



## Appeals Committee

### Item Number 2 – Open Session

**Subject:** Approval of Minutes for the July 8, 2022, Appeals Committee Meeting – Open Session

**Presenter(s):** Chairperson

**Item Type:** Consent Action

**Date & Time:** September 1, 2022 – 0 minutes

---

**Attachment(s):** None

**PowerPoint(s):** None

---

#### PROPOSED MINUTES

Teachers' Retirement Board – Appeals Committee Meeting

July 8, 2022

OPEN SESSION

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

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Yamamoto, Chairperson

Ken Tang, Vice Chairperson

Denise Bradford

#### **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Gunning

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Bill Perez, Chief Benefits Officer

Reina G. Minoya, Assistant General Counsel

Joycelyn Martinez-Wade, Director, Governmental Relations

Mark Gini, Ombuds

James Lindsay, Senior Counsel

Emily Fisher, Counsel

Brian Sytsma, Counsel

Jaismin Kaur, Counsel

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kevin Welch, 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 11:46 a.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Members Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Bradford	X		
Mr. Tang	X		
Chairperson Yamamoto	X		

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 7, 2022, APPEALS COMMITTEE MEETING OPEN SESSION (Item 2)**

The minutes for the March 7, 2022, Appeals Committee meeting – Open Session were approved by unanimous consent.

Members Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Bradford	X		
Mr. Tang	X		
Chairperson Yamamoto	X		

**III. ANNUAL SUMMARY OF APPEAL ACTIVITY FOR FY 2021-22 (Item 3)**

The committee received a presentation from Mr. Lindsay regarding its activity for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and learned that it considered two proposed decisions. The committee engaged in a discussion about the decline in administrative hearings conducted due to the virtual hearing environment and other issues members face and learned that thirteen matters were withdrawn or otherwise resolved after the hearing requests were received and prior to committee consideration. The committee learned about other legal matters handled by staff, as well as pending writ of mandate and court of appeal cases.

**IV. ANNUAL SUMMARY OF DESIGNATION OF PRECEDENTIAL DECISIONS FOR FY 2021-22 (Item 4)**

The committee received a presentation from Mr. Lindsay and learned that it did not designate any precedential decisions in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**V. STAFF REPORT (Item 5)**

The committee received a staff report from Ms. Minoya concerning upcoming scheduled administrative hearings and the scheduling needs for future committee meetings. The committee learned an educational item on subrogation will be presented in the Benefits & Services committee later this fiscal year.

**VI. REVIEW OF INFORMATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

There were no requests for information.

**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 12:05 p.m. and the committee went into Closed Session. The committee reconvened in Open Session at 12:30 p.m.

Chairperson Yamamoto reported there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Chairperson Yamamoto adjourned the Appeals Committee meeting at 12:30 p.m.

---

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

---

Karen Yamamoto, Chairperson

Prepared by: Jaismin Kaur, Counsel