



Appeals Committee

Item Number 2 – Open Session

Subject: Approval of Minutes of the September 4, 2020, Appeals Committee Meeting – Open Session

Presenter(s): Chairperson

Item Type: Consent Action

Date & Time: January 7, 2021 – 0 minutes

Attachment(s): 0

PROPOSED MINUTES

Teachers' Retirement Board – Appeals Committee Meeting

September 4, 2020

OPEN SESSION

LOCATION: In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 and N-33-20, members participated via web conference, public comments were available by phone (866) 986-0555

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Bradford, Chairperson

Sharon Hendricks

Karen Yamamoto

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Perez, Chief Benefits Officer

Larry Jensen, Chief Auditor

Reina G. Minoya, Assistant General Counsel

Jeff Zimmer, Director, Member Account Services

Jonathan Lopez, Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Waddell, Olson Remcho, LLP (Independent Counsel to the Appeals Committee)

Jennifer Baker, California Retired Teachers Association

A quorum being present, Chairperson Bradford called the Open Session meeting of the Appeals Committee meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA (Item 1)

MOTION duly made by Ms. Hendricks, seconded by Ms. Yamamoto, and carried to approve the Committee Agenda.

Members Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Hendricks	X		
Ms. Yamamoto	X		
Chairperson Bradford	X		

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 2020, FEBRUARY 21, 2020, AND MARCH 5, 2020, APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETINGS – OPEN SESSIONS (Item 2)

MOTION duly made by Ms. Hendricks, seconded by Ms. Yamamoto, and carried to approve the minutes for the February 14, 2020, February 21, 2020, and March 5, 2020, Appeals Committee meetings – Open Sessions.

Members Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Hendricks	X		
Ms. Yamamoto	X		
Chairperson Bradford	X		

III. EDUCATION: LIFECYCLE OF THE EMPLOYER AUDIT RESOLUTION PROCESS (Item 3)

The committee received a presentation from Mr. Jensen and Mr. Zimmer reviewing the stages of the employer audit resolution process, including the employer audit, engagement with and training for employers on misreporting issues, and the appeal process to dispute audit findings. The committee inquired as to how long the process has been functioning and as to its efficacy. The committee received public comment from Ms. Baker who commended staff on their work on the audit resolution process and commented on the challenge to educate members on the appeal process.

IV. STAFF REPORT (Item 4)

The committee received a staff report from Ms. Minoya concerning anticipated proposed decisions and scheduling needs for future committee meetings.

V. REVIEW OF INFORMATION REQUESTS (Item 5)

There were no requests for information.

VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Item 6)

There were no additional statements from the public.

RECESS

The Open Session of the committee meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m. and the committee went into Closed Session. The committee reconvened in Open Session at 1:12 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Chairperson Bradford adjourned the Appeals Committee meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Jack Ehnes, Chief Executive Officer
And Secretary to the Teachers' Retirement Board

Denise Bradford, Chairperson

Prepared by: Jonathan Lopez, Counsel