

AGENDA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MARIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (MCERA)

**One McInnis Parkway, 1st Floor
Retirement Board Chambers
San Rafael, CA**

August 17, 2022 – 8:45 a.m.

This meeting will be held via videoconference pursuant to MCERA Board of Retirement Resolution 2021/22-01, which invoked Government Code section 54953(e) for all MCERA Board and standing committee meetings through September 9, 2022.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

A. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Note: The public may also address the Board regarding any agenda item when the Board considers the item.

Open time for public expression, from three to five minutes per speaker, on items not on the Board Agenda. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board during this time on matters within the Board's jurisdiction, except as otherwise permitted by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.), no deliberation or action may be taken by the Board concerning a non-agenda item. Members of the Board may (1) briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons addressing the Board, (2) ask a question for clarification, or (3) provide a reference to staff for factual information.

B. TOPIC OF GENERAL INTEREST

1. Reconsideration of State of Emergency conditions under Assembly Bill (AB) 361 (ACTION)

Reconsider and take possible action to invoke Government Code section 54953(e), and to extend MCERA Resolution 2021/22-01 Authorizing Teleconferencing for Board and Standing Committee Meetings through September 16, 2022, because at least one of the following circumstances exists:

1. The State of Emergency proclaimed remains in effect and continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
2. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Note on Process: Items designated for information are appropriate for Board action if the Board wishes to take action. Any agenda item from a properly noticed Committee meeting held prior to this Board meeting may be considered by the Board.

Note on Voting: As provided by statute, the Alternate Safety Member votes in the absence of the Elected General or Safety Member, and in the absence of both the Retired and Alternate Retired Members. The Alternate Retired Member votes in the absence of the Elected Retired Member. If both Elected General Members, or the Safety Member and an Elected General Member, are absent, then the Elected Alternate Retired Member may vote in place of one absent Elected General Member.



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August 12, 2022

To: Board of Retirement
Marin County Employees' Retirement Association (MCERA)

From: Jeff Wickman *fw*
Retirement Administrator

Subject: Considerations for Invoking the Provisions of Assembly Bill 361 in order to Conduct Board and Standing Committee Meetings Virtually

Background

On October 13, 2021, the Board of Retirement adopted Resolution No. 2021/22-01 Authorizing Teleconferencing for Board and Standing Committee Meetings Pursuant to Government Code §54953(e) of the Brown Act ("Section 54953(e)"), through November 12, 2021. The Resolution was adopted in recognition that the conditions for invoking the provisions in Assembly Bill (AB) 361, permitting the Board to conduct remote access meetings, were similar to the way it had been meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since this time the Board has taken the following subsequent actions:

- November 3, 2021, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through December 3, 2021.
- December 2, 2021 the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through January 1, 2022.
- December 15, 2021, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through January 14, 2022.
- January 12, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through February 11, 2022.
- February 9, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through March 11, 2022.
- March 2, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through April 1, 2022.
- March 16, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through April 15, 2022.
- April 13, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through May 13, 2022.
- May 4, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through June 3, 2022.
- May 17, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through June 16, 2022.
- June 15, 2022, the Investment Committee considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through July 15, 2022.

- July 13, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through August 12, 2022.
- August 10, 2022, the Board considered the circumstances of the emergency and made findings to support invoking the provisions through September 9, 2022.

The precondition to the Board reinvoking Section 54953(e) and conducting its meetings via Zoom and YouTube for an additional thirty (30) days, if certain conditions exist, has been the State of Emergency that the Governor Newsom declared in March 2020. The state of emergency is still in place.

Recommendation

Because the state of emergency is still in place, the Board may, consistent with its prior actions, make the finding(s) necessary to continue to conduct meetings via Zoom and YouTube under Section 54953(e), for the next thirty (30) days, if the following conditions exist: 1) a State of Emergency under Government Code section 8625 remains in effect; and 2) (i) State or local officials have put in place social distancing measures to protect health, or, (ii) the local agency board determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. The provisions would extend through September 16, 2022 covering the September 14, 2022 Board meeting.

The Board may also wish to return to in-person meetings, while continuing to broadcast online and consider if any social distancing and masking requirements should be in place for attendance in the boardroom.