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Rob Feckner, Vice President

Fiona Ma, represented by Frank Ruffino

Lisa Middleton

David Miller

Eraina Ortega

Jose Luis Pacheco

Ramon Rubalcava

Mullissa Willette

Gail Willis, PhD

Betty Yee

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Michael Cohen, Interim Chief Operating Investment Officer

Douglas Hoffner, Chief Operating Officer

Matthew Jacobs, General Counsel

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Brad Pacheco, Deputy Executive Officer, Communications & Stakeholder Relations

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David Teykaerts, Assistant Division Chief, Stakeholder Relations Division

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Adams, California School Employees Association
Christina Beruman, California School Employees Association
Cheryl Carter, California School Employees Association
William Cunningham, Creative Investment Research
Nadine Franklin, California School Employees Association
Carla Held, California School Employees Association
J.J. Jelincic

Neal Johnson

Teri Minoux, California School Employees Association
Martha Penry, California School Employees Association

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PROCEEDINGS 1 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Good morning, everybody. I am 2 3 calling the Board of Administration meeting to order. First order of business I've asked Mr. Feckner to 4 lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. 5 VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Hand over heart. 6 (Thereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was 7 8 recited in unison.) 9 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Feckner. Can we have roll call, please. 10 11 BOARD CLERK: Theresa Taylor? PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Here. 12 BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner? 1.3 VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Good morning. 14 BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma? 15 ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Present. 16 BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton? 17 BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Present. 18 BOARD CLERK: David Miller? 19 20 BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Here. BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega? 21 BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Here. 2.2 23 BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Present.

BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?

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BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Present.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Here.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We got it. Okay.
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             So I -- we have -- also have our CalPERS Patriot
    Chorus has assembled and they are going to come up here
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    and sing our National Anthem.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR:
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    CalPERS Patriot Chorus. That was wonderful.
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             Good morning again. Last Friday, our nation
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    celebrated Veterans Day. It's a time when Americans pay
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    their respect to those who have served in our armed forces
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    and those who are currently serving. For one day, we
    stand united in respect of our veterans and their service
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    to our country. We do have a number of veterans on the
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    CalPERS team and among the ranks of our stakeholders.
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    I'd like to ask all of the veterans to stand and be
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We don't have any here today.
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             There we go. We got one.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right.
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             In honor of Veterans Day, we would like to share
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    with you a video of our spotlight on excellence recipient
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    who was honored at our Educational Forum last week.
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    name the Julian Bond. He's a veteran and an Administrator
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    at the California Department of Veterans Affairs.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Give us a minute guys, sorry.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: It's worth the wait.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah, it's really good.
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             (Thereupon a video was played).
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             Sounds especially loud.
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             Does that change?
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    CalPERS family. And we are bidding farewell to two of our
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    little bit, okay? Controller Betty Yee and Vice President
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Rob Feckner, this is their last official meeting as members of the Board.

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Betty Yee joined our Board in 2015. You and I joined together, remember, and when she was elected as State Controller. As the State's chief fiscal officer, she brought more than three decades of public service experience in State, local, and finance tax policy to the system. She's encouraged dialogue and thoughtful debate as a member of the Board, and has always welcomed the views of member and employer stakeholders. Betty has been a champion of defined benefit plans, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and a staunch advocate for sustainable investments that address the growing risks of climate change. Her expertise and judgment have significantly contributed to enhancing the financial security of CalPERS members, retirees, and their families.

You want to please join me on the stage.

Okay. So Betty, I want to present you -- I don't know if I can do both the microphone and this. So I want to present you with our resolution.

"Whereas, Betty Yee assumed her seat on the California Public Employees' Retirement System, Board of Administration upon her election as State Controller, and;

"Whereas, she has served with distinction on the CalPERS Board since January 2015 representing the citizens

of California as the State's Chief Fiscal Officer.

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"Whereas, she brought more than three decades of public service experience in State local finance and tax policy and valuable knowledge that guided the nation's largest pension fund, and;

"Whereas, Controller Yee serves on dozens of boards, including Chairing the Franchise Tax Board..." - my agency, "...the State Lands Commission, where she advocates strong action on climate change, and;

Whereas, Controller Yee was the -- was only the 10th woman in California history elected to statewide office and was reelected to a second term in 2018, and;

"Whereas, she encouraged dialogue and thoughtful debate as amember of the CalPERS Board and welcomed the views of member and employer stakeholders, and;

"Whereas, she offered important insights on ensuring financial soundness and integrity of the system and advocated for transparency and inclusion of diverse perspectives, and;

"Whereas, her experience and judgment has significantly contributed to enhancing the financial security of CalPERS members and protecting defined benefit plans;

"Now therefore, be it resolved, that the CalPERS Board of Administration individually and as a body

expresses its sincere appreciation to Betty Yee for her many contributions and outstanding service to this system, and we extend our best wishes to you in the future".

(Applause).

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(Standing Applause).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. I have -- I didn't mean to take this with me. I'll be right back though.

Betty, you want to say a few words. We should have done that out there.

You didn't have the mic though.

(Laughter).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Hold on a sec.

There you go.

BOARD MEMBER YEE: Thank you very much. President Taylor, Theresa, my friend, and to all of my

on over 70 boards and commissions. And I can think of no

colleagues on the dais. As Theresa said, I do have a seat

higher honor than to be a member of this Board to be

entrusted with the awesome responsibility of really

guarantying the retirement security for over two million

members and beneficiaries. So it's really been the honor

of our -- of my public service.

But I don't do this alone. And I -- and it's always the people you're going to miss when you finish this work, but I really do want to pay a attribute to my

Deputy Controller for Investments, Lynn Paquin and my Chief of staff Karen Greene Ross who are here.

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BOARD MEMBER YEE: This has been -- I was just saying to someone this morning, this has been like a college course over the last eight years, that a wonderfully -- just really a great experience with bringing what you have learned up until this date, but every day just being exposed to so many new things. And it really has been such a wonderful experience.

You know, as I leave this Board, I am very, very just pleased that we are in the best of hands. Marcie, your continued sustained leadership of this fund and your continuing to just bring in the best of talent. To Nicole Musicco, thank you for bringing us back on track. And I have just every hope that we will continue to do well as a fund against all of the odds that are really at us every day.

And I'll just conclude by saying that, you know, there's no place for politics on a Board like this, and -- but there is a place for supporting just the best of talent with respect to investments and being sure that we are doing our job and delivering the benefits and to our pensioners with -- who rely on us for the best of health care, and then health benefits as well.

This is not a place for politics and yet we're in this world where so much around us is about everyone taking some pretty hard positions. And I say that, because our work will continue to be challenged by that. And as a public official, first, I -- let me just say, I could not do this without the tremendous personal support that I've had in my husband Steven Jacobs, who's in the audience, who understands the demands of public life. All of us know what that means. But as we continue to be attacked for the positions we take, as we continue to look at how pension funds become the place where a lot of political battles, people believe this is where they should be fought and won inappropriately, I just ask that we all keep our eye on the prize, and that is to the two million members and Beneficiaries and their families who depend on us.

And many of them are here in this audience. And let me just say to you, I look at you at every meeting where -- that I attend and thank you for helping us to keep the focus on what's important. And to my colleagues, and particularly to Vice President Feckner, thank you for really providing me the honor of a lifetime to serve.

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(Applause).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Betty.

Betty and I sort of learned together. And by happenstance of our last names, we sat next to each other often. So we were leaning over going what was that? So it's a pleasure to have served with you. I'm going to miss you. Don't be a stranger.

I may call you too.

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BOARD MEMBER YEE: That's okay.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: On behalf of the CalPERS Board of Administration -- well, let's move on.

I have the honor and privilege of recognizing now, our longest serving Board member and dear friend Rob Feckner, who was my first like person that I went to for all the advice I absolutely had to have, because I was very confused when I got on the Board.

Rob joined the CalPERS Board in 1999 after being elected to the seat that represents the school members. He was young. You still are.

(Laughter).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Employee of the Napa Valley
Unified School District, where we has worked for the past
43 years. So were 7 when you joined, right?

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Yeah.

(Laughter).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: His career and tenure on the Board have included a number of leadership roles including

Past President of the California School Employees
Association, Board President for 12 years, Vice President
and Chair or Vice Chair of nearly every Board Committee,
if not all. Quite frankly, you've been our rock here on
the Board for a -- Rob, so I'm really, wooh, going to miss
you.

Rob has been a steady hand that has guided this system through good and challenging times, always upholding transparency, accountability, and strong ethics along the way. He's a man of few words, but when he does have something to say, he is thoughtful and wise. Rob is most known for his compassion for our members, their families, and for every hard working public servant. Simply put, he's a kind and gentle soul and don't forget the special power of attorney, guys.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'd like to turn the -- I'd like to turn the floor over to CEO Marcie Frost for a few words about Betty and Rob before I ask Rob to join me on the stage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: Thank you.

President Taylor. It's been a real honor and privilege to be able to work with both Betty and Rob. And so Betty, just thank you so much for your comments. We very much relied on your wisdom and your insight the entire time

I've been here and certainly before I was here the two years.

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So when you say that Betty has been an advocate for climate responsible investing, I think that is a real understatement. It really just touches on the surface of her influence, not only on our own investment policies, but also just the global landscape in which we -- which we run this fund. Betty saw early on the importance of addressing climate change in the portfolio as a primary risk, and she was an important partner in the creation of the Climate Action 100+, which now has \$55 trillion behind that initiative.

As for her commitment to the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion, Betty has provided significant impact and input as we have created the own -- our own DEI framework, and also actively participated in each of the diversity investment forums, of which we have another one coming up this spring. She often volunteered to serve as a presenter or a speaker, and really spoke about the difference that DEI initiatives can make in the financial marketplace, and more importantly, the impact on returns and performance.

More recently, Betty helped kick off our Pathways for Women event, which was a wonderful event by -- attended by many women in person. And she also moderated

a keynote discussion with our Chief Justice Tani
Cantil-Sakauye. It was an inspiring moment. And even
though Betty was the interviewer, we also got a lot of
insight into Betty's own career path and a little bit
about her childhood, which was really interesting and
really appreciated you being so willing to tell your
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She also inspired so many people in the audience about pursuing their own leadership journeys. Perhaps her most important perspectives have come from her role as the State's top fiscal leaders, or of them. She's kept a focus on the members of CalPERS and the policies that will best serve them. So I want to thank you, Betty, for your leadership and your care, your real care for CalPERS, not only the members of the system, but also the employees who serve the members of this system.

So you served CalPERS and Californians well and we really wish you the very best. We hope you enjoy your flowers. Those are sent to you on behalf of the executive team.

So now, Rob. Okay. So Rob, you've been a real leader, colleague, and a friend to all of us. There's a saying out friendly not friends, but we certainly have a real friendship with you. Your service on the Board will be one for the history books. Frankly, I think you could

write a book. I won't be surprised if you don't have people reaching out to you to do that.

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Rob has really seen it all. When he joined the Board, our assets stood at just about \$160 billion. They now today are over \$400 billion, but the assets alone don't tell the bigger picture or the greater picture. Rob has seen CalPERS go from a superfunded status, well over 100 percent, to a low of 64 percent, just as I arrived in 2016 and then back up again.

Through those cycles of growth and decline, he has led with a steady hand willing to make the tough decisions when needed. That was the case when I came here in 2016. There was some very serious work to be done on the discount rate that would ultimately impact not only our employer partners, but also the contributions that our members make into the system to help fund their own benefit.

Rob's guidance through those early days helped smooth the path for the difficult but necessary work ahead. In the years, I worked with Rob, he's always proven to be a great resource, always willing to answer the phone when I call him, supportive of the strategic work that needed to be done, but above all deeply focused on the people we serve and the employees here at CalPERS who serve our members. Rob's focus on people has always

been his greatest asset. His passion for public service and the noble calling it represents will be his lasting legacy, I'm sure.

So Rob, thank you for all you've done on behalf of our two million members, our 2800 employees, and for your support of my CalPERS journey as well.

President Taylor, back to you

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Frost.

So one more time before we go on stage, I'd like to roll the tape for a few of your friends and former colleagues to describe you.

(Thereupon a video was played).

(Applause).

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So Rob, at this time, will you join me on the stage. Bring your box with you.

(Laughter).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: There we go. All right.

So, Rob, it's my honor to present you with this resolution from the Board. And I'm going to turn it around so we can all see it. Rob, I want to read this to you.

"Whereas, Rob Feckner was elected to the California Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration by the CalPERS school members, and;

"Whereas, he has served with distinction on the

CalPERS Board since January of 1999 and held the title of Board President for 12 years from 2005 to 2017, and;

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"Whereas, Mr. Feckner has guided the system through both rewarding and challenging times, including organizational changes, market pressures, and strategic policy shifts, and;

"Whereas, Mr. Feckner has worked for the Napa
Valley Unified School District for the past 43 years and
brought his public policy and school administration skills
and knowledge to his many CalPERS responsibilities, and;

"Whereas, he obtained certificates from the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, and completed the Stanford Fiduciary College Program, which expanded his investment knowledge and displayed his commitment to CalPERS, and;

"Whereas, he served as President of the California School Employees Association where he hosted seminars that educated members on the importance of designating a CalPERS special power of attorney, and;

"Whereas, Mr. Feckner gained the trust of his colleagues by upholding Board transparency, accountability, and strong ethics, and;

"Whereas, he made a sustained effort to ensure members and employers were informed and educated on all aspects of Calpers business and employee benefits, and; "Whereas, Mr. Feckner made it his mission over the years to ensure CalPERS members received access to quality health care and sustainable pensions, and;

"Now therefore, be it resolved, the CalPERS Board of Administration individually and as a body express its sincere appreciation to Rob Feckner for his many contributions and outstanding service to this system and we extend our best wishes to you for retirement in the future".

And here you go and congratulations.

(Applause).

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(Standing applause).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Hold on a sec.

Go ahead.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Well, thank you, everyone. It certainly is a bitter sweet moment for me. It's a been a long run, but I will say that I have no regrets. I think we've done great work over the years. And it's so heartfelt and heartening to see -- look out in the audience and see so many friends, whether they be CSEA people, retirees, Calpers staff, former Calpers staff. I see a lot of them here today, which thank you for coming.

I want a copy of that video. I know I date myself when I say video, but --

(Laughter).

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: -- I do want a copy of that. It's been a -- it's been a journey and there's been a lot of ups and downs, but it was all for the right reason. It was for the members of this system and making sure that they had the retirement that they were entitled to. So I just want to thank each and every one of you for the time that we've spent together, the friendships we've built, and the collegiality that we've been able to achieve.

As I told the Board in the exec staff the other night when he had -- when we had a dinner together, that I feel comfortable in leaving, because the Board is in good hands with our executive team, our staff is in good hands with this Board, and our membership is in great hands with a combination of the team of this staff and this Board. And I take to heart that I had a part in building that. And it's a -- again, it's bitter suite.

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VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: That was a surprise and I wasn't prepared for that, but I just want to thank all my colleagues on the Board. It's been one heck of an experience. And I'm glad that to hear the comments where you have learned from me, but I, too, have learned from

each and every Board member and staff member that I have come in contract with.

As someone said earlier, I don't speak a lot sometimes, that's because I've always thought I needed to listen and learn first. And that's been my mantra. And I hope to be able to -- I hoped I was able to share that information with other folks. And as I told the Board members and Marcie, they'll all have my phone number and personal email. I'm not going to be someone that goes away. In fact, as I told Marcie, I didn't spend 24 years helping to build this to watch it deteriorate now.

So if I can offer any help or guidance, I will always be there to give my advice. Whether you take it or not is up to you.

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VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: But I'm going to be there to give it and I think any Board member should do that.

I mean, if you're here for the right reasons, you should be willing to give that information and share that going forward, whether you're sitting up here or not.

I want to thank my family. It has certainly been a heck of a journey for them as well. I was sitting here making a few notes. I mean, I've had five CEOs, and six CIOs over the years and nobody else can say that. So

that's certainly an accomplishment amongst itself. I spent 37 and a half percent of my life on this Board, which certainly when I put the math together I said, wow, yeah, it probably is time.

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VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: But what really brought it to light for me is my son was 16 when I joined this Board. He's now well established adult at 40 years of age with a lovely grandson. And it's certainly been a journey, because he would have to traipse up here with me at 16 years of age on occasion. And having to tote him around to hotel, vacations, and things like that was certainly a challenge. So I appreciate the sacrifices that my family gave, so that I was able to serve.

So with that, I just want to again thank everyone. This has been a total honor and what a great day and a great way to go out. So thank you. As I've always said -- my wife reminded me this morning, I've always said that I like to see especially, as Nicole brings her sports analogies in and the athletes, I've always wanted to see athletes leave where they're on the top of their game. I'm on the top of my game.

Thank you.

(Applause).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Rob, you will definitely be

missed. I didn't make it through this without tearing up here. I do want to recognize some speakers before we go out and have a little ceremony and refreshments. So we have it looks like one, two, three, four, five speakers. I'm going to do it in order. Nadine Franklin and Susan Adams, if you both want to come up.

MR. FRANKLIN: Thank you.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Nadine, if you want to --

MR. FRANKLIN: Is this on?

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes, it is. You -- go ahead.

MR. FRANKLIN: Well, so much has been said that it doesn't seem like there could be anything else, but I think there is. When you have a representative for your group, a school representative for the school members, sitting on the Calpers Board, you hope that they will pay attention to you, listen to you, and do the things that they can to assist you.

Association for many years. And the final 30 years of my career, it became a part of my job to assist our members in having an education about CalPERS. As a former classified employee, I knew that didn't take place at the workplace, so it was important for our members to know more about their retirement. And it was particularly important, because the large percentage of our members

don't work eight hours a day. And over time, we found that the employers were not reporting properly, not counting all of their hours, sometimes not enrolling them in Calpers.

And through the help of some of our staff members whose pictures appeared up here today, as well as Rob and his influence, and his connections with staff, he was able to direct us to the proper people to address those issues. And I can tell you that there are hundreds of members out there that are currently getting a better retirement or will be getting a better retirement because of Rob. And we truly thank you for all of the service that you have provided to us.

And I've personally said to him how much I have appreciated all of his help. Wherever we saw him, he was always supportive of the CalPERS staff, always there to talk about CalPERS and help people understand what an incredible retirement system they are fortunate to be a part of.

And it's -- we've all been so very proud of Rob and we thank you so very, very much for what you've done for the school members.

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VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you.

(Applause).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Susan.

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MR. ADAMS: Hello. I am Susan Adams, a
California School Employees Association retiree member.
And I want to thank the entire Board for what they do for
the members. But right now, I'd like to speak to Rob
Feckner. Thank you, Rob. Thank you for the years that
you have served to help the members on -- that now I have
a comfortable retirement and that's important to me. But
I will miss you at my CSEA retired day meetings, district
meetings, in Southern California where you come to tell
our members all about the state of CalPERS and inform them
of the power of attorney, while you're at it.

(Laughter).

MR. ADAMS: So I'm speaking for them, but I know they will miss seeing you there too and all that you have done. Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you, Susan. (Applause).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So Carla Held, Teri Minoux.

And take your time.

Hold on a second. You're -- there you go. Go ahead.

MS. HELD: I'm Carla Held and I'm from California School Employees Association. And I would like to thank the Board, but especially Rob Feckner, for the years

you've given us and in your dedication to the members.

And especially, Robert and I want to thank you, because we went through -- he went through some difficult challenges for his retirement and you personally helped us through that, and than you so very much.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: You're welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Teri, go ahead.

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You're -- hold on. There you go.

MS. MINOUX: Good morning. My name is Teri Minoux. And I am also a retired member from CSEA.

Rob, I am sad to see you go, but I'm happy to see you go, because I know that you enjoy being a grandpa.

And to the rest of the Board, you all are going to have big shoes to fill, because Rob has always been there for us. He has -- no matter what comes up, you email him, you call him, and he has been there. He's helped so many people in so many ways.

And I just want to say on a personal, I know that when I was getting ready to retire, and I went and Rob signed my papers to make it official, and my husband took them down to San Diego to the office, and they looked at it and they went, oh, my goodness. We've never had a paper come through with the President - at that time you were the President - with the President's signature. And

for some reason, those papers went right through without a problem.

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MS. MINOUX: Thank you, Rob. Thank you very much. And on behalf of everyone who's not here today, thank you for being their for us always.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you. You're welcome.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

Next, I'm going to call the last three I have, Christina Beruman first, Cheryl Carter and Martha Penry.

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Christina, go ahead.

MS. BERUMAN: Hello. Good morning. I have my Kleenex in case I can't make it.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Me too.

(Laughter).

MS. BERUMAN: Good morning, Board members. Good morning, audience today, and staff. My name is Christina Beruman and I'm a proud member of the California School Employees Association. And I'm here to thank Rob Feckner for all his work and his devotion to CalPERS and to our association. And he is such a good man, a man of integrity, a man of professionalism. We are so proud that

he's our past President and has sat on this Board. And when I have meetings with my retirees, I always remind them about the power of attorney and invite him to speak at our -- and you know when you say Rob Feckner said it's important, then they know it's important.

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MS. BERUMAN: So than you very much for allowing me to speak today. And Betty Yee, I did vote for you.

(Laughter).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Cheryl.

MS. CARTER: Good morning, Board, Mr. Feckner.

My name is Cheryl Carter. I, too, am from CSEA and I am currently the Chair of the Pre-retirement Committee. But my first interaction with Rob was as President of the California School Employees Association. And when he left the Association as President and he came over to the CalPERS Board, my first thought was, good, we got somebody up there that's going to fight for us, you know, and watch out for my money. And then when I started coming to the Board meetings, I realized he wasn't just fighting for me, he was fighting for everybody. So, you know, everybody says you want to have a dog in the fight. Well, we had a dog in the fight for everybody, so thank you for that. I really appreciate it.

And with our committee, I'm so in awe of how you

make people feel so comfortable. When we go online and everybody was doing Zoom. And Zoom is so standoffish and there's no personal connection, and he was talking about the power of attorney and the beneficiary forum, he always said email me, here's my email address, call me, here's my phone number. And I've had people reach back at me and say is that a real number or is that a voicemail?

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MS. CARTER: Is that one of those, you know, emails that goes to staff or does it go to him? And I said, no, it goes to him. And you always made everybody feel comfortable. You made everybody feel like I can come to you and I can talk to you, and I'm talking to CalPERS, I'm talking to CSEA. And I so much appreciate that. And I hope that I learn from that and I give the same experience to people when they interact with me.

The other thing I want to say to kind of bring it back to me, when I was growing up -- you know, I grew up in the South, and you'd go to church on Sunday and it would be time to take the collection, you know, at the end of the service and there'd be one of deacons that stood up there and he would say we appreciate the kind of money that jingles, but we need the kind of money that folds.

Thank you for all the hard work that all of you do, because in one month when I'm retired, I will

appreciate the kind of money that folds.

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MS. CARTER: So thank you so much for everything you've done. Thank you for everything you've taught me. I hope that I'll be able to live up to what you've set forward for us and that I will continue to remind people about their power of attorney and their beneficiary forms, and that I make you proud in the future.

Thank you

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Martha.

MS. PENRY: Good morning. Martha Penry. I'm with California School Employees Association and I am the Chair of the Retiree Unit, Executive Board. I have had a cold also, so bear with me.

First, I want to say Ms. Betty Yee, thank you for your advocacy on behalf of every CalPERS pensioner, but especially for school employees. You know, we don't make those big figures like people think we do. And without your advocacy, I don't know that I'd have the pension that I have. So I very much appreciate that and I want to thank you.

Rob Feckner became President of CSEA when I first became a Board member on CSEA. And one of the things that I learned from Rob was to listen and learn, just like he

does with all of you. I had a friend that worked in actu -- actu --

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Actuary.

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MS. PENRY: Yeah, actuary. Thank you. And when I mentioned Rob Feckner, she said, oh, I know Rob. I said you do. She said yes. She said staff and members alike know Rob Feckner, not just the people, not just school employees, not just the retirees, but the staff. And to me that spoke volumes that if Calpers staff knows who Rob is, then we're very fortunate.

I want to thank Rob, because you've led by example. You showed the way. You have helped to ensure that some of the strongest women in the nation lead this agency. And that gives me a very, very warm feeling to know where we're headed. I am forever indebted to you for your friendship, your kindness, and your guidance. I look forward to seeing you and become -- and having you become one of my CSEA retirees.

Kevin Palkki, you've got some big shoes to fill, but I know he's got this. I look forward to many continued years of friendship Rob and thank you so much for all of us -- from all of us.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I think that is all our speakers on this item.

So I just want to say we're going to miss you, Rob.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you. I'll miss all of you.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: At this time, we're going to take a break from our Board meeting for a special ceremony and refreshments outside our auditorium out the door.

I'll meet you guys outside and bring -- I promise I'll bring him. Do you want to speak? Oh, one more thing, I'm sorry.

Frank.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Sorry, Madam President.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Mr. Ruffino, go ahead.

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Sorry, Madam
President. I thought I pushed my button. Thank you,
Madam President. Real quick, I just wanted to mention the
Treasurer is out of the country and she could not be here
today. When I mentioned it to her, she said absolutely
put it on the calendar. I need to be there, but then
would realize that she would be out the country. But she
sends her best. She wants to make sure that she thank you

for your service, thank you for your leadership, and certainly she wish all the very best on your future endeavors.

Thank you, Madam President.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Ruffino.

All right. Shall we. We are in recess.

(Off record: 10:01 a.m.)

(Thereupon a recess was taken).

(On record: 10:33 a.m.)

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We're going to reconvene. Let me make sure -- hold on one second. Everything logged off.

I believe that we are currently -- hold on. I'm waiting for my agenda to come up. Boy, it just kicks you out of everything.

All right. So we are going to toss the ball to Ms. Frost for her Chief Executive Officer's report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: All right. Thank you and good morning again. And I hope everyone enjoyed the refreshments and the renaming of the auditorium, which we were really proud to be able to do for you, Rob.

So let's continue this morning by thanking our Board members who attended our annual Education Forum that we held just two weeks ago. We had more than 900 attendees, a group representing a wide variety of those

who employ our CalPERS members. It was our highest attendance to date and the feedback so far has been excellent.

Just a data point on this that I know that our team tracks, 96 percent of the people who registered for the event actually attended the event.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Wow.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: And when I did a pole of the room about how many people in the room was this their first in-person event, over half of the room raised their hands. So I think that tells you how important this event is to our employer representatives.

So top of mind I think for many of the attendees was a concern for the long term sustainability of the fund and how to balance the cost of their employees' benefits with their other budgetary demands and constraints. In my conversations with our employer partners, we also had an elected official track. And I want to again give credit to Controller Yee for having this idea to get the elected officials together in our annual Employer Education Forum. That, I think, has been pretty well attended, but really important, you know, group of members of the system, where we can do some more direct interaction and direct conversations. Many times, their questions are quite different than what we get from some of the practitioners

who are attending.

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I did have a chance to remind everyone that we did put employer affordability as a top risk to the system and it is woven now into our five-year strategic plan as well.

So while, you know, we measure risks, it really is at the heart of providing retirement benefits to our members. But lately, it does seem that one of the biggest risks we've noticed is the risk caused by misinformation, when it comes to the issue of sustainable investments.

Let's look at just two snapshots from last week. First, we saw world leaders gather in Egypt for COP27, where the Secretary General of the United Nations delivered a sobering assessment of the global effort to address climate change. He said and I quote, "We are in the fight of our lives and we're losing".

And then we watched millions of Americans cast their votes in the mid-term elections. In some cases, the campaign rhetoric not only dismissed the danger of climate change, it went so far as to mischaracterize a strategy we believe in strongly, examining the risk factors of the environment of social inequality and of good governance.

The falsehoods about ESG risk analysis have been so widespread that I even heard them repeated at our Educational Forum, particularly in the elected officials

track. So lets spend a few minutes educating those who are spreading these allegations. After all, what these critics want is for CalPERS to stop considering the E, the S, and the G as a risk factor. Even though doing so would be contrary to our fiduciary duty, your fiduciary duty, and might put the performance of our investments in jeopardy.

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First, we should remind everyone what ESG actually means. It is simply a thorough analysis of the environmental, social, and governance implications of an investment opportunity. Not everyone likes that term and we don't always use it either, because it's become a bit of a political football, perhaps because it also suggests that some -- that there might be a litmus test for whether an investment is a good one or a bad one.

But let's be clear, adopting an ESG approach really is just another lens through which we identify where our risks and our opportunities would lie. And as fiduciaries, again reminder of our fiduciary duty, it's vital that we assess risk and take advantage of opportunities that help us pay benefits.

So let me share a couple of examples of how this works internally. Recently, our CalPERS investment team used the zip codes of our real estate assets to assess their climate risk based on their location. And we found

a number of these properties are in coastal regions, where rising sea levels from a warming planet may bring new or increased flood dangers into focus. That's a very real risk to the investment and it's the kind of valuable information we receive when we use the principles of ESG.

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Another example is in our infrastructure program, where investments in wind and solar farms have paid off.

These are assets that make up more than half of the portfolio that has outperformed its benchmark over the past five and 10 years, and they have an additional benefit of helping transition to a sustainable energy source.

We do talk a lot about sustainability. We need to know whether the monetary value of our investments are sustainable in the short term as well as the long term. These same factors come into play in the report from the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures that you were presented with on Monday. It highlights several important milestones on the road to addressing climate change.

These include a reduction in the carbon intensity of our global equity portfolio by more than 30 percent over the past seven years, and over 50 percent in our global fixed income portfolio. On the opportunity side, we also brief you that nearly \$19 billion in our global

equity portfolio and around \$1 billion of our corporate credit portfolio is invested in companies designated as low carbon solutions.

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Finally, more than 51 percent of our infrastructure portfolio is invested in renewable energy, energy efficient infrastructure, sustainably certified and carbon neutral assets. These accomplishments might never have been achieved without an ESG approach. But again, we'll be clear, applying the lens of ESG is not a mandate for how to invest, nor is it an endorsement of a political position or ideology. Those who say otherwise are actually advocating for investors like CalPERS to put on blinders, to ignore information and data that might otherwise help build on the retirement security that our two million members are relying upon.

Instead, we do leverage the power that comes with our size. In collaboration with a network of highly influential global partners to abdicate -- advocate, excuse me, for governance best practices that will help the companies we invest in succeed, and to ensure they are mitigating for climate risks while planning for the transition to net zero economy.

We use our proxy votes at the companies we invest in, again to advocate for better corporate governance and we work to improve transparency around important issues

that matter to investors. For all that we've accomplished to date, we know there is more to do and not much time to do it.

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The bottom line of the -- excuse me -- of this ESG work is a need for clarity about the risk and reward potential with the companies in which we invest. Just as important is the use of consistent reporting standards across the financial marketplace to enable investors like Calpers to make well-informed decisions.

As the COP27 conference does wrap up tomorrow, countries around the world will reaffirm their pledge to help combat climate change. As they do, we expect the rhetoric around sustainable investing to come and go. But rhetoric doesn't drive our decisions. Data drives our decisions. It has to. CalPERS has been around for 90 years and we have so much more to do.

And then finally, before I conclude my report, I want to also briefly address some of the questions that we've received recently regarding concerns over invest -- investments in cryptocurrencies.

The update that I can share with you is pretty simple on this topic. CalPERS has no direct exposure to cryptocurrency. We do know that there are likely some indirect exposures, that includes public equity index holdings. One example we've shared in the past couple of

days has been the online platform called Coinbase, which provides for the buying and selling of cryptocurrency.

We will continue to examine any potential impacts felt by our partners in private equity as well. But that does conclude my report this morning, President Taylor.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Frost. Appreciate it.

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That moves us on to -- oh, I'm sorry, Rob.
Mr. Feckner, go ahead.

President. I, too, want to comment on the Employers
Forum -- Ed Forum. I still go by the Employers Forum.

But again, it was a wonderful event. I know I said so
yesterday, but I want to come back to the comment that you
made about the elected local officials, and again thank
Betty for putting that forward back when she did. We've
seen a growth in the people that are attending each time.
However, I must say -- and thank you to Lisa for hosting
or moderating that panel that day. It was great. I want
to see -- I would love to see more Board members attend
that. Because even though, we're not the elected official
reps, it's good that we all hear that information and hear
their questions and concerns.

But my bigger concern is -- and I know that the employers are listening, and that the League is listening.

I will say although it was a nice turnout this year, I was disheartened by the number of name badges that I saw sitting on the table, that half of the people that signed up didn't show up. And when there are issues that are important to you, we need to hear them. And this is an opportunity and an avenue we've given them to come and share and they didn't take advantage of it, and that disappoints me. And I hope in the future that they will come. So we know they have concerns. We want to hear them. This is the ability for them to bring it to this Board.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Feckner. I appreciate that.

Moving on to Agenda Item number 5, it's action consent items. And I just want to update the Board that there is an update to Item 5B. There's additional travel that's been listed.

What's the pleasure of the Board?

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Move approval.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Moved by Mr. Feckner.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: (Hand raised).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Seconded by Mr. Pacheco. This is going to have to be an electronic vote or -- not it has to be a roll call vote because of Gail. Okay. So call

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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE: Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. The ayes have it.
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Let me move on to -- Mr. Miller, can you do your mic. Mr. Miller, can you give us the Investment Committee report.

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: There we go. I'd be happy to, Madam Chair.

Good morning, everyone. The Investment Committee met on November 14th, 2022. The Committee approved the following reports: revisions to the Total Fund Policies, private asset classes, second reading; and Assembly Bill 890, diversity in the management of investments 2021 through 2022 fiscal year report.

The Committee received reports on the following topics: CalPERS response to the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure and Senate Bill 964; consultant review of CalPERS divestments; liquidity management; and Responsible Contractor Policy.

The Committee heard public comment on the following topics: private equity investments and climate change.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the March Investment Committee meeting. The Committee will receive reports on

global real estate sustainability benchmark, CalPERS trust level reviews, and an update on proxy voting and corporate engagement.

The next meeting of the Investment Committee is scheduled for March 13th, 2023 in Sacramento, California.

And that concludes my report, President Taylor

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

The next Committee is Pension and Health Benefits Committee, Mr. Feckner.

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you, Madam Chair. The Pension and Health Benefits Committee, PHBC, met on November 15th, 2022.

The Committee recommends and I move the Board approve the following:

Agenda Item 5a, approve the revised proposed regulation defined limited duration employment with 15-day public comment period followed by submission of the final rulemaking package to the Office of Administrative Law upon conclusion of the comment period, if no public comments are received.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: On motion by the Committee.

Any discussion on the motion?

Seeing none.

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All in favor and we'll do -- I guess we have to do a roll call, right? Okay. So do a roll call, please.

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VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: All right. Thank you.

Agenda Item 5b, the California Public Employees'

Retirement System team recommends approving the following proposals in our Preferred Provider Organization and Health Maintenance Organization programs for the 2024 plan year:

One, site of care member incentive program for labs in the PPO basic plans; pharmacy mail-order opt-out program in the HMOs using OptumRx pharmacy benefit and the PPO basic plans.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. On motion by Committee.

Any discussion on the motion?

Hearing none.

All in favor and please call the role, please.

BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.

BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.

BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.

BOARD CLERK: David Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

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BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA:
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Willis.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: The Committee received
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             The Committee received the 2021 CalPERS Health
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             The Committee received public comment regarding
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At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the March 23 PHBC meeting: the Committee will approve the proposed revisions to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act regulations: definition of parent-child relationships, Health Maintenance Organization solicitation award, and the PHBC delegation, as well as review health open enrollment results and receive a report on retired members cost of living.

The next meeting of the PHBC is scheduled for March 14th, 2023 in Sacramento, California.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Feckner.

Ms. Middleton, Finance and Administration Committee, please.

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: All right. Thank you. Finance and Administration Committee met on November 15, 2022.

The Committee recommends and I move the Board approve the following:

Agenda Item 3c, approve November 2022 prospective report of solicitations, contracts, purchase orders, and letters of engagement.

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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Go ahead, Matt.
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             CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: -- I believe you
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             MR. JELINCIC: My comments actually relate to the
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. So you need 7d. Okay.
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             MR. JELINCIC: No, it's -- it's Item 7c.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: 7c, Item D.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Item D. Okay. I gotcha.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Why don't you come up anyway,
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             MR. JELINCIC: Okay. It's not going to make any
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             Can we take the vote, please.
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             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE: Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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             Go ahead, Lisa.
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Agenda Item 3e, extend
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   the incumbent's contract for an additional five-year term.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: On motion by the Committee.
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             Any discussion on the motion?
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             Hearing none.
             Please take the vote.
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             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
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                                Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you. Motion carries.
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             Go ahead, Ms. Middleton.
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Agenda Item 3f, approve
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   the revised Budget Policy.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: On motion by the Committee.
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             Any discussion on the motion?
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             Seeing none.
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             Go ahead and take the vote, please.
             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you.
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   carries.
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             Go ahead, Ms. Middleton.
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Agenda Item 5a, approve
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   a 112.1 million increase in the revised total budget of
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   2.185 billion.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. On motion by Committee.
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             Any discussion on the motion?
             Seeing none.
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             Can we take the vote on that, please?
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BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE: Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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   Ms. Middleton, last item.
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Recommend the Board of
   Administration approve the draft CalPERS 2021-22 basic
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   financial statements.
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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: On motion by the Committee.
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    Any discussion on the motion?
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 3
             Seeing none.
             Can we move to the vote.
             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
             BOARD MEMBER YEE: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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Thank you.

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Go ahead, Ms. Middleton.

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Thank you.

The Committee received reports on the following topics: pension contract management program report, annual review of funding levels and risk report, semi-annual health plan financial report.

The Chair directed staff to provide information on the impact of additional discretionary payments.

At this time, I would like to share a highlight of what to expect at the February 2023 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting: treasury analysis and liquidity status report; pension contracts management program report.

The next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee is scheduled for February 2023.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you.

Next committee is Risk and Audit Committee, Ms. Middleton

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Thank you.

The Committee recommends and -- excuse me. The Risk and Audit Committee met on November 15, 2022. The Committee recommends and I move the Board approve the following:

Agenda Item 5a, independent auditor's report

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fiscal years 2021-22. Approve the CalPERS Board of
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    Administration independent financial statement auditor's
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    report and the accompanying required reports for the
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    fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. On motion by
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    Committee.
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             Any discussion on the motion?
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             Seeing none.
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             Can we please take the vote.
             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
                                Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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                                   Thanks, Ms. Middleton.
             Move on to the next.
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON:
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                                      Agenda Item 5b, review
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    of independent auditor's management letter. Approve the
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    CalPERS Board of Administration's independent financial
    statement auditor's - independent auditor - management
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    letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. On motion by
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    Committee.
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             Any discussion on the motion?
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             Seeing none.
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             Could we take the vote, please.
             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA:
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Ave.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Gail -- Dr. Gail Willis?
             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
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                                Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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    Thank you.
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             Go ahead, Ms. Middleton.
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: The Committee received
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    reports on the following topics, the Chief Compliance
    Officer's update on preliminary plans.
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             At this time, I would like to share some
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    highlights of what to expect at the February Risk and
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   Audit Committee meeting: The 2022-23 enterprise compliance
    and risk management mid-year plan update.
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             The next meeting of the Risk and Audit Committee
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    is scheduled for February 2023 in Sacramento, California.
             Thank you, Madam Chair.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Middleton.
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Moving on. The next Committee is Board
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    Governance. And for that, I'm going to recognize Vice
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    President Feckner. Go ahead.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER:
                                      Thank you, Madam Chair.
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    The Board Governance Committee met on November 15th, 2022.
    The Committee recommends and I move the Board approve the
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    following:
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             Agenda Item 4b, approve the current CEO
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    delegation resolution as presented in the agenda item.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: On motion by the Committee.
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             Any discussion on the motion?
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             Seeing none.
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             Go ahead and take the vote.
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             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO:
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA:
                                    Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.

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BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK:
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                           Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
                                Aye.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Agenda Item 5a, approve
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    the proposed revisions to the full Board hearing
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   procedures as presented in Attachment C of the agenda item
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    with the exception that the time limits for the parties
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    presentations and rebuttals will remain 15 and 5 minutes
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    respectively. With those changes, the revised document
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    recommended for Board approval is attached hereto.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. On motion by Committee.
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             Any discussion on the motion?
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             Hearing none.
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             Go ahead and take the vote, please.
             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA:
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                                  Ave.
             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
                                Aye.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: The next meeting of the
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   Board Governance Committee is tentatively scheduled for
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   March 14th, 2023 in Sacramento, California.
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             Thank you, Madam Chair.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Feckner.
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   moves us on to -- I don't have anybody else for 7. Okay.
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    That moves us on to Item 8, action agenda items, and for
    that I will turn it over to Mr. Feckner.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Thank you, Madam Chair.
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I move to adopt the proposed decisions at Agenda Items 8a1
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    through 13 as the Board's own decisions with the minor
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   modifications argued by staff to Agenda Items 8a4, 5, and
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    7.
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER:
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                                   Second.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. I have a motion by Mr.
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    Feckner, a second by Mr. Miller.
             Do I have any discussion on the motion?
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             If not, can we please take the vote.
             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette.
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye. Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
                                Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Agenda Item 8b.
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    to deny the petitions at agenda items 8B1 and 2.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right.
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Second.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I have a second by -- I have a
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   motion by Mr. Feckner, a second by Mr. Pacheco.
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             Do I have any discussion on this motion?
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             Hearing none.
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             Go ahead and take the vote.
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             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA:
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                                  Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Yes.
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             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE: Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you.
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                                                         Motion
   carries.
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             All right. So, we got all of that done. I'm
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   moving on to Agenda Item 9.
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: 8c.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Where did I miss -- oh, 8c,
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    I'm sorry, State legislative proposal, technical and
    clarifying amendment. Danny Brown, go ahead.
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             LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN:
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   morning, Madam President and Board members. Danny Brown,
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    CalPERS team member.
             This is an action item asking the Board to
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    sponsor technical and clarifying changes to the PERL.
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    This proposal includes four items. The first item
    authorizes the State Controller's office to execute
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    fund-to-fund transfers between the California Employers'
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Pension Prefunding Trust Fund and the PERF. We have briefed the Controller's office on this proposal and commit to working with them to ensure a smooth implementation. This proposal will streamline the fund transfer process for employers participating in the CEPPT.

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The next item would cap the interest assessed on CalPERS contracting agencies at 10 percent when a contracting agency fails to remit the required contributions in a timely manner. Currently, the law reads that we would charge the higher of 10 percent or last year's investment return. This proposal will simplify the collection of interest on delinquent funds.

The third item would authorize a judge, who is a member of the Judges' Retirement System II to designate a Beneficiary, such as a trust, when choosing option settlement one, which is the return of remaining contributions in cases where there is no surviving spouse. This would align JRS II with the process for JRS I and the main CalPERS retirement plan.

And finally, there is an item to conform existing law to ensure proper implementation of Assembly Bill 2443, which becomes operative on January 1st, 2024. This is a bill that the Governor signed this past year. This new law establishes deferred retirement option for JRS II members, but did not include all the necessary technical

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conforming changes in order to make sure that it's
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    implemented consistent with other JRS II provisions.
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             If the Board approves this proposal, we will seek
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    to have it -- these provisions put into the Legislature's
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    retirement omnibus bill or other appropriate measure.
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             With that, I'm available for any questions.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Does the Board
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    have any questions to ask Mr. Brown?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE: I'll move the item.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Ms. Yee is moving the
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    item.
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: (Hand raised).
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Seconded by Mr. Miller.
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             So it's been moved and seconded. Can we take a
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   vote on it, please.
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             BOARD CLERK: Rob Feckner?
             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: No. I change my mind.
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    I wanted to see what it sounded like.
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             (Laughter).
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             VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: I vote aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Wow. We're doing it at the
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    last meeting, huh?
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             (Laughter).
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             BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?
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             ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.
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BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?
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             BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: David Miller?
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             BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Jose Luis Pacheco?
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             BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Ramon Rubalcava?
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             BOARD MEMBER RUBALCAVA: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Mullissa Willette?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             BOARD CLERK: Controller Betty Yee?
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             BOARD MEMBER YEE:
                                Aye.
             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Motion carries.
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                         Thank you, Mr. Brown.
             Thank you.
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             Moving on, you're up next for information agenda
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    item, State and federal legislative update.
             LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN:
                                                         Thank
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        Yes. Danny Brown, CalPERS team member.
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    you.
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             I will give a brief State update and then we have
   K&L Gates on the line who will provide a federal update.
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    And mine will mainly be for those that like, I guess,
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numbers, statistics. You know, the legislative session is over for this year. All the bills that have been sent to the Governor have either been signed or vetoed. According to unofficial observers, there were 2,055 bills introduced in 2022, and 1,166 of those went to the Governor's desk, and he signed about 997 of them, which is about 86 percent.

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The Legislative Affairs Office actively tracked 229 bills this year, with 28 of those bills designated for our highest level of attention and analysis. Ten of those bills were signed into law, two were vetoed, and the remaining 16 died in the Legislature.

So that closes the books on 21-22 session. The Legislature reconvenes on December 5th to start the new session. And the results from last week's election ensure that the partisan breakdown in the State legislature will essentially be unchanged. There are a few races that are too close to call. However, both the Assembly and Senate will have super majorities, over two-thirds threshold.

Legislature can begin to introduce new bills starting on December 5th, but most bills won't be introduced until much closer to the February 17th deadline.

And with that, I can answer any questions on the State side or we can go ahead and turn it over to K&L and

do the federal update, whatever --

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Do I have any questions on the State side before I turn it over?

It does not look like it, so we can turn it over to $\ensuremath{\text{K\&L}}.$

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BROWN: Okay. I believe that Dan Crowley and Karishma are on the line.

Dan, if you want to go.

MR. CROWLEY: We are. Thank you very much. Dan Crowley and Karishma Page. We are your federal investment policy counsel in Washington D.C. or rather two of the team in our Washington office.

I'm going to defer to my colleague, Karishma for any opening remarks she would like to make.

MS. PAGE: Thank you, Dan. Thank you, Danny, and thank you to the Board for the opportunity to be with you. I apologize for the lighting in my new office. I know that the picture is not -- it's a little off. Sorry about that.

But we wanted to talk a bit about a starting point where we are in terms of the state of the election. Of course, last week was election day, and I think you know now, given the last couple elections, we should really call it election week. The full of the House hasn't officially been called just yet, but we do

anticipate that the Republicans are positioned to take control of the House, but by a far slimmer majority than was originally anticipated.

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That was called after Senator Cortez Masto of Nevada won her race over the weekend. And there still is a runoff that will be required in Georgia between Senator Warnock and Herschel Walker that will be on December 6th. But that will determine whether it will be a 50/50 Senate or a 51 -- 50 to 49 Senate, both with the Democrats in control.

This again I think we had sort of long had some recognition that polling was off. This election continued to show that. There had been an anticipation of what was termed a red wave, but that really did not come to fruition. And in a sense that's being played out now in terms of the congressional leadership elections, which are -- which are underway. The House Republican conference has held secret ballot leadership elections. Those were taking place this week. And it is -- the House minority leader, Kevin McCarthy is looking to be slated to become the next Speaker. And interestingly, on the Senate Republican side, after 15 years at the helm, Senator McConnell was challenged by Senator Rick Scott. Senator McConnell did win that election and will be the Republican leader.

But I think what you're seeing in both the House and Senate on the Republican side is some questions about what the next generation of leadership will look like and what it will be like to govern in a slim majority on the House side, a slim minority on the Senate side, but a real sort of reflection in terms of where the party may be headed generally.

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In terms of the Democrats, the House Democrats are slated to have their leadership elections on November And it is still unclear about what will be happening on the House side. Speaker Pelosi has had a good turnout in terms of this election cycle. Certainly, there's a good amount of support for her continued leadership of the party. But at the same time, there have been some that have been called -- calling for new leadership to take over on the House Democratic side. So that's still to be determined. And certainly the very challenging attack on Speaker Pelosi's home is, I think, part of the personal calculation about what she would be -- what she'd like to do going forward. And on the Senate Democratic side, we do anticipate Senator Schumer to continue to be in the leadership role.

So those are some of the high level atmospherics. You know, I think just a couple comments before I turn it over to Dan is we had talked more specifically about the

implications from a CalPERS perspective. You know, it's often commented -- commonly said that when you have a bifurcated control of Congress, or Washington D.C., that really means that not a whole lot is going to get done. It's going to result in gridlock. And I think, you know, our thinking right now at this juncture is that that probably is true in certain respects, but in other respects, I think what we will see is a very active next two years.

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A couple reasons for that. One is that the close House an Senate majorities are really reflective of a very divided country. And the fact that the Presidential elections cycle started on November 9th means that we've got about two years of campaigning ahead of us. And I think both parties will see an imperative to speak to the American public to make the case for winning the White House and the control of the House and Senate. So that really means that there will be a requirement that there is legislation that is passed and really helps address some of the concerns that the American people have.

The other key here is that, in many ways,

Congress is necessarily reactive and there's sort of two

buckets of reactivity. One is the fact that there is

possibly legislation that needs to happen as we look to

the Lame Duck. There is the federal funding bill that

means the funding of government, there is the National

Defense Authorization Act. The NDAA has become, because

it is an annual measure, has become the Christmas Tree for

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And so in addition to those annual authorizations, we have the Farm bill that's coming due next year as well, so I think Congress is going to have to react to those. But more generally, a reactive --Congress has to be reactive on a range of other issues as well. First of all, there are the economic clouds ahead. And so we do anticipate that there could be some work being done from an economic perspective. Geopolitically, the situation continues to be somewhat unstable. And so to the extent that Congress needs to weigh in with additional funding for Ukraine or otherwise, we anticipate that that will happen. And, of course, we hope that we are in a post-COVID environment, but it make sense that there may be upticks in COVID or any sort of pre-pandemic planning that we do anticipate Congress will be -- will be addressing.

The final -- or two final buckets I'll mention just in terms of what we will -- I see is we could see a situation that are a number of issues that are sort of outside partisan politics. And there are a number of those that are increasing with pace. Issues along the

lines of mental health, telehealth, technology. I think many of those issues really are not necessarily partisan issues, but are issues that will require some level of consideration by Congress.

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And then the final piece I'll mention is oversight. And the House Republicans coming into the election cycle put out a very significant document, about a thousand page document, outlining oversight priorities. And that I think is going to be reflective of the focus. There will be an towards the administration, the White House, but also private and public sector entities that are implicated in Congress's -- or in the White House's priorities or otherwise.

So an example of that is we do anticipate a significant of oversight for the kind of issues, such as ESG. And so I think there is a possibility that that could create some risk for stakeholders as they indicated as part of their oversight efforts.

It doesn't necessarily take just a gavel to do oversight these days, but certainly it could be something as simple as a letter or a Tweet that could result -- that could then go -- that could go viral. So I will pause there. I think those are some of the high level atmospherics of what we're make of the coming year ahead and the state of play in terms of the election.

And with that, Dan, I'll turn it over to you to talk about some of the specifics from a CalPERS perspective.

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MR. CROWLEY: Sure. And Madam Chair, I know that you're running behind, so I will be quick and would be happy to pause for questions at the end.

But I think, you know, our assessment, as

Karishma says, is that we will have a divided Congress,
which means that the regulators are essentially empowered
to pursue their current agendas. And the reason I say
that is that while there was expected to be a red wave
that would have resulted in bipartisan -- I'm sorry,
bicameral oversight, with both the House and Senate
focused on the regulatory activities, with the Senate
staying in Democratic hands, that essentially means that
any time the Republicans in the House want to have a
hearing, Democrats in the Senate can have another hearing
to balance the record.

And so it really, you know, deprives the Republicans of the opportunity to derail the regulatory agenda, either through the oversight process or the appropriations process or the congressional review process. And the document the Karishma is referring to specifically targeted the Climate Risk Disclosure Rule as the number one Republican oversight agenda item.

I actually -- excuse me -- had an opportunity to ask Leader McCarthy why that's the case and he said it's because he gets more complaints from issuer CEOs about the Climate Risk Disclosure Rule than any other. And now I don't think they're going to have the ability to derail There will be oversight. There will be alternative oversight in the Senate. But as a practical matter, the only thing that's going to be able to be derail some of these regulatory initiatives, a number of which CalPERS is on record as supporting, would be litigation. And the reason I mention that is that in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling in the West Virginia versus EPA case, there's question about how far regulators can expand their own jurisdiction without Congress passing a law. So we expect a lot more attention in that area.

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On the sustainable finance agenda, again I think there's a limit to the Republican's ability to slow the process. Some of us, Karishma and I, are working on educating some of the Republican members of Congress about the sustainability movement and why it's essential to investors and we will be working on a webinar with Bob Eccles, some of you will know as the father of sustainability on November 29th. We will make sure to get that link to Danny for circulation in advance.

But with that, I will pause and we'd be happy to

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much.

It doesn't look like I have any questions. I will make my own comment. I do appreciate the look at whether or not our ESG advocacy with the SEC is going to get derailed. So it's sounding like that's a positive. As for Karishma's kind of sunny outlook that we might get stuff down in Congress, I'm not quite as optimistic, but I do appreciate the overview. So thank you. I'm still not seeing anything from the Board.

So if you want to move on. I do have somebody on public comment on this. So I guess it's on the phone, right. So Mr. Teykaerts.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS ASSISTANT DIVISION CHIEF
TEYKAERTS: Yes, Madam President. We have a Bill -MR. CUNNINGHAM: Hello.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS ASSISTANT DIVISION CHIEF TEYKAERTS: Go ahead.

MR. CUNNINGHAM: My name is William Michael
Cunningham. I'm an economist based in Washington D.C. and
hold an MBA in finance and a Master's in economics, both
from the University of Chicago. I note that on November
3rd, five U.S. senators wrote to 51 major law firms about
environmental, social, and governance investing. The
letter stated quote, "Your law firm has a duty to fully

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inform clients of the risks they may incur by participating in what the senators call, quote, 'Climate cartels and other ill-advised ESG schemes'. This follows 19 States attorneys general announcing their participation in an investigation into ESG ratings produced by Morningstar, Inc., and its subsidiary Sustainalytics".
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I noted in a November 1st article in Black
Enterprise magazine that sustainability may get axed amid
recession worries, potentially imperiling corporate
pledges to the Black community. Now, as CalPERS
approaches Assembly Bill 890, diversity in the management
of investments, we strongly suggest that you seek to
protect your excellent ESG work from the risk-elevating
impacts of any efforts to reverse ESG investing.

Thank you very much.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much.

I don't have any other public comments on this item, so we are now at summary of Board direction. Do we have anything, Ms. Frost?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROST: I didn't record anything.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Thank you.

So then we will go on to public comment. And for that, I have Mr. Jelincic.

MR. JELINCIC: J.J. Jelincic, retiree. The

Election Code forbids internet voting. It forbids approval of any system even connected to the internet voting. The Board has decided it is not bound by the Election Code. The Secretary of State used to certify Calpers' elections. Since internet voting started, the Secretary of State certifies that this is what Calpers told them the results were.

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The Public Employment Retirement Law permits any retiree to run for an at-large or the retiree seat. The election code requires that a candidate be a State resident. The Board has decided that it is bound by the Election Code. I guess this is another example of the system picking and choosing what it wants to do.

The reason that the State does not allow internet voting is it's too easy to hack. I acknowledge it is claimed that it is to hack paper ballots, especially in Arizona, but that seems to be convincing only to the true believers. An example of hacking is Ronald Harris, a retiree from Santa Clara. He received his ballot package. He went online as the system encourages. He input his PIN and the last four digits of Social Security only to learn that this Board, or one of its agents, had already voted for him, and that he was not therefore eligible to vote.

There is a reason the law forbids internet voting. It's too late for this election, but I encourage

you to come into compliance with the law for future elections.

Thank you. And Rob, enjoy the bocce ball. And Betty, I hope that you enjoy not having to raise any money for a while.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Jelincic.

I don't have anymore requests to speak from the public, so I'm going to move on to Agenda Item 10, which is approval from the Board to meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(18)(A).

Can I have a motion?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: I'll motion.

BOARD MEMBER PACHECO: (Hand raised).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Pacheco.

Can we have a vote please to move into closed session?

I can't hear you.

BOARD CLERK: We have public comment on the item.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Oh, there is public comment on
the line. All right. Let's do that first and then we'll
that vote.

Mr. Teykaerts.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS ASSISTANT DIVISION CHIEF

TEYKAERTS: Thank you, Madam President. We have Neal Johnson on the line. Go ahead, Neal.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Oh, my gosh.

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MR. JOHNSON: Hello. Yes, Theresa, oh, my gosh. (Laughter).

MR. JOHNSON: I want to (inaudible) -PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It was a good, oh, my gosh,
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MR. JOHNSON: I understand. I'm a retired member. I would have been there today, but my friend who would provide transportation had a medical procedure yesterday and is unavailable.

Anyway, I wanted to thank Betty for her service, both on the Board and the State Controller, including her delegate -- designee, most notably Lynn Paquin and Karen Greene Ross. Betty, you've done a very good job. I didn't always agree with all of these decisions, but I think you've done a good job both on the Board and as Controller.

And finally, Mr. Feckner, who has been a quarter -- nearly a quarter of a century on the Board, he is the oldest serving one, that I remember when he was very young that I was following the Board back around 2000. Anyway, Rob, you've done a good job. And you forced us to sharpen our pencils more other than you probably would like to.

But anyway, you've done a good job. I hope retirement treats you well. I never -- I didn't always agree with your decisions, including your love of the Dodgers. (Laughter). MR. JOHNSON: Of course being an Angels fan, you can't love the Dodgers. But anyway, Rob, you've done a I think you -- as was said, you were (inaudible) gentlemen. You didn't necessarily say a lot, but what you did was important and thank you for your service. And that's it. Thank you, Theresa. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. Thank you, Neal. We appreciate that. So we had the motion to adjourn. Can we take the vote, please? That was it for phone calls, right? BOARD CLERK: (Nods head).

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

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BOAR CLERK: Rob Feckner?

VICE PRESIDENT FECKNER: Aye.

BOARD CLERK: Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma?

ACTING BOARD MEMBER RUFFINO: Aye.

BOARD CLERK: Lisa Middleton?

BOARD MEMBER MIDDLETON: Aye.

BOARD CLERK: David Miller?

BOARD MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

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BOARD CLERK: Eraina Ortega?
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             BOARD MEMBER ORTEGA: Aye.
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLETTE: Aye.
             BOARD CLERK: Dr. Gail Willis?
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             BOARD MEMBER WILLIS: Aye.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. So motion carries.
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    update and cybersecurity briefing. The Bagley-Keene Open
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Welcome back to open session.
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             PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Excuse me.
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This adjourns this month's Board of

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Administration and Committee meetings. Thank you for
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