



# UCRS Advisory Board

## MINUTES

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (UCRS)

### ADVISORY BOARD AD HOC TELECONFERENCE

April 30, 2025

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Chair Chuck Haines, Vice Chair Professor David Kleinfeld, Pharmacy Technician Ruth Zolayvar, Benefits Manager Dorothy Ong, and CUCEA Chair Joe Dimsdale, CUCRA Chair Sue Abeles.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chief Investment Officer (CIO) Jagdeep Bachher, Chief Operating Officer (COO) Rachael Nava, Vice President Cheryl Lloyd, Professor Zoran Nenadic and Nurse David Yamada.

**UCOP STAFF PARTICIPATING:** Managing Director Marco Merz, Principal Counsel Robert Gaumer, Executive Director Bill Perez, Executive Director Hyun Swanson, Manager John Monroe, Manager Scott Sylva, Principal Analyst Ashley Eigenauer, Principal Analyst Aaron Locquiao, Principal Analyst Rebecca Preza, Principal Analyst Melissa Rad, Principal Analyst Gloria Sit,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** UCI Director Jason Valdry, Academic Senate Principal Analyst Ken Feer, CUCEA Chair-Elect and Retiree Amy Block-Joy, AFSME representative Geoff Goodman, Retiree Paul Brooks, CUCSA Chair Elect and Retiree Desiree Hennon, Retiree Keith Alley, CNA representative Nate Johnson, Teamsters Local 2010 representative Jose Fuentes, Teamsters Local 2010 representative Alex Vermie, Actuary Todd Tauzer (Segal), and Actuary Emily Klare (Segal).

The meeting officially began at 4:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** There were no public comments made.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:** Chair Haines began by informing Board Members that an email would be sent by Board staff when the final Regents Item and attachments become available for distribution.

**ITEM A – UCRP – PROPOSAL TO MAINTAIN CURRENT UC CONTRIBUTION RATE AND MODIFY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED STIP TRANSFER FOR FY 2025-26:** Actuarial Services Group Manager John Monroe began by summarizing the action item going before the Regents on May 14, 2025. The President's draft recommendation, which is aimed at relieving budgetary challenges for FY 2025-26, would maintain the current UCRP employer contribution rate for one year, and then increase by .50% per year over seven years, beginning July 1, 2026, and would eliminate the previously approved Short Term Investment Pool (STIP) transfer of \$700 million in FY

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2025-26. The President's recommendation would provide \$100 million in budgetary relief to locations and preserve liquidity in the STIP.

Segal Actuary Todd Tauzer reviewed the impacts of the President's recommendation on UCRP funding levels, stressing that an important assumption in Segal's cost projections is that UC stays on track to ultimately reach an 18% employer contribution.

In response to a question from Vice Chair Kleinfeld, Manager Monroe stated that the President is recommending not transferring \$700 million from STIP to UCRP as a proactive approach to protecting liquidity for the system.

In response to a question from Board Member Dimsdale, Manager Monroe stated that UCRP's funding level was 81.3% as of July 1, 2024.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Board member Zolayvar** voiced her concern that UC should properly fund the pension plan and not pass costs to the employee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38