



Minutes

Colorado PERA Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting

Virtual

Thursday, February 29, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Marcus Pennell, Chair, Taylor McLemore, Vice Chair, Eunice Botchway, Rebecca Freyre, Norm Franke, Julie Friedemann, Nate Geroche, Amy Grant, Timothy M. O'Brien, Trina Ruhland, Ashley Smith, Scott Smith, Dave Young

Trustees Absent: Tracy Rushing, Jennifer Pasquino

Others Present: Suzanne Dugan, Kevin Gallaway, Rebecca Harren, Jeremy Hill, Larry Lee, Amy McGarrity, Brenda Meidl, Ande Sailer

Marcus Pennell, Chair, Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Rebecca Freyre and seconded by Nate Geroche that, "*the Consent Agenda be approved with the following items:*

- a. *Agenda*
- b. *February 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes (Tab A)*"

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Director Candidate Discussion

The Board voted to go into closed executive session for the following reasons:

- (i) pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(III) referring to the state law requiring applicant confidentiality at C.R.S. § 24-72-204(3)(a)(XI)(A),
- (ii) pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(V) to determine positions relative to matters subject to negotiations and instructing negotiators regarding the employment of applicants for the Executive Director position
- (iii) pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), to consider the employment of applicants for the position of Executive Director, as to which the applicants for the Executive Director position have requested a closed executive session, and
- (iv) pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions addressed to legal counsel regarding terms of employment.



A two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board was required and the vote passed. The Board went into Closed Executive Session at 4:07 p.m.

In addition to the Board Members, Larry Lee, Suzanne Dugan, and Kevin Gallaway participated in the Closed Executive Session. The Closed Executive Session concluded at 4:50 p.m.

Announcement of Finalist (Governance Item)

Marcus Pennell, Chair, Board of Trustees, provided an overview of the process for the Executive Director search. He explained that the Board of Trustees interviewed several candidates for the Executive Director position on Monday, February 26, 2024, after an extensive search process conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee and assisted by the search firm of Hudepohl and Associates.

A motion was made by Rebecca Freyre and seconded by Timothy M. O'Brien that, "*Andrew Roth be advanced as the finalist for the position of Executive Director for Colorado PERA.*" The motion was approved.

The Board Chair referred to the Open Meetings Act provision (C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3.5)) that requires the Board to "make public" the finalist before appointing the finalist and in the spirit of such transparency the Board can be emailed at boardquestions@copera.org.

Dates of Next Meetings

March (14) 15, 2024

June (20) 21, 2024

September 18-20, 2024, Planning Session and Board Meeting

November (14) 15, 2024

Other Business

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Meidl

Manager of the Executive Director's Office