



CITY OF AUSTIN
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Legislative Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Public Meeting held in-person and videoconference

Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

4700 Mueller Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78723

Thursday, November 14, 2024 1:00 PM

Committee Members

Present/ (Absent)

Kelly Crook, Committee

Chair

Yuejiao Liu

(Leslie Pool)

* Present telephonically

† Present via
videoconference

Other Board Trustees

Present/ (Absent)

Anthony Ross

Diana Thomas

Michael Granof

Dick Lavine

(Brad Sinclair)

(Ed Van Eenoo)

Chris Noak

Michael Benson

Others Present:

Staff

Christopher Hanson

Russell Nash

Sarah McCleary

Jenni Bonds

Mehrin Rahman

Amy Kelley*

David Kushner*

Yun Quintanilla

Guests

Paige Saenz, General

Counsel

Eddie Solis*, HillCo

Partners

1 Call roll of Committee members

Committee Chair Kelly Crook called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m. The following Committee members were present in person: Crook and Liu.

2 Review order of business and establish meeting objectives

Committee Chair Crook reviewed the order of business and objectives with the Committee. There were no changes to the order of business for the meeting.

3 Receive public comments

Committee Chair Crook asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak, either now or during an agenda item. There were no comments.

4 Consider approval of the June 13, 2024 Legislative Committee minutes

Committee Chair Crook asked Trustees to review the June 13, 2024 minutes.

Ms. Yuejiao Liu moved to approve the November 9, 2024 Legislative Committee minutes as presented. Committee Chair Crook seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

5 Receive report related to recent elections

Mr. Eddie Solis of HillCo reported to the Committee on the local and statewide election results. The Committee discussed the possible impact of the elections on the upcoming legislative session.

6 Discuss and consider 89th Legislative Session priorities

Mr. Solis provided background information on the 89th Legislative Session. Trustees discussed a COAERS legislative statement that would convey the importance of working with legislators proposing pension legislation that could impact COAERS and using the legislative process to seek better legislative outcomes.

Ms. Liu moved to refer to the Board for approval the following statement of priorities for the 89th Legislative Session: *“COAERS’ highest priority is preserving its ability to fulfill its fiduciary duty for its members. COAERS will work to ensure that proposed legislation that would, in any way, erode or impair the Board’s fiduciary authority or otherwise negatively affect the System and its members, is amended or changed to meet this priority.”* Ms. Crook seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

7 Discuss and consider governmental relations consultant report and agreement

Mr. Christopher Hanson reported on the relationship COAERS has held with HillCo since 2018. He noted that the consulting agreement runs through the end of calendar year 2024 and shared a proposed consulting agreement for 2025, noting that one word had been omitted in the original packet and since edited.

Ms. Liu moved to refer to the Board for approval and place on the consent agenda the government and public affairs consulting agreement as presented (with the correction) with HillCo pending final approval by General Counsel. Ms. Crook seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

8 Review 2024 Committee Work Plan and discuss development of 2025 Work Plan

The Committee noted that all items on the 2024 Work Plan were complete and reviewed a draft of the 2025 Legislative Committee Work Plan. Trustees noted that ad-hoc committee meetings may need to be called during the 89th Legislative Session.

9 Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items

Committee Chair Crook summarized the actions taken and the information discussed during the meeting and asked for any future agenda items.

As there were no further items to address, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 5, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting.