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Minutes

To: NCPA Finance Committee
From: Trisha Zimmer
Subject: November 18, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:31am.

The meeting attendees, either present or participating remotely, were as follows: Finance Committee representatives: Teri Alderson (Alameda), Melissa Price (Lodi), Joanna Cucchi (Roseville) and Kenn Lee (Santa Clara); NCPA Staff: Monty Hanks, Sondra Ainsworth, and Jane Luckhardt, as well as Dave Yuan from Palo Alto, Heather Heinbaugh from Alameda, and Louise Houghton and Mike Berwanger from PFM. Katie Edgar (Healdsburg) was absent. A quorum of the Committee was established.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public was present at the site or at any of the teleconference locations.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

2. Approve minutes from the October 14, 2025, Finance Committee Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Melissa Price and seconded by Joanna Cucchi recommending approval of the October 14, 2025, Finance Committee meeting minutes. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Teri Alderson (Alameda), Melissa Price (Lodi), Joanna Cucchi (Roseville) and Kenn Lee (Santa Clara). The motion passed.

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3. **Report on Current Financial Market Conditions or Issues** - PFM provided an update on the current market conditions since the last report in August. BVAL and Treasury rates stayed relatively steady through August, despite investor concerns connected to the tariff package put into effect on August 1, the firing of of the BLS director, and the attempted ousting of Fed Governor Lisa Cook. On September 17, the Fed cut the Funds Rate for the first time in 9 months by 25 basis points. Despite the ongoing federal government shutdown, municipal bonds were well supported by strong investor demand in early October, allowing the BVAL AAA curve to rally modestly. And the Municipal funds experienced slight net outflows in October. New issuance volume was down 15.9% year-over-year in October, and year-to-date new issuance volume was 9.3% higher than 2024 issuance through October. Market participants are split as to whether to expect another rate cut this quarter. SIFMA fluctuated in October within 2.31% and 3.22%. SOFR fell to sub-

4% levels on November 5, a week after the most recent Fed rate cut, remaining within the 3.90%-3.95% range since.

- 4. Delegation of Investment Duties to the Treasurer-Controller** - Formal delegation of investment duties to the Treasurer-Controller is required annually. Staff recommends delegating authority to NCPA's Treasurer-Controller, Sondra Ainsworth, for investment duties per Government Code 53607.

Motion: A motion was made by Joanna Cucchi and seconded by Teri Alderson recommending delegating investment duties to the Treasurer-Controller. A vote was taken by roll call: YES = Teri Alderson (Alameda), Melissa Price (Lodi), Joanna Cucchi (Roseville) and Kenn Lee (Santa Clara). The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. Annual Review of the NCPA Employee Pension and OPEB Programs**

Sondra Ainsworth provided an update on the Agency's Pension and OPEB funding plans. Staff recommends affirming the Pension policy goal of the accelerated 15-year funding for fiscal year 2027 per Commission approved long-term funding plans for Pension on the UAL funding status. OPEB is essentially fully funded and only requires funding at the Normal Cost.

The Plan's net funded position as of June 30, 2024 was 99.1% and as of June 30, 2025 the net position was 101.9%. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 the actuarially determined contribution was \$1.183 million which represents the FY27 budget impact.

The Pension plan's unfunded accrued actuarial liability decreased from \$72.3 million for fiscal year 2025 to \$69.5 million for fiscal year 2026. As of the June 30, 2024 report, the plan funding level was 69.4% compared to 66.7% at the June 30, 2023 report. The accrued actuarial liability as of June 30, 2024 is \$227.6 million compared to \$216.9 million as of June 30, 2023.

Motion: A motion was made by Joanna Cucchi and seconded by Melissa Price recommending continuation of the 15-year funding for fiscal year 2027 and update the Commission on the UAL funding status. YES = Teri Alderson (Alameda), Melissa Price (Lodi), Joanna Cucchi (Roseville) and Kenn Lee (Santa Clara). The recommendations were affirmed.

- 6. Other Items of Interest to the Finance Committee** – the Committee members were reminded that a Special combined Finance and Facilities Committee meeting will be held on February 11, 2026 to review the proposed FY2027 budget.

- 7. Next Finance Committee Meeting**

The next regular Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 10, at 10:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.