



## Finance and Administration Committee

# Agenda Item 6b

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**September 20, 2022**

**Item Name:** 2021 CalPERS Board of Administration Special Public Agency Member Election Results

**Program:** Board of Administration Election

**Item Type:** Information

### **Executive Summary**

CalPERS team members from the Operations Support Services Division (OSSD), in conjunction with the Office of Public Affairs (PAOF), Stakeholder Relations (STRL), Information Technology Services Branch (ITSB) and the Legal Office (LEGO), completed the 2021 CalPERS Board of Administration Special Public Agency Member Election. The results include the election of Mullissa Willette to the public agency representative seat on the CalPERS Board. The term of office for the elected candidate began immediately upon certification of the official results by the Secretary of State on May 27, 2022 and will expire on January 15, 2027.

### **Strategic Plan**

This agenda item is not a product of the Strategic Plan but is part of the regular and ongoing workload of OSSD.

### **Background**

The CalPERS Board of Administration consists of 13 members; six (6) of the members are elected by their represented membership. In accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Section 554.8(d), the candidate receiving the majority vote for each position shall be certified by the Secretary of State as being elected. In the event that no candidate for any position receives a majority of votes, a runoff election will be conducted involving the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes.

The following is a summary of the election results:

- This seat was decided by a majority vote in the primary election and Mullissa Willette was elected with 62.15% of the votes. No runoff election was conducted.
- The election result was officially certified by the Secretary of State on May 27, 2022. Voter turnout was 4.99% based on 262,115 total eligible voters and 13,083 total vote submissions received.

- In Attachment 1, 2021 Special Public Agency Member Primary Election Voter Information, San Jose had the highest participation for the Top 10 Cities with the highest number of votes (1,361 or 10.45%). The County of Santa Clara was the top participating employer with the highest number of votes received (2,023 or 15.54%). Paper ballot or mail-in voting was the most popular voting method (7,541 or 57.93%).
- The cost for this election was approximately \$1.80 per voter based on 262,115 total eligible voters. The cost based on total vote submissions received (\$471,181.74/13,083) was approximately \$36.01.
- OSSD partnered with PAOF, STRL, and ITSB to increase voter awareness of the election. Some of the outreach efforts included:
  - Candidate Statement Videos
  - Toolkit for the Employers
  - Press Releases
  - Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) Messages
  - Hosting a virtual candidate forum, streaming live, and placing it on the CalPERS website for future viewing

### **Budget and Fiscal Impacts**

The total cost to conduct this election in fiscal year 2021-22 was approximately \$471,181.74. The detailed cost summary is shown in Attachment 3.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – 2021 Special Public Agency Member Primary Election Voter Information

Attachment 2 – Voter Outreach Statistics

Attachment 3 – Cost Summary

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