

This was a meeting held via Zoom and Recorded by AI  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by President Norman Stump.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor and Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair; Faye Johnson, Member at Large.

**OTHERS:** Roger Klaves, Chapter 077 member.

**MINUTES:** There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted for the 12/17/25 meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 1/28/26 is \$4,639.17.

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT:** Raitt reported that CalPERS adopted reference-based pricing that included quality services, reasonable pricing and provider accountability. He also noted that the Federal government was using AI to deny claims and will try to apply it to Federal programs such as Medicare Advantage. Six states were targeted with the end goal being to privatize programs. There was general discussion about prescriptions being received by members under the old and new providers.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Cassetta indicated that RPEA has a new database which they were trying to operate, so membership numbers from RPEA headquarters have not been updated and have remained at 360 since September.

**NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE:** Salcido provided an update on the submission of the February newsletter to RPEA for printing and distribution via email and U.S. mail; however, members had not yet received copies. It was agreed that Salcido would send it to members with email addresses and advise RPEA of the need for members to receive early notice, well in advance of membership meetings, especially for meal reservations.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Kruger announced that the February program would feature a representative from Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), March will be the mobile crisis team from Behavioral Health, and April will be CASA (child advocacy program).

Kruger recommended, and members agreed, that the September 30 Board meeting be changed to September 23 in order that it was not held the day before a membership meeting, and that November 25 (the day before Thanksgiving) be changed to November 18. Members could later decide on the December 30 meeting which fell on the day before New Year's Eve.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary