

Date: March 18, 2020
To: Board of Retirement
From: James Wilbanks, Ph.D., Executive Director
Subject: Administrative Report

2020-2021 State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Board of Directors Elections and Nomination Period

Please see the attached information from SACRS regarding elections and the nomination period.

Legislative Update

Please see the attached Legislative Update from SACRS.

Form 700 Filing

Form 700s will be due to MCERA after the beginning of the year. The deadline for submitting the form is the rapidly approaching April 1, 2020.

COVID-19

Please see the attached Executive Order from California Governor Gavin Newsom.

I also want to remind the Board that MCERA has a robust Business Continuity Plan (BCP) that includes a contingency for a pandemic. Staff recently reviewed the BCP and stands ready to implement the plan if needed.



January 22, 2020

To: SACRS Trustees & SACRS Administrators/CEO's
From: Ray McCray, SACRS Immediate Past President, Nominating Committee Chair
SACRS Nominating Committee
Re: SACRS Board of Director Elections 2020-2021 - Elections Notice

SACRS BOD 2020-2021 election process began January 2020. Please provide this election notice to your Board of Trustees and Voting Delegates.

DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
March 1, 2020	Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.
March 25, 2020	The Nominating Committee will report a final ballot to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25
May 15, 2020	Nomination Committee to conduct elections during the SACRS Business Meeting at the Spring Conference (May 12-15, 2020)
May 15, 2020	Board of Directors take office for 1 year

Per SACRS Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1. Board of Director and Section 2. Elections of Directors:

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of the officers of SACRS as described in Article VI, Section 1, the immediate Past President, and two (2) regular members

A. Immediate Past President. The immediate Past President, while he or she is a regular member of SACRS, shall also be a member of the Board. In the event the immediate Past President is unable to serve on the Board, the most recent Past President who qualifies shall serve as a member of the Board.

B. Two (2) Regular Members. Two (2) regular members shall also be members of the Board with full voting rights.

Section 2. Elections of Directors. Any regular member may submit nominations for the election of a Director to the Nominating Committee, provided the Nominating Committee receives those nominations no later than noon on March 1 of each calendar year regardless of whether March 1 is a Business Day. Each candidate may run for only one office. Write-in candidates for the final ballot, and nominations from the floor on the day of the election, shall not be accepted.

The Nominating Committee will report its suggested slate, along with a list of the names of all members who had been nominated, to each regular member County Retirement System prior to March 25. The Administrator of each regular member County Retirement System shall be responsible for communicating the Nominating Committee's suggested slate to each trustee and placing the election of SACRS Directors on his or her board agenda. The Administrator shall acknowledge the completion of these responsibilities with the Nominating Committee.



Director elections shall take place during the first regular meeting of each calendar year. The election shall be conducted by an open roll call vote, and shall conform to Article V, Sections 6 and 7 of these Bylaws.

Newly elected Directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected, with the exception of the office of Treasurer. The incumbent Treasurer shall co-serve with the newly elected Treasurer through the completion of the current fiscal year.

The elections will be held at the SACRS Spring Conference May 12-15, 2020 at the Paradise Point Hotel and Spa, San Diego, CA. Elections will be held during the Annual Business meeting on Friday, May 15, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Ray McCray, raym1@sbcglobal.net or (209) 471-4472.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this timely matter.

Sincerely,

Ray McCray

Ray McCray, San Joaquin CERA Trustee
SACRS Nominating Committee Chair

CC: SACRS Board of Directors
SACRS Nominating Committee Members
Sulema H. Peterson, SACRS Administrator



**SACRS Nomination Submission Form
SACRS Board of Directors Elections 2020-2021**

All interested candidates must complete this form and submit along with a letter of intent. **Both the form and the letter of intent must be submitted no later than March 1, 2020.** Please submit to the Nominating Committee Chair at raym1@sbcglobal.net AND to SACRS at sulema@sacrs.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sulema Peterson at SACRS at (916) 701-5158.

Name of Candidate	Name:
Candidate Contact Information (Please include – Phone Number, Email Address and Mailing Address)	Mailing Address: Email Address: Phone:
Name of Retirement System Candidate Currently Serves On	System Name:
List Your Current Position on Retirement Board (Chair, Alternate, Retiree, General Elected, Etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Chair<input type="radio"/> Alternate<input type="radio"/> General Elected<input type="radio"/> Retiree<input type="radio"/> Other _____
Applying for SACRS Board of Directors Position (select only one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> President<input type="radio"/> Vice President<input type="radio"/> Treasurer<input type="radio"/> Secretary<input type="radio"/> Regular Member
Brief Bio	



March 5, 2020

TO: State Association of County Retirement Systems

FROM: Mike Robson, Trent Smith, and Bridget McGowan, Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC

RE: **Legislative Update – March 2020**

Overview

The Legislature recently reached its first major legislative deadline of 2020, the bill introduction deadline on February 21. From January 6 to the February 21, over 2,200 bills were introduced between the Assembly and the Senate. A large proportion of the introduced bills are “spot bills,” which are bills that are introduced as placeholders until the author can finalize language to amend into the bill. These bills must be amended with more substantive language in the coming weeks before being referred to committee for a hearing.

All bills need to be in print for 30 days before being heard in a Committee so that the public and stakeholders have ample time to review the bills. Because of this, we will expect to see committee hearings start to ramp up at the end of March. Spot bills, however, can be amended with substantive language right up until they are set for committee, leaving a shorter window for review.

The Legislative Committee will begin the bill review process of the bills with substantive language. Led by the Committee’s co-chairs Eric Stern and Dave Nelsen, the Legislative Committee will read and analyze the bills that have been flagged for potential impact on CERL systems or indicate trends regarding retirement and pensions that could impact CERL systems down the road.

When the spot bills are amended with substantive language at the end of March, the Legislative Committee will complete another iteration of the bill review process and determine how or if any of the bills have an impact on SACRS members.

CERL Legislation

SB 783 (Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement) – SACRS Sponsored Bill. This cleanup bill makes technical changes to withdrawn employer liabilities, service purchase for parental leave, military leave, board approval of

retirements, 60-day advance application windows, reinstatement from retirement and lump sum payments for minimum age distribution.

This bill is in its second house and will likely be heard in the Spring.

AB 2937 (Fong) - Nonservice-Connected Disability. This bill would authorize a county board of supervisors to adopt a resolution that would remove the intemperate use of alcoholic liquor or drugs as a factor in the calculation of a nonservice-connected disability retirement allowance. The goal of the bill is to modernize the statute to reflect contemporary views of alcohol and drug addiction. If viewing alcohol and drug use from a disease perspective rather than a moral failure, the benefit limitation therefore would be discriminatory and financially punitive for that member.

The bill is authored by Assemblymember Vince Fong, a republican from the 34th Assembly District, which encompasses most of Kern County.

The bill was introduced on February 21.

Other Legislation

The Legislature is focused on worker classification and independent contractors. Dozens of bills have been introduced on the subject this year, most of them from Republicans who are hostile towards AB 5 (Gonzalez) from last year. In summary, AB 5 codified the 2018 California Supreme Court “Dynamex Decision” and exempted industries who do not fall neatly under the court decision’s “ABC test” that classifies workers as employees or independent contractors. The goal was to ensure that workers are not being misclassified as independent contractors when they are operating like employees. We expect this issue to remain extremely contentious and dominate the conversation in the Legislature this year.

Also big on the legislative agenda is climate change. The Legislature is planning for the creation of climate resiliency bonds to mitigate the impacts of climate change on the state’s resources. If passed out of the Legislature, these would be placed on the ballot and considered by the public for a final vote.