# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION WATER AND POWER EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

#### **MINUTES**

#### **APRIL 4, 2012**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Javier Romero, President Cindy Coffin, Vice President Ronald O. Nichols, General Manager Barry Poole, Regular Member Robert Rozanski, Retiree Member

#### **Board Members Absent:**

DWP Commissioner - Vacant Mario Ignacio, Chief Accounting Employee

### **Staff Present:**

Sangeeta Bhatia, Retirement Plan Manager Mary Higgins, Assistant Retirement Plan Manager Jeremy Wolfson, Chief Investment Officer Julie Escudero, Utility Executive Secretary

#### **Others Present:**

Alan Manning, Assistant City Attorney

President Romero called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Bhatia indicated a guorum of the Board was present.

## 1. Discussion of Contract Negotiations for Passive International Developed Equity Manager

Mr. Wolfson provided the background on this item to reconsider BlackRock to manage the Plan's Passive Developed International Equity Mandate. He explained that following the interviews for this manager, the Board had requested additional information, mainly concerning governance matters, prior to making a selection.

Mr. Wolfson reviewed Staff's report and explained why Staff and Pension Consulting Alliance recommended the Board select BlackRock.

Mr. Rozanski moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 12-72 to select BlackRock to manage the Passive Developed International Equity mandate in a commingled fund structure; seconded by Ms. Coffin.

Aves:

Coffin, Nichols, Poole, Romero, and Rozanski

Nays:

None

Absent: Ignacio

THE MOTION CARRIED

# 2. Presentations of Proposals and Interviews for Active Emerging Markets Value Equity Manager

Mr. Romero acknowledged Neil Rue and Colin Bebee of Pension Consulting Alliance who provided the background on this item to select an Active Emerging Markets Value Equity Manager. Following a review of the summary of statistics and the Request for Proposal response materials, the Board interviewed the following candidates:

- a) Capital International
- b) Dimensional Fund Advisors
- c) DuPont Capital Management
- d) J.P. Morgan Asset Management
- e) Los Angeles Capital Management

Messrs. Rue and Bebee provided an overview after the conclusion of the interviews, and discussion ensued among the Board Members, PCA, and Staff regarding the responses.

Mr. Rozanski moved that the Board select Los Angeles Capital Management as the first choice for Active Emerging Markets Value Equity Manager, subject to the successful negotiation of fees; and should the fee negotiations with Los Angeles Capital Management be unsuccessful, that the Board select DuPont Capital Management and authorize Staff to negotiate acceptable fees; seconded by Mr. Nichols.

Ayes:

Coffin, Nichols, Poole, Romero, and Rozanski

Navs:

None

Absent:

Ignacio

THE MOTION CARRIED.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Javier Romero

**Board President** 

Sangeeta Bhatia

Retirement Plan Manager

**Utility Executive Secretary**