



Appeals Committee

Item number 4 – Open session

Subject: Trends in Appeal Requests and Resolutions

Presenter(s): James Lindsay

Item type: Information

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Attachment(s): None

PowerPoint presentation(s): Trends in Appeal Requests and Resolutions

Item purpose

The purpose of this item is to provide the Appeals Committee with information regarding administrative hearing requests and resolutions over the past five years pursuant to its request for information at the May 28, 2026, Appeals Committee meeting.

Executive summary

Following a staff presentation of the Annual Summary of Appeal Activity for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 at the May 28, 2026, Appeals Committee meeting, the committee requested additional information regarding the appeal requests received for the last five years, including the types and number of appeals requests received and types and number of resolutions, with an overall focus on year-to-year trends.

In response, the committee was provided a copy of the May 6, 2025, “Top Five in Five” presentation, which is presented to the committee every five years and identifies the five most common legal issues the committee has considered in the preceding five fiscal years. In addition, the following chart reflects the number of administrative hearing requests received in each of the last five calendar years, the number of proposed decisions considered by the committee in each year, and the number of resolutions of cases prior to the committee’s consideration of the proposed decisions in each of those years:

Calendar Year	No. of Hearing Requests	No. of PDs Considered	No. of Resolutions Prior to PD Consideration
2022	7	1	1

2023	17	3	13
2024	17	3	11
2025	16	2	10
2026	9	2	12

The presentation will feature an overview of statistical information and any prevalent issues and trends surrounding administrative hearing requests and resolutions over the past five years.

Strategic Plan linkage: Goal 1 (trusted stewards) to ensure a well-governed, financially sound trust fund.

Board Policy linkage: Section 3. Committee Charters. The Committee’s responsibilities include the following: 1. To hear, deliberate, and expeditiously decide appeals of system determinations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. 2. To work with CalSTRS staff to identify training opportunities. Section 7. Guidelines for Consideration of Proposed Decisions in Appeals.