



**Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association
Meeting Minutes**

**Cheyenne Mountain Resort
3225 Broadmoor Valley Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

**September 17, 2021
8:00 a.m.**

Trustees Present: Marcus Pennell, Chairman, Suzanne Kubec, Vice Chair, Thomas Barrett, Guillermo Barriga, Rebecca Freyre, Norm Franke, Julie Friedemann, Nathan Geroche, Amy Grant, , Taylor McLemore, Tina Mueh, Timothy M. O'Brien, Cheryl Pattelli, Ashley Smith, Dave Young

Trustees Absent: Ramon Alvarado

Staff Present: Ron Baker, Kevin Carpenter, Adam Franklin, Stephen Komon Patrick Lane, Jim Liptak; Amy C. McGarrity, Brenda Meidl, Julie Mullin, Megan Peitzmeier, Ande Sailer, Keith Tayman, Sarah Wager, Annie Yao

Others Present: Katie Comstock, Aon; John Lee, Aon; Janet Becker-Wold, Callan; Gordie Weightman, Callan

Marcus Pennell, Chairman, called the Board meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda Action

A motion was made by Thomas Barrett and seconded by Guillermo Barriga that, *"the Consent Agenda be approved with the following items:*

- a) Approval of Agenda*
- b) Approval of June 18, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes (Tab A)*
- c) Divestment From Companies With Prohibitions Against Israel Restricted Company List (Tab B)*
- d) Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Name Change (Tab C)*
- e) Board Committee Assignments (Tab D). "*

The motion was approved.

Public Comment

Rabbi Jay Strear, JEWISHcolorado, President & CEO, provided public comment regarding PERA's investment in Unilever, Ben and Jerry's parent company. In addition, Michelle Flores, Cashier, PetSmart, provided public comment regarding her concerns surround PetSmart's treatment of staff.



Proclamation—Susan Murphy

Suzanne Kubec, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, read the following Proclamation concerning Susan G. Murphy:

Whereas, Susan G. Murphy served as a Trustee on the Board of the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA) from July 2007 through July 2021; and

Whereas, Susan was one of the original gubernatorial appointees to the Board serving with Senate confirmation, first appointed in 2007 by Governor Ritter and subsequently reappointed in 2009; and reappointed for two terms in 2013 and 2017 by Governor Hickenlooper; and

Whereas, during her time on the Board, Susan served as Chair of the Benefits Committee and the Investment Committee, and as a member of the Audit, Evaluation, Compensation and Budget, and Shareholder Responsibility Committees; and

Whereas, Susan brought her extensive background, experience, and knowledge to deliberations of the Board, with an obligation to the oversight of PERA's Investment Program to safeguard a financial future that benefits Colorado's public employees; and

Whereas, Susan's valuable insights helped shape innovative offerings for members and retirees through PERA's voluntary investment plans and health care programs; and

Whereas, Susan contributed to extensive discussions on legislative matters to ensure PERA's path to long-term sustainability through Senate Bill 10-001 and Senate Bill 18-200; and

Whereas, Susan's commitment to sound stewardship and governance contributed to the development and implementation of the Board's Strategic Plan; and

Whereas, Susan will be remembered for her thoughtful and measured approach to many complex issues that faced the Board; and

Whereas, Susan embodied the highest qualities of a Trustee and earned the admiration and esteem of the PERA Board members and staff; and

Whereas, Susan's term on the Board of Trustees of PERA ended in July 2021; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that with the highest level of appreciation and congratulations, the Board of Trustees of Colorado PERA formally recognize and thank Susan G. Murphy for her service to the membership of Colorado PERA during her time as a member of the Board of Trustees, and wishes her well as she leaves the PERA Board; and

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the official minutes of the September 17, 2021, PERA Board of Trustees meeting.

A motion was made by Suzanne Kubec and seconded by Tina Mueh, "*that the foregoing Proclamation concerning Susan Murphy be approved.*" The motion was approved.



Committee Reports

Suzanne Kubec, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees reported that the Executive Committee met on September 13, 2021 and approved the June 8, 2021, minutes. The Committee reviewed July 2021, Unaudited Financial Statements and the July 2021 Budget Report. Finally, the Committee reviewed the September Planning Session Schedule and Board Meeting Agenda.

Board Education Policy

Adam Franklin, PERA General Counsel, reviewed the proposed changes to the Board Education Policy.

A motion was made by Tina Mueh and seconded by Rebecca Freyre, *“that the Board approve the proposed changes to the Board Education Policy as presented as Tab F.”* The motion was approved.

Self-Directed Brokerage Review

Jim Liptak, PERA Director of Equities; and Stephen Komon, PERA Equities Trading Manager, provided a presentation regarding the self-directed brokerage service provider options in the Capital Accumulation Plans. Extensive discussion ensued. PERA Staff responded to questions.

A motion was made by Tina Mueh and seconded by Suzanne Kubec, *“that the Board of Trustees retain TD Ameritrade as the self-directed brokerage service provider for the CAPs.”* The motion was approved.

Rules Hearing

Megan Peitzmeier, PERA Senior Staff Attorney, reviewed the proposed Rules changes and responded to questions.

A motion was made by Norm Franke and seconded by Taylor McLemore, *“that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to the PERA Rules, along with the Statement of Basis and Purpose, as distributed to the Board as Tab H with an effective date of January 1, 2022.”* The motion was approved.

The Board recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Public Asset Classes: Investment Risk

Jim Liptak, PERA Director of Equities; and Keith Tayman, PERA Director of Fixed Income provided a presentation regarding investment risk in the public asset classes. The educational session began at 9:45 a.m. and ended 10:15 a.m.



Staff Reports

Executive Director Report

Ron Baker, PERA Executive Director, reviewed the Executive Director Report presentation.

Market and Portfolio Update

Amy C. McGarrity, PERA Chief Investment Officer, reviewed the Market and Portfolio Update presentation.

Chief Benefits Officer Update

Patrick Lane, PERA Chief Benefits Officer, reviewed the Chief Benefits Officer Update presentation.

General Counsel Update

Adam L. Franklin, PERA General Counsel, had no additional information from the Confidential General Counsel report.

Proposed 2022 Board Meeting Dates

- January 21, 2022
- March (17) 18, 2022
- June (16) 17, 2022
- September 21-23, 2022 Planning Session and Board Meeting
- November (17) 18, 2022

A motion was made by Suzanne Kubec and seconded by Cheryl Pattelli, “*that the proposed 2022 Board Meeting Dates be approved.*” The motion was approved.

Other Business

With no further business to discuss, Marcus Pennell, Chairman, Board of Trustees, adjourned the planning session at 11:45 a.m.

Board Meetings

November (18) 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda E. Meidl

Manager of the Executive Director’s Office

Handwritten signature of Marcus Pennell in black ink.

Marcus Pennell, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Handwritten signature of Ron Baker in black ink.

Ron Baker, Executive Director

Approval Date: November 19, 2021