
FEBRUARY 28, 2022

AGENDA ITEM 1
ACTION ITEM

CALSAVERS RETIREMENT SAVINGS BOARD

Meeting Minutes for the January 24, 2022, CalSavers Retirement Savings Board Meeting

Board members present:

State Treasurer Fiona Ma
Karen Greene Ross for State Controller Betty T. Yee
Gayle Miller for Director of Finance Keely Martin Bosler
Edward De La Rosa
Michelle Gastelum
Heather Hooper
Stephen Prough
William Sokol

Staff present:

Kathleen Selenski, Executive Director
Angela Duvane
Sandy Guan
Carolina Hernandez
Jonathan Herrera
Eric Lawyer
Eric Lei
Jacob Schafer

Others present:

Genevieve Jopanda, State Treasurer's Office
Joshua Klein, Department of Justice
Audrey Noda, State Treasurer's Office
Spencer Walker, General Counsel, State Treasurer's Office

Contractors present:

Andrea Feirstein, AKF Consulting Group ("AKF")
Mika Malone, Meketa Investment Group ("Meketa")

Vidur Mehra, State Street Global Advisors (“SSGA”)
 Troy Montigney, Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC (“Ascensus”)
 George Piquette, Ascensus
 Paola Nealon, Meketa
 Sonya Park, SSGA
 Kevin Sullivan, Newton Investment Management (“Newton”)

CalSavers Retirement Savings Board (“Board”) Chair Audrey Noda called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

Agenda Item 1 - Approval of the Minutes of the December 13, 2021, Meeting of the CalSavers Retirement Savings Board (ACTION ITEM)

Public Comment

None

Board Action

Approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2021, meeting of the CalSavers Retirement Savings Board.

MOTION:	Karen Greene Ross	SECOND:	Edward De La Rosa
AYES:	Edward De La Rosa, Michelle Gastelum, Karen Greene Ross, Heather Hooper, Fiona Ma, Gayle Miller, Stephen Prough, William Sokol		
NOES:	None		
NOT PRESENT	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passed		

Agenda Item 2 – Resolution No. 2022-01, Authority to Issue a Request for Proposals for an investment option considering environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors (ACTION ITEM)

Executive director Kathleen Selenski provided the CalSavers Retirement Savings Board (“Board”) a summary of the purpose and necessity for a new request for proposals (RFP) for an investment option considering environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors. She noted that the solicitation may be cancelled at the discretion of the Board if the current ESG fund provider, Newton Investment Management, informs the Board that the fund will remain available.

Mika Malone, with the Board’s investment consultant, Meketa, described the proposed structure for the RFP and discussed the market for ESG investment options. Ms. Malone also discussed means of establishing a benchmark to measure fund performance, investment fees for ESG funds, and types of fund strategies that may be included in proposals.

Board member Edward De La Rosa asked about the qualities the Board should consider in evaluating the experience of the bidders. Ms. Malone discussed questions in the RFP that will be used to evaluate organizational stability of a firm bidding on the contract, personnel, and the leadership of those bidding on RFP. Ms. Malone also noted the importance of personnel experience varies depending on the type of bid, suggesting the importance is mitigated for passive investment strategies.

Public Comment

None

Board Action

Approval of resolution no. 2022-01, authority to issue a request for proposals for an investment option considering environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors.

MOTION:	William Sokol	SECOND:	Stephen Prough
AYES:	Edward De La Rosa, Michelle Gastelum, Karen Greene Ross, Heather Hooper, Fiona Ma, Gayle Miller, Stephen Prough, William Sokol		
NOES:	None		
NOT PRESENT	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passed		

Agenda Item 3 – Presentation of Executive Director’s 2021 Year in Review Report (INFORMATION ITEM)

Executive director Kathleen Selenski provided an overview of the 2021 Year in Review report.

After the presentation was concluded, Board Chair Fiona Ma asked if there was any other business to discuss before the Board met in closed session. Board member Heather Hooper asked a question about the ESG fund RFP that was approved in the prior agenda item. Ms. Hooper asked how participant funds would be treated if both the procurement failed and the current ESG fund could no longer operate. Ms. Selenski noted the Board would be required to take action to decide how to treat such accounts, including through revisions to the Board’s Investment Policy Statement. Ms. Selenski suggested the Board could treat the accounts similarly to how it treats the Program’s default investment option, where a participant’s funds are invested in a target-retirement fund based on their age.

Ms. Hooper asked for the number of participants in the current ESG fund. Ms. Selenski noted there were 965 accounts with ESG assets, totaling about \$65,000.

Chair Ma called for the start of closed session at 11:33 AM.

Agenda Item 4 – As authorized by Government Code Section 11126(a)(1), the Board will meet in closed session to discuss a performance evaluation for the Executive Director (ACTION ITEM)

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 5 – As authorized by Government Code Section 11126(e)(1), the Board will meet in closed session to confer with, and receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding the following pending litigation: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Ass’n., et al. v. The California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program, et al.; Supreme Court of the United States Case No. 21-558

No action was taken.

The Board reconvened at 12:39 PM.

Agenda Item 6 – Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM.