#### **Executive Team:**

Dominic D. Brown, CPA, CFE Chief Executive Officer

Daryn Miller, CFA Chief Investment Officer

Jennifer Zahry, JD Chief Legal Officer

Chief Operations Officer

Matthew Henry, CFE



#### **Board of Retirement:**

Phil Franey, Chair David Couch, Vice-Chair Deon Duffey Juan Gonzalez Joseph D. Hughes Jordan Kaufman Rick Kratt John Sanders Tyler Whitezell Dustin Contreras, Alternate Chase Nunneley, Alternate Robb Seibly, Alternate

October 3, 2024

Members, Board of Retirement **Employee Bargaining Units** Requesting News Media Other Interested Parties

Subject: Meeting of the Kern County Employees' Retirement Association

Board of Retirement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A meeting of the Kern County Employees' Retirement Association Board of Retirement will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the KCERA Boardroom, 11125 River Run Boulevard, Bakersfield, California, 93311.

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- https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89071354813?pwd=Ng9D3fOIXvZka5lf6fLWIKrB3LhJJP.1
- Passcode: 987592

Items of business will be limited to the matters shown on the attached agenda. If you have any questions or require additional service, please contact KCERA at (661) 381-7700 or send an email to administration@kcera.org.

Sincerely.

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Dominic D. Brown Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

#### **AGENDA:**

All agenda item supporting documentation is available for public review on KCERA's website at <a href="www.kcera.org">www.kcera.org</a> following the posting of the agenda. Any supporting documentation that relates to an agenda item for an open session of any regular meeting that is distributed after the agenda is posted and prior to the meeting will also be available for review at the same location.

# AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (Government Code § 54953.2)

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**CALL TO ORDER** 

**ROLL CALL (IN PERSON)** 

SALUTE TO FLAG / MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### AB 2449 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)

Items 1 and/or 2 withdrawn from agenda if no trustee(s) request to appear remotely:

- 1. JUST CAUSE CIRCUMSTANCE(S):
  - a) The following Trustee(s) have notified the Board of a "Just Cause" to attend this meeting via teleconference. (See Government Code § 54953).
    - NONE
  - b) Call for Trustee(s) who wish to notify the Board of a "Just Cause" to attend this meeting via teleconference. (See Government Code § 54953) – RECEIVE/ HEAR REQUEST(S); NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED
- 2. EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCE(S):
  - a) The following Trustee(s) have requested the Board approve their attendance of this meeting via teleconference due to an "Emergency Circumstance." (See Government Code § 54953).
    - NONE
  - b) Call for Trustee(s) requesting the Board approve their attendance of this meeting via teleconference due to an "Emergency Circumstance". (See Government Code § 54953) TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST(S) FOR REMOTE APPEARANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCE

#### **CONSENT MATTERS**

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken. Staff recommendations are shown in caps after each item.

- \*3. Application for service-connected disability pension benefits for Derek Brannan, Sheriff (Safety) – ADOPT RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION
- \*4. Application for service-connected disability pension benefits for Jill Inman Ferguson, Superior Court (General) ADOPT RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION
- \*5. Summary of proceedings of the following meetings:
  - September 5, 2024 Investment Committee
  - September 11, 2024 Board of Retirement

#### RECEIVE AND FILE

- \*6. Report from the KCERA office on members retired from service for the month of September 2024 RATIFY
- \*7. Report from the KCERA office on deceased retirees for the month of September 2024 RECEIVE AND FILE
- \*8. Report of current disability retirement applications and appeals of KCERA Board decisions for the period ending September 30, 2024 RECEIVE AND FILE
- \*9. <u>Securities Lending Earnings Summary Report for the period ending August</u> 31, 2024 from Deutsche Bank RECEIVE AND FILE
- \*10. KCERA asset allocation, cash flow position, investment fees cash flow, and operating expense budget status reports for the month of August 2024 RECEIVE AND FILE
- \*11. <u>Service provider evaluation period initiated pursuant to Evaluation Period Policy –</u> RATIFY
- \*12. Report on Special Pay Codes classified by the Chief Executive Officer RECEIVE AND FILE
- \*13. 2025 Board of Retirement Meeting Schedule RECEIVE AND FILE; APPROVE

- \*14. <u>Statements from Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Aimee Espinoza, September 20,</u> 2024, regarding the Certificate of Results of the KCERA Board of Retirement Election held September 17, 2024 RECEIVE AND FILE
- \*15. Invitation from State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) to trustees and staff to attend the SACRS Fall Conference, November 12-15, 2024, in Monterey, California APPROVE ATTENDANCE OF TRUSTEES DUSTIN CONTRERAS, DAVID COUCH, DEON DUFFEY, PHIL FRANEY, JUAN GONZALEZ, JORDAN KAUFMAN, RICK KRATT AND JOHN SANDERS
- \*16. Invitation from Fortress Investment Group for Senior Investment Officer Geoff
  Nolan to attend the 2024 Fortress Credit Conference, October 15-17, 2024, in
  Dallas, Texas RECEIVE AND FILE
- \*17. Invitation from Public Pension Financial Forum (P2F2) for Chief Financial Officer
  Angela Kruger and Member Services Manager Cory Pruett to attend the 21<sup>st</sup>
  Annual P2F2 Conference, October 27-30, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana –
  RECEIVE AND FILE

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

18. The public is provided the opportunity to comment on agenda items at the time those agenda items are discussed by the Board. This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification and, through the Chair, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name for the record prior to making a presentation.

#### **INVESTMENT MATTERS**

19. <u>Discussion and appropriate action on bank loan recommendation presented by</u> Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA, Senior Investment Officer Geoff Nolan, Scott Whalen, CFA, Verus, and the Investment Committee – APPROVE \$180MM INVESTMENT IN KKR US BROADLY SYNDICATED LOAN FUND; AUTHORIZE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN, SUBJECT TO LEGAL ADVICE AND REVIEW

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

20. <u>Trustee education regarding Artificial Intelligence Utilization presented by Chief</u> Executive Officer Dominic Brown and Director of Information Technology Security Tyson Harlan – RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (15 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

- 21. <u>Discussion and appropriate action on KCERA's voting delegation for the State</u>
  Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Fall 2024 Conference,
  presented by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown APPOINT VOTING
  DELEGATION
- 22. Appointment of Nominating Committee by Chair (two members) and the Board (two members) to propose a slate of officers and designate chair to the Board of Retirement for the 2025 calendar year MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE; APPROVE
- 23. <u>Trustee education regarding the Life Cycle of a Member: Purchase of Service (Part</u> 3 of 6) presented by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown, Member Services Manager Cory Pruett, and Deputy Chief Member Services Officer Sherry Willard RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (30 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

- 24. Report from Chief Executive Officer
- 25. Report from Chief Investment Officer
- 26. Report from Chief Legal Officer

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 27. Report from Committee Chairs:
  - a. Administrative Committee: Contreras
  - b. Finance Committee: Sanders
  - c. Investment Committee: Whitezell

#### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM(S)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Items 3-4 are withdrawn from Executive Session if approved on the consent agenda:

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (pursuant to Government Code § 54957) Application for service-connected disability pension benefits:

Derek Brannan Sheriff Safety

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (pursuant to Government Code § 54957) Application for service-connected disability pension benefits:

Jill Inman Ferguson Superior Court General

28. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Consultation with KCERA counsel and CEO. (Cal. Gov. Code §54957)

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION** 

**ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM QUORUM** 

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS, IF APPLICABLE

#### REFERRALS TO STAFF, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

29. On their own initiative, Board members may make a brief announcement, refer matters to staff, subject to KCERA's rules and procedures, or make a brief report on their own activities.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Consider, discuss, and take possible action to agendize one or more items for future meetings of the Board of Retirement – CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND TAKE ACTION ON WHETHER TO AGENDIZE PROPOSED ITEMS, IF ANY, FOR A FUTURE MEETING
- 31. Adjournment

## KERN COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (KCERA) BOARD OF RETIREMENT

#### 11125 River Run Boulevard, Bakersfield, California

#### **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

#### Investment Committee September 5, 2024

8:32 a.m.

Committee Members: Couch, Kaufman, Kratt, Sanders (Alternate) Chair Whitezell

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Couch, Kaufman, Kratt, Sanders, Whitezell

Absent: None

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Kratt-Couch denotes Trustee Rick Kratt made the motion and Trustee David Couch seconded the motion.

#### AB 2449 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)

Items 1 and 2 withdrawn from agenda. No trustees appeared via teleconference.

#### **INVESTMENT MATTERS**

 Discussion and appropriate action on private credit fund recommendation presented by Keirsten Lawton, Partner, Cambridge Associates<sup>1</sup>, and Senior Investment Officer Geoff Nolan – KEIRSTEN LAWTON, CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATES, HEARD; SENIOR INVESTMENT OFFICER GEOFF NOLAN HEARD

RECOMMENDED THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT APPROVE UP TO \$25MM COMMITMENT TO MAGNETAR STRUCTURED SOLUTIONS FUND; AUTHORIZE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN, SUBJECT TO LEGAL ADVICE AND REVIEW

Kratt-Couch – 4 Ayes

<sup>1</sup> Written materials and investment recommendations from the consultants, fund managers and KCERA investment staff relating to alternative investments are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to California Government Code § 7928.710, § 7922.000, and §54957.5.

- 4. Presentation on Midstream Energy deep dive presented by Brian Kwan, CFA, CAIA, Verus, Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA, and Investment Analyst Melekte Yohannes BRIAN KWAN, VERUS, CFA, CAIA, HEARD; CHAIR TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD; TRUSTEES JORDAN KAUFMAN, RICK KRATT, AND JOHN SANDERS HEARD; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD; INVESTMENT ANALYST MELEKTE YOHANNES HEARD
  - HEARD PRESENTATION; RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (52 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)
- Discussion and appropriate action on termination recommendations presented by Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA, Senior Investment Officer Geoff Nolan, and Brian Kwan, CFA, CAIA, Verus – BRIAN KWAN, VERUS, CFA, CAIA, HEARD; CHIEF INVESTEMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD; SENIOR INVESTMENT OFFICER GEOFF NOLAN HEARD

RECOMMENDED THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT: A) TERMINATE WESTERN ASSET CORE PLUS; AND B) TERMINATE WESTERN ASSET HIGH YIELD

**Kratt-Kaufman – 4 Ayes** 

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. The public is provided the opportunity to comment on agenda items at the time those agenda items are discussed by the Committee. This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification and, through the Chair, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Committee at a later meeting. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name for the record prior to making a presentation – NONE

#### REFERRALS TO STAFF, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

7. On their own initiative, Committee members may make a brief announcement refer matters to staff, subject to KCERA's rules and procedures, or make a brief report on their own activities – NONE

8.	ADJOURNED – 9:42 A.M.
Seci	retary, Board of Retirement
 Cha	ir, Investment Committee

## KERN COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (KCERA) BOARD OF RETIREMENT

#### 11125 River Run Boulevard, Bakersfield, California

#### **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

# Board of Retirement Meeting September 11, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Board Members: Contreras (Alternate), Vice-Chair Couch, Duffey, Chair Franey,

Gonzalez, Hughes, Kaufman, Kratt, Nunneley (Alternate), Sanders,

Seibly (Alternate), Whitezell

#### **ROLL CALL (IN PERSON)**

Present: Couch, Duffey, Franey, Gonzalez, Hughes, Kaufman, Kratt, Nunneley,

Sanders, Seibly, Whitezell

Absent: Contreras

**SALUTE TO FLAG –** TRUSTEE SEIBLY

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Sanders-Kaufman denotes Trustee John Sanders made the motion and Trustee Jordan Kaufman seconded the motion.

#### **AB 2449 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)**

Items 1 and 2 withdrawn from agenda. No trustees appeared via teleconference.

#### **CONSENT MATTERS**

All consent matter items listed below with an asterisk (\*) were considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff and approved by one motion, unless otherwise noted.

\*3. Application for service-connected disability pension benefits for James Burchfield, Public Works-Public Ways (General) – ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION

#### Gonzalez-Kratt - 9 Ayes

\*4. Application for service-connected disability pension benefits for Alfred Yanez, Sheriff (Safety) – ADOPTED RECOMMENDATION OF SDAG TO GRANT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION

#### Gonzalez-Kratt - 9 Ayes

- \*5. Summary of proceedings of the following meetings:
  - August 2, 2024 Investment Committee
  - August 14, 2024 Board of Retirement

RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*6. Report from the KCERA office on members retired from service for the month of August 2024 – RATIFIED

### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*7. Report from the KCERA office on deceased retirees for the month of August 2024

– RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*8. Report of current disability retirement applications and appeals of KCERA Board decisions for the period ending August 31, 2024 – RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*9. Securities Lending Earnings Summary Report for the period ending July 31, 2024 from Deutsche Bank – RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*10. KCERA asset allocation, cash flow position, investment fees cash flow, and operating expense budget status reports for the month of July 2024 – RECEIVED AND FILED

#### **Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes**

\*11. Service provider evaluation period initiated pursuant to Evaluation Period Policy – RATIFIED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*12. Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Code – RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*13. Proposed revisions to KCERA's Overpayment and Underpayment of Member Benefits Policy –

THIS ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA

\*14. Proposed revisions to KCERA's Overpayment and Underpayment of Member Contributions Policy –

#### THIS ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA

\*15. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) – RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt - 9 Ayes

\*16. Invitation from State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) to Board of Directors to attend the SACRS Board of Directors Meeting September 17, 2024, in Sacramento, California – APPROVED ATTENDANCE OF TRUSTEE JORDAN KAUFMAN

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

\*17. Invitation from Global ARC for Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA, to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Global ARC Boston, October 21-23, 2024, in Boston, Massachusetts – RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt - 9 Ayes

\*18. Invitation from NCPERS for Administrative Services Officer Aimee Morton, SHRM-CP, to attend the NCPERS HR Summit, September 24-26, 2024, in Denver, Colorado – RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Gonzalez-Kratt – 9 Ayes

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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#### **INVESTMENT MATTERS**

20. Discussion and appropriate action on private credit fund recommendation presented by Senior Investment Officer Geoff Nolan, Keirsten Lawton, Partner, Cambridge Associates<sup>1</sup>, and the Investment Committee – SENIOR INVESTMENT OFFICER GEOFF NOLAN, HEARD; KEIRSTEN LAWTON, CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATES, HEARD; TRUSTEE TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD

APPROVED UP TO \$25MM COMMITMENT TO MAGNETAR STRUCTURED SOLUTIONS FUND; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN, SUBJECT TO LEGAL ADVICE AND REVIEW

#### Kratt-Whitezell - 9 Ayes

- 21. Discussion and appropriate action on termination recommendations by Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA, Senior Investment Officer Geoff Nolan, Scott Whalen, CFA, Verus, and the Investment Committee – CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD; SCOTT WHALEN, CFA, AND BRIAN KWAN, CFA, CAIA, VERUS HEARD; TRUSTEES JUAN GONZALEZ AND TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD
  - A) TERMINATED WESTERN ASSET CORE PLUS; AND B) TERMINATED WESTERN ASSET HIGH YIELD AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF

### **Duffey-Whitezell – 9 Ayes**

22. Presentation and trustee education regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Performance Review period ending June 30, 2024 by Scott Whalen, CFA, and Brian Kwan, CFA, CAIA, Verus – CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD; BRIAN KWAN, CFA, CAIA, VERUS HEARD; CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD: TRUSTEES JORDAN KAUFMAN AND RICK KRATT HEARD

TRUSTEE JOSEPH D. HUGHES LEFT AT 8:57 A.M.

RECEIVED AND FILED; RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (31 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

**Duffey-Kaufman – 8 Ayes, 1 Absent (Hughes)** 

<sup>1</sup> Written materials and investment recommendations from the consultants, fund managers, and KCERA investment staff relating to alternative investments are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to California Government Code § 7928.710, § 7922.000, and §54957.5.

23. Presentation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 Portfolio Review by John Shearman, Albourne America<sup>2</sup> – CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD; JOHN SHEARMAN, ALBOURNE AMERICA, HEARD

TRUSTEE DUSTIN CONTRERAS ARRIVED AT 9:24 A.M.

RECEIVED AND FILED

#### Whitezell-Couch – 8 Ayes, 1 Absent (Hughes)

24. Presentation and trustee education regarding Currency Management by Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA, Senior Investment Analyst Rafael Jimenez, and Scott Whalen, CFA, Ian Toner, CFA, and Thomas Garret, CFA, FRM, CAIA, Verus – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD; SENIOR INVESTMENT ANALYST RAFAEL JIMENEZ HEARD; IAN TONER, CFA, AND SCOTT WHALEN, CFA, VERUS HEARD; CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; TRUSTEE JORDAN KAUFMAN HEARD

TRUSTEE JOSEPH D. HUGHES RETURNED AT 9:59 A.M.

HEARD PRESENTATION; REFERRED TO INVESTMENT COMMITTEE; RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (33 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

#### Couch-Whitezell - 9 Ayes

25. Discussion and appropriate action on recommendation from Investment Committee, Consultants, and KCERA Staff to approve updates to policies and charters outlining parameters and constraints of delegated authority for the Chief Investment Officer to select and terminate investment managers presented by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown, Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller, CFA, Governance Consultants Julie Becker, Benita Falls Harper, and David Forman, Aon, Scott Whalen, CFA, Verus, and the Investment Committee – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, HEARD; SCOTT WHALEN, CFA, VERUS HEARD; JULIE BECKER, AON, HEARD; CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; VICE-CHAIR DAVID COUCH HEARD; TRUSTEES JUAN GONZALEZ, JOSEPH D. HUGHES, RICK KRATT, ROBB SEIBLY, AND TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD

APPROVED UPDATES TO POLICIES AND CHARTERS REGARDING PARAMETERS AND CONSTRAINTS OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Couch-Duffey - 9 Ayes

<sup>2</sup> Written materials and investment recommendations from the consultants, fund managers, and KCERA investment staff relating to alternative investments are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to California Government Code §6254.26, §6255, and §54957.5.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

26. Presentation and trustee education regarding recent LACERA appellate court decision by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown, Governance Consultants Julie Becker, Benita Falls Harper, and David Forman, Aon – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER JENNIFER ZAHRY HEARD; BENITA FALLS-HARPER, AON, HEARD; CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; TRUSTEE TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD

TRUSTEE DAVID COUCH LEFT AT 11:13 A.M.

HEARD PRESENTATION; RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (14 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

27. Discussion and appropriate action on KCERA's Compensation Policy presented by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown, Governance Consultants Julie Becker, Benita Falls Harper, and David Forman, Aon – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; BENITA FALLS-HARPER, AON, HEARD; CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD; TRUSTEES DEON DUFFEY, JOSEPH D. HUGHES, JORDAN KAUFMAN, ROBB SEIBLY, AND TYLER WHITEZELL HEARD

PUBLIC COMMENT: ELSA MARTINEZ, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, HEARD

ADOPTED POLICY

#### **Hughes-Gonzalez – 8 Ayes**

28. Trustee education regarding the Life Cycle of a Member presented by Chief Executive Officer Dominic Brown, Chief Legal Officer Jennifer Zahry, Chief Financial Officer Angela Kruger, and Deputy Chief Member Services Officer Sherry Willard – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN HEARD; CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER JENNIFER ZAHRY HEARD; DEPUTY CHIEF MEMBER SERVICES OFFICER SHERRY WILLARD HEARD; DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MARITZA RODRIGUEZ HEARD; SENIOR PARALEGAL MARGARITA PERALTA-LEE HEARD; CHAIR PHIL FRANEY HEARD

RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (48 MINUTES TRUSTEE EDUCATION CREDIT)

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

29. Report from Chief Executive Officer:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DOMINIC BROWN REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- OFFICE UPDATE
- ELECTION UPDATE
- FUTURE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE UTILIZATION PRESENTATION
- DISABILITY UPDATE
- RECRUITMENTS UPDATE
- NOVEMBER BOARD: INTEREST CREDITING POLICY UPDATES
- MEMBER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION
- UPCOMING EVENTS
- 30. Report from Chief Investment Officer:

CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER DARYN MILLER, CFA, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- REBALANCING AUGUST ACTIVITY
- POSITIONING ACTUAL VS POLICY TARGET
- KEY INITIATIVES
- UPCOMING INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- 31. Report from Chief Legal Officer:

CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER JENNIFER ZAHRY AND DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER KRISTEN MCDONALD REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
- EXECUTIVE ACTION
- LITIGATION UPDATE
- USERRA
- CA MILITARY & VETERANS CODE

TRUSTEES JORDAN KAUFMAN AND RICK KRATT HEARD

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 32. Report from Committee Chairs:
  - a. Administrative Committee: CONTRERAS NONE
  - b. Finance Committee: SANDERS NONE
  - c. Investment Committee: WHITEZELL NONE

#### REFERRALS TO STAFF, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

33. On their own initiative, Board members may make a brief announcement, refer matters to staff (subject to KCERA's rules and procedures), or make a brief report on their own activities – NONE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 34. Consider, discuss, and take possible action to agendize one or more items for future meetings of the Board of Retirement NONE
- 35. ADJOURNED 1:15 P.M.

Secretary, Board of Retirement	
Chair, Board of Retirement	



## Kern County Employees' Retirement Association New Retirees - September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

**Employer Name: County Of Kern** 

Member Last Name	Member First Name	Retirement Date	Membership Tier	Department Name
Arriaga	Regina	08/24/2024	General Tier I	2415 - Fire
Cahill	Melissa	08/23/2024	Safety Tier I	2340S - Probation-Safety
Constancio	Teresa	07/31/2024	General Tier I	8997 - Kern Medical Center
Coronado	Sylvia	08/14/2024	General Tier I	2415 - Fire
Craig	Darcy	09/23/2023	General Tier I	4110 - Depart Of Public Health
Dixon	Tina	08/19/2024	General Tier I	1130 - Assessor
Esparza-Padron	Martha	03/11/2023	General Tier I	5120 - Depart Of Human Services
Hinkle	William	08/10/2024	Safety Tier I	2210S - Sheriff
Horn	Celestina	07/27/2024	General Tier I	5120 - Depart Of Human Services
Hudson	Richard	08/30/2024	Safety Tier I	2210S - Sheriff
Mccarley	Danny	08/28/2024	Safety Tier I	2340S - Probation-Safety
Nguyen	Duc	08/06/2024	General Tier I	4112 - Air Quality Control
Parsons	Kassie	08/09/2024	Safety Tier I	2210S - Sheriff
Perez	Martha	08/01/2024	General Tier I	5120 - Depart Of Human Services
Ramirez	Virginia	08/24/2024	Safety Tier I	2340S - Probation-Safety
Spencer	Richard	08/06/2024	General Tier I	5120 - Depart Of Human Services
Valdez-Tanner	Juana	08/10/2024	General Tier I	5120 - Depart Of Human Services
West	Charles	08/24/2024	General Tier I	5923 - Employers' Train Resource

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### Kern County Employees' Retirement Association New Retirees - September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

**Employer Name: KC Superior Court** 

Member Last Name	Member First Name	Retirement Date	Membership Tier	Department Name
Salyards	Angela	08/24/2024	General Tier I	9410 - Superior Court

#### **Employer Name: Kern County Hospital Authority**

Member Last Name	Member First Name	Retirement Date	Membership Tier	Department Name
Swanson	Teresa	07/13/2024	General Tier I	9460 - Kern County Hospital Authority

#### **Employer Name: West Side Mosquito**

Member Last Name	Member First Name	Retirement Date	Membership Tier	Department Name
Morris	James	08/22/2024	General Tier I	0980 - West Side Mosquito & Vector Control District



## Kern County Employees' Retirement Association Decedents - September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

### **Post-Retirement Deaths**

Last Name	First Name	Membership Type	Employer Name
Anson	Danny	General	Kern County Water Agency
Barberena	Margaret	General	County Of Kern
Edra	Wilma	General	County Of Kern
Fader	Amonio	General	County Of Kern
Johnson	Lillian	General	County Of Kern
Paris	Lily	General	County Of Kern
Pettit	Arnold	Safety	County Of Kern
Pratt	Robert	Safety	County Of Kern
Smith	John	General	County Of Kern
Toledo	Robert	General	County Of Kern

# KCERA STATUS OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NAME	PLAN SPONSOR/ DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	DATE OF LAST CONTACT
Dobbs, Jacob	SHERIFF	9/4/2024	9/20//2024
Chow-Garcia, Arianne	SHERIFF	7/31/2024	8/12/2024
Fadel, Jamal	PUBLIC WORKS	5/23/2024	9/20//2024
NAME	PLAN SPONSOR/ DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	MMRO ASSIGNED
Linch, Valentine	FIRE	7/22/2024	9/24/2024
Mena, Aaron	FIRE	7/16/2024	9/30/2024
Taylor, Andre	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	6/20/2024	9/12/2024
Riel, Elise	SHERIFF	5/9/2024	8/12/2024
Mock, Tiffany	SHERIFF	4/30/2024	7/17/2024
Stewart, Emily	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	4/10/2024	7/2/2024
Mierta, Erica	SUPERIOR COURT	3/22/2024	7/2/2024
Geissel, Zachary	FIRE	2/28/2024	5/17/2024
Wells, Michael	FIRE / S   FIRE	2/23/2024	5/8/2024
Sutherland, Darrell	SHERIFF	2/8/2024	5/8/2024
Beyeler, Shawn	PUBLIC WORKS	12/14/2023	5/6/2024
Harbour, Leslie	SHERIFF	11/13/2023	3/14/2024
Brazeau, Bradley	FIRE	10/23/2023	1/26/2024
Lindley, Jeffrey	FIRE	9/27/2023	1/12/2024
De La Rosa, Alfred	SHERIFF	9/18/2023	12/18/2023
Rickels, Adam	SHERIFF	8/11/2023	10/11/2023
Stephan, Daren	PUBLIC WORKS	7/7/2023	9/15/2023
Norris, David	SHERIFF ESTABLES	5/26/2023	8/11/2023
Meeks, Sandra	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES	5/1/2023	7/18/2023
Fulmer, Evon	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	4/28/2023	7/18/2023
Muniz, Linda	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES	4/6/2023	6/26/2023
Romero, Anthony	FIRE	3/10/2023	6/19/2023
Gonzalez-Lopez, Rebecca	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	3/9/2023	6/19/2023

# KCERA STATUS OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NAME	PLAN SPONSOR/ DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	MMRO ASSIGNED
Guivas Smith, Loida	AGING AND ADULT SERVICES	3/8/2023	6/19/2023
Allen, Paul	SHERIFF	2/22/2023	4/25/2023
Mierta, Richard	SHERIFF	2/10/2023	4/25/2023
Harbour, Leslie	SHERIFF	2/9/2023	4/25/2023
Ramirez, Edward	SHERIFF	2/7/2023	4/25/2023
Lock, Ranna	SHERIFF	2/1/2023	4/25/2023
Inman Ferguson, Jill	KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	1/24/2023	4/10/2023
Monahan, Laura	KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY	1/3/2023	4/6/2023
Kimbrell, Tamara	SHERIFF	11/29/2022	3/23/2023
Dunlap, James	SHERIFF	11/1/2022	2/8/2023
Perez, Manuelita	PROBATION	10/27/2022	1/17/2023
Smith, Clifton	FIRE	8/15/2022	12/19/2022
Cockrell, June	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	8/11/2022	10/18/2022
Gaetzman, Travis	SHERIFF	8/10/2022	11/22/2022
Hartley-Anders, Kim	KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	8/9/2022	11/22/2022
Hudson, Richard	SHERIFF	8/8/2022	11/22/2022
Carrillo, Aaron	SHERIFF	7/15/2022	9/30/2022
Roden, Jim	SHERIFF	6/22/2022	9/30/2022
Pena, Armando	PROBATION	5/27/2022	9/19/2022
Hill, Sheldon	SHERIFF	5/27/2022	8/19/2022
Cano, Emma	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES	3/17/2022	8/19/2022
Fussel, Kathy	KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	11/3/2021	2/24/2022
Brannan, Derek	SHERIFF FCT 19/5	7/14/2021	11/22/2021
Leon, Theresa	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	7/7/2021	10/18/2021
Patton, Eric	SHERIFF	6/30/2021	11/22/2021
Sanders-Stubblefield, Misty	AGING AND ADULT SERVICES	2/25/2021	8/20/2021
McAdoo, John	SHERIFF	2/24/2021	8/20/2021

# KCERA STATUS OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

COMPLETED IN 2024					
NAME	DEPARTMENT	FILED	DATE COMPLETED		
Baker, Breanne	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	4/2/2020	5/1/2024		
Fleeman, Justin	SHERIFF	9/17/2020	6/12/2024		
Burchfield, James	PUBLIC WORKS-PUBLIC WAYS	11/17/2020	9/11/2024		
Cushman, Harris	SHERIFF	12/22/2020	2/14/2024		
Smith, Thomas Jr.	SHERIFF	3/16/2021	2/14/2024		
Williams, Theron	GENERAL SERVICES	5/12/2021	2/14/2024		
Introini, Jessica	SHERIFF	6/18/2021	4/10/2024		
Kauffman, Stephen	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	8/16/2021	6/12/2024		
Guandique, Sandra	RISK MANAGEMENT	10/15/2021	4/10/2024		
Gomez, Armando	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	4/29/2022	2/14/2024		
Fecke, Daniel	KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	6/15/2022	3/13/2024		
Rodriguez, Mark	FIRE	6/21/2022	6/12/2024		
Rice, Jerry	FIRE	7/7/2022	8/14/2024		
Gregory, Dolores	SHERIFF	8/16/2022	8/14/2024		
Morrison, James	SHERIFF	9/14/2022	8/14/2024		
Yanez, Alfred	SHERIFF	10/3/2022	9/11/2024		
Schmidt, Mark	FIRE	10/26/2022	6/12/2024		

# KCERA STATUS OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATIONS: APPEALS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NAME	DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	SDAG RECOMMENDATION	APPEAL RECEIVED	HEARING OFFICER SELECTED	STATUS
Bankston, Josh	SHERIFF	2/9/2021	SDAG to deny SCD	9/15/2023; 1/19/2024	3/1/2024	With Hearing Officer
Candelaria, Valorie	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	6/23/2021	SDAG to deny SCD	12/21/2023	1/17/2024	Service of Proposed Findings of Fact and Recommended Decision

HEARINGS COMPLETED IN 2024						
NAME	DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	DATE HEARING COMPLETED	BOARD DECISION		
Martinez de Moore, Brenda	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES	12/10/2018	4/1/2024	Board Denied Service-Connected Disability		

#### **SECURITIES LENDING**



#### **Summary Earnings Report**

**Run Time:** 10-Sep-2024 12:26 EDT

Date Range: 01-AUG-2024 To 31-AUG-2024

Location:Not specifiedCurrency:Not SpecifiedClient ID:Not SpecifiedMaster Client:CAKERNGrouping Type:NoneLevel:Individually

	Client ID	Average Contract Amount	Gross Earnings	DB Earnings	Client Earnings	Custody Account
KNCTY - Harvest Midstream	CAKE18	2,617,427.06	2,054.85	184.94	1,869.92	KNC15
KNCTY - PIMCO Midstream	CAKE19	18,611,040.86	5,647.53	508.28	5,139.26	KNC16
KNCTY PIMCO Core Plus	CAKE07	48,745,981.53	8,207.32	738.66	7,468.66	KNC11
KNCTY PIMCO EMD	CAKE08	718,535.65	418.28	37.65	380.64	KNC12
KNTCY - Alliance Bernstein	CAKE15	25,544,662.73	7,884.86	709.64	7,175.22	2664130
KNTCY - Geneva	CAKE16	14,531,771.06	4,235.97	381.24	3,854.74	2667336
KNTCY - Western Asset MGMT Co 01	CAKE03	5,565,745.93	2,013.66	181.23	1,832.43	KNC06
KNTCY - Western Asset MGMT Co 02	CAKE04	59,025,944.75	26,195.08	2,357.56	23,837.53	KNC08
	<b>CCY Total USD:</b>	175,361,109.57	56,657.57	5,099.18	51,558.39	

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#### KCERA ASSET ALLOCATION\* 8/31/2024

Manager Name	Туре	\$(000)	Current Allocation	Target Percentage	Variance Over Target (Under Target)	Variance Over Targe (Under Targ \$(000)
AllianceBernstein Geneva Capital	Small Cap Value Small Cap Growth	126,305 68,260	2.1% 1.1%		Domestic Equity R	ange
Mellon Capital Management EB DV	Large Cap Passive	692,012	11.5%		12.0% - 28.0%	S
PIMCO StockPlus Total Domestic Equity	Large Cap Enhanced	151,251 \$1,037,828	2.5% 17.3%	12 - 28%	17.3%	\$1,037,828
American Century	International Small	67,406	1.1%			
Cevian Capital II LP Dalton Japan Long Only	International Large International Small	47,917 60,967	0.8% 1.0%	Interna	tional Developed E 5.0% - 18.0%	quity Range
Lazard Japanese Equity Mellon Capital Management-EB DV	International Large International Large Passive	143,324 465,925	2.4% 7.8%		3.0% - 10.0%	
Total International Developed Equity		\$785,539	13.1%	5 - 18%	13.1%	\$785,539
ASB Direct Equity Carrhae Long Only	Emerging Markets Emerging Markets	70,000 70,000	1.2%		Emerging Marke	nts
DFA Emerging Markets Value Portfolio	Emerging Markets	56,189	0.9%		0.0% - 9.0%	
Mellon Emerging Markets Total Emerging Market Equity	Emerging Markets	120,893 \$317,082	2.0% 5.3%	0 - 9%	5.3%	\$317,082
OTAL EQUITY	Core	\$2,140,449 171.633	35.6% 2.9%	33.0%	2.6%	\$158,849
Mellon Capital Management Ag Bond PIMCO CP	Core Plus	177,090	2.9%		Core Range 10.0% - 25.0%	
Western Asset Management - CP Total Core	Core Plus	58,498 \$407,221	1.0% 6.8%	15.0%	(8.2%)	(\$493,506
TCW Securitized Opportunities LP	Securitized Opportunities	93,554	1.6%			(+,
Western Asset Management - HY PIMCO EM Beta	High Yield Emerging Markets	173,695 215,824	2.9% 3.6%		Credit Range 5.0% - 10.0%	
Stone Harbor Global Funds	Emerging Markets Emerging Markets	41,779	0.7% <b>8.7%</b>	10.0%	(1.3%)	(675.000)
TOTAL FIXED INCOME		\$524,852 \$932,073	15.5%	25.0%	(9.5%)	(\$75,633) (\$569,139
Gresham Commodity Builder Fund Wellington Trust Company (WTC)	Active Active	44,833 207,921	0.7% 3.5%		Commodities Rai	nge
OTAL COMMODITIES	Active	\$252,754	4.2%	4.0%	0.0% - 8.0% 0.2%	\$12,560
Aristeia International Ltd Brevan Howard Fund Limited	Hedge Fund - Direct Hedge Fund - Direct	74,513 56,229	1.2% 0.9%			
D.E. Shaw Composite Fund	Hedge Fund - Direct	63,855	1.1%			
Elliott Associates, LP HBK Multi-Strategy Fund	Hedge Fund - Direct Hedge Fund - Direct	6,500 87,724	0.1% 1.5%		Hedge Fund Ran	ige
Hudson Bay Enhanced Fund LP	Hedge Fund - Direct	84,394	1.4%		5.0% - 15.0%	
Indus Pacific Opportunities Fund PIMCO Commodity Alpha Fund LLC	Hedge Fund - Direct Hedge Fund - Direct	50,230 83,199	0.8% 1.4%			
Pharo Macro Fund LTD Sculptor Enhanced Domestic Partners LP	Hedge Fund - Direct Hedge Fund - Direct	71,607 40,599	1.2% 0.7%			
OTAL HEDGE FUND		\$618,850	10.3%	10.0%	0.3%	\$18,365
ASB Capital Management Blue Owl Real Estate Fund VI	Core Core	121,560 11,858	2.0% 0.2%	(	Core Real Estate R	ange
JPMCB Strategic Property Fund	Core	108,108	1.8%		2.0% - 8.0%	
DAL CORE REAL ESTATE Davidson Kempner	Hedge Fund - Direct	<b>\$241,526</b> 60,602	4.0% 1.0%	5.0%	(1.0%)	(\$58,716)
Garda Fixed Income	Hedge Fund - Direct	65,301	1.1%	CE AI	lpha Pool Range 2.	0% - 6.0%
HBK Multi-Strategy Fund Hudson Bay Enhanced Fund LP	Hedge Fund - Direct Hedge Fund - Direct	60,845	0.0% 1.0%			
TAL CE ALPHA POOL Harvest Midstream	Midstream	\$186,748 168,839	3.1% 2.8%	4.0%	(0.9%)	(\$53,446)
PIMCO Midstream	Midstream	147,066	2.4%		am Energy Range (	
OTAL MIDSTREAM ENERGY Aristeia Select Opportunities II LP	Opportunistic	<b>\$315,905</b> 41,765	5.3% 0.7%	5.0%	0.3%	\$15,663
Pharo Opportunities Fund SPC	Opportunistic	10,000	0.2%	_		
Hudson Bay Special Opportunities Fund River Birch International Ltd	Opportunistic Opportunistic	2,902 4,714	0.0%	Орро	rtunistic Range 0.0	% - 10.0%
Sixth Street TAO Partners (D) OTAL OPPORTUNISTIC	Opportunistic	91,550	1.5%	0.0%	0.59/	6450.004
Abbott Capital Funds	Private Equity Fund of Funds	\$150,931 13,924	2.5% 0.2%	0.0%	2.5%	\$150,931
Blue Owl Strategic Equity HoldCo Blue Owl Strategic Equity Partners	Private Equity Private Equity	3,891	0.0%			
Brighton Park Capital Fund I	Private Equity	42,139	0.7%			
Brighton Park Capital Fund II Level Equity Growth Partners	Private Equity Private Equity	6,784 18,857	0.1%			
_GT Crown Global V & VI	Private Equity	45,163	0.8%			
Linden Capital Partners Longreach CAP Parners IV-JPY	Private Equity Private Equity	20,574 4,157	0.3%		Private Equity Ra	nge
Pantheon Funds	Private Equity Fund of Funds	7,352	0.1% 0.0%		0.0% - 10.0%	
Parthenon Investors VII Peak Rock	Private Equity Private Equity	1,461 19,777	0.3%			
OrbiMed Private Investments IX Rubicon Technology Partners IV	Private Equity Private Equity	2,717 10,109	0.0%			
Vista Foundation Fund IV	Private Equity	21,132	0.4%			
Warren Equity Partners Fund III and Fund IV WEP IV TS Co-Investment LP	Private Equity Private Equity	54,815 7,379	0.9% 0.1%			
TAL PRIVATE EQUITY		\$280,231	4.7%	5.0%	(0.3%)	(\$20,011)
Ares Pathfinder Fund II Ares Senior Direct Lending	Private Credit Private Credit	4,526 4,501	0.1%			
Blue Torch Credit Opportunites II	Private Credit	12,936	0.2%			
Blue Torch Credit Opportunities Fund III Brookfield Real Estate Finance Fund V	Private Equity Private Credit	23,889 15,983	0.4%			
Cerberus Levered Loan Opportunities Fund V LP	Private Credit	18,899	0.3%			
Colony Distressed Credit Fund Fortress Credit Opportunities Fund V	Private Credit Private Credit	15,883 31,522	0.3% 0.5%			
Fortress Lending Fund II (A) Fortress Lending Fund III (A)	Private Credit Private Credit	24,089 30,665	0.4% 0.5%		Private Credit Ra 0.0% - 13.0%	nge
H.I.G Bayside Loan Opportunity Fund	Private Credit	41,738	0.7%		2.2.3 10.070	
HPS Special Situations Opportunity Fund II ITE Rail Fund LP	Private Credit Private Credit	5,152 25,424	0.1%			
Magnetar Constellation Fund V	Private Credit	18,372	0.3%			
Oak Hill Advisors Structured Products Fund III LP OrbiMed Royalty & Credit Opportunities IV	Private Credit Private Credit	13,858 12,898	0.2% 0.2%			
Silver Point Specialty Credit Fund III Sixth Street TAO Partners (B)	Private Credit Private Credit	10,425 47,122	0.2% 0.8%			
TAL PRIVATE CREDIT		\$357,882	6.0%	8.0%	(2.0%)	(\$122,506
Covenant Apartment Fund X	Private Real Estate Private Real Estate	27,956 25,820	0.5% 0.4%			
Covenant Apartment Fund XI Invesco Real Estate Funds III & IV	Private Real Estate	146	0.0%			
Juniper Capital IV LP & Juniper High Noon Partners KSL Capital Partners VI, LP and ITS Parallel Funds	Private Real Estate	7,972 5,399	0.1% 0.1%	P	rivate Real Estate	Range
LBA Logistics Value Fund IX	Private Real Estate	18,457	0.3%		0.0% - 10.0%	
Landmark Real Estate Partners VIII & IX  Long Wharf Real Estate Partners VI	Private Real Estate Private Real Estate	32,565 33,458	0.5% 0.6%			
Merit Hill Self-Storage V, LP	Private Real Estate	14,464	0.2%			
Singerman Real Estate Opportunity Fund IV  TAL PRIVATE REAL ESTATE	Private Real Estate	18,073 \$184,310	0.3% 3.1%	5.0%	(1.9%)	(\$115,933
Northern Trust STIF	Short Term	53,458	0.9%			,
BlackRock Short Duration	Short Term Overlay	238,426 36,974	4.0% 0.6%		Cash Range	
Parametric					-6.0% - 2.0%	
Parametric Treasurers Pooled Cash	Short Term	12,237	0.2%			
Freasurers Pooled Cash Wells Fargo Bank PTAL CASH AND OVERLAY	Short Term Short Term	1,828 \$342,923	0.0% 5.7%	-4.0%	9.7%	\$583,117
Freasurers Pooled Cash Wells Fargo Bank PTAL CASH AND OVERLAY	Short Term Short Term Liquidation	1,828	0.0%	-4.0% 0.0%	9.7%	\$583,117 \$267

As Allocated to Managers \*\* \$6,004,849

\*This report reflects the strategic asset allocation policy adopted by the Board of Retirement May 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Physical securities market value only. Does not include notional market values of the overlay or capital efficiency program

# KCERA CASH FLOW POSITION AUGUST, 2024

### TREASURERS POOLED CASH

Beginning Cash Balance:		\$ 14,728,748
Employer Contributions	31,353,341	
Employee Contributions	4,828,533	
Service Purchases	45,697	
Miscellaneous	104,715	
Total Receipts:		36,332,287
Operating Expenses	(1,756,383)	
Investment Expenses	(67,500)	
Transfers-out	(37,000,000)	
Total Disbursements:		 (38,823,883)
Ending Cash Balance:		12,237,151
	WELLS FARGO BANK	
Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 1,291,838
Transfer In Northern Trust	1,000,000	
Transfer In TPC - County	37,000,000	
ACH Returns / Deletes	44,820	
Total Receipts:	11,020	38,044,820
ACH Benefit Payments	(32,557,643)	
Total Checks Paid	(353,596)	
Taxes Witholding Deposits	(4,596,790)	
Bank Services	(614)	
Total Disbursements:	. ,	(37,508,644)
WFB ending Balance		\$ 1,828,014

# KCERA CASH FLOW POSITION AUGUST, 2024

### NORTHERN TRUST

Beginning Cash Ba	lance:		\$ 107,890,520
Private Markets - Dis	stributions	7,382,671	
Commingled Funds	- Distributions	2,958,501	
Redemption	Western Asset Mgmt HY	30,000,000	
Parametric Overlay		65,000,000	
Blackrock Short Dura	ation	10,000,000	
Dividend and Interes	t Income	1,442,025	
Tax Recovery		2,687	
Class Action Procee	ds	399	
Interest		658,172	
Securities Lending E	arnings (NET)	37,998	
Total Receipts:			117,482,453
Capital Calls	Silver Point	(1,170,763)	
Capital Calls	Covenant	(2,550,000)	
Capital Calls	Crown Global	(1,200,000)	
Capital Calls	Brighton Park	(173,913)	
Capital Calls	Ares	(4,500,595)	
Capital Calls	Blue Owl	(3,890,829)	
Capital Calls	Orbimed	(3,000,000)	
Contribution	Carrhae	(70,000,000)	
Contribution	Wellington	(15,000,000)	
Contribution	Lazard	(15,000,000)	
Contribution	Geneva	(5,000,000)	
Contribution	AllianceBernstein	(10,000,000)	
Contribution	ABS Emerging Markets	(70,000,000)	
Contribution	Gresham	(10,000,000)	
Other Expenses		(11,940)	
Transfers-out		(1,000,000)	
Total Disbursemen	ts:		 (212,498,039)
Ending Cash Balan	ce:		\$ 12,874,934

# KERN COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION INVESTMENT FEES CASH FLOW REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Description	July	August	Total
Investment Base Fees:			
Domestic Equity:			
AllianceBernstein	184,947.38		184,947.38
Henderson Geneva Capital		107,551.00	107,551.00
Mellon Capital			0.00
International Equity:			
Lazard	88,929.76		88,929.76
Fixed Income:			
Mellon Capital (Agg Bond)			0.00
Pacific Investment Management Company		308,677.30	308,677.30
Western Asset Management		207,750.22	207,750.22
Commodities:		,	,
Wellington Trust Company			0.00
Real Estate:			
ASB Capital Management		239,009.78	239,009.78
Midstream Energy:		_00,0000	
Harvest Midstream	285,400.15		285,400.15
Cash & Overlay	200, 100.10		200, 100. 10
BlackRock	128,989.29		128,989.29
Parametric	120,000.20	70,948.00	70,948.00
Subtotal	688,266.58	933,936.30	1,622,202.88
Investment Professional Fees:	000,200.00	000,000.00	1,022,202.00
Consulting:			
Abel Noser			0.00
Albourne America LLC	33,333.33	33,333.33	66,666.66
Cambridge Associates	00,000.00	00,000.00	0.00
Glass, Lewis & Co.	7,950.00		7,950.00
Nasdaq Evestment	7,000.00		0.00
Two Sigma	11,250.00		11,250.00
Verus	34,166.67	34,166.67	68,333.34
Consulting - Other Expenses	34,100.07	34,100.07	0.00
Custodial:			0.00
The Northern Trust Co.			0.00
			0.00
Legal:			0.00
Foley & Lardner LLP			
Hanson Bridgett LLP Nossaman LLP	E 4E7 00	E4 702 20	0.00
	5,457.00	54,792.20	60,249.20
Due Diligence / Investment-Related Travel:	02 457 00	422 202 20	24.4.40.20
Subtotal	92,157.00	122,292.20 1,056,228.50	214,449.20 1,836,652.08
Total Investment Fees	780,423.58	1,030,220.30	1,030,032.08

# KCERA Operating Expense Budget Status Report For the Month Ended August 31, 2024

Expense Type	Budget FY 2024/25	Expenses	Over (Under)
Personnel Costs			
Salaries	4,531,471	658,998	(3,872,473)
Benefits	2,770,224	372,410	(2,397,814)
Total Personnel Costs	7,301,695	1,031,408	
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Staff Development			
Education & professional development	120,000	19,588	(100,412)
Staff appreciation	4,600	-	(4,600)
Total Staff Development	124,600	19,588	(105,012)
Professional Services			
Actuarial fees	250,000		(250,000)
Audit fees	202,875	19,640	(183,235)
Consultant fees	115,000	13,040	(115,000)
Disability services	575,000	24,017	(550,983)
Investment consultants	1,657,400	106,200	(1,551,200)
Legal fees	430,000	172	(429,828)
Total Professional Services *	3,230,275	150,029	(3,080,246)
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Office Expenses			
Building expenses	158,000	8,448	(149,552)
Communication platforms	60,110	13,884	(46,226)
Equipment lease & maintenance	22,100	7,551	(14,549)
Member engagement	44,200	-	(44,200)
Subscriptions & memberships	35,000	5,944	(29,056)
Office supplies & misc. admin.	100,000	4,209	(95,791)
Payroll & accounts payable fees	25,000	656	(24,344)
Postage	30,000	592	(29,408)
Other services - Kern County	40,000	-	(40,000)
Utilities	18,000	655	(17,345)
Total Office Expenses	532,410	41,939	(490,471)
Insurance	198,410	<u>-</u>	198,410
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Information Technology Systems			
Audit-security & vulnerability scan	15,000	-	(15,000)
Business continuity expenses	16,050	-	(16,050)
Hardware	78,211	30,335	(47,876)
Licensing & support	217,523	50,060	(167,463)
Special project - accounting aoftware upgrades	35,000	-	(35,000)
Software	335,518	78,841	(256,677)
Website design & hosting	13,200	3,300	(9,900)
Total Information Technology Systems	710,502	162,536	(547,966)
Board of Retirement			
Board compensation	12,000	-	(12,000)
Board conferences & training	50,000	16,305	(33,695)
Board elections	75,000	-	(75,000)
Board meetings	8,500	126	(8,374)
Total Board of Retirement	145,500	16,431	(129,069)
Depreciation	245,956	40,993	195,825
Total Operating Expenses	12,489,348	1,462,924	(10,228,816)
* Includes prior period adjustments for non-admin in			(10,220,010)

 $<sup>\</sup>boldsymbol{^*}$  Includes prior period adjustments for non-admin investment consulting and legal services.



#### Memorandum from the Office of

The Chief Executive Officer

Dominic D. Brown

Date: October 9, 2024

**To:** Trustees, Board of Retirement

From: Dominic D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** Initiation of Service Provider Evaluation Period

The Board of Retirement's Evaluation Period Policy was established to help ensure that decisions involving the selection, retention, or termination of KCERA service providers are consistent with fiduciary standards of conduct, and that service providers being considered by KCERA are treated fairly.

An "evaluation period" may be initiated by the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") in the following situations:

- a) when a request for proposals (RFP) has been issued by KCERA or a short list of candidate firms has been identified for consideration by KCERA, or
- b) the Board otherwise deems it to be in the best interest of KCERA and its members and beneficiaries to do so.

The CEO has exercised his discretion and initiated the evaluation period for the following providers:

- 1) Aristotle Pacific
- 2) Federated Hermes
- 3) Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
- 4) Level Equity Partners
- 5) Linden Capital Partners
- 6) Loomis, Sayles & Company
- 7) MFS Investment Management

Trustees are required to comply with the evaluation period restrictions upon receipt of this notification. (See Board Communications Policy).

During evaluation periods, trustees shall not communicate with the specified service providers, except during board meetings, committee meetings, or KCERA-authorized due diligence visits; nor shall they accept meals, travel, hotel, or other types of gifts from the specified service providers. Notwithstanding the above, Trustees who need to communicate with such service providers for reasons unrelated to KCERA business agree to disclose such need to the Board beforehand. If circumstances do not permit timely disclosure to the Board, the trustee shall provide disclosure of the intended communication to the CEO and to the Chair or Vice-Chair.

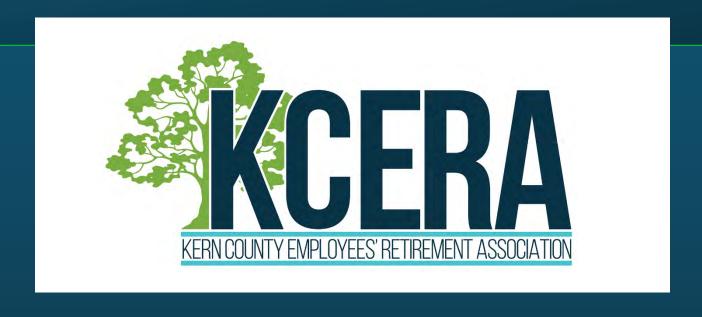
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Service providers that breach this policy may be terminated by KCERA or disqualified from consideration in a search process. Board members who breach this policy may be sanctioned in accordance with the KCERA Code of Conduct.

(See Evaluation Period Policy).

Pursuant to the aforementioned policies, your Board is asked to ratify the above evaluation period I recently initiated.





SPECIAL PAY CODE CLASSIFICATIONS



Dept./BU	Code	Title	Details	Legal Authority
KCHA	GJ	High Risk Delivery Nurse  INCLUDED FOR LEGACY MEMBERS  EXCLUDED FOR PEPRA MEMBERS	\$2.00/hr premium pay for Registered Nurses designated as a high-risk delivery nurse for every hour worked during that shift. The nurse will have to successfully complete a program to be eligible to receive the pay.  Per side letter agreement, some eligible nurses will receive \$3.00/hr from 1/1/2024-7/26/2024 and \$2.00/hr for 7/27/2024 through the MOU term.  Clinical Nurse Leaders are not eligible for this pay if designated as high-risk delivery nurse during shift.  Approved 8/21/2024 by Board of Governors	Not excluded from compensation earnable by Cal. Gov. Code section 31461  Excluded from pensionable compensation by Cal. Gov. Code section 7522.34(c)(1), (3), (7), (10)-(12); Alameda Decision.



Dept./BU	Code	Title	Details	Legal Authority
KCHA	MI	Military Leave INCLUDED FOR ALL MEMBERS	Per CA Military and Veterans Code section 395.01, public employees who report to military duty should be paid in full for the first 30 days of military service. It will be paid at their regular rate of pay.  Approved 8/19/2024 by HA CEO	CA Military and Veterans Code section 395.01, Cal. Gov. Code section 31649.  Not excluded from compensation earnable by Cal. Gov. Code section 31461  Not excluded from pensionable compensation by Cal. Gov. Code section 7522.34

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL ALLOWANCE DESIGNATIONS DISPLAY THE SPECIAL ALLOWANCES CLASSIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO KCERA BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCES POLICY & CA SUPREME COURT ALAMEDA DECISION (7/30/2020)

### **COMPENSATION EARNABLE**

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL ALLOWANCES ARE CONSIDERED COMPENSATION EARNABLE FOR APPLICABLE MEMBERS (MEMBERSHIP BEFORE 1/1/2013).

SPECIAL ALLOWANCE					
CODE	FULL LEGEND				
GJ	HIGH RISK DELIVERY NURSE				
MI	MILITARY LEAVE				

### PENSIONABLE COMPENSATION

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL ALLOWANCES ARE CONSIDERED PENSIONABLE COMPENSATION FOR APPLICABLE MEMBERS (MEMBERSHIP ON OR AFTER 1/1/2013).

	SPECIAL ALLOWANCE
CODE	FULL LEGEND
MI	MILITARY LEAVE

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL ALLOWANCES ARE <u>NOT</u> CONSIDERED PENSIONABLE COMPENSATION FOR APPLICABLE MEMBERS (MEMBERSHIP ON OR AFTER 1/1/2013).

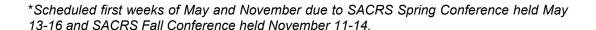
SPECIAL ALLOWANCE					
CODE	<u>FULL LEGEND</u>				
GJ	HIGH RISK DELIVERY NURSE				

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

January	Dark – No meeting	July	Dark – No meeting
February 12	Board of Retirement	August 13	Board of Retirement
March 12	Board of Retirement	September 10	Board of Retirement
April 9	Board of Retirement	October 8	Board of Retirement
May 7*	Board of Retirement	November 5*	Board of Retirement
June 11	Board of Retirement	December 10	Board of Retirement

Board of Retirement meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the KCERA Board Room, located at 11125 River Run Boulevard, Bakersfield, California. The Administrative, Finance, Investment, and Nominating Committees meet periodically throughout the year, as necessary.

ANY SCHEDULING CHANGES WILL BE NOTED ON AGENDAS



#### CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK AS TO RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF THE RETIREMENT GENERAL ELECTION **HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN

I. AIMEE X. ESPINOZA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, County of Kern, State of California, HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to law, I did canvass the results of the votes cast in the Retirement General Election held in the County of Kern on September 17, 2024 for the measure that was submitted to the vote of the voters, and that the Statement of Votes Cast, to which this certificate is attached is full, true, and correct.

#### STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST **Retirement General Election September 17, 2024**

Number of Ballots Cast: 406/9828

General 2<sup>nd</sup> Member (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	406/9928	

General 2 <sup>nd</sup> Member	Total	
Travis Andreas	105	26%
Ajaib Gill	189	47%
Juan Gonzalez Ramos	99	24%
Audel Contreras	13	3%
Total Votes	406	100.00%

IN WITNESS HEREOF I do hereby set my hand and the Official Seal this 20th day of September 2024.

Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

County of Kern

State of California

# CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY CLERK AS TO RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF THE RETIREMENT SAFETY ELECTION HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN

I, AIMEE X. ESPINOZA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, County of Kern, State of California, HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to law, I did canvass the results of the votes cast in the Retirement Safety Election held in the County of Kern on September 17, 2024 for the measure that was submitted to the vote of the voters, and that the Statement of Votes Cast, to which this certificate is attached is full, true, and correct.

#### STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

# Retirement Safety Election September 17, 2024

Number of Ballots Cast: 23/2204

Safety Alternate 7th Member (Vote for 1)

	Total	
Times Cast	23/2204	

Safety Alternate 7th Member	Total	
Vidal Dustin Contreras	19	83%
Unqualified Write-Ins	4	17%
Total Votes	23	100.00%

IN WITNESS HEREOF I do hereby set my hand and the Official Seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

County of Kern State of California



#### Memorandum from the Office of

The Chief Executive Officer

Dominic Brown

Date: October 9, 2024

**To:** Trustees, Board of Retirement

**From:** Dominic D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** SACRS Fall Conference

Monterey, California November 12-15, 2024

In accordance with the Travel Policy approved by the Board of Retirement on April 13, 2022, I have attached information concerning the above-captioned meeting, as follows:

- Agenda and supporting information on the pertinence and relevance of attendance to a fiduciary – Preliminary agenda is attached
- Specific information as to whether staff or members of the Board will serve as a speaker or panel participant – None
- Specific information concerning the estimated total travel cost involved, including the estimated costs to be borne by KCERA and those costs borne by the conference sponsor

The topic list is timely and relevant to the administration of the retirement system. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board approve the attendance of Trustees Dustin Contreras, David Couch, Deon Duffey, Phil Franey, Juan Gonzalez, Jordan Kaufman, Rick Kratt, and John Sanders.

Attachment

Travel Subject	SACRS Spring Conference
Sponsor	SACRS
Date(s)	November 12-15
Location	Monterey, CA
Proposed Attendee(s)_	Contreras, Couch, Duffey, Franey, Gonzalez, Kaufman, Kratt, Sanders

#### Estimated Total Travel Cost \$11,868.16

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Description		C	omputation			Contreras	Couch	Duffey	Franey	Gonzalez	Kaufman	Kratt	Sanders	Totals	KCERA	Sponsor
Registration fees			\$120.00		=	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	960.00	960.00	
Lodging expense	3	nights @	\$ 255.32	/night	=	765.96	765.96	765.96	765.96	765.96	765.96	765.96	765.96	6,127.68	6,127.68	
Per diem meals reimbursement:	4	days @	\$ 74.00	/day	=	296.00	296.00	296.00	296.00	296.00	296.00	296.00	296.00			
Less meals provided by sponsor	3 Breakfas	st, 2 Lunch, 1	I Dinner =	\$126.54	=	(\$126.54)	(\$126.54)	(\$126.54)	(\$126.54)	(\$126.54)	(\$126.54)	(\$126.54)	(\$126.54)			\$1,012.32
Total meals expense					=									2,368.00	1,355.68	
Shuttle/taxicab expense		Ta	axi Estimate		=									-	-	
Airfare			\$0.00		=	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	
Vehicle-related expenses:					=	-	-	-	ı	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Parking	4	days @	35.00	/day	=	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	1,120.00	1,120.00	
Mileage	430	miles @	0.670	/mile (Trustee)	=	288.10	288.10	288.10	288.10	288.10	288.10	288.10	288.10	2,304.80	2,304.80	
Totals					=	1,483.52	1,483.52	1,483.52	1,483.52	1,483.52	1,483.52	1,483.52	1,483.52	\$ 12,880.48	\$ 11,868.16	\$ 1,012.32



#### **Preliminary Agenda**

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Time	Session Title
2:00 pm - 6:30 pm	SACRS REGISTRATION

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING SESSIONS

#### **DISABILITY TRAINING**

The Disability Retirement Breakout is an educational breakout session designed to provide attendees with valuable insights and information on various Disability Retirement subjects. This session aims to empower individuals, whether they are employees, trustees, or members, with the knowledge and resources needed to navigate the complexities of disability retirement. This includes understanding eligibility criteria, application processes, legal rights, and financial considerations. Moreover, the program creates a platform for attendees to connect, share experiences, and network within the disability retirement community. Who should attend: Employees considering disability retirement options, employers seeking to support employees in the retirement process, disability advocates and support professionals, human resources and benefits managers, and anyone interested in gaining a better understanding of disability retirement.

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### ETHICS TRAINING FOR TRUSTEES AND STAFF: MORE THAN A CONCEPT

This ethics training provides the information required for biannual training of public officials in California by AB 1234, and it also addresses key considerations for those public officials whose responsibilities arise from their role as trustees or executives of public retirement systems. \*This class has been approval for MCLE credit.

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING FOR LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS

Nossaman LLP attorneys John Kennedy and Allison Callaghan will present "Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Local Agency Officials (AB1661)." AB 1661 requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to its officials, then all local agency officials of the agency shall receive at least two hours of sexual harassment prevention and



education training within the first six months of taking office or commencing employment and every two years thereafter. This interactive training session will meet the requirements under AB 1661 and AB 1825 (sexual harassment prevention training to employees who perform supervisory functions) and assist attendees in preventing inappropriate conduct in the workplace. \*This class has been approval for MCLE credit.

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

#### SACRS NETWORKING RECEPTION

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Time	Session Title
7:00 am – 8:00 am	SACRS WELLNESS SESSION – YOGA  Fitting in fitness when away from home is often difficult, but not during SACRS 2024 Fall Conference! We bring a yoga class onsite to start your day the right way. This class, led by a certified yoga instructor, is intended for everyone, beginner to expert. Water and towels provided. Pre-registration is required to participate for conference attendees & guests and a \$15 participation fee.
7:30 am – 6:30 pm	SACRS REGISTRATION
7:30 am – 8:30 am	SACRS BREAKFAST
8:45 am – 9:00 am	SACRS WELCOME – David MacDonald, Trustee, Contra Costa CERA and SACRS President
9:00 am – 10:00 am	KEYNOTE GENERAL SESSION
10:00 am -10:30 am	SACRS NETWORKING BREAK
10:30 am -11:30 am	GENERAL SESSION
11:40 am -12:40 pm	GENERAL SESSION
12:40 pm – 1:45 pm	SACRS LUNCH
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	SACRS BREAKOUTS
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	ADMINISTRATORS BREAKOUT – Closed Session



2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	AFFILIATE BREAKOUT
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	ATTORNEY'S BREAKOUT
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	INTERNAL AUDITORS' BREAKOUT
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	INVESTMENT BREAKOUT
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	OPERATIONS/BENEFITS BREAKOUT
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	SAFETY BREAKOUT
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	TRUSTEE BREAKOUT
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	SACRS ANNUAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENT

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Time	Session Title
7:00 am – 8:00 am	SACRS FUN RUN Your morning starts off with an additional opportunity for teambuilding and networking, while enjoying the early morning air. A SACRS tradition, the 3-mile Fun Run and Walk course is the perfect way to get energized for the conference day ahead. Designed for the walker, jogger, or runner, the course is flat and paved. Pocket maps, Fun Run Swag, water, and a snack at the end of the course will be provided. Volunteers will be located along the route to assist with directions and encouragement. Pre-registration is required to participate for conference attendees & guests and a \$15 participation fee.
7:30 am – 6:30 pm	SACRS REGISTRATION
7:30 am – 8:30 am	SACRS BREAKFAST
8:45 am – 9:00 am	SACRS VOLUNTEER AWARDS – David MacDonald, Trustee, Contra Costa CERA and SACRS President
9:00 am – 10:00 am	GENERAL SESSION
10:00 am –10:30 am	SACRS NETWORKING BREAK
10:30 am –11:30 am	GENERAL SESSION



11:40 am –12:40 pm	GENERAL SESSION
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	SACRS LUNCH
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	SACRS CONCURRENT SESSIONS
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	CONCURRENT SESSION A
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	CONCURRENT SESSION B
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	CONCURRENT SESSION C
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3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	SACRS NETWORKING BREAK
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSION A
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSION B
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSION C
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	CONCURRENT SESSION D
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	SACRS COMMITTEE MEETINGS
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	SACRS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	SACRS NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	SACRS AFFILIATE COMMITTEE MEETING
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	SACRS RECEPTION

# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Time	Session Title
7:30 am – 8:30 am	SACRS BREAKFAST
9:00 am – 10:00am	GENERAL SESSION
10:00 am _ 10:15 am	SACRS NETWORKING BREAK
10.00 am – 10.13 am	SACKS NETWORKING BREAK
10:15 am – 11:30 am	SACRS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



#### Memorandum from the Office of

The Chief Executive Officer

Dominic Brown

Date: October 9, 2024

**To:** Trustees, Board of Retirement

**From:** Dominic D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject: 2024 Fortress Credit Annual Conference** 

Dallas, Texas

October 15-17, 2024

I have attached information concerning the above-captioned meeting, as follows:

- Agenda and supporting information on the pertinence and relevance of the following staff attendance – Senior Investment Officer Geoff Nolan
- Specific information as to whether staff will serve as a speaker or panel participant None
- Specific information concerning the estimated total travel cost involved, including the estimated costs to be borne by KCERA and those costs borne by the conference sponsor

The topic list is timely and relevant to the administration of the retirement system. Therefore, it is recommended that your Board receive and file.

Attachments

Travel Subject	2024 Fortress Credit Annual Conference	
Date(s)	October 15 - 17, 2024	
Location	Dallas, Texas	
Proposed Attendee(s)	Geoff Nolan	

#### **Estimated Total Travel Cost**

\$2,750.03

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Description	Computation		Nolan	Totals	KCERA	Sponsor
Registration fees	\$0.00	=	\$0.00	-	-	
Lodging expense	3 nights @ \$ 599.26 /night	=	1,797.78	1,797.78	1,797.78	
Per diem meals reimbursement:	4 days @ \$ 80.00 /day	=	320.00			
Less meals provided by sponsor	2 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 2 Dinner = \$183.20	=	(\$183.20)			\$183.20
Total meals expense		=		320.00	136.80	
Shuttle/taxicab expense		=	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Airfare		=	\$675.45	\$675.45	675.45	
Vehicle-related expenses:		=	-	-	-	
Parking	4 days @ 10.00 /day	=	40.00	40.00	40.00	
Miloago	miles @ 0.395 /mile (Department Head)	=	-	-	-	
Mileage	miles @ 0.670 /mile (Staff, Trustee)	=	-	-	-	
Rental car		=	-	-	-	
Rental car gasoline		=	-	-	-	
Totals		=	2,750.03	\$ 2,933.23	\$ 2,750.03	\$ 183.20



2024 Fortress Credit Conference Agenda
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dallas
2121 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>™</sup>

Fortress Legal Assets Fund Fortress Intellectual Property Opportunities Funds

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11:00am – 12:00pm **Registration & Lunch** 

12:00pm – 2:30pm Fortress Legal Assets Fund

Market Outlook & Investment Reviews

3:00pm – 5:30pm Fortress Intellectual Property Opportunities Funds

Market Outlook & Investment Reviews

Guest Speaker: Andrei lancu, Partner at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP,

Former Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

6:00pm Welcome Drinks & Dinner (Casual Attire)

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4205 Buena Vista Street



# 2024 Fortress Credit Conference Agenda The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dallas 2121 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

Fortress Credit Opportunities Funds

(Central Time) **Registration & Breakfast** 7:30am - 8:30am **Welcome Remarks & Investment Outlook** 8:30am - 9:30am **Performance Review** 9:30am - 10:00am Fortress Credit Opportunities Funds – Investment Reviews 10:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch Options: Main Networking Lunch Fortress European NPL Opportunities Discussion & Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm **Guest Speaker: A Fireside Chat with General Mattis** General Jim Mattis, Former Secretary of Defense and Retired Marine General Fortress Credit Opportunities Funds – Investment Reviews cont. 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Cocktail Reception at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel** 5:00pm - 6:00pm **Investor Dinner (Casual Attire)** 6:15pm Sixty Vines Located in Crescent Court 500 Crescent Ct Suite 160



#### 2024 Fortress Credit Conference Agenda The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dallas 2121 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**

Fortress Lending Funds

(Central Time) 8:00am - 9:00am **Registration & Breakfast** 9:00am - 9:30am Panel: Opportunities and Challenges when embracing Artificial Intelligence Moderated by: Marc Furstein, President Assunta Gaglione-Austin, Chief Technology Officer of Fortress Panelists: Wes Field, Senior Architect, Palantir Technologies Raymond Endres, Managing Director - Al Initiatives, Fortress 9:30am - 12:00pm **Fortress Lending Funds** Market Outlook & Investment Reviews 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch



#### Memorandum from the Office of

The Chief Executive Officer

Dominic Brown

Date: October 9, 2024

**To:** Trustees, Board of Retirement

**From:** Dominic D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: P2F2 21st Annual Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana October 27-30, 2024

I have attached information concerning the above-captioned meeting, as follows:

- Agenda and supporting information on the pertinence and relevance of the following staff attendance – Chief Financial Officer Angela Kruger, CPFO, and Member Services Manager Cory Pruett
- Specific information as to whether staff will serve as a speaker or panel participant None
- Specific information concerning the estimated total travel cost involved, including the
  estimated costs to be borne by KCERA and those costs borne by the conference sponsor

The topic list is timely and relevant to the administration of the retirement system. Therefore, it is recommended that your Board receive and file.

Attachments

Travel Subject	P2F2 21st Annual Conference
Date(s)	October 27- 30, 2024
Location	Indianapolis, Indiana
Proposed Attendee(s)	Angela Kruger, Cory Pruett

#### Estimated Total Travel Cost

#### \$6,439.40

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Description	Computation		Kruger	Pruett	Totals	KCERA	Sponsor
Registration fees	\$925.00	=	\$925.00	\$925.00	\$1,850.00	1,850.00	
Lodging expense	5 nights @ \$ 273.36 /night	=	1,366.80	1,366.80	2,733.60	2,733.60	
Per diem meals reimbursement:	5 days @ \$ 80.00 /day	=	400.00	400.00			
Less meals provided by sponsor	0 Breakfast, 3 Lunch, 1 Dinner = \$109.60	=	(\$109.60)	(\$109.60)			\$219.20
Total meals expense		=			800.00	580.80	
Shuttle/taxicab expense		=	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Airfare		=	\$725.00	\$450.00	\$1,175.00	1,175.00	
Vehicle-related expenses:		=	-	-	-	-	
Parking	- days @/day	=	-	-	-	-	
Mileage	miles @ 0.395 /mile (Department Head)	=	-	-	-	-	
Mileage	miles @ 0.670 /mile (Staff, Trustee)	=	-	-	-	-	
Rental car		=	-	350.00	-	-	
Rental car gasoline		=	-	-	-	-	
Totals		=	\$3,407.20	\$3,382.20	\$ 6,658.60	\$ 6,439.40	\$ 219.20

# P2F2 21st Annual Conference Indianapolis, Indiana

#### **CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

**DRAFT - Subject to Change** 

#### Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time	CPE	Session Name	Location
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM		Registration Desk Open	Studio Lounge

#### **Preconference Seminar**

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM		Lunch for Preconference Attendees	Cosmopolitan Ballroom
Mid-session		Preconference seminar will have a 15-minute break approximately mid-session.	Cosmopolitan Foyer
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM	3.0	The Yard of Bricks: Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans - From the Basics to Complex Issues David Bean	Regency Ballroom A - D

#### **Main Conference**

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	1.0	Crossroads of American Public Pensions: Investment and Banking Considerations for the Future Erin Graham, Kevin Herbert, Floyd Simpson, Ron Trimmer	Regency Ballroom A - D
1:50 PM - 2:00 PM		Scanning Break (10 minutes)	
2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	1.0	The 2024 Elections and the Implications for Investors Greg Valliere	Regency Ballroom A - D
2:50 PM - 3:05 PM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
3:05 PM - 4:45 PM	2.0	The Science of Ethics - Getting a Black and White Flag Dr. Toby Groves	Regency Ballroom A - D
4:45 PM - 5:15 PM		New Member Welcome / Orientation	Regency Ballroom A - D
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM		Conference Welcome Reception	Cosmopolitan Foyer

#### Monday, October 28, 2024

Time	CPE	Session Name	Location
7:30 AM - 5:15 PM		Registration Desk Open	Studio Lounge
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM		Welcome Remarks, Conference Logistics, and Sponsor Introductions  Mark Whelan	Regency Ballroom A - D
9:00 AM - 10:40 AM	2.0	Start Your Engines - Artificial Intelligence is Off! Chris Connelly, Charles Quinlan	Regency Ballroom A - D
10:40 AM - 10:55 AM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
10:55 AM - 11:45 AM	1.0	Staying on Track With GASB Alan Skelton	Regency Ballroom A - D
11:45 AM - 1:00	PM	Lunch	Cosmopolitan Ballroom
		Avoiding the Crash and Improving Footnotes  Abbie Belthoff, Brad Berls	Regency Ballroom A - B
	1.0	Yellow Flag Lap for Regulatory Changes  Jeff Mahoney	Regency Ballroom C - D
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM		Year-End Closing Processes James Hammer, Colleen Laven	Concept A - D
		No Latitude! Your Attitude Must Be One of Gratitude! Dr. Seuss' Guide to Contentment, Positivity and Joy! Neil Ihde	Regency Ballroom E - F
		Time For a Pit Stop - How to Make a Smooth Transition to a New ERP Laura Null	Network
1:50 PM - 2:05 PM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
		Pension PIR ReportWhat It Is and What It Is Not!  Alan Skelton	Regency Ballroom A - B
		International Investments Taxation Update Sarah Belin, Danielle Clark, Aine O'Connor, Lisa Parnell, Kelly Sullivan	Regency Ballroom C - D
2:05 PM - 2:55 PM	1.0	Delinquencies and Correcting Omissions  Dellanta Butler, James Gray, Michael Obermeyer	Concept A - D
		Navigating the Ten Tensions of Leadership Neil Ihde	Regency Ballroom E - F
		Data Analytics - Visualizations 101 Brittany Smith, Mitch Thompson	Network
2:55 PM - 3:25 F	PM	Ice Cream Social (30 Minues)	Cosmopolitan Foyer

		Navigating the SOC Speedway: Accelerating Trust and Control Sandi Carrier, Sarah Pavelek, Jenny Trotta, Dessy Widjaja	Regency Ballroom A - B	
		At the Starting Line - How Investments Work Jeffrey Berman, Joanne Tarazi	Regency Ballroom C - D	
3:25 PM - 5:05 PM	2.0	Lapping 'Round the Employer Reporting Table - Employer Reporting Topics  Mark Whelan, Jason Willett, Todd Wolford	Concept A - D	
		Power Up! Danielle Clark, Lisa Parnell	Regency Ballroom E - F	
		Data Analytics - Visualizations 201 Samuel Bleyle, Brittany Smith	Network	
Dinner On Your Own - Explore Indianapolis Cuisine				

#### Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Time	CPE	Session Name	Location
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM		Registration Desk Open	Studio Lounge
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	1.0	Game Time! How to Create Massive Success Before You Roll the Dice!  Dr. Karim R. Ellis	Regency Ballroom A - D
8:50 AM - 9:00 AM		Scanning Break (10 minutes)	
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	1.0	At the Crossroads: Navigating Market Dynamics at Indy Speed Ryan Boyle	Regency Ballroom A - D
9:50 AM - 10:05 AM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM	1.0	Million Dollar Question: Which Measure Reflects My True Pension Plan Liability?  Mita Drazilov, Shana Neeson	Regency Ballroom A - D
10:55 AM - 11:10 AM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	1.0	Kiss the Bricks with a Tax Update! Lisa Erb Harrison	Regency Ballroom A - D
12:00 PM - 1:15	PM	Business Lunch	Cosmopolitan Ballroom
		What the Public Really Wants to Know About Public Pension Plans - Highlights That Should be Included in the MD&A <i>Jen Aras, Kevin Smith</i>	Regency Ballroom A - B
		AI in Alternative Investment Accounting BNY	Regency Ballroom C - D

1:15 PM - 2:05 PM	1.0	Revving Into Implementation Change Without a Pit Stop  Mark Nannini, Ray Smith	Concept A - D
		What Shoe Are You? Lori Randall	Regency Ballroom E - F
		Fan Friendly ACFR Processes Rachel Ormsby, Jeremy Pond	Network
2:05 PM - 2:20 PM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
		Fueling Financial Success: Budgeting Best Practices Rob Dolphin, Mark Nannini, Anna Williams	Regency Ballroom A - B
		Racing Ahead - Valuing Illiquid Assets with GIPS Standards  John Simpson	Regency Ballroom C - D
2:20 PM - 3:10 PM	1.0	Leading Your Employer's Victory Lane Chris Castle, Mark Chi, Katie Tucker	Concept A - D
		How to Be a Great Long-Distance Teammate Kevin Eikenberry	Regency Ballroom E - F
		Winning Technology for AI and the Future of Investing Bryan Lenker	Network
3:10 PM - 3:25 PM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
		Navigating the Resource Racetrack: Unleashing the AICPA SLG Audit Guide!  Amanda Cronk	Regency Ballroom A - B
		Securities Lending and Collateral Optimization Chad Papson, Lori Paris	Regency Ballroom C - D
3:25 PM - 4:15 PM	1.0	Off to the Races: Recent Areas of Inquiry by the IRS and How to Handle IRS Notices  Audra Ferguson-Allen, Lindsay Knowles	Concept A - D
		How Leaders Create and Manage Remote and Hybrid Teams Kevin Eikenberry	Regency Ballroom E - F
		Full Throttle Transformation: Creating Winning Experiences Enabled by Low-Code CRM Dave Klimek, Indiana Public Retirement System	Network
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM		Evening Event - Dallara IndyCar Factory	

#### Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time	CPE	Session Name	Location
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM		Registration Desk Open	Studio Lounge
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	1.0	Still Going Around the Track in Circles? Legislative Update Leigh Snell	Regency Ballroom A - D
8:50 AM - 9:00 AM		Scanning Break (10 minutes)	
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	1.0	Reroutes to the Actuarial GPS  Molly Calcagno, Ed Koebel	Regency Ballroom A - D
9:50 AM - 10:05 AM		BREAK (15 minutes)	Cosmopolitan Foyer
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM	1.0	Cybersecurity and Protecting Members and Retirees: Fraud Program Insights  Tonya Brown	Regency Ballroom A - D
10:55 AM - 11:05 AM		Scanning Break (10 minutes)	
11:05 AM - 11:55 AM	1.0	Let's Rev Up from Excel to Power BI Karl Greve, Lawrence Mundy	Regency Ballroom A - D
11:55 AM		Adjourn	



#### Memorandum from the Office of

The Chief Investment Officer Daryn Miller

Date: October 9, 2024

**To:** Trustees, Board of Retirement

From: Daryn Miller, CFA, Chief Investment Officer

Geoff Nolan, Senior Investment Officer Melekte Yohannes, Investment Analyst

**Subject:** Bank Loan Recommendation

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a \$180MM investment in the KKR US Broadly Syndicated Loan Fund ("Fund"). The Fund will pursue a bank loan investment mandate, and will be part of KCERA's ("Plan") Fixed Income allocation, specifically the Credit sleeve.

#### FIXED INCOME CREDIT ALLOCATION

The Fixed Income allocation is comprised of two sleeves, the Core sleeve and the Credit sleeve. As stated in the Plan's Investment Policy Statement ("IPS"), Fixed Income has primary and secondary objectives. The primary objective is to provide "liquidity as well as risk mitigation", this goal is generally met by the Core sleeve. The secondary objectives are "income generation and diversification" which are generally met by the Credit sleeve.

In August 2023, Staff conducted a Fixed Income Strategic Review to assess the efficiency of the Fixed Income portfolio. Staff concluded that a structural shift in the Fixed Income allocation was necessary to meet IPS objectives. The Strategic Review resulted in changes that were incorporated during the 2023 Asset Liability Study.

Within Credit, the new target structure includes Bank Loans, EMD (hard currency), and Securitized mandates, and eliminates the current High Yield mandate in exchange for Bank Loans.

As of August 31, 2024, the KCERA Fixed Income portfolio had \$1.2BN dollars allocated between Core and Credit. Approximately \$526MM or 43.4% of the Fixed Income portfolio is allocated to Credit, which represents an 8.8% of Plan assets with a policy target allocation of 10%.

The funding source for the Bank Loan mandate is a full redemption of the Western Asset Management ("WAMCO") High Yield mandate. The Board approved the termination of the WAMCO high yield account on September 11, 2024.

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#### **Proposed Allocation**

	Current Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Proposed Trade	% of FI Portfolio	% of Plan		
Fixed Income Credit Exposure							
Western High Yield	\$174,545,000		-175M	14.45%	2.90%		
KKR US BSL		\$180,000,000	+180M	14.80%	2.99%		
Cash		(\$5,000,000)	-5M				

<sup>\*</sup>Market Values as of 8/31/2024

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (KKR)

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. is a leading firm in the private equity and credit space. Founded in 1976, KKR has expanded with a global presence with offices in Europe, Asia, and North Americas with multiple strategies. KKR has over ~\$578BN in assets under management ("AUM") across various strategies. As of March 31, 2024, the KKR Credit Platform manages ~\$232BN comprised of Leverage Credit (~\$130BN), Private Credit (~\$93BN) and Strategic Investments (~\$9BN). The bank loan strategy recommended today is under the Leveraged Credit umbrella.

KKR entered the US Bank Loans space with the launch of the U.S. bank loan strategy in 2011. The US broadly syndicated loan fund, a commingled fund, was launched in 2022.

#### **Investment Thesis & Process**

The strategy provides access to a unique credit exposure in a high conviction actively managed portfolio with a manager who has posted a top-tier performance track record.

The team follows a disciplined investment process that prioritizes capital preservation and income throughout the market cycle by investing in a diversified portfolio of broadly syndicated senior secured loans and floating rate notes of US issuers.

The team follows a well-run investment process that combines global macro and sector level views from the KKR macro team, with bottom-up issuer and sector level underwriting. The portfolio managers ("PM"), marry macro and issuer level views with insights from the portfolio construction & quantitative teams.

#### Portfolio Managers & Team:

The KKR Leveraged Credit team has an experienced team with the PMs as well as senior analysts having long tenures through various market cycles. The same portfolio management team has led the Leveraged Credit platform since 2008.

Jermiah Lane (lead PM and Partner) joined KKR in 2005 and was dedicated solely to credit research until 2015. In 2015, he took over as lead PM and now is assisted by co-PM with Dima Mostovoy.

Dima Mostovoy (Managing Director) has been the co-PM of Bank Loan Strategy (with J. Lane) since

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2018 and assists Mr. Lane with portfolio management and screening credits.

Both PMs have credit research backgrounds and are supported by 19 Sector Analysts and 14 Generalist Analysts. Analysts are risk (i.e., asset class) and fund agnostic which provides the flexibility to work across the credit platform. Additional support is provided by 5 traders, 5 Portfolio Construction / Quantitative team members and 10 Product Specialists.

Th Leveraged Credit team is also supported by other divisions of the KKR Credit Platform (total of ~230 investment professionals) with access to the broader KKR organization (e.g., private equity, etc.) to gain valuable insights on companies, sectors and macroeconomic trends.

#### **Risks and Considerations**

Credit Risk: The bank loan strategy will invest in non-investment grade issuers. As such, the risk of default and / or loss from these non-investment grade investments is higher than if the mandate were an investment grade corporate or US treasury mandate. As context, the WAMCO High Yield mandate also invests in non-investment grade.

Liquidity: The bank loan market has an extended settlement period of 3-4 weeks. In contrast, other fixed income instruments (e.g., corporate bonds) settle one day after the trade date. As such, this mandate is not intended to be used for liquidity purposes, which is consistent with the Fixed Income structure and IPS objectives

#### KCERA INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fixed Income Strategic Review resulted in a goal to structurally shift the Fixed Income portfolio. As part of the fixed income structural change, the Credit sleeve was assessed for changes. Staff conducted due diligence on a universe of Bank Loan managers, which resulted in a universe of ~100 managers. The universe was narrowed to an initial group of 7 investment managers utilizing several eVestment screens to identify managers in the top quartile of returns on a rolling basis and showing a high level of consistency. In addition, as part of the KCERA Investment process Verus provided Staff with their high conviction list and after discussion, some of the Verus manager names were added to the diligence process.

The search was further narrowed to a group of 4 investment managers after conducting preliminary interviews with managers. Staff conducted further diligence to rank order the remaining managers and reach a finalist cohort. The finalists were Oak Hill Advisors (OHA) and KKR. Staff conducted additional qualitative and quantitative analyses on the finalists, conducting multiple calls to understand the managers' credit underwriting process. Additionally, Staff assessed the return characteristics of each manager by credit cohort to ensure appropriate risk measures.

#### Vehicle and Terms

Staff recommends investment with KKR in a fund structure. The investment would be in Class A Founder Shares. These shares have a management fee of 25 bps. The fund has weekly redemptions with a 30–45-day settlement period.

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#### **Consultant Recommendation**

Verus, the Plan's general investment consultant, undertook an independent assessment and has provided a recommendation memo that is supportive of Staff's recommendation. The memo has been provided to the Board.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This is an attractive investment opportunity with an institutional quality manager that should be a positive addition to the fixed income allocation. The Fund is expected to produce returns gross excess of 75 - 100 bp over the benchmark, with acceptable levels of risk.





### Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees, Kern County Employees' Retirement Association
From: Brian J. Kwan, CFA, CAIA, Managing Director and Senior Consultant

Scott J. Whalen, CFA, CAIA, Managing Director and Senior Consultant

**Date:** October 9th, 2024 **RE:** Bank Loan Mandate

#### **Background**

KCERA's Strategic Asset Allocation includes a 10% target allocation to Credit, a portion of which (initially \$180 million or approximately 3% of the Total Fund) is dedicated to Bank Loans. There is currently no dedicated Bank Loan exposure in the KCERA portfolio. Earlier this year KCERA Investment Staff (with support from Verus) initiated a search to fulfill the dedicated Bank Loan mandate. The search process has culminated in a recommendation to the Investment Committee to hire the following manager and strategy to fulfill the mandate:

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. US Broadly Syndicated Loan Fund

This memo provides a review of the comprehensive due diligence process that led to the recommendation, a description the recommended strategy, and a statement affirming our favorable view of Staff's recommendation.

#### **Evaluation and Due Diligence Process**

A thorough search analysis was carried out in multiple stages, including:

- A review of eVestment's database of Bank Loan investment managers and strategies;
- Deep quantitative analysis;
- Internal discussions and a review of higher conviction strategies;
- Due diligence interviews with 4 semi-finalist candidates;
- Additional due diligence interviews with 2 finalist candidates;
- Structure analysis with other components of the Fixed Income portfolio; and
- Mandate sizing analysis.

Through these stages, Staff assessed various factors and attributes, including:

- Historical risk and return;
- Investment team, philosophy, and process;
- Approach to risk management;
- Discreet periods of out and underperformance; and
- Factor exposures across managers.

Verus supported Staff through the evaluation process by providing additional analytical and research resources.

#### **Strategy Description**

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. ("KKR") is a global investment firm based in New York, NY with offices across North America, Europe, and Asia. Founded in 1976, KKR was originally focused on private equity, and has since expanded across, real estate, infrastructure, and credit. KKR Credit, which manages the Bank Loan Fund, was established in 2004 and has approximately \$220 billion in credit assets (as of 12/31/2023).

The US Broadly Syndicated Loan Fund ("Bank Loan Fund") strategy is based on a fundamentally-driven investment philosophy that emphasizes deep credit underwriting and rigorous financial analysis. The approach incorporates characteristics from both credit and private equity underwriting, aiming to exploit market inefficiencies in assessing credit risk. The strategy focuses on three key elements:

- 1. Proprietary Sourcing: leveraging the entire firm, including private equity deal teams, capital market professionals, operating professionals, consultants, senior management at portfolio companies, and KKR's advisor network.
- 2. Capital Preservation: emphasizing the importance of avoiding losses, the strategy requires a detailed fundamental memo for each potential investment, including a comprehensive stress test. Investments are approved only if they pass this stress-test analysis.
- 3. Buying & Selling Discipline: Each investment decision is based on a clear investment thesis. The due diligence process involves analysis and input from various KKR teams and advisors. Investments are regularly reviewed, and positions are adjusted based on updated credit reports and financial performance.

The investment approach primarily focuses on income generation but also seeks opportunities for capital appreciation through dislocated trading at discounted prices.

Analysts cover 1-3 industry sectors, make investment recommendations, and monitor companies within their sectors, utilizing both internal models and third-party research systems. Analysts identify attractive assets and collaborate with portfolio managers to present ideas to the Investment Committee, which approves credits for the Approved Credit List.

The team reviews each credit in its portfolio during quarterly meetings, emphasizing outsized and focused positions, and will exit positions if they no longer serve investor interests. The strategy mitigates risk through detailed credit analysis, focusing on business drivers, regulatory risks, and capital structure. Liquidity and technical risks are also carefully assessed. Financial projections are updated regularly, and stress testing is performed to ensure robust risk management.

#### **Verus Position**

Based on our review of the evaluation and due diligence work of Staff and the independent work conducted by Verus, we are supportive of Staff's recommendation.

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# **Artificial Intelligence**

Presented by:

Dominic D. Brown

Chief Executive Officer

Tyson Harlan, CISSP

Director of Information Technology Security



# What is Al?





Artificial
Intelligence (AI)
refers to the
simulation of
human
intelligence in
machines that
are designed to
think and learn
like humans



# Brief Explanation of Al's Capabilities

Al encompasses a variety of capabilities that allow machines to perform tasks requiring human-like thinking. Key Al technologies include:



# Machine Learning

Al systems that learn from data and improve over time



### Natural Language Processing (NPL)

Allows machines to understand and respond to human language



# **Computer** Vision

Enables machines to interpret and make decisions based on visual inputs (images, videos)



# **Al** in Current Applications



**Database & Pension System** 

Exploring the integration of AI in managing databases and pension systems.



**Computer Systems & Security Detection** 

Leveraging AI in the Enhancement of computer systems and security detection mechanisms.

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**Website Customer Service Tools** 

Utilizing AI to enhance website functionality and customer service.



**Investment Software & Reporting Tools** 

Examining Al's role in investment management and reporting software.



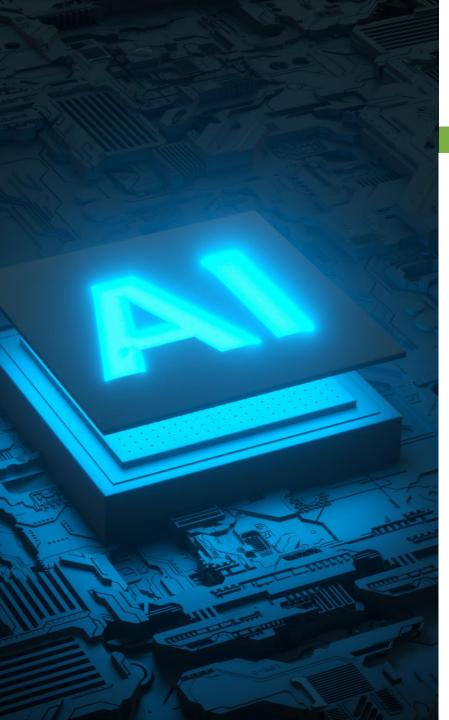
**Document Management** 

Implementation AI for efficient document management processes.



**Document Management** 

Assessing the impact of AI on Workiva and other general ledger applications.



# Al Challenges & Considerations

- Data Privacy Concerns
  Concerns regarding the privacy of data in AI systems
- Al Ethics and Bias
  The potential for bias in decision-making processes driven by Al
- Staff Training
  Necessity for training staff to effectively use AI technology
- Cost of Implementation
  Financial implications associated with implementing AI solutions
- Security Risks
  Risks related to security in AI applications



# **Al Future Uses**



#### **Chatbot Implementation**

Chatbot on website to allow for ease of use and more transparency



#### **Staff Tools**

Tools for staff that allow faster document preparation



#### **Collaboration Tools**

Al-enhanced collaboration tools.



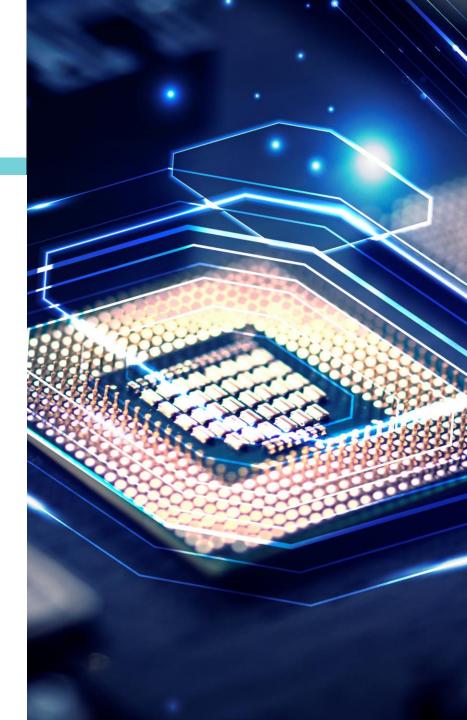
#### **Al Generation**

Idea generation and refinement for KCERA use



#### Personalization

Further personalization of AI assistants





# **Questions?**





#### Memorandum from the Office of

Dominic & Brown

The Chief Executive Officer Dominic D. Brown

Date: October 9, 2024

**To:** Trustees, Board of Retirement

From: Dominic D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: SACRS 2024 Fall Conference Voting Delegate

It is recommended that your Board appoint a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to represent KCERA at the SACRS 2024 Fall Conference Business Meeting held on Friday, November 15, 2024. The following trustees have registered to attend the conference:

Dustin Contreras
David Couch
Deon Duffey
Phil Franey
Juan Gonzalez
Jordan Kaufman
Rick Kratt
John Sanders

Alternatively, the Board may appoint the Chief Executive Officer as the voting delegate to cast votes at the Business Meeting in accordance with the Board's directive.

Attachment



#### **SACRS VOTING PROXY FORM**

The following are authorized by the Retirement Board to vote on behalf of the 0 SACRS Fall Conference 2024.	County Retirement System at the upcoming
· ·	se attach the list of alternates in priority order. e years or conferences, please send notice of
	Voting Delegate
	Alternate Voting Delegate
These delegates were approved by the Re	tirement Board on//
The person authorized to fill out this form a Retirement Board:	and submit electronically on behalf of the
Signature:	
Print Name:	
Position:	
Date:	

Please send your system's voting proxy by October 31, 2024, to Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Executive Director at <u>Sulema@sacrs.org</u>.

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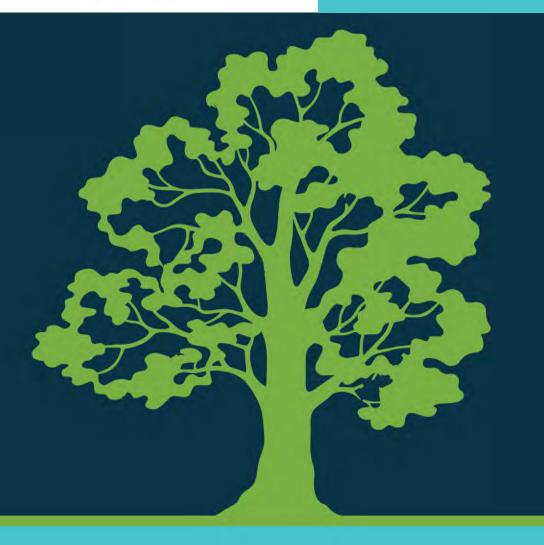






### **PURCHASE OF SERVICE**

(Part 3 of 6)



Jennifer Zahry

**Chief Legal Officer** 

**Angela Kruger** 

**Chief Financial Officer** 

**Sherry Willard** 

Deputy Chief Member Services Officer

**Cory Pruett** 

Member Services Manager





### **Kelly**

- General Member
  - Nurse (Hospital)
- Single, no children



### **Pat**

- Safety Member
  - Sheriff Deputy
- Married, no children

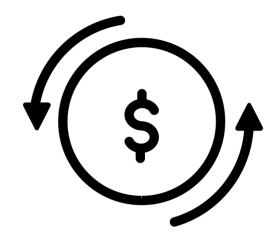






### **Presentation Topics:**

- Enrollments
- Divorce/Marriage
- Purchases of Service
- Disability Retirement
- Service Retirement
- Death







#### Recap:

- Divorced and remarried
- Attempted to change beneficiary to new spouse
- Judgment and DRO obtained and reviewed by KCERA legal
  - Awards former spouse Time Rule share of pension
  - Military service not addressed in DRO
- Divorce Documents and beneficiary change form cleared by Legal
- Pat still active. No funds to former spouse until retirement





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Enrollment Divorce/Marriage Purchase of Service



### **Purchase of Service**

**Cory Pruett** 

Member Services Manager



Enrollment Divorce/Marriage Purchase of Service



### **Kelly**

 Per Diem Service purchase



### **Pat**

 Military and Academy Service purchase

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Purchase of Service



### What can be purchased?

- Waiting Period (§31641.5)
- Extra Help/Per Diem/Temporary (§31641.5 and §31641.56)
- Medical Leave (§31646)
- Prior Public Service (Military or Other) (§31641.1 and §31641.2)
- Redeposit (§31652)
- Layoffs (§31648.3)



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### **Hearing About Purchases**

Members hear about purchasing service many different ways:

- New Employee Orientation (NEO)
- KCERA pamphlets
- KCERA.org
- Word of Mouth
- KCERA podcasts





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Purchase of Service



### **Preliminary Member Completed Work**

Before Pat/Kelly can purchase service with KCERA, they must complete a few steps:

- 1. Run Estimate in Member Portal
- 2. Complete/submit to KCERA a Purchase of Service request form
- 3. Original Employer must complete additional documentation (if necessary)



Enrollment Divorce Marriage Purchase of Service



#### Pat (Safety)

(Military and Academy Service purchase)

 DD-214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active-Duty Form

### **Kelly (General)**

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(Per Diem Service purchase)

 Attempted to run a Purchase Estimate in the Member Portal but KCERA does not have the data in KCERA's Pension Administration System







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### **Preliminary KCERA Work**

After receiving member provided documentation:

- Member Services Technician will review the form
- Log each of the received forms into a Tracking Document
- Determine if the member has properly run an estimate for the purchase



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Purchase of Service



### **Working the Purchase**

Member Services Analyst will begin working the purchase:

- Review the Purchase of Service Form
- Identify and review any required supporting documentation
- Review the member's file in CPAS
  - Entry Date, Tier, Employer, Age at Entry
  - Period of Service being purchased



Purchase of Service



## Kelly (General) (Per Diem Service purchase)



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Kelly's Per Diem time dated back to the 1990s and is not in the Pension Administration System

- Pull all payroll data for the 5 years being purchased and input into excel file
- The Analyst will provide this file to a Senior Analyst for review
- Once reviewed the Analyst will send the import file to KCERA's IT to have them import the data into the pension software



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Enrollment Divorce/Marriage Purchase of Service



### **Unique Scenarios**

- Purchasing Prior Public Service time employed with various entities
- Certifications of Prior Public Service that do not contain the required information
- Employees with multiple entry dates, refunds, redeposits, employer and tier changes





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Purchase of Service



### **Potential Impacts of Redeposits**

Counseling on redeposits is integral to member satisfaction as the impact of a redeposit can be significant. When redepositing, members may revert to prior tiers causing impacts such as:

- Employee contribution rates could double
- Loss of 6% premium pay
- Loss of 6% deferred compensation match



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Purchase of Service



### Working the Purchase (cont.)

Once file has been reviewed by the Analyst, they will run and review the Purchase Calculation

- The calculation is broken down by: pay period, hours earned, pensionable earnings, contribution rate and interest factor
- Certain unique factors such as MOUs can impact expected contribution rates so staff must be aware of the historical changes in agreements
- Interest Factors are based on the time between when a member can make the purchase and when the member submitted the purchase request



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### Working the Purchase (fin.)

After the purchase has been worked and submitted for review by the Analyst, the Senior Analyst will perform their review.

Once approved, the worker is notified and sends the KCERA purchase letter and purchase election form to the member:

- Mailed to the member
- Uploaded to the member portal
- Letter and Form Contain instructions on payment methods
  - Rollover from Deferred Compensation
  - Vacation Payout
  - Active Payroll Contributions
  - Lump Sum Payment



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#### Pat (Safety)

(Military and Academy Service Purchase)

Pat received the Service Purchase Letter and Election Form from KCERA and although he ran the estimate in the member portal, he has questions on how the cost is calculated and payment options.

- KCERA is happy to provide additional information regarding the purchase
- Members can use a combination of payment methods:
  - Initial Lump Sum payment and active payroll deductions
  - Active Payroll deduction and then a payoff later
  - Rollover from deferred comp and lump Sum Payment





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### **Receiving Payments**

Member Services Analyst will receive a returned letter from the member indicating what payment method(s) they would like to use to make the purchase.

#### The Analyst will:

- Review the completed election form for accuracy
- Identify the payment method(s)
- Receipt payments into Software
- Initiate active payroll deductions



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### **Employer Payments**

The County Employees Retirement Law (CERL) requires that Districts make additional contributions to KCERA for Extra Help and Waiting Period Purchases.

- The employer calculation will be reviewed along with the employee calculation
- No Interest Factor will be applied to Employer Contributions
- Letter/invoice will be sent to Employer once the employee has completed their portion of the purchase
- Payments will be received by KCERA and logged



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### Kelly (General)

(Per Diem Service Purchase)



Kelly's Per Diem Service Purchase required Employer contributions from Kern Medical:

- KCERA reviewed and approved the employer calculation
- Once Kelly had completed her purchase, KCERA initiated the Employer Contribution Collection Process by creating and sending a letter to Kern Medical to remit payment
- KCERA received the funds from Kern Medical and closed out the invoice



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### KCERA's Legal Department

KCERA staff obtain guidance (in the form of signed memorandums) from the KCERA legal department on how to practically execute purchases as defined by the CERL.

- Whether Special Pays should be included in the calculations
- Purchase of Unpaid Maternity Leave
- How to properly bill Employers for their contribution on employees' purchases of service
- Eligible Prior Public Service Employers



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## **Accounting**

As receivables are created and as money changes hands there is accounting to be done in the background. Accounting must:

- Document/Record
- Reconcile
- Report



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## **Final Takeaways**

- Members should purchase time early
- Estimates can be run in the Member Portal
- KCERA performs an in-depth analysis and review



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- Election Update: Ballots have been counted and results have been posted on our website
- Disability Update
- Staffing Update: Paralegal, Administrative Specialist
- November BOR: Interest Crediting Policy updates presented by Segal
- Kern360 planning meetings are underway (Kern County general ledger and payroll)
- Grand Jury Report re: Inyokern Community Services District



### Operations Activity

- Member Services
  - 19 new retirements and calculations
  - 50 death benefit calculations
  - 67 service-credit purchase calculations
  - 58 retirement estimates
  - 142 new active members
  - 85 terminations with disposition packets
  - 16 in-person appointments
  - 161 walk-ins
  - 717 phone calls
  - 233 emails

- Accounting & Reporting
  - Service Purchases <30 days
  - ACFR audit ongoing
- Information Technology
  - Member Annual Statements were distributed to all active and deferred members







#### Member Outreach & Education

- 9/26 KCERA End-of-Career Seminar
- 10/03 San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District Resource Fair (Modesto)
- 10/03 Kern County New Employee Orientation
- 10/08 Retired Employees of Kern County
- 10/10 San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District Resource Fair (Bakersfield)
- 10/11 Kern County Health Fair
- 10/14 Kern County Fire Department Arson Unit Presentation
- 10/18 Sheriff Academy New Employee Orientation
- 10/23 Kern Medical Health & Wellness Employee Resource Fair
- 10/31 Kern County New Employee Orientation



### Upcoming Events

- Administrative Committee Meeting to be scheduled to discuss election service provider and changes to policy
- Finance Committee No meetings scheduled
- Investment Committee No meetings scheduled
- Nominating Committee Meeting will be scheduled to discuss Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025
- Board of Retirement Next regular monthly meeting will be November 6, 2024 (early due to Fall SACRS Conference)





#### **CIO REPORT**

INVESTMENT PROGRAM UPDATE October 2024

Presented by: **Daryn Miller, CFA**Chief Investment Officer



## Rebalancing SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

- Western Asset Core Plus Termination
  - Sell 46MM Western Asset Core Plus
  - Buy 55MM Mellon Aggregate Bond Fund
- Other Fixed Income
  - Buy 20MM Mellon Aggregate Bond Fund
- Alpha Pool
  - Sell 20MM HBK Fund
  - Sell 10MM Hudson Bay CSAE Fund



<u>Fixed Income</u>: Provided Western Asset formal notification to begin liquidation of Core Plus mandate (58MM as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024); 46MM has been sold and 55MM of Bloomberg Aggregate Bond exposure has been added through Mellon; the additional exposure is intended to reduce the underweight to Core Fixed Income

Increased Fixed Income exposure following weakness in rates



Alpha Pool: Trade activity consistent with objective of reducing Alpha Pool exposure; interest rate environment has created a challenging environment for the Alpha Pool and Capital Efficiency program

Asset Class	Actual	Policy Target	Adj. Policy Target	Diff. Act. vs. Adj. Pol.
Public Equities	34.1%	33.0%	33.4%	0.7%
Fixed Income	20.8%	25.0%	27.0%	-6.1%
Core	12.0%	15.0%	17.0%	-5.0%
Credit	8.9%	10.0%	10.0%	-1.2%
Commodities	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%	0.4%
Hedge Funds	9.6%	10.0%	10.0%	-0.4%
Alpha Pool	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%	-0.2%
Midstream Energy	5.3%	5.0%	5.0%	0.3%
Core Real Estate	4.1%	5.0%	6.9%	-2.8%
Private Real Estate	3.1%	5.0%	3.1%	0.0%
Private Equity	4.6%	5.0%	4.6%	0.0%
Private Credit	6.0%	8.0%	6.0%	0.0%
Opportunistic	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%
Cash	1.7%	-4.0%	-4.0%	5.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

### **Positioning**

#### ACTUAL VS POLICY TARGET

<u>Public Equity:</u> slight overweight to adjusted policy target.

<u>Core Fixed Income:</u> underweight relative adjusted policy target.

<u>Credit:</u> underweight high yield, exposure will be allocated to bank loans.

Exposures to Core Fixed Income and Credit have effectively been reallocated to Cash.

<u>Core Real Estate:</u> underweight relative to adjusted policy target.

<u>Cash:</u> maintaining an overweight position to take advantage of weighted average cash returns of ~6%.





### **Key Initiatives**

#### Enhancing return while managing risk

- 2035 Initiative
- Asset Class Deep Dives
  - Commodities
  - Opportunistic
- Core Real Estate improvement
- Currency management
- Improve hedge fund program returns
  - Equity long short
- Opportunistic investments
- Private markets
- Repositioning fixed income

### **Investment Committee Meetings**

#### **Next meeting November**

The next IC meeting agenda will include the following items:

- Currency Management
- ST IG Credit

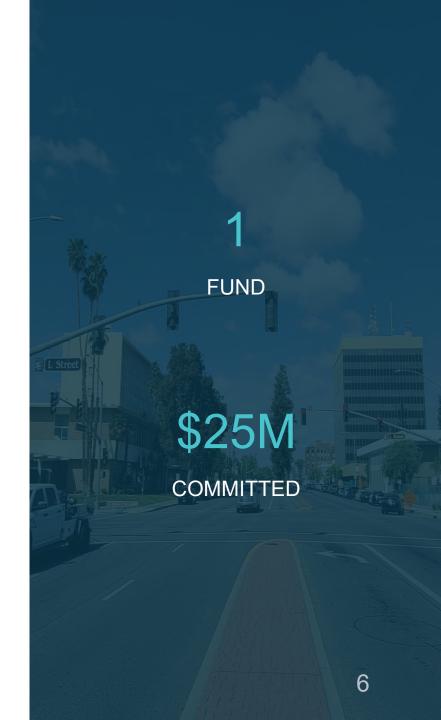


# **Closed Investments**

Contracting completed

Fortress Credit Opportunities Fund VI (Private Credit)\*

Reporting Period covers 9/1/2024 to 9/30/2024



<sup>\*</sup> Investment closed on 10/1/2024

## Investment Activity

#### Passed Investments

The following investment opportunities were diligenced, but not pursued (last 4 quarters)

Description	Comments
Public Equity, emerging markets	Passed, lack of conviction in strategy
	Passed, found opportunity with better
Public Equity, emerging markets	risk-adjusted returns
Private Equity, secondaries	Passed, investment team turnover
Private Equity, Japan buyout	No access, fund oversubscribed
Private Equity, GP led secondaries	Passed, overlap with existing manager
Private Equity, Distressed	Passed, portfolio fit
Private Credit, special situations lending	Passed, lower-middle market exp.
Private Credit, opportunistic lending	Passed, portfolio fit
Private Credit, direct lending	Passed, lower-middle market exp.
Private Credit, aviation	Passed, portfolio fit
	Passed, found opportunity with better
Private Credit, credit opportunities	risk-adjusted returns
	Passed, found opportunity with better
Private Credit, opportunistic lending	risk-adjusted returns and portfolio fit
Private Credit, opportunistic lending	Passed, portfolio fit
Private Credit, direct lending	Passed, lower-middle market exp.
Private Credit, specialty lending	Passed, portfolio fit
Private Credit, opportunistic lending	Passed, portfolio fit
Private Credit, opportunistic lending	Passed, portfolio fit
	Passed, found opportunity with better
Private Credit, direct lending	risk-adjusted returns

Description	Comments	
Private Credit, specialty lending	Passed, found opportunity with better risk-adjusted returns	
Private Credit, direct lending	Passed, found opportunity with better risk-adjusted returns	
Private Credit, real estate lending	Passed, found opportunity with better risk-adjusted returns	
Private Credit, opportunistic lending	Passed, portfolio fit	
Private Credit, opportunistic lending	Passed, portfolio fit	
Private Real Estate, NNN	Passed, non-investment grade focus	
Private Real Estate, alternative sectors	Passed, found opportunity with better risk-adjusted returns	
Private Real Assets, energy	Passed, found opportunity with better risk-adjusted returns	
Private Real Assets, energy	Passed, found opportunity with better risk-adjusted returns	
Private Real Estate, opportunistic real estate	Passed, portfolio fit	
Private Real Estate, opportunistic real estate	Passed, portfolio fit	
Private Real Estate, opportunistic real estate	Passed, found opportunity with better risk-adjusted returns	
Hedge Fund, equity market neutral	No access	
Hedge Fund, multi-strategy	Passed, lack of conviction in strategy	



### **CLO Report October 2024**

Jennifer Esquivel Zahry, Chief Legal Officer Kristen McDonald, Deputy Chief Legal Officer Maggie Peralta-Lee, KCERA Senior Paralegal Irma Chavez, KCERA Senior Legal Secretary

## Legislative Update

- AB 2284 Adding Definition of "grade" to compensation earnable (subject to BOS election)
  - Last update: Approved by the Governor 9/28/24
  - Chaptered by Secretary of State Chapter 824, Statutes of 2024

## Legislative Update

- AB 3025 Benefit Corrections (potential payment by employers if pension later reduced for improper special pays by employer)
  - Last update: Approved by the Governor 9/22/24
  - o Chaptered by Secretary of State Chapter 427, Statutes of 2024
- AB 2715 Closed Session item for threats to critical infrastructure relating to cybersecurity
  - Last update: Approved by the Governor 9/14/24
  - Chaptered by Secretary of State Chapter 243, Statutes of 2024



Q3 2024 Metrics		Completed
Administrative Appeals	3	
Board/ Committee Meetings/ Staff Meetings/ Conferences		72
Board Documents		27
Community Property Matters		58
Disability Matters		18
Investment/ Custodial Documents		50
Legal Correspondence		164
Operational Contracts		5
Post-Retirement Employment		11
Probate Matters		20
Public Records Act Requests		8
Special Pays		1



October Calendar	Pending CLO/DCLO Review
Administrative Appeals	2
Board/ Committee Meetings/ Staff Meetings/ Conferences	14
Board Materials	4
Community Property Matters	5
Disability Matters	14
Investment/ Custodial Documents	10
Operational Contracts	6
Plan Sponsor Inquiries	1
Powers of Attorney	4
Staff Inquiries	19