MEETING MINUTES

AC TRANSIT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

REGULAR MEETING of the RETIREMENT BOARD

April 30, 2026, 9:00AM

10th Floor Conference Room, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland CA 94612

ROLL CALL

Chair Jeff Lewis called the meeting at 09:08am.

Retirement Board Members

Present In Person

Chair Jeff Lewis
Vice-Chair Josette Moss
Brad Huss
Chris Andrichak
LaTrina Meredith

Absent

(none)

Additional Participants

Present In Person

Damien Charléty, Executive Officer, ACTERP
Russ Richeda, Retirement Board Counsel, Saltzman & Johnson
Stephanie Sorg, Investment Consultant, Meketa Investment Group
Jonathan Camp, Investment Consultant, Meketa Investment Group

Present via Zoom

Bertina Ng, Retirement Plan Senior Analyst
Jessy Mathew, Retirement Plan Analyst
Teresa Serrato, Retirement Plan Analyst
Cris Gille, Retirement Plan Associate Analyst
Manal Ayyad, Retirement Plan Assistant
Shaamini Babu, Saltzman & Johnson
Joel Young, AC Transit District Board Liaison
Alex Khorsandian, Meketa
Graham Smith, Cheiron
Gar Chung, FIN-News
'Christopher' *(otherwise,* unidentified*)*
(516) 916 – 7742, unidentified Caller
(573)284- 3922, unidentified Caller

AB2449 COMPLIANCE

Board Member(s) Intent/Request to Attend Meeting(s) Remotely
(none)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

1. February 25, 2026 Meeting
2. March 23, 2026 Meeting

B. Approval of Draft Financials Monthly Statements

(none)

C. Report on Disbursements

1. April 2026

D. Approval of Retirement Benefit Applications
(effective May 01, 2026, unless noted)

1. Service

    a. William Addonizio
    b. Brian Price
    c. Lois Rawlings
    d. Vincent Woods

2. Term-Vested

    a. Kelvin Johnston

3. Conversion

    (none)

4. Pre-Retirement Deaths

    (none)

MOTION Huss/Andrichak to approve the Consent Calendar.
Ayes *Lewis, Moss, Andrichak, Huss, and Meredith*

REGULAR CALENDAR

E. Determinations Related to Participants

(none)

F. Regulatory Items

(none)

G. Portfolio and Investments

1. Review Investment Performance and Receive Market Update

    a. Review of Economic and Market Update

    Stephanie Sorg from Meketa presented the update and stated that March marked a major turning point in global markets as global challenges worldwide became the dominant force driving asset prices, overtaking economic fundamentals.

    The surge in energy costs renewed near-term inflation concerns, pushed Treasury yields higher, and triggered a broad-based market selloff, with a move away from AI-driven names domestically and steeper losses outside the U.S. as rising oil prices disproportionately pressured energy-importing economies. International small-cap stocks were hit hardest, declining 11.2% over the month.

    b. Review March 2026 Performance Report

    Stephanie Sorg from Meketa reviewed the March 2026 Performance Report, noting a decrease of approximately $60 million or 5.2% for the month, bringing total assets to $1.067 billion.

2. Investment Portfolio Operational Documents

a. Receive Results of ACTERP Asset/Liability Study

Stephanie Sorg from Meketa reviewed the summary, noting that Plan staff and Meketa completed a comprehensive study to evaluate how the Plan's assets interact with its liabilities and to assess whether the long-term portfolio policy remains aligned with the Plan's funding objectives, risk tolerance, and overall financial condition.

Jonathon Camp from Meketa explained the Asset/Liability Study process. The study models multiple investment strategies across a range of economic scenarios to help the Retirement Board make informed, risk-aware decisions regarding portfolio construction. These types of studies are typically conducted every four years.

There was discussion among Board members and questions to Meketa representatives regarding the outlook of the current policy and the overall assessment of risk.

Stephanie Sorg from Meketa explained that the materials she presented to the Board contained three proposed options for re-allocation of assets, but that in each, the Multi-Sector Credit sub-asset class was broken down into its underlying components: High Yield Bonds, Bank Loans, and Investment Grade Corporate Bonds.

Of the three options, the higher-risk option is expected to generate greater long-term returns but carries increased volatility. The medium-risk option seeks to balance return potential with risk exposure, while the lower-risk option focuses on more conservative investments with reduced risk and lower expected returns, with the Retirement Plan's current asset allocation lying between the medium and lower risk options.

Jonathon Camp from Meketa explained the graphics and charts illustrating the different funded status comparisons, and Stephanie Sorg from Meketa Investment Group reviewed the risk analysis.

b. Approve Updated Asset Allocation

MOTION Andrichak/Moss to approve the Medium Risk Scenario.
Ayes *Lewis, Moss, Andrichak, Huss, and Meredith*

c. Approve Revised Investment Policy Statement

Stephanie Sorg from Meketa reviewed the memo summarizing Plan and Meketa staff's full review of the Plan's Investment Policy Statement (IPS) to ensure it continues to align with ACTERP's long-term objectives and prevailing institutional best practices.

The revised IPS is intended to function as a clear, stable framework for guiding investment decisions, oversight, and implementation, with further detail provided in the appendices.

Damien Charléty noted a proposed change under "Investment Goals and Objectives" to replace the word "meet" with "provide."

Retirement Board Counsel Russ Richeda stated that his concern that there was no binding requirement compelling investment managers or consultants to adhere to the rules in the document.

Damien Charléty recommended that the Board and Counsel be given a week to submit comments to be integrated into a revised version to be brought back at the next meeting.

H. Operational Items

1. Update on Items in Progress Discussed at Previous Retirement Board Meetings

a. Plan Restatement

Russ Richeda provided an update on the upcoming meetings scheduled with IBEW's counsel.

2. National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems Annual Study

    a. Receive NCPERS 2026 Study Takeaways Memorandum

    Damien Charléty presented the memorandum and highlighted the Plan's features as compared to the survey results.

3. Internal Audit

    a. Approve Retirement Benefit Calculations Review, Assessment, and Recommendations

    Damien Charléty reviewed the Retirement Benefits Calculation Review Assessment and Recommendation. During retirement benefit calculations, questions about plan interpretation arise from time to time, particularly in unusual or complex cases. These have typically been addressed through internal review. However, best practice calls for a periodic independent review of the benefit calculation process to assess current procedures and recommend improvements. This review will be conducted by the Retirement Plan's actuary, Cheiron, which presented three potential options for the review, varying in scope of review and cost.

    MOTION Moss/ Meredith to approve conducting the review at Level 3.
    Ayes *Lewis, Moss, Andrichak, Huss, and Meredith*

I. Operational Reports

1. Receive Status of Actions on Participant Requests as of March 30,2026

    Damien Charléty provided context to the information on the memorandum.

2. Review 2026 Workplan Framework and Items Update

    Damien Charléty briefly covered the workplan items.

CLOSED SESSION

RESUME OPEN SESSION

Russ Richeda reported out of Closed Session that, with respect to Item K2, the Board concluded the performance review of the Executive Officer for calendar year 2025.

Russ Richeda also reported out of Closed Session that, with respect to Item K4 and K5, the Board selected Russ Richeda as the negotiator for the Executive Officer's financial compensation increase. The Retirement Board concluded by unanimous vote to approve contract revisions and a compensation increase for the Executive Officer, retroactive to his anniversary date, including an increase in compensation to $240,000 per year, and a contribution to the 457 deferred compensation account in accordance with District policy.

MOTION Huss/Moss to approve the contract revisions and compensation increase for Executive Officer Damien Charléty

Ayes *Lewis, Moss, Andrichak, Huss, and Meredith*

BOARD ITEMS

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment 12:45 pm