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JACOB ABBOTT

Senior Investment Officer, Sacramento CERS

Mr. Abbott is an Investment Officer with the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA). As a member of the investment team, Mr. Abbott is responsible for the development of investment goals, underwriting investment opportunities, manager selection, and investment operations.

Prior to joining SBCERA in September 2015, Mr. Abbott was an Investment Strategist for the Chamberlain Group, a private client investment advisor. He was responsible for leading investment due diligence, portfolio design, and investment communication. Previously, he worked as an Associate Portfolio Manager, Equity Derivatives at Russell Investments where he was responsible for management of Global cash equitization programs and trade execution. He began his investment career as a US Equity Manager Research Analyst at Russell.

Mr. Abbott earned a bachelor's degree in economics/Operations Research from Columbia University and is a CFA charterholder. He is a member of the CFA Institute and volunteers with the CFAOC's Student Managed Investment Fund.



CHARLIE ASFOUR

Co-Head of Financial Services, Comvest Credit Partners

Charlie joined Manulife | Comvest Credit Partners (formerly Comvest Credit Partners) in 2023. He is a Partner and Co-Head of Financial Services. He serves as a member of the Investment Committee for the opportunistic credit strategy. Charlie is responsible for originating, structuring, and managing investments for the opportunistic credit and direct lending strategies.

Prior to joining Manulife | Comvest Credit Partners, Charlie founded Aves Capital Management, a manager of special situation oriented structured capital investments and funds. Before that, he worked at Victory Park Capital Advisors, where he was a partner, an investment committee member, and most recently led the firm's special opportunities strategy and team. Before that, Charlie held several other positions in the private equity and investment banking industries, including with Code Hennessy & Simmons and J.P. Morgan.

Charlie received a B.S. in Finance and Accounting from Indiana University Bloomington.



SAM AUSTIN

Partner, NEPC

Based in San Francisco, California, Sam manages NEPC's Western Region public fund consulting activities. For 34 years, Sam has offered consulting advice to public fund, corporate, multi-employer, endowment, and eleemosynary clients. Sam currently serves as Chair of NEPC's Governing Board. He previously chaired NEPC's Partner Nominating Committee. Sam also is Chair of NEPC's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board.

Prior to joining the Partnership at NEPC in 2017, Sam was a Senior Vice President at FIS Group (now Xponance) for five years, where he advised pension clients on the portion of their asset allocation dedicated to emerging managers. Sam contributed to manager selection decisions as a Voting Member of the Investment Committee at FIS. Previously, Sam worked for 10 years at Virtus Investment Partners where he held the position of Executive Managing Director.

As a Member of the Virtus Executive Committee, reporting to the CEO, he was a key participant in the strategic planning and implementation for the spin-out of multiple boutique money management subsidiaries from Phoenix Insurance. Earlier in his career, Sam was a Principal and Team Leader for the Public Fund and Taft-Hartley businesses at Barclays Global Investors (now BlackRock). He also served initially as a Portfolio Strategist for Quantitative Equities and later as Principal and Co-Head of Marketing at Bankers Trust Company (now Deutsche Bank). Sam is the founder and Board Chair of the Investment Diversity Advisory Council (IDAC), an organization with representation from all stakeholders in the investment business, dedicated to working collaboratively to implement strategies that can transform the equitable representation of all parts of the population throughout our industry. Sam was also the founding President of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP-NY), where he created the NASP-NY Trustee Education Seminar in 1994. His initiative to launch the NASP Finance and Scholastic Training Track ("FAST Track") Program in New York has been adopted by other local chapters of NASP around the country and has introduced hundreds of inner-city high school students to careers in banking, finance, and asset management. Sam was inducted into the NASP-NY Wall Street Hall of Fame in 2013. Sam earned his M.B.A. degree in Finance from the Questrom School of Business at Boston University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University.



DAVID BADER

Investment Director, CalPERS' Global Fixed Income , CalPERS

David Bader is an Investment Director for CalPERS' Global Fixed Income division and oversees the fund's \$28 billion Emerging Market Debt program. Prior to that, Mr. Bader served as Head of Credit Research and oversaw the Investment Grade research team and process while maintaining coverage of global financial institutions. He has been with CalPERS since 2017. Prior to joining CalPERS, he held portfolio manager, trader and senior credit analyst positions at Charles Schwab Investment Management and McMorgan & Co., an investment boutique owned by New York Life Investment Management. Mr. Bader holds a master's in business administration from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and Bachelor of Science degree in business economics and finance from the University of Arizona.



CARLOS BARRIOS

Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Benefits, Alameda CERS

Carlos Barrios is the Alameda CERA Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the Benefits department. Carlos oversees the administration of retirement processing; health, dental, and vision plan benefits; disability benefits; communications; and member services operations. He provides periodic updates related to health care benefits and retirement operations to the Board of Retirement's Retiree Committee. Carlos has over 30 years of experience in pension administration between the Alameda CERA and the Los Angeles CERA. He has been participating, moderating, and presenting at SACRS for over two decades. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree, a Graduate certificate in Health Administration, a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist designation.



RHONDA BIESEMEIER

Trustee, Stanislaus CERA, SACRS Board of Directors

Rhonda Bieseemeier was employed by Stanislaus County from 1972 until 2008. Her career began as a typist clerk and progressed to case manager, supervisor, and Manager in the public benefits section of the Community Services Agency (CSA). Throughout the 1980's Rhonda worked as a court order enforcement officer in the Family Support Division. After retiring in 2008, she served on the RESCO Board as President for 10 years and continues to serve as a board member. In addition, she has served as an Equal Rights Commissioner for Stanislaus County since 2022. Rhonda was elected by retirees as an alternate Trustee to the Stanislaus Board of Retirement in July 2017 and elected as the retiree representative in 2023. Rhonda has been elected to the SACRS Board for two terms, first as a general member in 2024 and as Secretary for 2025.



MARGARET BLANCHFIELD

Artist and Art Instructor

Margaret Blanchfield is a professional artist and longtime art teacher based in Northern California. She is known for making painting approachable, stress-free, and genuinely fun. Margaret has taught thousands of students of all ages and believes creativity is not about talent-it is about permission to play and experiment. She teaches in-person, online and pre-recorded painting classes. For more info, visit SacramentoArtClasses.com



ALYSIA BONNER

Trustee, Fresno CERA

Alysia Bonner has worked for the County of Fresno for 23 years, serving the Department of Public Health as a Supervising Office Assistant in numerous Divisions including Maternal Child & Adolescent Health, Community Health, and Public Health Nursing. During her years of service with the Community Health Division, she supervised the Vital Statistics Program where she trained Local Registrars, Funeral Directors, and Decedent Affairs staff throughout California on the California Department of Public Health Electronic Death Registration System. Alysia made a personal mission statement at the age of 18 to always give 100% of herself to make positive changes to improve the lives of others. She loves to volunteer her time mentoring and helping people realize their full potential. Alysia is a proud member of SEIU Local 521 and currently serve as the Local-wide President representing 50,000 members. She serves as the Vice President of the Fresno-Madera-Tulare-Kings Central Labor Council, which advocates for 105,000 workers and their families in the Central Valley. Alysia contributions to her community as a Commissioner for the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, whose mission is to empower individuals to thrive as healthy, self-sufficient, and contributing members in the community; and as a Director of the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, assisting local businesses by developing and hiring employees.



JULIA BOTEZATU

Counsel, Nossaman LLP

Julia Botezatu is an employment litigator with Nossaman LLP. She defends employers in labor and employment disputes, including single-plaintiff actions alleging discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, and wage and hour class actions.



TAMARA CALDWELL

Division Manager, Disability Retirement Services Division, Los Angeles CERA

Since joining the LACERA team in 1999, Tamara Caldwell has demonstrated unwavering commitment and leadership. Her journey began as a temporary employee in the Human Resources Division, where she quickly distinguished herself through her dedication and initiative. In 2001, Tamara transitioned to the Disability Retirement Services Division as the Senior Division Secretary, immersing herself in the complexities of disability retirement and building a foundation of invaluable knowledge and experience. Her drive and expertise led to her promotion in 2006 as a Disability Retirement Specialist, followed by advancement to Senior Disability Retirement Specialist just one year later. Tamara's exceptional performance and leadership were further recognized in 2013 when she was appointed as a Disability Retirement Specialist Supervisor. In this role, she played a pivotal part in guiding process improvements, strategic planning, and division reorganization, contributing significantly to the division's ongoing success.

Most recently, on December 1, 2023, Tamara embraced her most challenging and rewarding role yet as the Division Manager of the Disability Retirement Services Division. In this capacity, she continues to champion innovation, operational excellence, and integral service to LACERA's members.



ALLISON CALLAGHAN

Partner, Nossaman LLP

Allison C. Callaghan is a Partner with Nossaman LLP. Based in Sacramento, Allison focuses her practice on employment litigation and counseling. She has a proven track record defending private and public employers in single-plaintiff harassment, discrimination, and wrongful termination lawsuits and wage-and-hour class and representative actions. Allison has successfully represented clients in all phases of litigation, including at trial. Additionally, Allison has considerable experience representing public pension plans in disability retirement proceedings at both the administrative and appellate levels. Allison also regularly provides advice and counsel to employers on a broad array of employment issues and conducts workplace investigations.



ZANDRA CHOLMONDELEY

Trustee, Santa Barbara CERS, SACRS Secretary

Zandra Cholmondeley was elected to represent County retirees as a trustee on the governing board of the Santa Barbara County Retirement System (SBCERS) in November 2008. She joined the SBCERS Board in January 2009 and, starting in January 2010, served two terms as Chair of the Board. She has also served three terms as the President of the Retired Employees of Santa Barbara County (RESBC). Zandra retired in July 2008. As Principal Analyst for Santa Barbara County she was charged with overseeing the development of the County's annual budget and performed numerous special projects for the County Executive Officer. Her budget responsibilities included working with County departments to ensure the accuracy of projections and overall preparation of the budget document. Special projects experience included implementing fiscal policy for the County Executive and oversight of internal service funds including the fleet and self-insurance funds.



CYNTHIA RENEE

National Anthem Singer

Cynthia Renee is a Sacramento-Area country singer-songwriter known for blending heartfelt storytelling, powerful vocals, and modern country glam into a style all her own. Signed to Twelve-Seventeen/SSM Nashville Records in 2023, Cynthia has gained national attention with multiple Top 100 releases on the Music Row Country Breakout Chart and a growing fanbase across the country.

Her latest single, "The Way God Made Me," earned national recognition with a nomination for Song of the Year at the Mississippi Music Awards. In March 2026, she released her self-titled debut album.

Known for her authentic personality and emotional connection with audiences, Cynthia's music reflects real-life experiences, resilience, faith, and heart. She is also a proud ambassador for Hearts for Heroes USA, supporting first responders and military families through music and community outreach.



BRIAN D'ARCY

Partner, Sixth Street

Mr. D'Arcy is a Partner of Sixth Street based in San Francisco, and acts as CEO of the Sixth Street Broker Dealer. Mr. D'Arcy sits on the firm's Executive Committee, Core Committee, and Allocations Committee. Mr. D'Arcy previously worked at TPG, and prior to that, was a private equity and private real estate specialist in the Alternative Capital Markets Group with Goldman Sachs. Mr. D'Arcy received a B.A. in Economics and History (supplemental), magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. D'Arcy is a board member for Oakland Lacrosse, a non-profit focused on Oakland public school students and an active supporter of the Notre Dame Africana Studies Department.



STEVE DAVIS

Chief Investment Officer, Sacramento CERS

Steve Davis has served as the Chief Investment Officer at SCERS since October 2016 and is responsible for the oversight and implementation of SCERS' investment program.

Steve has been with SCERS since 2010 and previously was a co-portfolio manager at Wedbush Morgan Securities and a senior research analyst at Concord Investment Counsel. Steve holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Southern California, and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designations



KELLIE DEMARCO

SACRS Conference Moderator, Kellie DeMarco Communications

Kellie DeMarco is an Emmy-winning journalist turned communications strategist, on-camera coach, and video producer. After nearly two decades anchoring the evening news—most recently at KCRA 3 in Sacramento—Kellie launched Kellie DeMarco Communications, a media production and personal branding agency helping leaders show up with confidence and clarity. Through her work with businesses and nonprofits, Kellie brings powerful stories to life through professional video content, commercial campaigns, and live events. She also coaches executives, entrepreneurs, and working women on how to elevate their presence, refine their messaging, and present with polish—whether it's in the boardroom, on camera, or under the spotlight, her mission is simple: help people look, sound, and feel their best while making an impact. Learn more at KellieDeMarco.com



ASHLEY DUNNING

Partner, Nossaman LLP

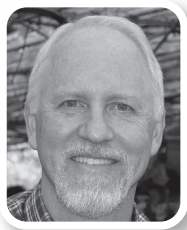
Ashley Dunning is a Partner in Nossaman LLP, and is Co-Chair of its Pensions, Benefits & Investments Group. Ashley has provided fiduciary and litigation counsel services to public retirement systems since 1998. She currently serves as fiduciary, litigation, and/or general counsel to over two dozen public retirement systems nationally. Collectively, the retirement systems she serves hold more than \$1 trillion in trust assets. Ashley also provides governance consultant services to retirement systems, and she has testified as an expert on fiduciary administration of public retirement plans in superior court. In addition, Ashley has represented public retirement systems in dozens of cases over the years, resulting in published decisions by the California Supreme Court, California Courts of Appeal, and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. These and other cases Ashley has led have involved disputes over all aspects of the administration and governance of public pension systems, including disputes over the extent to which benefits are contractually “vested” under the Federal and California constitutions, alleged conflicts of interest, retirement system funding, disability retirement and other benefits-related issues, and public transparency rules. Ashley received her B.A. from Yale University, cum laude, with honors in History and awarded the President’s Award for Public Service, and she received her J.D. from UC Law-San Francisco (formerly Hastings College of the Law), Order of the Coif.



STEVE EDMUNDSON

Chief Investment Officer, Nevada PERS

Steve Edmundson was appointed to the position of CIO of the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Nevada in December 2012. In his role, Mr. Edmundson oversees all aspects of PERS’ investment program including asset allocation, investment operations, compliance, research, manager oversight, and implementation of PERS’ investment strategy.



JIM FAILOR

Chief Investment Officer, Sonoma CERA

Jim joined the SCERA team in early 2007 to fill the position of Investment Officer. He was promoted to Senior Investment Officer in 2012 and promoted to Chief Investment Officer in 2016. His previous position was as a Client Relationship Manager at the investment firm of GMO (Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co.). Over the ten years prior to joining SCERA, Jim worked as an Institutional Relationship Manager and Product Specialist at various investment firms. Prior to that, he oversaw investments at Pacific Gas and Electric Company for their retirement, post-retirement medical and nuclear decommissioning trusts. Jim has a BA degree in economics from Pacific Lutheran University, an MBA degree from the University of Washington and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).



SEAN GANNON

Managing Director, Manulife Investment Management, SACRS Affiliate Chair

Sean Gannon is Managing Director of Institutional Business Development for Manulife Private Equity & Credit, responsible for managing institutional relationships in the Western United States. He is a senior executive with over 30 years of experience in corporate finance and institutional investment management. Sean's core expertise is in private markets strategies: senior secured direct lending, junior credit, asset-based lending, special situations, structured equity, co-investments, GP-led Secondary investments, and NAV-based lending to GPs.



ALYSSA GIACHINO

Investor Engagement Director, Private Equity Stakeholder Project

The Private Equity Stakeholder Project (PESP) is a nonprofit organization focused on the growing impacts of private equity on people and the planet that seeks to bring transparency and accountability to the private funds industry. Alyssa has worked on economic justice for around two decades. Alyssa has worked with institutional investors managing over US\$2 trillion to support capital markets in the service of society, including sustainability and human capital management through policy adoption, portfolio engagement, and risk mitigation. She has an M.A. from New York University.



CHRIS GIBONEY

Trustee, Sacramento CERS, SACRS Board of Director

Chris Giboney is a Fire Captain for Sacramento County Airport Fire who joined the Board in January 2022 as the Alternate Safety member. He was appointed to President in August 2025. His current term expires on December 31, 2027.



ASHLEY GREEN

Audit Partner, Brown Armstrong

Ashley Green is a Partner at Brown Armstrong CPAs and a Certified Public Accountant with over 18 years of experience in governmental auditing. She specializes in public retirement systems and has worked with more than 15 members of the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) during her career. Ashley is actively involved in the profession through her service on the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) Governmental Accounting and Auditing State Committee, where she focuses on emerging issues, evolving governmental accounting, and auditing standards. She is passionate about helping retirement systems navigate complex accounting requirements and stay ahead of regulatory change.



FRANCIS GRIFFIN

Head of Private Credit Research, Callan

Francis Griffin is a senior vice president in Callan's Alternatives Consulting group. He joined Callan in 2024 to oversee private credit research for all clients and efforts to identify private credit investment opportunities.

Francis brings over 25 years of experience in private markets, working in investment research, business development, and portfolio management roles at banks, consultants, and asset management firms. Prior to Callan, he was an operating partner of credit strategies at Investcorp Strategic Capital Group. Highlights of his experience also include senior roles at Langschiff Capital Partners, Angelo Gordon, and Verus Investments.

Francis earned an MBA in finance from the University of Minnesota and a BA in history from the College of the Holy Cross.



JAMIL (JIMMY) HASSANI

Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Sacramento, CORE, CART

FBI Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Jimmy Hassani leads a team focused on confronting multifaceted cyber-enabled threats. SSA Hassani dedicated over half of his 21-year career to combatting National Security cyber threats while fostering relationships with Silicon Valley's tech giants during the early development of online platforms.

At FBI Headquarters, SSA Hassani contributed to the FBI's threat posture for cyber threats to US Critical Infrastructure as the FBI liaison to the DHS. In 2017, SSA Hassani accepted an international position as the FBI's Assistant Legal Attaché to Jordan, enhancing law enforcement relationships and negotiating bilateral agreements.

In 2021, SSA Hassani took the role of Program Coordinator for cyber-enabled threats to the financial and healthcare sectors.

Today SSA Hassani leads the strategic communications program focused on strengthening public and private sector partnerships, and he manages the digital forensics program, where his team transforms raw digital evidence into clear, factual accounts of criminal conduct for prosecution.



DANIEL HENNESSY

Senior Consultant, NEPC

Daniel joined NEPC in 2014 and has 22 years of experience in investment consulting and asset management. He is based in NEPC's San Francisco office and advises public pension plans, including four SACRS systems, on all facets of investments including investment policy development, asset allocation, investment manager selection, and risk management. Before becoming an investment consultant, Daniel was an equity analyst / portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton, where he oversaw a team of consumer equity analysts. Previous employers include Fidelity Investments and McKinsey & Co. Daniel earned an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania, and a B.A. degree in Mathematical Economics from Pomona College. Dan also holds both the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) designations and is active in their San Francisco chapters.



CRAIG HUSTING

Chief Investment Officer, Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri

Craig Husting is the Chief Investment Officer (CIO) for the Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri. As CIO, he directs the management of the Systems' \$66 billion investment portfolio. Specifically, Mr. Husting has been responsible for strategically diversifying the asset allocation for the Systems including the development of real estate, private equity, private credit, and hedge fund portfolios. He joined the Retirement Systems as CIO in January 1999. Prior to that, Mr. Husting was the Director of Investments and Deposit Programs for the Missouri State Treasurer's Office where he managed all aspects of the State's \$3.5 billion investment portfolio. Mr. Husting has also worked in county government as the Deputy Treasurer for the Johnson County, KS government. Mr. Husting began his career in finance in 1989 with Ernst and Young's national cash management consulting practice. Mr. Husting earned an MBA from the University of Notre Dame and a B.A. degree from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. He has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.



HARSH JADHAV

Chief of Internal Audit, Alameda CERA

Harsh Jadhav serves as Chief of Internal Audit for ACERA. Before that, he worked with Ernst & Young, Deloitte & Touche, Intel, and American Express. Harsh is licensed as a CPA, CISA, CITP, CRISC, CGMA, CRMA, CIDA, CGAP, CISM, CFE, and holds a Master of Business Administration. He teaches as an instructor/adjunct professor with the University of California, Berkeley, and Menlo College. He also serves as the Governor's Cybersecurity Task Force, CITP Education Committee, AICPA National Accreditation Commission, CALCPA Diversity Equity and Inclusion Commission, and the Government Accounting and Audit Committee.



VIJAY JAGAR

Retirement Chief Technology Officer, Alameda CERA

Vijay Jagar serves as Chief Technology Officer overseeing the Project & Information Services Management (PRISM) department, ACERA's information technology division. The department is responsible for providing the infrastructure for automation. It implements governance for the use of network and operating systems, and it assists ACERA's operational units by providing them the technology and functionality they need to support organizational goals.

Previously, Mr. Jagar has provided IT consulting to private, government, and non-profit sectors in the areas of IT strategic planning, project management, and infrastructure upgrades.

Mr. Jagar has certifications in cybersecurity and project management, and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from UCLA.



LAURIE JOHNSON

Legislative Advocate, SACRS Legislative Advocate

As a former Capitol staffer and an advocate, Laurie Johnson has brought almost 30 years of legislative experience to SACRS. Laurie spent five years working in the state Capitol as Legislative Director for several members of legislative leadership where she focused on local government, water, and utilities. For the last 11 years, she has been a contract lobbyist for a boutique lobbying firm, including most recently her own. She spent seven years focused on healthcare policy leading a policy staff, advocating on behalf of a large statewide healthcare association. Prior to that, Laurie advocated on behalf of 10 California counties as a lobbyist, where she was the lead for the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors. In 2022, Laurie started her own firm LJ Consulting & Advocacy, specializing in local government and environmental policy and partnered with many of her former clients, including but not limited to five local agencies, housing developers, a large Northern California tribe as well as a County. Laurie holds a bachelor's degree from California State University, Chico.



JORDAN KAUFMAN

Trustee, Kern County Treasurer Tax Collector, Kern CERA, SACRS Vice President

Jordan Kaufman has served as Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector and Kern County Defined Contribution Plan Administrator since 2015. He was the Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector from 2005 to 2014. Before this, he worked in the County Administrative Office as a Senior Administrative Analyst. In addition to serving as the Alternate 1st Member on the KCERA Board since 2005, Jordan has served as past administrator of Kern County's municipal debt program; Countywide Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator; president of the Kern County Management Council; past president of the American Society for Public Administration; and member of the United Way of Kern County Investment Committee. Jordan earned a B.S. in Industrial Technology from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



DONALD KENDIG

Retirement Administrator, Fresno CERA

Mr. Donald C. Kendig, CPA began his service as FCERA's Retirement Administrator on November 5, 2014. His career in public retirement plan administration began in 2003. Before joining FCERA, he served for two years as the Retirement Administrator for the Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association (VCERA), another system operating under the 1937 Act. Earlier, he spent nine years as a Trustee on the Board of Retirement for the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS).

In addition to his experience in pension administration, Donald served approximately eight years as Chief Financial Officer for the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD), a local government agency dedicated to protecting the health and environment of Santa Barbara County residents. In that role, he oversaw financial operations, including budgeting, accounting, payroll, purchasing, grant administration, and financial reporting, as well as facilities management, safety, and risk management.



EJNAR KNUDSEN

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, AGR Partners Ejnar is AGR's founder and Chief Executive Officer and oversees the firm's investment strategy. He serves on the boards of several AGR portfolio companies.

Prior to founding AGR, Ejnar served as executive vice president of Western Milling, a grain and feed milling company that grew from a single site in Goshen, CA to over \$1 billion in sales and is now the largest animal feed company in the Western United States. He also spent 10 years with Rabobank, in its New York office, managing a loan portfolio and venture capital investments as well as providing corporate advisory services.

Ejnar received his B.S. from Cornell University and is a CFA Charterholder. He was raised on a family dairy farm and is married with four children.



POLINA KURDYAVKO

Head of BlueBay Emerging Market Debt , RBC BlueBay Asset Management

CFA (2005); MSc (Hons) (Finance), People's Friendship University of Russia, Moscow Polina is a senior portfolio manager & head of Emerging Markets on the BlueBay Fixed Income team. Polina oversees investments across all EM strategies and is a lead portfolio manager for several flagship funds in EM sovereign, credit, and local markets, including long only and alternative products. Polina started her career in emerging markets after the Russian financial crisis in 1998 and has, since then, gained expertise across a broad range of emerging market financial assets. Polina joined the firm in 2005 from UBS, where she was a credit analyst in EM corporate research. Her role encompassed coverage of EM issuers as well as research support for primary issuance of corporate debt. Prior to this, Polina was with Alliance Capital where she was an emerging markets equity analyst and then moved on to pioneer emerging markets quantitative research at the firm. She started her career in a macro research boutique in Russia.



DAVID LANTZER

Attorney, SACRS Parliamentarian , Olson | Remcho Dave Lantzer is a Senior Counsel at Olson Remcho, LLP. He is the co-leader of the firms Public Retirement Group practice. He has represented California public retirement systems since 2007. He advises systems on a wide range of legal issues including fiduciary duties of trustees and staff, Brown Act, Political Reform Act, Public Records Act, legislative changes, policies and procedures, disability, family law, probate, benefits, and personnel. Prior to starting with Olson Remcho, Dave was Senior Staff Counsel for the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association. He also served the Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association as General Counsel and held various positions in the Legal Department for the Orange County Employees Retirement System. In addition to advising clients, Dave has extensive litigation experience in both superior courts and courts of appeal. He briefed and argued about seminal cases concerning public retirement benefits that have a continuing impact on public retirement systems throughout the state.

Dave also served on the State Association of County Retirement Systems Legislative Committee where he drafted bill language and advised on the impact of legislative changes.



KAREN LEVY

General Counsel, Contra Costa CERA

Karen Levy serves as General Counsel for the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association. Prior to joining CCCERA in 2008, she was a civil litigator. Karen is licensed to practice law in the State of California and is admitted to appear in all state and federal courts in the State. She graduated with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Karen graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science, summa cum laude and as an honors scholar. She earned her international baccalaureate from the United World College of Southeast Asia, Singapore. Karen enjoys art, book clubs, visiting and exploring new places, and spending time with family and friends.



ADELE LOPEZ TAGALOA

Trustee, Orange CERS, SACRS President

Adele Lopez Tagaloa was elected a General Board Member in 2019 and is in her second three-year term. Adele serves as Vice Chair of the OCERS Board as well as Chair of the Investment Committee. As a County of Orange employee at the Registrar of Voters, she is committed to ensuring transparent, accurate and fair elections. She is proud of her work, which guarantees equal access to the voting process. As a third-generation union worker, Adele fights for workplace fairness and for all public servants to be able to retire with dignity.



DAVID MACDONALD

Trustee, Contra Costa CERA, SACRS Past President

Dr. David MacDonald has been serving on the CCCERA retirement board since July 2016. Currently in the role of vice-chair of the board. David attended the University of California, Irvine as a UC Regents Scholar, earning his bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a doctor's degree in medicine. David entered the family medicine residency program at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (CCRMC). After finishing his residency training, David stayed on at CCRMC as a staff physician. He currently works at CCRMC

as a hospitalist for inpatient service and teaches family medicine to resident physicians. David is also the president of the Physicians' and Dentists' Organization of Contra Costa (PDOCC), the labor unit that represents employed physicians, dentists, and optometrists for the county. He has been on the union's executive board for over 25 years.



JOHN MADDEN

Partner, Moon, Schwartz & Madden

John Madden is a partner at Moon, Schwartz, and Madden, a valuation consulting firm specializing in assisting individuals, family law attorneys, and their clients in dividing community property interest in retirement benefits. Mr. Madden is qualified as an expert witness in actuarial pension valuations (including survivor benefits), defined contribution plan tracings and (Q)DROs in the Superior Court of many counties in California. Mr. Madden also provides expert witness valuation services in Illinois, New York, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Kansas. He is a member of the "QDRONES" which is an organization of attorneys and valuation experts who specialize in issues related to the valuation and division of retirement benefits and also serves on the board of the Wayne Thiebaud Foundation. Mr. Madden has also been a guest speaker at various family law conferences in Northern and Southern California and is a graduate of Temple University and was born in Philadelphia, PA.



AMBER MALTBIIE

Attorney, Nossaman, LLP

Amber Maltbie leads Nossaman's California election law practice, where she advises clients on the complex and highly regulated fields of governmental ethics, campaign finance, nonprofit formation, and advocacy compliance. She advises public agencies, public officials, and non-public entities on government ethics and conflicts of interest.



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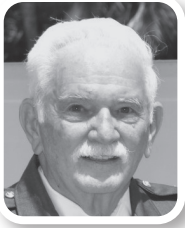
Cara Martinson is a seasoned government affairs professional with two decades of lobbying and consulting experience in the private, public, and non-profit sectors of government. Prior to founding Public House Consulting in 2022, Cara served as the Senior Director of Regulatory and Political Affairs for a Fortune 200 national renewable energy company where she managed the legislative and regulatory portfolio for ten western states. Cara also spent 13 years leading local government interests at the California State Capitol, representing counties at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) on a myriad of local government issues. In addition to her experience in the halls of the state Capitol, Cara spent the better part of a decade as a practitioner at the local level, serving as an appointed Sacramento County planning commissioner reviewing and approving development proposals and helping to shape land use decisions in the county. Cara holds a bachelor's degree in political science and French from San Diego State University and a master's degree in politics from Brandeis University.



NICOLE MCINTOSH

Director of Disabilities, Orange CERS

Nicole McIntosh serves as the Director of Disability at the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS), where she oversees the administration of disability retirement benefits for public employees across Orange County. An attorney by training, she brings a strong legal foundation and years of litigation experience to her leadership role, having previously served as a staff attorney in OCERS' legal department and as an applicant-side workers' compensation attorney. She has led multiple departmental initiatives aimed at improving efficiency, transparency, and member service, including the implementation of a comprehensive case management system and the development of legal trainings for staff in response to evolving legislation. Nicole appreciates her meaningful work and strives to uphold the highest standards of service to OCERS membership, participating employers, and stakeholders through accountability, employer focus, and system efficiency. Known for her strategic thinking, direct yet collaborative communication style, and deep commitment to public service, she plays a key role in shaping disability retirement policy and practice at the system level.



SKIP MURPHY

Trustee, San Diego CERA

Skip Murphy is a retired Captain from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, where he served for 38 years, retiring in 2003. During his tenure with the County of San Diego, he served on the San Diego County Retirement Board as the elected Safety Member for nearly 20 years, until he retired. He now serves on that board as the elected Retiree Member for the past 16 years and has served as Vice-Chair and Chairman. He currently is the President of the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) looking after the interests of over 180,000 retirees within the 20 counties throughout California covered by the '37 Act. Skip has been active in labor organizations; including 8 terms as President of the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County, 18 years as a board member; and 4 terms as President of the Peace Officers' Research Association of California (PORAC) working in Sacramento representing over 60,000 law enforcement professionals statewide. Skip also serves as President of the San Diego County Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, honoring all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty within San Diego County; Past First Vice-President of the Retired Employees of San Diego County; Executive Director of the San Diego County Law Enforcement Foundation, assisting law enforcement agencies through equipment grants and law enforcement officers educational training. Skip holds an associate in science degree from Southwestern College and a Bachelor of Laws Degree from LaSalle University.



DAVE NELSEN

Chief Executive Officer, Alameda CERA

Dave Nelsen was appointed by the ACERA Board of Retirement and began work as Chief Executive Officer on April 11, 2016. As CEO, Dave reports to the Board of Retirement and is responsible for leadership and management of all ACERA operations, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code, regulations, and Board policies. Dave has nearly 30 years' experience in public pension administration, finance, and policy, previously serving various executive and staff roles for the State of Washington's Office of the State Actuary and the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems. Dave is currently the Co-Chair of the SACRS Legislative Committee, as well as the current President of the California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPRS).



TERI NOBLE

Senior Vice President, Client Advisor, Voya Investment Management

Teri is a senior vice president and client advisor with the institutional distribution team at Voya Investment Management, primarily covering public, corporate, Taft-Hartley and endowment & foundation sectors across the Western United States region, as well as specific consultant relationships. Prior to joining Voya, Teri gained industry knowledge at HarbourVest Partners, Pathway Capital, and ARA. Her entire career has been focused on creating investment solutions with institutional investor partners. She serves on several boards and committees of industry-affiliated non-profit groups, including SACRS, iDAC, Women in Institutional Investments Network (WIIIN), and LA's Neighborhood Youth Association. Teri received a BA in International Relations from The University of California at Davis and an MBA from Saint Mary's College of California. She holds the FINRA Series 7, 63, and 65 registrations.



EUGENE O'NEILL

Senior Vice President and Investment Consultant, Callan

Eugene O'Neill, CFA, is a senior vice president and investment consultant on Callan's West Coast consulting team. Based in the San Francisco office, Eugene works with a variety of clients, including defined benefit and defined contribution plans, endowments, and foundations. His responsibilities include client service, investment manager reviews, performance measurement, research and continuing education, business development, and coordination of special client proposals and requests.

Eugene brings nearly two decades of expertise in institutional consulting and equity portfolio management. Prior to joining Callan in January 2025, he worked at investment consulting firm Alan Biller & Associates, where he delivered tailored asset allocation strategies and investment solutions as a senior consultant to clients, such as Taft-Hartley and public plans. Prior, he was a senior equity portfolio manager for Canada Life Investments in the UK and an assistant fund manager for Depfa Bank in Ireland.

Eugene earned an MS in financial mathematics from King's College London and a BS in financial mathematics and economics from University College Galway. He is a holder of the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation and is a member of CFA Institute and CFA Society San Francisco.



RENEE OSTRANDER

Chief Executive Officer, San Joaquin CERA

Renee Ostrander joined the San Joaquin County Retirement Association in March 2024, as the Chief Executive Officer. In her role, Renee works closely with the Retirement Board to implement its policies in the organization, overseeing all aspects of the retirement system's operations and administration, including benefits, legal, finance, investments, and information technology. Previously Renee served as the Chief of the Employer Account Management Division for CalPERS where she collaborated with the system's 3,000 employers, labor representatives, and members to ensure accurate submission of data during a member's active career. She was also responsible for post-retirement employment oversight activities and serving as the Social Security Administrator for the State of California. During her 27-year career with CalPERS, she served in several leadership roles throughout the organization including employer pension and health contracts, benefit processing, budgets, and information technology. Renee holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree with a concentration in accounting from California State University, Sacramento.



TIM PRICE

Chief Investment Officer, Contra Costa CERA

Tim Price joined CCCERA as the chief investment officer in 2012. Prior to CCCERA, Price was a member of CCCERA's investment consulting team. Price works directly with the Board of Retirement to develop strategic investment goals that are tailored to the organization and crafts policies to pursue those goals. He also implements the Board's strategic decisions and works directly with the external asset management community.

Prior to joining CCCERA, Price was an investment consultant in the San Francisco office of Milliman for over ten years where he advised a variety of institutional clients on strategic asset allocation, manager research, and operational issues. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and environmental science from Northwestern University and has earned the chartered financial analyst (CFA) designation. He is a member of the CFA Institute.



JERRY PRIOR, III

Chief Investment Officer, Managed Futures, Chief Operations Officer, Managing Partner, Mount Lucas

Jerry began his tenure at Mount Lucas in 1997 as a trading assistant and went on to lead the initiative to enhance the technology and systems integration at the firm's trading desk. In addition to having served as the portfolio manager for the MLM Index™ and MLM Symmetry™ Funds, and for custom quantitative managed accounts, Jerry today serves as the firm's CIO of Managed Futures strategies as well as COO. He has a particular expertise in the development, implementation, and oversight of the firm's proprietary models, and their execution through the trading operation. Jerry graduated cum laude from Villanova University with a B.S. in Mathematics.



DAN QUAYLE

Chairman, Cerberus Global Investment, and 44th Vice President of The United States

Vice President Quayle is Chairman of Cerberus Global Investments and a member of the Firm's senior leadership team. Prior to joining Cerberus in 1999, he served as the 44th Vice President of the United States of America to President George H. W. Bush from 1989 through 1993. He was 41 when elected. In 1976, Vice President Quayle was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives at age 29 and re-elected in 1978. In 1980, he was elected to the U.S. Senate at age 33 and was the youngest Senator from Indiana. He was re-elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986. Following his vice presidency, Vice President Quayle authored three books, including *Standing Firm: A Vice-Presidential Memoir*, which was on *The New York Times'* Best Seller List. He was a distinguished visiting professor at Arizona State University's Thunderbird School of Global Management for two years. He was also active for many years on the lecture circuit in the United States and internationally.

He lives in Arizona with his wife Marilyn and they are both involved with several charity activities, including NPS Foundation and TGen. They have three grown children as well as nine grandchildren.



DORIS RENTSCHLER

Executive Director, Mendocino CERA

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JEFF RIEGER

Chief Counsel, Alameda CERA

Jeff joined ACERA as Chief Counsel in March 2020, overseeing ACERA's Legal Department, which provides in-house legal services to ACERA's Board of Retirement and staff. Prior to joining ACERA, Jeff was in private practice since 2001 and represented many state, county and city retirement systems throughout California, both in litigation and as Fiduciary Counsel. Jeff received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



MICHELLE RIFFELMACHER

Managing Director, Head of Consultant Relations, EnTrust Global

Michelle Riffelmacher is a Senior Vice President at EnTrust Global, an alternatives asset manager, where she works on the consultant relations team. Prior to joining EnTrust, Michelle was Vice President at Macquarie in the cash equities division providing transition management solutions. Michelle joined Macquarie from Citigroup where she worked in a variety of sales and marketing roles within the Prime Brokerage and Agency Securities Lending businesses servicing hedge funds and asset owners. Prior to Citi, Michelle worked in sales and marketing at Wells Fargo in their securities lending business, and on the U.S. equity stock loan trading desk at State Street. Michelle graduated with a B.A. in International Studies from Colby College where she served two terms on the Board of Visitors.



LAURENCE RUSSIAN

Founding Partner, Portfolio Manager, ABS Global Investments

Laurence Russian is a Founding Partner and Portfolio Manager at ABS. He is a member of the firm's Management Committee and Operating Committee. Prior to co-founding ABS, Mr. Russian was a Director in CSAM's Alternative Investments Group. He joined CSAM in 1998 because of Credit Suisse Group's acquisition of Garantia. He joined Banco de Investimentos Garantia in 1994 to help build the Alternative Asset Management business for the firm. Mr. Russian started his career in 1993 at Scudder, Stevens & Clark. He holds a BA in Economics from Ohio Wesleyan University and an MBA in Finance from New York University's Stern School of Business. He is a CFA charterholder.



DAVID SANCEWICH

Principal, Meketa Investment Group

Having worked with institutional investors since he joined the industry in 2000, David educates and assists clients to implement all aspects of their investment programs. He enjoys many aspects of his work, including sometimes taking complex ideas/topics and clearly communicating the information to clients and their members. David's goal each day, is to assist pension systems and various clients with meeting their ultimate objective – paying benefits to their members and meeting all their financial goals.



MANUEL SERPA

General Counsel, Orange CERS

Manuel Serpa is General Counsel for the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS). He previously served as OCERS' Deputy General Counsel and, before joining the agency in 2019, was a partner at Olivarez, Madruga, Lemieux & O'Neill (OMLO), representing public agencies and municipalities in a wide range of transactional and litigation matters. Earlier in his career, Manuel spent over two decades as a supervising attorney at a national disability law firm, leading its federal appellate practice in the Ninth Circuit and conducting hundreds of administrative hearings. He is also an author of *Mental Disorders in Social Security Disability Practice* (James Publishing), a recently published practitioner's guide. Manuel earned his law degree from Pepperdine School of Law and is licensed to practice in California.



ERIC STERN

Chief Executive Officer, Sacramento CERS

Eric Stern has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System (SCERS) since December 2017. He provides executive leadership, strategic direction, and management for a \$14 billion defined-benefit pension system supporting 30,000 public employees, retirees, and beneficiaries. Prior to SCERS, Eric worked as manager at the California Department of Finance overseeing state budget and policy issues related to retirement and health benefits. After graduating from Northwestern University, Eric was a newspaper reporter and editor in Iowa, Missouri, and California, leaving the Sacramento Bee in 2007 to join the California Little Hoover Commission, an independent oversight agency that investigates state government operations. In 2011, he earned a master's degree in public policy and administration at California State University, Sacramento.



RILEY TALFORD

Trustee, Fresno CERA, SACRS Board of Director

Riley Talford has served Fresno County for 15 years and is currently employed by the Probation Department as a Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer. His career in Probation has spanned three counties (Madera, Merced, and Fresno). He has also served as an educator managing After School Programs where he wrote, was awarded, and managed grants funds in excess of \$1.5 million dollars annually. Prior to service in the public sector Riley served 6 years in the United States Navy where he held a Top-Secret clearance serving in various locations overseas. Riley earned a BA in Psychology from National University graduating Magna Cum Laude. He continued his education earning an MA in Education. He has spent countless hours working and mentoring youths of varying age groups. Serving as a head coach he has helped kids learn at an early age that hard work and dedication lead to success, which was experienced in multiple championships earned at all levels of competition. Riley currently serves as the Chapter President of SEIU Local 521 where he is a champion of workers' rights and a community activist.



TOD TRABOCCO

Head of Private Debt Advisory, StepStone

Mr. Trabocco is Head of Private Debt Advisory for StepStone Private Debt. He is responsible for helping public and private pension plans, endowments, and foundations build private credit portfolios and sits on the Private Debt Advisory Investment Committee.

Prior to joining StepStone Private Debt, Mr. Trabocco served as a consultant and product specialist at Aksia, where he sat on the firm's credit fund investment committee. Prior to Aksia, he served as Head of Product for ITE Management, a leading transportation leasing fund. Prior to that, he was Cambridge Associate's first Head of Private Credit and chaired that firm's Credit Investment Committee. He began his career in private credit in 2005 as Head of Research and Underwriting for LBC Credit Partners, now CIFIC's direct lending unit.

He holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and a MALD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.



ELIZABETH VAN BENSCHOTEN

Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer, BRIDGE Housing Corporation

Elizabeth Van Benschoten serves as Chief Investment Officer and SVP, Capital Markets. She oversees all aspects of BRIDGE's capital markets activities, including developing and executing strategies to raise capital, managing relationships with investors and financial institutions, and optimizing the organization's capital structure to support growth and expansion initiatives. Elizabeth is in her second tour of duty at BRIDGE, having previously served as SVP from 2013 to 2016 leading BRIDGE's U.S. Treasury Certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) affiliate and managing BRIDGE's New Markets Tax Credit program. After departing BRIDGE in 2016, Elizabeth served as a Managing Director at Union Bank's Community Development Finance division, where her team sourced, underwrote, and closed multifamily affordable housing construction loans and invested in tax credit equity (LIHTC) with leading developers of affordable housing. Earlier in her career, Elizabeth held several roles at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Most notably working nationally as a manager of a products team within the Community Development Bank. In this capacity she worked closely with agency lenders and insurance companies and supported the use of bank balance sheet to support construction to perm loan financing. Elizabeth earned a B.A. in Political Science and Women's Studies from Brown University and an MBA from the Walter A. Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley, with an emphasis on real estate and social impact investing. Elizabeth serves on the Board of Directors of the Oakland Fund for Public Innovation.



YU-MING WANG

Deputy President, Global Head of Investment, Chief Investment Officer, International, Nikko Asset Management

After nearly two decades heading large investment teams in Hong Kong, China, and Japan, I have repatriated back to the bay area. Now I serve as an independent director on several boards: a mainland asset manager based in Shanghai, a Fintech company based in the Bay Area, and a private wealth group in Palo Alto. I also write regularly on the subject of global investing, having recently published a best seller on Crisis Investing written in Chinese.



CLARENCE WILLIAMS

Director, Locust Point Capital

Mr. Williams has extensive experience in the institutional arena and has raised over \$2 billion on behalf of investors. He has been advising institutional clients for over 25 years on a variety of asset classes and represented firms with offerings including credit, real estate, and private equity. He is the President and Treasurer for the National Association of Securities Professionals-New York Chapter. He is also a Board member for the National Association of Securities Professionals headquartered in Washington, DC. He served as a Corporate Affiliate Board member for the National Association of State Treasurers. He holds three FINRA industry licenses including: Series 7 (Full Registration/General Securities Representative), 31 (Futures Managed Exam), and 63 (Uniform Securities Agent State Law) and Series 65 (Uniform Investment Advisor Law). Mr. Williams holds a Master of Management degree in finance and marketing from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Social Studies with honors from Wesleyan University.



SCOTT WHALEN

Managing Director, Senior Consultant, Verus

Scott is primarily responsible for providing strategic investment advice to help ensure clients meet their long-term investment objectives. He is also a Verus shareholder and sits on the Verus OCIO investment committee. Prior to joining Verus in 2002, Scott built a distinguished career in management consulting at McKinsey & Company and Ernst & Young, where he led corporate and public sector institutions to increase efficiency and improve operational performance. Scott has extensive experience working with multiple stakeholders across industries, where he has honed his ability to foster effective decision-making in challenging environments. He is a recognized speaker at industry conferences, where he has presented on a broad range of topics including asset allocation, alternative investing, manager oversight, attaining operational efficiencies in investment programs, the challenges, and potential benefits of dynamic asset allocation, and the importance of maintaining a long-term perspective. Scott received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Wake Forest University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California Marshall School. He has earned the right to use the CFA and CAIA designations and is a member of the CFA Institute, the CFA Society of Los Angeles, and the CAIA Association.



AARON ZAHEEN

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Aaron Zaheen is the General Counsel for San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association (SCJERA). Prior to this role, Aaron served as General Counsel to the Tulare County Employee's Retirement Association as a Deputy County Counsel for Tulare County. Aaron's main practice in law are digital accessibility, contracts, and the Americans with Disability Act.

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