

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

January 13, 2026

FROM

DEBORAH CHERNEY, Chief Executive Officer, San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association

SUBJECT

Amended Board of Retirement By-Laws

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve and adopt amended Board of Retirement By-Laws as approved by the Board of Retirement on December 4, 2025.

(Presenter: Deborah Cherney, Chief Executive Officer, 885-7980)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as it is non-financial in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

California Government Code Section 31525 requires the Board of Supervisors to approve the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) By-Laws.

The current SBCERA By-Laws were approved by the Board of Retirement on April 3, 2025, and by the Board of Supervisors on April 29, 2025 (Item No. 67). This item includes amendments to the current SBCERA By-Laws, which were approved by the Board of Retirement on December 4, 2025.

The amended language is contained in Article II, Section 4. It ties the required vote threshold to the number of trustees in attendance and eligible to vote at a meeting. Under this approach, Board of Retirement action requires a simple majority of eligible members present. For example, if all nine trustees are in attendance and eligible to vote, the requirement of a simple majority would require five affirmative votes. However, a safeguard provision has been added to require at least four affirmative votes when seven or fewer eligible trustees are present. This ensures that when only a quorum of five members is present, any action must receive at least four affirmative votes to pass.

This revision does not change the quorum requirements for the Board of Retirement.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

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REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association Board of Retirement (Deborah Cherney, Chief Executive Officer and Barbara Hannah, Chief Counsel, 885-7980) on December 9, 2025; County Counsel (Julie Surber, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on December 15, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Garrett Baker, Administrative Analyst, 387-3077) on December 15, 2025.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr.
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: January 13, 2026



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