# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION WATER AND POWER EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

#### **MINUTES**

## **AUGUST 17, 2011**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Javier Romero, President Cindy Coffin, Vice President Barry Poole, Regular Member Robert Rozanski, Retiree Member

#### **Board Members Absent:**

DWP Commissioner - Vacant Mario Ignacio, Chief Accounting Employee Ronald O. Nichols, General Manager

#### Staff Present:

Sangeeta Bhatia, Retirement Plan Manager Alliance Mary Higgins, Assistant Retirement Plan Manager Jeremy Wolfson, Chief Investment Officer Julie Escudero, Utility Executive Secretary Marie McTeague, Deputy City Attorney

### **Others Present:**

David Sancewich, Pension Consulting

President Romero called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Ms. Bhatia indicated a quorum of the Board was present.

## Presentations of Proposals and Interviews for International Emerging Markets Equity Manager

Mr. Romero acknowledged David Sancewich of Pension Consulting Alliance who provided the background on this item. Mr. Sancewich distributed a summary of statistics for each of the manager candidates. Following his review of the statistics and the Request for Proposal response materials, the Board interviewed the following candidates for the International Emerging Markets Equity Manager.

- a) J.P. Morgan Asset Management
- b) Vontobel Asset Management, Inc.
- c) BlackRock Institutional Trust Company
- d) Capital International, Inc.

Mr. Sancewich provided an overview after the conclusion of each interview. Discussion ensued among the Board Members, PCA, and Staff.

Mr. Rozanski moved that the Board select Vontobel Asset Management, Inc., as the International Emerging Markets Equity Manager; seconded by Ms. Coffin.

Aves:

Coffin, Poole, Romero, and Rozanski

Navs:

None

Absent: Ignacio, Nichols

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Poole moved that the account with Vontobel Asset Management, Inc., be a separate account instead of a commingled account; seconded by Mr. Rozanski.

Aves:

Coffin, Poole, Romero, and Rozanski

Nays:

None

Absent:

Ignacio, Nichols

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Javier Romero

**Board President** 

Retirement Plan Manager

Julie Escudero Utility Executive Secretary 10.12.11 Date