

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

APRIL 14, 2025

CITY FINANCIAL TOWER
201 MERCHANT STREET, SUITE 1200
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Trustees present: Mr. Vincent Barfield, Chair (in person)*
(by teleconference) Dr. Genevieve Ley, Vice Chair*
Dr. Catherine Chan*
Mr. David Louie*

Staff present: Mr. Thomas Williams, Executive Director*
(City Financial Tower Ms. Gail Strohl, Deputy Executive Director*
by teleconference) Ms. Kristin Varela, Chief Investment Officer*
Ms. Dale Kehau Kanae, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Ms. Andrea Gasper, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Lori Kim, Administrative Assistant

Attorney present: Ms. Jenny Nakamoto, Deputy Attorney General*
(by teleconference)

*Attended Executive Session

QUORUM/CALL TO
ORDER

A quorum being present (Chair Barfield, Vice Chair Ley, and Trustees Chan and Louie), Chair Barfield called the Human Resources Committee (HR Committee or Committee) of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii (ERS) to order at 10:00 a.m. and identified the Trustees present and had them confirm that they are the only ones present at their remote location and that no one else was able to listen in on their teleconference while attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Barfield called for public comment. There were no members of the public present in person or by teleconference, therefore no public comment. There was also no written public testimony received for this Committee meeting.

REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES
AND TIMELINE OF THE
HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

Chair Barfield presented for discussion, by the Committee, the activities and timeline of the Human Resources Committee. Chair Barfield reviewed the timeline, as presented, and requested adding a notation regarding the approval of the Compensation Plan by the Board at its September 8, 2025, meeting. Otherwise, the Committee had no additional changes to the timeline. The timeline will be updated to reflect the added notation. Chair Barfield also reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

DISCUSS THE EXEMPT
STAFF COMPENSATION
PLAN

Chair Barfield discussed with the Committee, the Compensation Plan stating that the Plan was discussed at the previous meeting of April 8, 2025, and details regarding exempt staff performance and compensation recommendations will be discussed in Executive Session, as well as non-exempt management performance.

DISCUSS THE RECRUITMENT,
PROCESS, AND TIMELINE
FOR EXECUTIVE
LEADERSHIP SEARCH

Chair Barfield informed the Committee that there were no new updates to discuss regarding the recruitment, process, and timeline for the executive leadership search, however, Chair Barfield noted that Kumabe HR will be

	presenting an update of the executive leadership search to the Board at the next Board meeting.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2024	On a motion made by Trustee Louie, seconded by Trustee Chan and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the Minutes of April 8, 2025, meeting as presented.
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Chair Barfield again called for public comment. There was no public present by teleconference or in person, therefore, no public comment.</p> <p>(Chair Barfield identified all the participants in Executive Session, the Board, ERS Staff, Deputy Attorney General are identified with an asterisk on these minutes and listed on the Executive Session Minutes.</p> <p>Chair Barfield provided the reason to enter into Executive Session: Executive Session, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(2), (4), and (8), to discuss the performance evaluations, goals, objectives, and compensation recommendations of Chapter 76, HRS exempt Executive Director, Chief Investment Officer, Deputy Chief Investment Officer, and Investment Officers, where matters affecting privacy will be involved, and to consult with the Board’s attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Committee’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities; and to deliberate and make a decision on the approval of Executive Session Minutes and Confidential Executive Session Minutes which are confidential under State law.</p> <p>Before exiting the meeting Board Secretary Dale Kehau Kanae confirmed that no unauthorized persons were in the conference room or able to listen in by audio or audiovisual connection while on the teleconference. DAG Jenny Nakamoto served as the notetaker for the remainder of the meeting.)</p>
ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION	On a motion made by Vice Chair Ley, seconded by Trustee Chan, and unanimously carried, the Committee entered into Executive Session at 10:07 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>(Public participation concluded by ending the teleconference link.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to HRS§ 92-5(a)(2) and (4), to discuss the performance evaluation and compensation recommendations of Chapter 76, HRS exempt Deputy Chief Investment Officer and Investment Officers of the Employees’ Retirement System, and to evaluate such staff, as may be necessary, where matters affecting privacy will be involved, and to consult with the Board’s attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Committee’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities; appropriate action. • Pursuant to HRS§ 92-5(a)(2) and (4), to discuss the performance evaluation, goals, objectives and compensation recommendations of Chapter 76, HRS exempt Chief Investment Officer of the Employees’ Retirement System, where matters affecting privacy will be involved, and to consult with the Board’s attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Committee’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities; appropriate action. • Pursuant to HRS§ 92-5(a)(2) and (4), to discuss the performance evaluation, goals, objectives and compensation recommendations of Chapter 76, HRS exempt Executive Director of the Employees’ Retirement System, where matters affecting privacy will be involved, and to consult with the Board’s attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Committee’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities; appropriate action. • Pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(8), to Review and Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 8, 2025.

- Pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(8), to Review and Approve Confidential Executive Session Minutes of April 8, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION,
PURSUANT TO HRS §92-5(a)(2)
AND (4), TO DISCUSS THE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
AND COMPENSATION
RECOMMENDATIONS OF
CHAPTER 76, HRS EXEMPT
DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTMENT
OFFICER AND INVESTMENT
OFFICERS OF THE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO
EVALUATE SUCH STAFF, AS
MAY BE NECESSARY, WHERE
MATTERS AFFECTING
PRIVACY WILL BE INVOLVED,
AND TO CONSULT WITH THE
BOARD'S ATTORNEYS ON
QUESTIONS AND ISSUES
PERTAINING TO THE
COMMITTEE'S POWERS,
DUTIES, PRIVILEGES,
IMMUNITIES, AND
LIABILITIES; APPROPRIATE
ACTION

EXECUTIVE SESSION,
PURSUANT TO HRS§ 92-5(A)(2)
AND (4), TO DISCUSS THE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION,
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND
COMPENSATION
RECOMMENDATIONS OF
CHAPTER 76, HRS EXEMPT
CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER
OF THE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WHERE
MATTERS AFFECTING
PRIVACY WILL BE INVOLVED,
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BOARD'S ATTORNEYS ON
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COMMITTEE'S POWERS,
DUTIES, PRIVILEGES,
IMMUNITIES, AND
LIABILITIES; APPROPRIATE
ACTION

(Trustee Louie left the meeting by ending his teleconference at 11:30 a.m.
Quorum was maintained with Chair Barfield, Vice Chair Ley, and Trustee
Chan in attendance.)

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PURSUANT TO HRS§ 92-5(A)(2)
AND (4), TO DISCUSS THE
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION,
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND
COMPENSATION
RECOMMENDATIONS OF
CHAPTER 76, HRS EXEMPT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM, WHERE MATTERS
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EXECUTIVE SESSION,
PURSUANT TO HRS §92-
5(a)(8), REVIEW AND
APPROVE EXECUTIVE
SESSION MINUTES OF
APRIL 8, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION,
PURSUANT TO HRS §92-
5(a)(8), REVIEW AND
APPROVE CONFIDENTIAL
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2025

EXIT EXECUTIVE
SESSION

On a motion made by Vice Chair Ley, seconded by Trustee Chan, and
unanimously carried, the Committee exited Executive Session at 11:36 a.m.

Chair Barfield announced that while in Executive Session, the Committee
evaluated the compensation recommendations of the executive team, received
an operational team summary from Deputy Executive Director Strohl, a self-
assessment from Chief Investment Officer (CIO) Varela, comments from
Executive Director Williams' regarding CIO Varela, discussed the
performance of the Investment Officers, and approved the Executive Session
Minutes and Confidential Executive Session Minutes of April 8, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Vice Chair Ley, seconded by Trustee Chan, and
unanimously carried, Chair Barfield adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

REDACTED SIGNATURE

Thomas Williams
Executive Director

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