



MENDOCINO COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

# **Delegation of Board Authority**

Board of Retirement

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# Where does the Board get its authority?



- California State Constitution
  - Article XVI Public Finance, Section 17 “*plenary* authority and fiduciary responsibility”
- County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 provides for the
  - Establishment of the system, Article II, Sections 31500 - 31517.
  - Administration by the Retirement Board, Article III. Sections 31520-31543.

# Governance Documents



- Board Regulations
  - The Board retains all authority granted by the California State Constitution and the County Employees Retirement Law, except as delegated.
- Board Charters
  - Board of Retirement Charter, Audit Committee Charter, and Executive Director Charter.
- Board Policies and Resolutions
  - Board Election Policy, Budget Adoption Policy, Determination of Pension Compensation/Compensation Earnable Policy, Error Correction Policy, Investment Policy Statement, SACRS Voting Proxy Authority Policy, and Resolution Stating Authorized and Rescinded Signatures.

The Board decides what authority to delegate. Any authority not specifically delegated is retained by Board for their exclusive use.

MCERA Board position is for the Board to focus on investment matters, governance and policy issues, while delegating certain audit related responsibilities to the Audit Committee and routine operations to MCERA Executive Director and management.

# Summary of Delegated Authority



- The summary is organized by governance document and references the section number of the delegated authority.
- Trustees should review the summary to determine whether the Board wishes to make any changes in the delegated authorities.

# Areas of Conflict and/or Ambiguity



- Board Regulations and Board of Retirement Charter
- Executive Director Charter and Authorized Signatures Resolution

# Board Regulations and Board Charter



- Board Regulations delegates “day to day administration”
- Board Charter delegates “all else”
- What does “all else” mean to this board?
  - Is the wording “*all else*” too vague?
- Should the Charter be amended to so the language matches the Board Regulations?

# Executive Director Charter and Signature Resolution



- Should the language in the Authorized Signature Resolution be modified?
- If so, how should the language be modified to clarify when the Authorized Signers may execute contracts?

# Questions



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