

This was a virtual meeting held via ZOOM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association/Chapter #77
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 9:07am

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order @ 9:07am by Vice President Betsy Kruger.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mike Cassetta, Membership Chair; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair; Faye Johnson, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norm Stump, President; Barbara Evans, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Frank, Area 2 RPEA Director; Roger Klaves, Chapter Member. 0020

MINUTES: 5/28/25 Board of Directors Minutes forwarded to Board Members via e-mail 6/2/25. Members acknowledged receipt and approved as written and submitted by Kruger, substituting for Board Secretary, Evans.

TREASURER REPORT: Because of delay in receipts/invoices, Palmer stated unable to submit Report for May/2025 @ this time. Palmer stated current balance is \$4699.64. Palmer also stated she will attempt to attend the RPEA HQ ZOOM Meeting re: Financial Reporting Spreadsheet Training scheduled @ 10:00a6/20/2025.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported on information from the Stakeholders Meeting 6/12/2025: The full CalPERS Board has approved the search for a new 3rd party manager for the Long-Term Care Program. The contract with the current provider ends on 1/1/2028. A Request for Proposals was sent out, and three proposals were received. The contract with Optum RX for pharmacy benefit managers (PMB) ends 12/31/2025, and negotiations have begun for a new PBM. Negotiations continue between CalPERS and the University of California (UC) Health System. That contract is due to end 7/10/2025. Raitt clarified this dispute affects Basic Plans, not Medicare Supplement Plans.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: Salcido related delivery of Newsletter timely. Website is up to date. Salcido is still seeking articles and info of interest for inclusion in Newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP: Cassetta submitted Report to all Board Members via e-mail on 6/13/25. Membership count is @ 361, with one member deceased and 1 member dropped for lapsed dues. RPEA HQ is launching a "Rejoin Letters" campaign; Frank will check with HQ to determine communication with Chapters as to responses from members.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winter related she sent 2 sympathy cards, one for member deceased in May and one for a June deceased member. Winter also sent Thinking of You cards to two members.

AREA 2 REPORT: Frank reported RPEA has formally endorsed Dominick Bei and Jose Louis Pacheco for election to the two statewide open member-at-large positions on the 13 member CALPERS Board. Frank especially appreciates Bei's qualifications, focus and enthusiasm. Ballots will be out 8/29/2025; vote count will be 9/29/2025. Frank will also follow up on CALPERS' decision to extend Experian protection needed to compensate for the CALPERS data base breach.

With no further business to consider, meeting adjourned @ 9:52a