. Yeah, there you go. Thank you.

Go ahead and you have three minutes.

L.R. ROBERTS: Oh, it won't take long. I talked to the Board earlier. It might have been just at the Committee meeting about the JAMA article about -- oh, I'm L.R. Roberts. I am retired from STRS where I worked for 18 years. And I'm a member of various retiree groups, but I'm speaking for myself today.

Some of you know that when my spouse died, I had trouble getting my VSP straightened out and it is still

not straightened out, and he died a year and two months ago. So, you guys paid me first. You are allowed to do the Delta Dental thing. That worked great. But the vision plan -- VSP does not allow you guys to do -- your staff to do it. It's still not right.

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So, JAMA let's us get some benefits, for instance dental, through our Advantage plans. Maybe something we could look into. This is left over from the old days when before there was collective bargaining, before '83 when we had our first contract when what was DPA used to administer these two plans. So this is a JAMA article saying that you can maybe get some of these benefits, especially in this case, dental, through your Medicare Advantage plan. And you each got a copy of the article. And the staff here helped me print that, because I was having trouble getting it to work. Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Roberts.

With that, we will move on to 7c, which is Board Governance Committee. And Mr. Miller, go ahead.

VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: Hello, again.

The Board Governance Committee met on March 18th, 2025. The Committee held an election for the Board Governance Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Theresa Taylor was elected Chair and David Miller was elected Vice Chair.

The next meeting of the Board Governance

Committee is tentatively scheduled for June 18th, 2025 in Sacramento, California.

That concludes the report Madam President.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much, Mr.

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And with that, let me make sure we're in the right place. We are moving on to Agenda Item 8, and that is you again.

Turn on your microphone. Hold on a sec.

All right. Go ahead.

VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: Me again indeed. So -okay. So for Agenda Items 8a1 through 8a5, recommend that
the Board adopt the PDs at agenda items 8a1 and 3 through
5 as the Board's own decisions with the minor
modifications argued by staff. And so I move to adopt the
proposed decisions at Agenda items 8a1 and 3 through 5 as
the Board's own decisions with the minor modifications
argued by staff to Agenda Item 8a3.

And can I do these together, Matt, or --

GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: (Nods head.)

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes, you can.

VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: Okay. So as well as -- I also move to remand Agenda Item 8a2 for the taking of additional evidence as argued by staff.

And finally, I move to deny the petition at

Agenda Items 8b1 through 4, so all three motions together.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Second.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I have a second by Mr. Pacheco on direction from Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Pacheco.

All those in favor?

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All those opposed?

And any abstentions?

All right. Motion passes. Thank you, Mr. Miller

VICE PRESIDENT MILLER: Thank you.

All right. Let me -- all right. I think we are on, and correct me if I'm -- I don't want to skip somebody. Hold on.

Yep, we're good. Okay. So on information agenda item number 9, Mr. Brown.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Good morning, Madam President, Board Members. Danny Brown, Calpers team member. This is the State and federal legislative update.

Starting with the State, the Bill introduction deadline was February 21st. Two thousand three hundred and fifty bills were introduced with over a third of them being spot or intent bills.

LAD team members are currently tracking and monitoring over 300 bills with nine of those bills listed

in your Board report so far. Among those bills, you will find the 2025 Retirement Omnibus Bill, SB 853, which includes the CalPERS technical change you voted on last month.

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As bills move through their policy committees and bills get amended, the LAD team will continue to review and identify bills that may impact CalPERS.

And then finally, yesterday, we submitted a letter to the California Air Resources Board in response to their solicitation for feedback to help inform their work to implement the climate disclosure reporting laws created by Senate bills 253 and 261. In our response, we urged CARB to prioritize harmonization an interoperability with the International Sustainability Standards Board standards. This will help ensure consistent, comparable, reliable, and decision-useful information for companies and investors navigating diverse reporting requirements.

With that, I'll switch to the federal update.

Karishma Page from K&L Gates will be joining us via Zoom.

But before I turn it over to her, I wanted to provide a few updates.

First on GPO and WEP, last month, I mentioned that the Social Security Administration indicated it could take more than one year to adjust and pay retroactive benefits. They have since announced that they will

immediately begin to pay retroactive benefits and increase ongoing monthly payments for most impacted retirees, with only the most complex cases taking up to one year, basically those that they can't automate that they have to do by hand.

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Next, I wanted to mention that last week we sent a letter that our General Counsel, Matt Jacobs, took the lead on crafting to the Delaware General Assembly in opposition to a bill that amends the Delaware General Corporation Law. Delaware legislators say the bill is needed to ensure Delaware remains the home for corporate incorporation. However, we are concerned that this Bill tips the scales by overturning several decades of decisions from the Delaware courts that provide meaningful protection for investors.

And then finally, as you probably all know, Congress voted for a full year CR last week to keep the government funded through the end of September.

I will leave the political discussion to

Karishma, but I did want to highlight that the CR included extensions of several telehealth provisions that will benefit our traditional Medicare members. While this is only a temporary fix, it does give time for some legislative bills that are going through Congress now to see if they can get through and extend these provisions

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And with that, I will turn it over to Karishma.

KARISHMA PAGE: Thank you, Danny.

Madam President, members of the Board, it's good to be with you this morning. As Danny mentioned, one of the key issues that Congress has been working on is thinking through the federal funding of government. And as Danny mentioned, late last week, Congress came to an agreement to continue the current level of funding of government through the end of this fiscal year, so that means the government now has been funded. We have avoided a shutdown. And although there will be efforts to review the federal funding for fiscal year 2026, and that process may be taking place over the course of the next several months, the government is funded through the end of September.

This was a vote that was approved by the House and by the Senate. It was largely on party lines, in the sense that Republican in both chambers voted in favor of the bill, and there were some members of the Senate Democrats that also crossed over in order to get the 64 threshold to move forward with the continued funding of the federal government.

With that now complete, there is a -- Congress has really pivoted focus on tax reform. And in particular

a reconciliation measure that would allow for the consideration of the soon-to-be expiring -- many of the provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that are soon to be expiring. So taking a step back, there -- it is likely that as Congress considers the -- this expiration it will be moving forward with what's called a reconciliation measure. Reconciliation is an expedited procedure, which allows for there to be a simple majority in the Senate, especially -- or when it relates to budget-related priorities. And so that tends to focus on tax and health care related issues.

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The House -- in order for that to move forward, the -- both the House and Senate have to adopt budget resolutions. And those need to be enacted and then there will be the actual drafting of the legislation. So where we are in the process is the House has passed its budget resolution. The Senate has passed its budget resolution. Again, these are both on party lines. And the House and Senate have different approaches and are working to reconcile that.

There are some gaps between the two, but the general expectation at this -- at this moment is that there will be a path forward in coming to an agreement on how this Bill will be structured.

Parallel to that, the Ways and Means Committee on

the House side and the Senate Finance Committee are working through the substantive areas that they would like to focus on as part of this measure. The expectation at this juncture is that there are several key priorities.

One is the extension of the expiring provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which is a 2017 tax reform measure. In addition, there are a few other priorities, including the SALT tax, as well as President Trump has outlined the interest in not taxing tips, overtime, and Social Security. So those are some of the key areas of priority.

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Now, all that said, that in itself is over a \$4.6 trillion measure. And given the current fiscal environment that we're in, there is an interest in finding pay-fors to offset the cost of some portion of that bill.

So any and all priorities or policies are on the table for reconsideration. There is a very strong focus right now on finding revenue offsets. And that includes in areas related to health care. So one of the things that we've seen, although not endorsed by the House Republican leadership, is a list of priorities that was released by the House Budget Chairman that included a whole range of revenue and spending offsets that -- related to Medicare, Medicaid, and other provisions of health care, in addition to a whole range of other issues.

This -- the ex -- the hope by House Republicans

and Senate Republicans is that this bill, from a substantive perspective will move forward over the course of the next couple weeks and months. I think the expectation is that it could bleed into this -- later into the summer or early into the fall, because there are going to be a whole range of issues that need to be addressed.

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One question that comes up on the reconciliation side is the future of the Inflation Reduction Act energy tax provisions. And one of the things that we've seen is that in many instances there are a number of those IRA provisions that have strong support amongst segments of Republican members, though there is also -- there are those that are viewed as being controversial that we could see fall away, such as, for instance, the EV tax credit. We may also see some adjustments made to those provisions as this tax reform process moves forward.

One final point on the congressional side before
I make a quick comment on the administration side, is that
the debt limit has yet to be addressed, that there are
some estimates about how much further the fisc can go
before the debt limit needs to be renewed. It looks like
that will fall later in the spring early in the summer,
but that's another area where Congress is going to have to
come together. Both with the tax reform bill and the debt
limit, it's important to note that the majorities are very

slim in the House, operating sort of the one to three seat majority in the House and also a three seat majority on the Senate side.

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With that, the final comment that I'll make is that the administration certainly within its first 60 days has been very active. The cabinet has largely been There has been a number of -- there's been confirmed. strong executive activity. We've seen 217 Executive Orders, many of which are being litigated. There are a range of actions that have been taken related to reduction in force from a federal workforce perspective, as well as really reviewing a whole series of funding and contracting that's being undertaken by the federal government, that we expect to continue to take place. And just in terms of confirmations, we're at that next round of the confirmation track, and we do understand that the nominated SEC Chair Paul Atkins may be up for confirmation hearing towards the end of March, with the hope that he'll be confirmed shortly thereafter.

With that, I will pause and I'm happy to take any questions that the Board may have.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I am not seeing any questions. That's a lot and I will say it's to be determined, I'm sure, as we sit and watch how this goes forward.

Mr. Rubalcava.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: No. I think -PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'm sorry. Hold on. I'm
trying. There we go.

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BOARD MEMBER WALKER: Hi. I'm not sure the right one to ask, either Danny or -- but at any rate, what are you hearing -- I have gotten communications from people understandably nervous about the closure of some Social Security offices. And what are you hearing about Social Security? What is it -- I don't even know the right -- this is such a crazy time with -- I feel funny even having to ask this question, but apparently it is -- we're in crazy times.

Thanks for the question. I mean, I'll just mention, and then I can see if Karishma has anything to add, but I think they might be referring to -- there was a number of articles that just came out yesterday in the Executive Order about -- you know, there -- while they are eliminating positions at the Social Security administration, they are now looking that they're going to require people to show up to the office to actually apply for Social Security or disability. So it's like they can start the process online, but they're going to actually have to show up to an office to finish the process. We're still kind of digging into that to see what that actually

means, but I'll see if Karishma has anything else.

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KARISHMA PAGE: Danny I think it's a really good point. And I think one of the shifts has been that early on the thinking was that Social Security was not going to be an area focus, but I think the -- that these steps that have been taken are sort of heightening that interest level. So, to Danny's point, there's a good amount to dig into here, and things are changing very quickly. So this at the very early stages, and I think we'll continue to see some developments before we see sort of a steady state of where -- what the extent of the focus is from a Social Security perspective.

BOARD MEMBER WALKER: Thank you.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER MALM: So, Ms. Walker, also I thought I'd mention that Social Security typically comes to our CBEEs and they have not been able to make the last couple of CBEEs, so our team has been answering the questions as best as they can, and have been referring them back to the Social Security Administration. They are able to take them -- the virtual questions if we have a virtual CBEE, but they have not -- they will not be able to travel to our CBEEs, at this time.

BOARD MEMBER WALKER: Yeah, I appreciate, and I know that we're going to do everything that we can, but some things are out of our hands.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER MALM: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER WALKER: And so it's just something that I've a heightened awareness of. And so, if anything develops, I'd appreciate the Board being told or informed would be the right word.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you. I take that as direction, I guess -- Board direction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: (Nods head).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I just had a quick question,
Danny, before I move on to Mr. Pacheco. There's this
lovely CalPERS federal legislative and policy priorities
for the 119th Congress. Did you put that together or
did --

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Yes. Well, we did it collectively, but that's actually the Next agenda item.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. I just want to -because it's very positive flowery language and it's not
where I see the 119th Congress going, but anyway. Let me
move on to other questions. I will wait till it comes up.

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BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Thank you, President Taylor and thank you, Danny for your comments.

I'd like to ask you a question regarding AB 280, the Cal -- it requires a health care service plan or

health insurance to verify providers. I just want to know where that is when is the date on the Assembly Health Committee? I know it moved through the Rules Committee, but is there an -- is there date for it already for the hearing?

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: I co not know off the top of my head. I'd have to look and get back to you, but I'm not sure if it's been scheduled for the hearing.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Has there any been -- has there been any sponsors already to it -- already added to it or is this too early to tell?

just in the stages of, you know, kind of digging into these bills, talking to the relevant stakeholders author's office. So I'm sure it has -- I mean, this bill is a repeat from last year, so I'm assuming it has the same sponsors as last year, and supporters. And so, yeah, we're still kind of gathering all that intel.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: As well as the legislative analysis and all that good stuff as well. All right. Very good then.

And then with respect to the SB 251, the private equity and health facilities, is that a -- is that a rehash of AB 3129 from last year or is that a different

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: I would say it's a small component of that. What this one is just really -- it's not really going after consolidations or limiting consolidations. It's really kind of going after the relationship between the private equity firm and the doctor, making sure that the -- you know, not impacting the decision-making of the physicians.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Decision-making of the physicians. I see that. And I believe now it's in the Senate Rules Committee at this time. Has there -- has there been any assignment to a particular jurisdiction or Committee as of yet.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Again,
I'd have to go look and see if it's -- what the most
current information is on that. I don't know if it's been
assigned.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: It's still within the 30 -- still with the 30 days parameter, right?

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Well, it can be acted on, but, you know, I don't know if it's been set for hearing yet.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: It hasn't been set for hearing yet. And do you know any -- do you have any idea where it will go, which Committee it would land on?

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: It will probably go to the Senate Health Committee.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Senate Health Committee. Very good then. Those are my only questions. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So a quick question, Danny. I just -- based on Mr. Jacobs's questions, has it gone to the Rules Committee to die?

9 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Oh,
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13 bill goes to the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'm sure, but sometimes they go there to die.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Yeah, but I don't think that one will go to die.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Just checking. Okay. Mr. Palkki. Hold on a second. My bad. I grabbed the wrong one.

BOARD MEMBER PALKKI: Thank you. I just want to go back to the question that Yvonne Walker brought up about the -- about the conversation -- or the Social Security. So if people are required to go into the office to finalize that process, does that mean that they're

going to increase the amount of offices?

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: No.

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think that is a good question. Again, I -- well, I think as we see a lot of things that are coming out of the administration, it's like a big announcement and then you have to wait a few weeks so see what really happens maybe. But I think that's the question is how are -- if you're going to increase the amount of traffic in these offices, how are you going to do that by closing offices and eliminating staff. I mean, it doesn't seem to add up, so -- but I think, you know, that still has to be thought through. I think that's -- but that's kind of the analysis that's kind of coming out in the stories that we're seeing is like how is this really going to work.

BOARD MEMBER PALKKI: Yeah, because I'm thinking of some like mid-western states that are quite rural and the amount of driving to a big city from one location to the other is quite extensive. So, yeah, interesting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I think the point of it is to make sure that it's not working.

Mr. Rubalcava. Oh, hit it again. Sorry. Go ahead.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Thank you, Madam

President. I just want to -- since we started going into bills, were you -- Danny were you going to go forward and explain -- go into your report or is this the right time to talk about that? Because I know we were hearing from our consultant. I really appreciate it.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: No, he did the State and federal legislation.

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BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: You did it. Okay. So then I'll go forward then.

California Assembly adopted a Joint Resolution 3, they call it AJR 3, California Assembly Joint Resolution. And, in essence, what it says -- it calls on the -- I'm reading from the legislative counsel's digest. It calls on the State representatives in Congress to vote against cuts to and proposals to privatize Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. And it further calls on the President of the United States to veto any legislation in the bills to cut or prioritize these programs.

And given that, I know we haven't got to it, but our -- the President -- our Board President alluded to the federal legislative priorities, which is very well written there's a section on retirement security and there's a section on protecting coverage and promoting a robust public health infrastructure, which includes Medicaid and other -- and CMS services and what have you.

So I think it would be appropriate for this Board 1 to endorse this Assembly effort on our member's behalf and 2 I so move. 3 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. I want to make sure, Matt, this we can vote on. I don't know that it's part of 5 the report or not. Assembly Resolution 3. 6 7 BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Assembly Joint --8 it's --PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Oh, Joint Resolution 3. 9 BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Oh, joint resolution. 10 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. 11 BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: It's Assembly Joint 12 Resolution 3. It was introduced on March the 3rd. 1.3 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Go ahead. 14 GENERAL COUNSEL JACOBS: What you can do, since 15 16 it was not on the agenda, is direct -- (clears throat) excuse me -- the CEO to write a letter in that regard to 17 the -- to the Assembly. 18 19 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. So that --20 BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: That would be Board 21

direction, I would hope.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah. So that is Board direction for you to do that.

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24 BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Thank you, Madam. And 25 thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That we support this.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Okay.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

I assume we all support this?

Go ahead, Deborah. I'm sorry. I see that questioning look on your face. Go ahead.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: Yes. Without time to dig into it and do some research, I can't say that we support it or not support it. But I'm glad we're not taking a vote, because I am not prepared to vote on something.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: That's just put on the -- without it being on the agenda.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Can I have Board direction also to make sure that we get the resolution sent out to the whole Board so we can look into it?

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: And I apologize not sending it to the full Board. I did sent it to the Committee leadership and Danny in advance, but I apologize.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: So, Danny, depending on timing, another option would be we could bring it back to in April to Board of Admin, where you

could actually take a vote on it at that time or you could leave it with Committee direction for me to write a letter in support.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Given the fast pace, I think a letter would be appropriate.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: All right.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And then you guys, if you -- as the Board, if you feel a certain way about it, please make sure you inform Ms. Frost. So thank you very much.

Does that work for everyone?

All right. Deborah and Ramón, do I have any other questions, because I still you both speaking?

ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: No.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. I just cut you off, man. I have Frank. Go ahead.

I got it. Go ahead

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ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Just quickly, Madam President, on that point. You know, before the letter goes out, is there a way for the rest of the Board that we're not Committee members to have an opportunity to review it, maybe even if -- even a 24-hour notice?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: I can definitely send you an advanced copy.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Perfect. Thank you.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER GALLEGOS: Thank you.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Great. I think we resolved that. All right, Danny. Go ahead.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Would you like me to move to the next agenda item?

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes, please. I think we're done over here, yes.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: All right. Danny Brown, Calpers team member. This is Agenda Item 9b, Federal Legislative and Policy Priorities.

I just want to start by providing an overview of our 2025 federal legislative policy priorities. At the beginning of every new Congress, my team engages with our program experts across the enterprise and our federal representatives to update existing priorities and develop new ones. These priorities are based on CalPERS Board-adopted policies, principles, strategic and business plans. My team and our federal representatives for Investments K&L Gates and our health representatives Impact Health Policy Partners then use these priorities as a guide yo identify and monitor policy issues being debated in Washington, and then engage as necessary.

As you probably noticed, many of the priorities have carried over from last session, but we have added a few and deleted a few. In the investment space, we will

continue to advocate for enhancing disclosure in areas like climate change, human capital management, and corporate governance. New areas of focus include advocating for equitable credit risk assessments of pension funds, enhanced climate risk reporting and the insurance industry, transparency and risk-based regulatory frameworks for the use of our artificial intelligence, and modernizing our energy infrastructure.

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In the health area, we maintain our focus on lower prescription drug prices, curbing anti-competitive practices, improving behavioral health treatment, and promoting health care system improvement.

We will also engage federal officials when it is beneficial on protecting access to insurance coverage and promoting a strong public health infrastructure.

And in the retirement space, we will maintain our focus on protecting defined benefit plans and advancing retirement savings and security for all workers.

As for deletions, we have removed areas that we have accomplished last session, such as order routing regulations, surprise billing, and the repeal of GPO and WEP.

And then as Ms. Taylor noticed, they are very positive. I think we tried to stay positive, but I think the thing is is that we can always oppose things that, you

know, go against what we're trying to accomplish. So I -rather than writing a bunch of policies to say what we're
going to oppose, we thought we'd focus on what we were
going to support. But knowing that, we could always flip
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With that, that ends my prepared remarks and I'm available for questions along with Karishma Page from K&L and Chris Jennings from Impact Health.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Danny, than you very much for that. It was really a good report and I have printed it at home, so that I can see what we can keep track of with all of the stuff moving so quickly.

Because it's moving so quickly, how are we supporting our priorities? Are we just waiting until something happens? How are we doing that?

Thank you for the question. I mean, I think part of it is trying to -- relying on our federal representatives to kind of help us know which things to focus on and not necessarily get captured into all of, you know, the stuff that's flooding --

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I get it, the noise, yeah.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: -- the

ZONE -- as they say flooding the zone. And even when

we're speaking with some of the congressional office

staff. I mean, they're kind of trying to figure out the same thing and trying to figure out which things to react to and which things, you know, to wait on.

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So, a lot it just trying to figure out, you know, what things are actually going to get a hearing, what things are actually going to move outside of, as Karishma said, the reconciliation bill seems to be the focus now. And so it's -- is anything going to happen outside of, you know, reconciliation that we can engage on?

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. And so, for example, as we talked about Social Security here, as they move, which I don't know if it's still funded in the resolution or not, but as they move to close offices, they almost tried to close down the phone system, which many of our seniors use. I find it better sometimes -- it depends on the wait time -- better than digging for things in the website. Their website is not the most user friendly.

Anyway, as they move to do this, how are we supporting the idea of retirement security and protecting Social Security? How does K&L Gates deal with that or what's our direction to them? Is there any direction? Do you want Marcie to answer?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Danny can talk about the engagements that we have been having going out to visit key, you know, individuals who would have some

authority over these decisions. And we've sent parts of the team out to do that, to clarify what the CalPERS position would be on these really important policies. I will ask Karishma and Chris to talk about their interactions with those key individuals as well.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: But these are the priorities, so we need you know to give us the nod that these reflect the priorities of the Board. And then what the team goes back and does is we do a lot of letter writing to particular congressional delegates expressing our viewpoint, expressing a support position or a non-support position. In some cases might be more of that over --

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Right.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: -- the next few years than the support positions. But we also make sure that we go out and spend time with those key individuals who are making these policy decisions to make sure that CalPERS is very well represented in our viewpoint that covers the investment side, the covers the health care side, and it just covers generally everything that CalPERS cares about.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. And I appreciate that. The general feeling of the Board I think -- I think we all

had an opportunity to read this is, yes, please move forward. I'm not hearing any no -- Ramon, go ahead.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Not a no, but I want to

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Go ahead. And I have Jose Louis as well. So go ahead.

BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Thank you, President.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And then we can hear from -
BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: I, too, follow on our

President's comments. This is a very good document. I

think it's well written and I think it's appropriate that

it be positive, because as our -- Drew, I heard him in a

conference and we need to look at the opportunities, and I

think that is correct.

I especially appreciate how we have a section on technology and speaking for transparency and guardrails around cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. I thought that was very appropriate. And also something, given what's been happening in Southern California because of the fires, I think it's appropriate that we do have a section on housing, where we promote improvements to the -- to the supply of market rate and affordable housing, and advocating for housing finance reforms and others, national standards, to protect the investors and under -- good things. So I think it's very well written

and I commend you and your staff. Thank you, Danny. And thank you, Madam President.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Rubalcava.
Mr. Pacheco.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Yes. Thank you, President Taylor and than you, Danny for your presentation on this. I'd like to ask you a question about -- elaborate more on the insurance part of the portfol -- of the priorities. I know that you're saying that you want to play a critical role in promoting efficient markets, particularly as climate change intensifies the frequency and severity of extreme events like wildfires, like the ones in the LA area and so forth. Just wanted to know what you meant by that, if you can just elaborate more. It's on page two of eight.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So, Danny, maybe you could give us kind of where we see ourselves moving this, because it is climate related and we know the administration's stance on that.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Yes.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Yes I think part of it is just making sure that there is a strong viable insurance market, because, you know, our investments that we have rely on insurance. So I think that's part of it is just making sure that there is a

competitive regulated insurance market. They're focused also on climate, but, you know, making sure that it's -- that there's regulations -- or where the government can get involved to make sure and prop up the insurance market, especially around homeowners insurance -- home insurance, building insurance.

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BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: And that's actually really important. I've read in the -- in the news, I believe, that largest insurance company, I think State Farm Insurance wanted to -- wanted to leave or not leave, and they've had some discussions about -- with the -- with the Insurance Commissioner. So, yeah, I think this is really positive approach, and so forth. So I really find this information.

Regardless, I also think that the other material, the -- I believe there's another item on corporate disclosure. I also -- I also appreciated that as well.

Is that sort of aligns with our -- with the SB 261 and 253 as well with trying to, you know, expand on that?

think -- you know, I think as far as -- it's similar. I think what we're hoping for is kind of a universal corporate disclosure and, you know, right now you're kind of having this piecemeal approach or it's looking to be a piecemeal approach, but we're hoping that at some point,

there will be, you know, a -- the disclosures will be -- you know, be the same across jurisdictions.

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BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Thank you, Danny. I just want to say I really appreciated these priorities and I also am looking forward to the positiveness and optimism of this -- of these priorities. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you. Danny, I just want to make sure that -- he mentioned State Farm, but there are other insurers that have threatened to leave California after the wildfires. I think there's a fire in Oklahoma right now where the same thing is going on. We're aware that right now climate-related fires, floods are causing -- it's hitting individual Americans now, right, through their insurance companies. They're either being canceled. They're being -- not paid. You know, they'll put their claim in and not being paid. So what I'm seeing here is that you're trying to get a movement on data sharing policies and initiatives between insurers, governments, and businesses that improve the risk assessment, and enable more accurate pricing models that mitigate premium volatility over time and prevent insurance coverage gaps.

I'm not -- I am totally for this and I hope that we are working with the State as well on this, because we obviously have many fires -- wildfires now that climate

change is really impacting us and we have hotter summers, longer fire seasons. So I just want -- how would we do this with the federal government right now or is this just a priority, so that we make sure that we're intervening if that's not happening? Is that kind of what's going on?

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN:

Correct. I mean, I think -- I mean, a lot of this will be done at the State level versus the federal legal. But to the extent that the federal government has a role, we just wanted to make sure that we highlighted this, because it wasn't in our priorities before. And I think it's just the fact that we have a well-working, you know, insurance market is helpful for everybody, and helpful for the markets, and helpful for us as investors. So I just -- I just want to make sure we're covering our bases.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Got it, because this is -these extreme climate events are happening more often.
The fact that this happened in the winter for Los Angeles.
And then it's early spring in Oklahoma and they have
huge -- which I haven't heard of wildfires in Oklahoma
before, along with our flooding, hurricanes, et cetera,
it's become really, really difficult for homeowners now -for personal homeowners and it seems like that's who it
always hits first, right, when we talk about these risks

is individuals. And I -- having nothing being done from the federal level, it's important then that we try at least at the State level, but also push to the degree we need to ensure that these risks are being taken seriously at the federal level. So I appreciate you guys including this. Thank you.

And any other questions?

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All right. With that, are we done, Danny? And we were going to have -- I'm sorry, we were going to have Karishma kind of go into it. I'm sorry. Oh, she's so tiny over there, I couldn't see her, that's why.

Marcie and Danny, thank you for the note. You know, I think one of the things that we are very enthusiastic about is that over the course of many years, CalPERS has built a very good, solid relationships on a bipartisan, bicameral basis on the issues where they have demonstrated -- where you all have demonstrated strong thought leadership. They have been strong constructive relationships.

And, you know, part of our charge is to ensure that as there continues to be turnover in Washington, D.C., that those -- either of members or of staffs, we're staying before key policymakers in a structured consistent way to ensure that, again, CalPERS is sharing its views

and also has again those strong relationships.

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Here at K&L, we are a 24/7 operation. We know that there is a lot that is happening in the federal space that is going to be affecting investment poly. Me, Dan Crowley, a number of members of our team are really covering the bases of not only legislative activity, but in terms of the administration's activities, and really looking around the corner in the trends that we see. You know, our goal is to ensure that Danny and his team and you all are abreast of all of the developments, and we're making that joint collaborative calculation about where it makes sense to weigh in to advance the legislative priorities, and also manage surface area risk.

And so that's an ongoing dialogue. Again, we see that as something that is a very strong partnership, and especially as, you know, the -- with a new administration, with Congress, all the activity is something that we're ensuring that we're staying in close touch with and really thinking about, not only are the -- where are the areas to weigh in, but what is the mechanism and the vector to be able to do that.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you. I appreciate that.

I'm not seeing any questions. Chris, did you
want to add anything?

CHRIS JENNINGS: Well, only that I'm here for you

and I wanted to endorse the very positive approach and the strategy that Karishma just outlined. We think very carefully about how -- when we're working with Danny, how best to achieve that appropriate balance.

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The one thing I'll just say, as you're reading about major federal activities, I think position yourself positively does not preclude your ability to push back when there are real risk and negative impacts to you. And certainly on the health care side of things, we could see some substantial cost-shifting dynamics that could impact California and it's governing entities. And we're keeping very, very closely apprised of those -- keeping you apprised of it and we're definitely engaged in these issue areas. And there are some very real issues, particularly for California, that we're going to have to stay on top of.

And conversely, there may be some surprising positive collaborations as well on drug cost containment, on competition, on delivery reform. So, I think we're taking the right approach in terms of giving you all guidance about positioning, but I don't want to, in any way, suggest that it precludes your ability to engage in a pushback way if you think that there are things that are actually very, very problematic.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you guys.

We appreciate your help with us and your input. And with that, Danny, thank you very much on your report.

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And we will move into Agenda Item 9c, Summary of Board Direction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Yes. I noted two. The first is keep the Board informed of any developments with the Social Security Administration, as well as identifying any potential impacts to our members.

And then second is to send a letter to the California congressional delegates in support of AJR 3, that we'd endorse those Assembly efforts. And I would provide and advanced copy to the Board before that was sent.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much. Anything else, Board members?

All right. Sounds like you got everything. Thank you so much.

With that, we do have public comment on 9d and that's Jacob Willette -- or Willette Jacobs. I'm sorry. J.J. Jelincic. You both can come -- well, J.J. is here first, so let's do J.J.

J.J. JELINCIC: I've learned to come down when you get to the direction.

J.J. Jelincic, Health Benefits Director, RPEA. I remind the Board that you are in charge and the staff is

your agents. CalPERS boasts of its transparency, and it's even being called out publicly as a good example of transparency. But it's becoming less and less transparent all the time. More and more decision-making is being moved behind closed doors.

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After all, the beneficiaries do not need or deserve to know how their money is being spent. And for, Mr. Peters' benefit, I note that that last sentence was sarcastic.

On the CalPERS website, there's a transparency page. Prior to July of 2015, travel costs for Board members, senior management, and key staff were posted monthly. That report has been -- was moved to quarterly, and I've given you a screenshot of that page.

Now, the last report was March 24. Should we assume that the report is now moving to an annual report or should we assume that the beneficiaries simply don't need to know.

I do not believe that your closed notice -- your closed session notice complies with the law. LACERA versus Los Angeles County, staff has a particular interest in it. The system and the beneficiaries have a concern about the outcome. But the law says that you can have a closed session discussion when an open session discussion would quote, "Would prejudice the position of the party,

the position of the State body in the legislation,"
unquote. I will point out that CalPERS is not a party to
the legislation and doesn't have a position on it. The
public deserves and is entitled to more than the General
Counsel's update of pending litigation. What litigation?
Ron Bonta doesn't care. I don't have the funds to force
the issue, but I've provided you with a copy of the law
for the required notice for closed sessions, so that
you're able to comply -- you're aware of the law and can
comply with it, and staff I believe has given you a copy
of that as well.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

Hi, Ms. Jacobs?

WILLETTE JACOBS: Yes.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Go ahead.

WILLETTE JACOBS: Hey, how are you guys doing

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First, I want to give honor to God that he kept me this long, 70 plus years, to come before this honorable board who took the time to look into my issue. And I appreciate it so much. It's been a long road coming.

I had requested that I paid under the Davenport decision relative to my money being used to fund the benefit, that was fully funded by the employer. And that

was in November of last year when I was here with you, and you requested that the Executive Officer look into it.

Well, I received a letter from the Legal department that -- from Ms. Elizabeth Yelland giving me a copy of the transcripts, and I also request for a refund of my contributions. So it's safe to assume that I do have contributions. I appreciate that.

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But what I would like to do is to have my funds paid in the manner upon which I requested back in 1998, which was the unmodified allowance, which I gave you guys a copy of it before. And I do not want a refund of my contributions, but I would like to be paid as contracted, which is my service credit of 8.899 years of service, my 2.5 benefit factor comes 22.2248 percent of my 3,114.13, or \$715.07 a month added into my disability -- added into my industry disability that's fully funded by the employer. Since it's my money to request how I want to be paid, that is my option to have the unmodified allowance paid, as I requested back in 1998.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

WILLETTE JACOBS: And another thing is I
hadn't -- and I know that you had gotten a copy of it and
I was looking for a response. And this was my response
from the Legal department, and I don't under -- I'm
assuming that's what it was. So that's why I'm here to

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. So the best I can do is direct you -- or direct our staff to get in contact with you. Will they -- yeah, would they please, because four months waiting was a long time.

6 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. All right. Thank
7 you.

WILLETTE JACOBS: One other thing. One other thing. So, am I -- I just want to know am I entitled to my benefit?

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I can't answer that question from the Board, ma'am, okay?

WILLETTE JACOBS: Okay, because this --

14 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We'll have someone contact

16 WILLETTE JACOBS: They will?

17 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah. I appreciate it.

18 WILLETTE JACOBS: Okay. All right. Look forward
19 to hearing from you this time.

20 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you very 21 much.

22 WILLETTE JACOBS: Thank you. Have a blessed day.
23 Bye-bye.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. So with that, I'm going to recess our meeting and move into closed session

for items 1 through 3 from the closed session agenda. This will include the following litigation matters:

LACERA V County of Los Angeles, case number S286264,

California Supreme Court. We will also receive the

General Counsel's update on pending litigation.

After the closed session, the Board will reconvene in open session. With that, I thank everybody for being here and we look forward to seeing you at the -- if you don't return to open session, we look forward to seeing you at the next Board of Administration meeting that's scheduled for April 14th and 15th.

Thank you very much.

(Off record: 10:15 a.m.)

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into closed session.)

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(Thereupon the meeting reconvened

open session.)

(On record: 10:50 a.m.)

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you everybody. Welcome back to open session. This does adjourn this month's Board of Administration meeting. We thank everyone for attending our three-day meeting, either Investments, Pension and Health, Board Governance. The next Board of administration meetings are scheduled for April 14th and 15th, 2025 here in Sacramento.

Thank you again. This adjourns this meeting. (Thereupon, the California Public Employees' Retirement System, Board of Administration meeting open session adjourned at 10:51 a.m.) 

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