



Appeals Committee

Item Number 2 – Open Session

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the September 15, 2023, Appeals Committee Meeting – Open Session

Presenter(s): Chairperson

Item Type: Consent Action

Date & Time: November 2, 2023 – 0 minutes

Attachment(s): None

PowerPoint(s): None

PROPOSED MINUTES

Teachers' Retirement Board – Appeals Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

OPEN SESSION

LOCATION: Board Room, 100 Waterfront Place, West Sacramento, CA, 95605

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Yamamoto, Chairperson

Sharon Hendricks, Vice Chairperson

Denise Bradford

Ken Tang

Blake Johnson, representing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond

STAFF PRESENT

Brian J. Bartow, General Counsel

Teresa Schilling, Chief Public Affairs Officer

Lamont King, Deputy General Counsel

Joycelyn Martinez-Wade, Director of Governmental Relations

Reina G. Minoya, Assistant General Counsel

Diane Stanton, Director of External Affairs

Jenny Wong, Senior Counsel
John Shipley, Senior Litigation Counsel
Elena Fewell Howard, Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT

Jennifer Baker, CalRTA
Dana Dillon, CTA/NEA-Retired
Pat Geyer, CTA
Chris Waddell, Olson Remcho, LLP (Independent Counsel to the Appeals Committee)

A quorum being present, Chairperson Yamamoto called the Open Session meeting of the Appeals Committee meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

Members Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Bradford	X		
Ms. Hendricks	X		
Mr. Tang	X		
Mr. Johnson for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction	X		
Chairperson Yamamoto	X		

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MAY 3, 2023, APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING - OPEN SESSION (Item 2)

MOTION duly made by Mr. Tang, seconded by Ms. Bradford, and carried to approve the minutes for the May 3, 2023, Appeals Committee Meeting - Open Session.

Members Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Bradford	X		
Ms. Hendricks	X		
Mr. Tang	X		
Mr. Johnson for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction	X		
Chairperson Yamamoto	X		

III. ANNUAL SUMMARY OF APPEAL ACTIVITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (Item 3)

The committee received a presentation from Ms. Minoya on the annual summary of appeal activity for fiscal year 2022-2023. The committee learned that the number of proposed decisions presented to the committee for consideration were based on varying reasons including CalSTRS employee training efforts, withdrawal, or resolution of matters before hearing, and continuances based on some members' preferences for an in-person forum versus holding a hearing via an electronic platform.

The committee requested to receive a summary of the various dispositions of those administrative cases not presented to the committee, timing of resolution, and whether any outreach efforts impacted case resolution.

IV. ANNUAL SUMMARY OF DESIGNATION OF PRECEDENTIAL DECISIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (Item 4)

The committee received a presentation from Ms. Minoya on the annual summary of designation of precedential decisions for fiscal year 2022-2023 and learned that no precedential decisions were designated.

V. STAFF REPORT (Item 5)

The committee received a staff report from Ms. Minoya concerning upcoming administrative hearings.

VI. REVIEW OF INFORMATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

Pursuant to item 3, the committee requested to receive a summary of the various dispositions of those administrative cases not presented to the committee, timing of resolution, and whether any outreach efforts impacted case resolution.

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Item 7)

There were no statements from the public.

RECESS

The Open Session of the committee meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m. and the committee went into Closed Session. The committee reconvened in Open Session at 10:01 a.m.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN ON IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL REGARDING THE FINAL COMPENSATION CALCULATION OF: DOROTHY COLE (Item 11)

The committee announced that it is considering the appeal and the committee expects to announce their decision at the November 2023 Appeals Committee meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Chairperson Yamamoto adjourned the Appeals Committee meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Cassandra Lichnock, Chief Executive Officer
And Secretary to the Teachers' Retirement Board

Karen Yamamoto, Chairperson

Prepared by: Elena Fewell Howard, Counsel