
MARCH 25, 2019

AGENDA ITEM 1
ACTION ITEM

CALIFORNIA SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS INVESTMENT BOARD

*Meeting Minutes for the January 28, 2019 California Secure Choice Retirement Savings
Investment Board Meeting*

Board members present:

State Treasurer Fiona Ma
Karen Greene Ross for State Controller Betty T. Yee
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez for Director of Finance Keely Martin Bosler
Edward De La Rosa
Heather Hooper
Robert Purcell
William Sokol
Yvonne Walker

Board members absent:
Dora Westerlund

Staff present:

Katie Selenski, Executive Director
Alyssa Delacruz
Angela Duvane
Brian Gould
Jonathan Herrera
Ruth Holton-Hodson
Eric Lawyer
Mark Paxson, General Counsel, State Treasurer's Office

Contractors present:

Curt Custard, Newton Investment Management (North America) LLC ("Newton")
Andrea Feirstein, AKF Consulting Group ("AKF")
Mika Malone, Meketa Investment Group ("Meketa")
Lisa Massena, Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC ("Ascensus")
Vidur Mehra, State Street Global Advisors ("State Street")
Paola Nealon, Meketa
Sonya Park, State Street
Robert Stewart, Newton
Kevin Sullivan, Newton

California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Investment Board (“Board”) Chair Fiona Ma called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Agenda Item 1 - Litigation (Government Code Section 11126(e)(1)) – Discussion with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation (Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Ass’n., et al. v. The California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program, et al., Eastern District of California Case No. 2:18-cv-01584-MCE-KJN)

Board Chair Ma announced the Board would not hold closed session and the item would not be considered.

Board Action
None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2018 Meeting of the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Investment Board (ACTION ITEM)

Public Comment
None

Board Action
Approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting of the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Investment Board.

MOTION:	William Sokol	SECOND:	Heather Hooper
AYES:	Edward De La Rosa, Karen Greene Ross, Heather Hooper, Fiona Ma, Robert Purcell, William Sokol, Yvonne Walker, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passed		

Agenda Item 3 – Executive Director’s Report (INFORMATION ITEM)

Executive Director Katie Selenski provided the Board an update on significant items including the program budget, the independent auditor’s report for the 2017-18 fiscal year, staffing, contracting efforts, and outreach.

The Board agreed to alter the tentative 2019 Board meeting schedule to meet bimonthly instead of monthly.

Public Comment
None

Agenda Item 4 – Implementation Update (INFORMATION ITEM)

Executive Director Selenski introduced Outreach and Marketing Manager Jonathan Herrera and Lisa Massena, with the administrator Ascensus, who updated the board on the progress of the pilot launch for the CalSavers Retirement Savings Program (“Program”) among a select group of employers, outreach, and marketing efforts.

Mr. Herrera discussed efforts to register employers, described the variety of employers committed to the pilot program, and described the experience of employers who have registered for the pilot.

Ms. Massena provided the board with an update on the public website, the employer and employee portal, the development of the mobile application, staffing efforts, engagement with employers and eligible employees, and marketing and outreach efforts.

Public Comment

Blanco Castro, AARP Advocacy Director in California, commended the board and program staff on the collaboration efforts with partners like AARP.

Mark Herbert, Small Business Majority California Director, also commended the board and program staff on the progress of the pilot and program.

Agenda Item 5 – Resolution 2019-01: Approval of Contract(s) for Environmental, Social, Governance Investment Option (ACTION ITEM)

Executive Director Selenski introduced Deputy Director Brian Gould, and Mika Malone and Paola Nealon of Meketa, to present the item.

Deputy Director Gould explained the solicitation effort and selection process for a firm to offer a Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) investment option.

Ms. Malone discussed the bid by the recommended firm, Newton, including the ESG strategies used by the firm, how those strategies compare to other bids, the breakdown of the fees, and the how the performance of the fund will be measured.

Public Comment

None

Board Action

Approval of Resolution 2019-01: Approval of Contract(s) for Environmental, Social, Governance Investment Option.

MOTION:	William Sokol	SECOND:	Robert Purcell
AYES:	Edward De La Rosa, Karen Greene Ross, Heather Hooper, Fiona Ma, Robert Purcell, William Sokol, Yvonne Walker, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		

ACTION:	Motion Passed
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Agenda Item 6 – Resolution 2019-02: Approval of Proposed Regulations and Authority to Initiate Formal Rulemaking (ACTION ITEM)

Executive Director Selenski and Policy Manager Eric Lawyer presented a summary of proposed regulations and a resolution to approve the regulations and authorize staff to initiate the rulemaking process. Mr. Lawyer discussed the changes to the existing regulations as proposed in the version presented to the Board.

Public Comment

Mark Herbert, Small Business Majority California Director, commended the Board and program staff on the progress of the regulations and expressed support for the biennial open enrollment period as included in the regulations presented to the Board.

Nicole Rice, California Manufacturers and Technology Association, expressed concerns with the consistency of the language used to refer to the enrollment process and noted she and her organization will continue to monitor the regulations process and provide comments as necessary.

Board Action

Approval of Resolution 2019-02: Approval of Proposed Regulations and Authority to Initiate Formal Rulemaking.

MOTION:	Karen Greene Ross	SECOND:	Yvonne Walker
AYES:	Edward De La Rosa, Karen Greene Ross, Heather Hooper, Fiona Ma, Robert Purcell, William Sokol, Yvonne Walker, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passed		

Public Comment

None

Other Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.