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1 California, Thursday, September 2, 2021 2 9:12 a.m. 3 4 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Good morning. My name 6 is Robert Walker. I'm an Administrative Law Judge for 7 the State of California with the Office of 8 Administrative Hearings. This matter is before the 9 California Public Employees' Retirement System. 10 I now call the matter of the appeal regarding Full-Time Payrate Reporting of Tustin Unified School 1 1 District. This is case No. 2020-0436. It is Office of 12 13 Administrative Hearings No 2020090431. It is 14 September 2, 2021, just after 9:00 a.m. in the morning. 15 And this matter is -- this proceeding is being conducted 16 by videoconference. 17 Mr. Glauberman, state your appearance, please. 18 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. Good morning. Charles Glauberman, G-L-A-U-B-E-R-M-A-N, on behalf of 19 20 CalPERS. 21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And, Ms. Morenz, your 22 appearance, please. 23 MS. MORENZ: Good morning, Your Honor. Jacquelyn 24 Morenz, J-A-C-Q-U-E-L-Y-N, last name M-O-R-E-N-Z, on 25 behalf of Tustin Unified School District.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Good morning. 2 And, Mr. Morrison, your appearance, sir. 3 You're muted. 4 MR. MORRISON: Sorry, Your Honor. Good morning. 5 Joshua Morrison appearing on behalf of Tustin Unified 6 School District. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Good morning. 8 All right. Are we going to have opening 9 statements? 10 MR. MORRISON: The district does have an opening statement, yes. 11 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well. This is an 13 appeal by the district. Who's going to go first with 14 the opening statement? 15 MR. GLAUBERMAN: The district can go first, Your 16 Honor. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. May we have 18 the district's opening statement, please. 19 MR. MORRISON: Sure, Your Honor. 20 Before we do that, are we going to address 2.1 order of presentation, witnesses' sequestration, and 2.2 like issues? 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: We can. What -- what 2.4 needs to be addressed? 25 MR. MORRISON: I believe we had -- we are in

1 agreement that CalPERS will go first in terms of witness 2 order, and they have witnesses who are supposed to be testifying this morning. I would ask for sequestration. 3 4 I believe Nam Nguyen is going to be staying with us for 5 the course of the hearing. But I would ask that all 6 other witnesses aside from a representative for CalPERS 7 be sequestered. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Is --Mr. Glauberman, is Mr. Lau a representative of CalPERS 9 10 or just a witness? 11 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Mr. Lau is an agency 12 representative of CalPERS. There may be another agency 13 rep who is also on the audit, and I think -- I don't 14 think there is an issue with them staying. Mr. Suine, CalPERS's other witness, is not 15 16 here currently, and he is basically on standby waiting 17 for the heads-up, and I don't think he's going to be 18 staying for the hearing, so it's not an issue for him I 19 do not believe. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. So is -- who 2.1 represents -- who is the representative for the school 22 district? 23 MR. MORRISON: Ms. Nguyen. 24 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So am I supposed to ask 25 Mr. Soria to leave?

1 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 2 Tony, we'll have you back. 3 I would anticipate that Tony Soria will be 4 testifying later this afternoon, but, yeah, we'll ask 5 him to step off for right now, and we'll let him know as 6 soon as there is a time to bring him back. 7 MR. SORIA: Sorry, Joshua. I just wanted to 8 mention -- I know I mentioned before I do have another 9 commitment, I think, between 2:00 and 3:00 I mentioned 10 to Jacqueline, but other than that, I think I'm good for the whole day. So I can leave, and then you'll text me, 1 1 12 Joshua, I quess? 13 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 14 MR. SORIA: Okay. Sounds good. Thank you. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Any other 16 preliminary matters, Mr. Morrison? 17 MR. MORRISON: So I understand that Mr. Lau will be 18 testifying, but none of the other CalPERS's witnesses 19 are still on the call or still on the meeting? 20 The only other one I just pulled MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2.1 because he's going to be going first to join is 22 Mr. Suine who is going to be joining momentarily, but 23 none of the others are here right now. But there is 24 going to be another agency rep joining shortly who had 25

an appointment this morning, Sam Camacho.

1 MR. MORRISON: And is he going to be testifying? 2 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes. He may. I'm actually 3 undecided on that at this point. 4 MR. MORRISON: Okay. I would request that he be 5 sequestered. 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman? 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: One, he is an agency rep who, you 8 know, handled the audit response for CalPERS's team. I 9 don't think there is any preclusion against an agency 10 having two reps present at the hearing. CalPERS's position on it. 11 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. I think you're 13 entitled to one agency representative. Which one would 14 you like? 15 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Mr. Lau. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Fair enough. 17 So did we just lose Ms. Morenz? 18 MR. MORRISON: Yes. She's trying to get back on, 19 Your Honor. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Who's going to be making 2.1 the opening statement for the district, Mr. Morrison? 22 MR. MORRISON: I will be, Your Honor. 23 Are we just getting lucky today, or has this 24 been a common occurrence with your hearings on Microsoft 25 Teams?

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, it's not uncommon. 2 Sometimes they go swimmingly, and other times they don't. This is the first time I've had a problem with 3 4 CaseLines, however. 5 MS. MORENZ: Sorry about that. 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Welcome back, 7 Ms. Morenz. 8 All right. Mr. Morrison. 9 MR. MORRISON: Thank you, Your Honor. 10 In 2018, the district, along with a large number of other public entities, was audited by CalPERS. 11 12 The audit is very large. There is a large number of 13 findings. 14 The only finding that we are dealing with today is finding No. 4, and the essence of finding No. 4 15 is CalPERS's contention is that the district is required 16 17 to increase the compensation that it provides to monthly 18 classified nonteaching employees. This is a somewhat 19 unusual finding because there is nothing in CalPERS's 20 statutes or regulations that requires specific rates of 2.1 pay for school employees. 2.2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 23 Before you -- will I find that language in the 2.4 Statement of Issues concerning No. 4? 25 MR. MORRISON: You may.

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                            Yes, Your Honor. The Statement of
            MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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       Issues on page 3, and that's -- the entire PDF is
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       page 26, but it's A19 of CalPERS's exhibits, I believe.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. Tell me
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       again the entire...
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            MR. MORRISON: It appears to be Exhibit 3,
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       Bates-stamped No. 23 in the CalPERS's exhibits.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So is it this quoted
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       language that begins -- the indented quoted language
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       that begins on line eight on page 3 of the Statement of
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       Issues? Is that what we are talking about?
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            MR. MORRISON: No. I'm referring to the audit.
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       I'm sorry. That's the...
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: This --
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            MR. MORRISON: Yes.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Seven, this says
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       "Observation for states."
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            MR. MORRISON: That's correct.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And what is the critical
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       language in 4 that you were telling me about in your
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       opening statement?
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            MR. MORRISON: Midway down, there is a reference to
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       the number $3,915.60.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes.
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            MR. MORRISON: And there is a statement that the
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       recorded monthly pay rate should have been $3,915.60.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. And you were
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       saying that...
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            MR. MORRISON: The pay rate that they are
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       indicating is not the negotiated pay rate.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. Give me a
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       second.
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                Do we have someone new with us?
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                Mr. Soria, you're not back, are you?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: No, Your Honor. This is CalPERS's
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       first witness, Anthony Suine.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Pronounce your
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       name for me, please.
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            MR. SUINE: Suine (pronunciation).
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. That's easy.
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                Give me a second.
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                Mr. Suine, will you tell me your title,
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      please?
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            MR. SUINE: Yes. It's deputy executive officer
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       over customer services and support branch at CalPERS.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: "Deputy executive..."
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            MR. SUINE: Officer.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Officer.
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           MR. SUINE: Customer services and support branch.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is it over customer
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1 services or just customer services? 2 MR. SUINE: Customer services and support branch. 3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Mr. Suine, there 4 has been a request to exclude witnesses from the 5 proceeding, and that's no reflection on you or any other 6 witness. It's just that, as you may know, in trials, 7 attorney's often think it's better for someone who is 8 going to testify not to hear other testimony before they 9 testify. 10 So after your testimony, if it's clear you're not going to be called back, you'll be welcome to stay 1 1 12 and observe. But before you've testified, I'm going to 13 ask you to sign off, and Mr. Glauberman will be in touch 14 with you when it's time for your testimony. 15 MR. SUINE: Thank you, Your Honor. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you, sir. 17 All right. Mr. Morrison, so we have a 18 reported monthly pay rate PERS contends should have been 19 3,915.60. 20 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You were telling me that 22 they base that on something that is not found in the 23 statutes. And what is it they base that on? 24 MR. MORRISON: All right. Well, that's a number

that is not found in the district pay schedule at all,

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and nor is there anything in the CalPERS statutes and regulations that discusses specific pay rates for specific positions or how much people need to be paid.

There simply is nothing in the law that addresses that. That is typically a subject of collective bargaining, which is a school district will negotiate with its employees, and that's what we get here. The school district does have salary schedules that have been designated with its unions.

And to cut to the chase, Your Honor, what is essentially going on is CalPERS is taking a look at the district's hourly salary schedule, salary schedule for hourly and classified employees, and they are saying that the amounts in that salary schedule, when multiplied by a specific number, and that number is 173.33, should be -- should be the numbers in the monthly salary schedule.

So, essentially, what they are saying is there needs to be a relationship between --

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 173.33?

MR. MORRISON: Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So PERS is saying that what should be...

MR. MORRISON: Essentially, what they are saying is that the district's hourly pay rate multiplied by 173.33

must equal the monthly pay rate for any given cell in
the salary schedule. And, obviously, every district
employee does not receive the same compensation.

There was a particular employee -- she's not
named here.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let's back up. Let's go

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let's back up. Let's go back over this again. I mean, this is not language that I'm used to dealing with every day, so you're going to have to be patient with me, please.

MR. MORRISON: Sure.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: PERS is saying that the hourly pay rate times 173.33 must equal...

MR. MORRISON: The monthly pay rate.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The monthly pay rate.

MR. MORRISON: And there are some employees, Your Honor, who work for the district on an hourly basis.

There are other employees that work for the district on a monthly basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.

MR. MORRISON: And the auditors took a look at one particular employee who is a monthly employee, and they took a look at the salary schedule that applied to that employee, and essentially, what they are saying is that the amount that we paid to that employee is not correct and needs to be adjusted.

1 And according to them, the adjustment is to 2 take -- or the method of adjustment is to take the 3 hourly pay rate that would apply to employees at the 4 same range and the same step on the salary schedule, 5 multiply that by 173.33 -- and we have the salary 6 schedules. It may be easier if I showed those to you. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. Let 8 me catch up here. 9 Okay. PERS looked at one employee who is not 10 an hourly employee but is on a monthly rate, and what 11 did PERS do with that employee? 12 MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, if I may suggest, it may 13 be easier if we turn to one of our exhibits, and I can 14 show you the numbers that we are actually looking at. 15 It may be actually a lot easier to start that way. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. 17 MR. MORRISON: And that would be Exhibit 7. It's 18 our Exhibit 7. I think they have been re -- renumbered in some way? 19 20 (Respondent's Exhibit No. 7 was 2.1 marked for identification by the 22 Administrative Law Judge.) 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. So this may 24 take me a little while. As I told you, I can't get into 25 CaseLines. In fact, the first thing I'm going to do is

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       see whether I still cannot get in. If I can't, I have
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       to go to my e-mails and try to find your Exhibit 7. So
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       just give me a few minutes.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Are you speaking, Counsel, of the
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       December 10, 2019, letter?
            MR. MORRISON: No. I'm speaking -- there is an
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       exhibit that has a bunch of district salary schedules.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Got you.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there a title to it?
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            MR. MORRISON: It's the third and fourth pages of
       the exhibit. These are hourly salary schedules for the
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       2012-'13 school year.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What does the first page
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       look like? What am I looking for?
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            MR. MORRISON:
                           The first page says "Exhibit 7," and
       then the page after that says "2012-'13 salary
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       schedule." That's it there.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Page 595 in the PDF, Your Honor.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Thanks for the
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       help.
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            MR. MORRISON:
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       Your Honor. Okay.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Would you tell me one
       more thing: The first page of this, the page that says
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"Exhibit 7," what is the CaseLines page number? 1 2 MR. MORRISON: G1. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Thanks. 3 4 MR. MORRISON: So we are now looking at G4 on CaseLines. 5 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Good. 7 MR. MORRISON: Okay. All right. And the employee 8 that we are dealing with, Your Honor, is compensated at 9 range 36, and you can see the ranges on the salary 10 schedule on the left-hand side, column F, which is the furthest column on the right-hand side. So the number 11 12 that is in that cell, if she was an hourly employee --13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Tell me again. The 14 employee we are talking about is compensated at... 15 MR. MORRISON: Range 36F on the monthly salary 16 schedule. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 36F, and will I see 36F 17 18 on this exhibit? 19 MR. MORRISON: If you scroll up to the top, you'll 20 see the -- you'll see "Range" on the top left. 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. 22 MR. MORRISON: And then the columns, you also -- at 23 the very top, you'll see the columns indicated A through 2.4 F. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So we are talking about

1 the next to the last column, the one before "Range 2 Step." 3 MR. MORRISON: Yes. What you'll also note, Your 4 Honor, is that this is the hourly salary schedule. 5 employee we are dealing with is actually on the monthly 6 salary schedule, which is the very next page of the 7 exhibit, but they look very similar and they are 8 organized in the same way. 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And what is the 10 significance of the 36 and 36F? 11 MR. MORRISON: Positions have different ranges. 12 Higher level positions are compensated at -- that they 13 earn more money, so if you are at a higher level 14 position, you're going to be at a higher range. 15 simply denotes the level of compensation. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let me just take a look 17 at this chart here. So within level 36, there are 18 different steps. Is that the way it works? 19 MR. MORRISON: Correct. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So we have step A, step 2.1 B, step F, et cetera? MR. MORRISON: Yes. 2.2 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Give me a second. 24 All right. Go ahead. 25 MR. MORRISON: All right. So as you may have

1 noticed, the hourly salary schedule and the monthly 2 salary schedule, they look identical in terms of the 3 organization, but the numbers in the various cells, the 4 salary numbers, are quite different. Monthly amounts 5 obviously are larger; hourly amounts are much smaller. 6 The auditors looked at a very specific --7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, 8 please. Monthly salary schedule. Okay. 9 Where will I see a monthly salary schedule? 10 What CaseLines page number? G... 11 MR. MORRISON: Well, it was just up on the screen. 12 Let me -- it should be G5. That sounds right. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And G4 was the hourly 14 range; is that right? 15 MR. MORRISON: Correct. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Great. Is the 17 employee we're talking about shown on this, or does this 18 not -- does this not necessarily identify the employee 19 we're talking about? 20 MR. MORRISON: The audit report itself does not. 2.1 There is some correspondence from CalPERS which does 22 identify the employee, and that's in one of our other 23 exhibits. So if need be, we can identify the employee 24 by name. We also have some of the employee's pay 25 records that are part of another exhibit.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Go ahead, please. 2 MR. MORRISON: But I think the -- maybe the best 3 place to start with looking at the monthly salary 4 schedule is just to note that the employee that was 5 audited, the employee that was sampled and whose data 6 was considered as part of the audit, is compensated at 7 range 36, step F, and she's a monthly employee. 8 And so her monthly compensation is indicated 9 in this document that we are looking at, and it's -- if 10 you go to 36 column F, the amount there is 3,795, that's \$3,795. That's the monthly compensation. 1 1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 12 13 It looks like that's on line 36; is that 14 right? 15 MR. MORRISON: Correct. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 17 Will you refer to that employee as -- in the 18 pronoun, you said "she"; is that right? 19 MR. MORRISON: Yes. Yes. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So she is 2.1 compensated at 3,795 per month? 22 MR. MORRISON: Correct. 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Go ahead. MR. MORRISON: All right. Now, this is the part 24 25 where I'm going to ask you to take out a calculator.

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       It's just simple division, but it would be helpful just
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       to have that available perhaps on your phone.
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                But if you take that number, 3,795 --
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let me get a calculator.
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                All right. So should I put 3,795 in my
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       calculator?
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            MR. MORRISON: Yes.
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       Then I'm going to have you divide that number9 by
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
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            MR. MORRISON: And the amount that should be
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       showing up on your calculator is 22.58. Hopefully, we
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       are on the same page.
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                What I will ask you to do, Your Honor, is go
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       to the preceding page in our exhibit, which I believe is
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       page G4, and if we look at range 36, the same range,
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       column F, in the hourly salary schedule, we see that
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       same amount 22.58.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.
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                22.5875. Is that dollars per hour, or what is
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            MR. MORRISON: Correct. Correct, Your Honor.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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            MR. MORRISON: In that same relationship -- that
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       168 relationship is true for every number in the hourly
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salary schedule and every number in the monthly salary schedule. So for any given cell in the hourly salary schedule, if you multiply by 168, you get the number in the monthly salary schedule. For every number in the monthly salary schedule, if you divide by 168, you get --

(Reporter interruption for clarification)

MR. MORRISON: Yes. What I was saying was for every number in the hourly salary schedule, if you multiply it by 168, the product of that multiplication is the number that appears in the same -- sorry -- in the corresponding cell of the monthly salary schedule.

And if you take any number in the monthly salary schedule and divide it by 168, the product of that division is the number in the corresponding cell of the hourly salary schedule.

And what that simply reflects, Your Honor, is an assumption that there are 21 workdays a month, 8 hours a day; 21 times 8 is 168. That's an assumption that is built into the district salary schedule.

And the reason we are here today is if CalPERS has a different assumption, and they have taken the position that the district, in structuring its salary schedule, must use their assumption, not its own, the assumption --

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, 2 please. Okay. Thanks. 3 4 MR. MORRISON: All right. So, again, the assumption the district salary schedule is structured on 5 6 is a nominal 168-hour month. CalPERS is saying that we 7 can't do it that way, that we have to assume that every 8 month has 173.33 hours. 9 And I think probably the best way to sort of 10 show how that number finds its way into the audit is the 11 document that is in front of us, Your Honor, the hourly 12 salary schedule --13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, 14 please. 15 MR. MORRISON: Sure. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So the 168 is the 16 17 district's assumption as to how many work hours there 18 are per month; is that correct? 19 MR. MORRISON: Essentially, Your Honor. And I will 20 note that months have different lengths. 21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. 22 MR. MORRISON: February is a short month; December 23 is a longer month. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. 25 MR. MORRISON: You know, months have a variety of

1 different number of days, and we also have leap years 2 with additional days that are thrown into February, so 3 there is no fixed amount of days per month. 4 changing from month to month and sometimes from year to 5 year. 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes, I understand that. 7 So give me just a second here. 8 So PERS says you must use 173.33? 9 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So I assume from that 1 1 that PERS is not quibbling with the proposition that the 12 district needs a factor that it can use, it just -- it's 13 quibbling with what the number should be; is that 14 correct? MR. MORRISON: That's our understanding, Your 15 16 Honor. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Give me a second. 17 18 Do you know how PERS arrived at the 173.33? 19 MR. MORRISON: I do. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do you want to share? 2.1 MR. MORRISON: Yes. They assume that every year 22 has exactly 52 weeks, no more, no less, and that every 23 week consists of 5 potential workdays, 5 weekdays. And 24 when you multiply 52 weeks times 5, you get 260. If you 25 then want to figure out the number of hours in those

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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So that's weeks per
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            MR. MORRISON: Weeks per year. So the assumption
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       52 weeks and 5 workdays, so the 260 is days per year,
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            MR. MORRISON: Correct.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Days.
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            MR. MORRISON: And then if you want hours per year,
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       you multiply it by 8, and you get 2008.
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                Now, if you want to get hours per month --
            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.
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            MR. MORRISON: Okay.
           ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 2,080, not 2,008; right?
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           MR. MORRISON: Correct. 2,080.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Sorry. I misheard.
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       2,080, and then you divide that by 12?
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            MR. MORRISON: Correct.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. What do you get
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           MR. MORRISON: You get the number I was mentioning
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      before, 173.33, and that is the factor that CalPERS is
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1 saying that we are required to use. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 3 MR. MORRISON: And just to demonstrate, if we can take the exhibit right in front of us, which I believe 4 5 is G4, and if we go to cell 36F, what CalPERS has 6 essentially done is they took that amount, I believe 7 they rounded it up. So if we start with -- it says 8 "22.5875," but if we turn that into 22.59, and we 9 multiply by 173.33, the factor that CalPERS is insisting 10 on --1 1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, 12 please. 13 So we are back at -- what line was it? 14 MR. MORRISON: 36F, and the amount we are looking 15 at is \$22.5875. That's the hourly rate. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Wait. Wait. Wait. 17 So when you -- when you say "36," you're 18 talking about one of the lines in the first column; is 19 that right? 20 MR. MORRISON: Well, it's actually in the first 2.1 column and the last column. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, okay. So I had 23 assumed that this page was 36, but this page is many 2.4 numbers in addition to 36; is that right? 25 MR. MORRISON: Yes. This actually shows the

1 hourly -- this is the entire hourly salary schedule. 2 Every classified hourly employee can find their 3 compensation somewhere on this page. Somebody at range 60 is going to be earning more than somebody at range 4 5 20. 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 7 So is 36 a range? 8 MR. MORRISON: 36 -- yes, 36 is a range. And then 9 I would describe F as a step. Or -- well, it's -- in 10 any event, if you go to row 36, that's range 36, and 11 then somebody at 36F, you would go to row 36, column F. 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So we have many, many 13 ranges as six steps. Is that the way it works? 14 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Give me a second. 16 Okay. So now in this case, the employee PERS 17 looked at was in range 36, step F, so \$22.59. Is that 18 what they did? 19 MR. MORRISON: Essentially. Your Honor, I will 20 note the employee that we are dealing with is actually, 2.1 as I mentioned, on the monthly salary schedule. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 23 MR. MORRISON: But they're saying there needs to be 24 a relationship between hourly and monthly, and the 25 amount of the hourly schedule is exactly the amount you

1 just said. And so if we take that amount, and -- I'm 2 going to ask you to take 22.59 -- I believe they rounded 3 up. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 5 I need to make a note of where I'll find that 6 So this was on -- I can't see -- it's G4, isn't 7 it? 8 MR. MORRISON: Yes. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And this is hourly? 9 10 MR. MORRISON: Correct. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So PERS took that 11 12 hourly number and multiplied it by 173.33. Is that what 13 you're going to tell me? 14 MR. MORRISON: Yes. But I'm going to put two more 15 3's on the end of that, so .3333, just so that the 16 numbers match a little better. I think that's what they 17 actually did. So what I have in my calculator is 22.59 18 times 173.3333. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What is the product? 20 MR. MORRISON: The product of that is 3,915.599. 2.1 It goes on from there, but that's the important part. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: \$3,915.599. And then if 23 we go over to the monthly --24 MR. MORRISON: Actually, Your Honor, what I'm going 25 to ask you to do, if you can, is to go to the Statement

1 of Issues. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. Hold on. 3 All right. I have that. 4 MR. MORRISON: If we can go to page -- I believe 5 it's page 4 of -- Bates-stamped page 4, I believe. 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So PERS is contending 7 that the school district is reporting this woman's 8 salary at too high a rate. Is that --9 MR. MORRISON: No. They were contending that we 10 were reporting it at too low of a rate and we need to 1 1 increase it for her and every other employee in the 12 district. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Wait a minute. If you 14 look at the Statement of Issues, page 3, line 10 and 11, 15 for example, the agency reported a monthly pay rate of 16 4,122 in the pay period ending August 31, 2012; however, 17 the reported monthly pay rate should have been 3,915. 18 So it looks to me as though they are contending you were 19 reporting too high a rate. 20 MR. MORRISON: It looks that way, but that's not 2.1 the case. What is actually going on, Your Honor, is 22 that \$4,122 amount includes some longevity payments that 23 take it up -- the amount that the employee in question 24 was actually receiving is the \$3,795 that was on the

monthly salary schedule. That's the amount we were

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1 looking at. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Give me a couple 3 minutes. It's going to take me a while to jot that all 4 down. 5 MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, if I may suggest, the 6 \$4,122 amount is not --7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm going to forget this 8 unless you let me have time to put it down. 9 Thank you. Thank you. MR. MORRISON: 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So for the salary the 11 district did report, I'm supposed to look at page G5; is 12 that correct? 13 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. And remind me 15 again of what that figure is. 16 MR. MORRISON: \$3,795 per month. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So PERS is contending 18 that the district underreported by approximately \$120 19 per month; is that right? 20 MR. MORRISON: Correct. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So if you look at 21 22 the Statement of Issues, page 3, line 11, the 4,122 23 includes the 3,795 plus... 2.4 MR. MORRISON: Plus the longevity payment. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Longevity.

1 MR. MORRISON: And, Your Honor, just to add one 2 point of complication, the \$4,122 amount is actually 3 incorrect. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. 5 MR. MORRISON: It should have been 4,022, but the 6 longevity payment is not at issue in this proceeding. 7 We are really only looking at --8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So tell me again what the 4,122 should have been. 9 10 MR. MORRISON: 4,022. 11 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 12 MR. MORRISON: The longevity payment is not an 13 issue in this proceeding. The entire issue is whether 14 the district can pay the 3,795 on its salary schedule or 15 whether it had to pay the 3,915.60 that CalPERS is 16 indicating. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So the 4,122 should have 18 been 100 less, but that's not an issue in this case? 19 MR. MORRISON: Correct. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Give me a second. 2.1 So is PERS saying that you underpaid the 22 employee or that you underreported what you should have 23 been paying to PERS or both? 2.4 MR. MORRISON: I suspect it's both. What they are 25 saying here is that we underpaid the employee; although,

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what they have also told us is that it's also possible that we are overpaying our hourly employees. Again, there needs to be, according to CalPERS, a relationship between the hourly and the monthly compensation.

So if you start with the hourly compensation, and you multiply it by 173.33, you get this larger amount, and it looks like you're underpaying your monthly employees. If you start with the monthly salary schedule and you divide by 173.33, then according to CalPERS, you get a lower amount than the hourly salary schedule, and according to them, we would be overpaying our hourly employees.

So what they seem to be insisting on, at least our understanding, is in the relationship of 173.33 between the hourly and the monthly rates of pay. And the way they calculated it here, they essentially said, "Well, you're underpaying your monthly employees. You need to pay them more."

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. Give me a second.

So your understanding is that PERS contends that the district is underpaying or overpaying the monthly employees?

MR. MORRISON: Well, what the audit says is that we are underpaying the monthly employees. We need to pay

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.

So your understanding is PERS contends that the district is underpaying the monthly employees or overpaying the hourly employees, one or the other, huh?

MR. MORRISON: Well, if they are requiring use of this 173.33 factor, then one of those must be true. The audit says we are underpaying the monthly employees, but it's equally plausible, and what they have told us separate and apart from the written audit finding, is that another view is that we are overpaying hourly employees.

I don't know that CalPERS has a preference in terms of whether we increase monthly pay or whether we decrease hourly pay. They want to maintain that 173.33 relationship.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.

MR. MORRISON: All right. The district's position is that the 173.33 factor is not found in any statute or any regulation that is binding on the school district, particularly with respect to active employees like the employee that was sampled in this case.

The 173.33 factor is a preference -- is a preference that CalPERS has identified. It is not a statutory mandate. It is not a regulatory requirement,

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1 nor is it a formula that is fixed in the laws of nature. 2 It assumes there are 260 days -- weekdays in a 3 given year, and we know that that is not true in most 4 years. They are assuming exactly 52 weeks a year, 5 exactly 260 weekdays per year. In fact, most years have 261 days; some years have 262 weekdays. 6 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Let's go 8 back and start telling me that again. 9 MR. MORRISON: Okay. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: PERS has a preference for assuming that every year has what? What? What? 1 1 MR. MORRISON: Well, PERS's formula, this 173.33 12 13 factor has some assumptions built into it. Those 14 assumptions are not accurate. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. Okay. 16 MR. MORRISON: They are not accurate in every year. 17 The first assumption is that there are exactly 260 18 weekdays per year. They are assuming 52 -- that every 19 year is 52 weeks long, no more no less, when, in 20 reality, every year is 52 weeks plus a couple days. 2.1 From the 52 weeks, they are assuming 52 times 22 5, 260 weekdays every year, when, in reality, most years

have 261 days, some years have 262. They are assuming

that has 173.33 work hours.

173.33 hours per month, when, in fact, there is no month

1 So this formula is based on assumptions that 2 are not accurate, but our fundamental point is that --3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. The first 4 point you made was they're using a formula that assumes 5 that there are exactly 260 weekdays. What does that 6 mean? 7 MR. MORRISON: Remember, Your Honor, we calculated the 173.33. 8 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I do. 10 MR. MORRISON: And the way we did that was we 1 1 started with each -- with some assumptions, that the 12 fundamental assumption is that there are exactly 13 52 weeks in a year. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. 15 MR. MORRISON: We multiplied that by 5 to get an 16 assumption that there are 260 days in the year. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, workdays. I see. 18 MR. MORRISON: Yes. And we multiplied that by 8. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I just misheard you. I 20 thought you said "weekdays." It's workdays. 2.1 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 23 You say that that's a fairly arbitrary 24 assumption because there are not exactly 260 workdays in 25 every year; is that correct?

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MR. MORRISON: Yes. In fact, there are very -- in fact, most years do not have 260 workdays.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So am I correct in assuming that neither side pays any attention to holidays?

MR. MORRISON: For purposes of this formula, it does not appear that they are looking at holidays.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Great. Thank goodness, huh?

MR. MORRISON: So the essential argument that we are making is that there is nothing in the law, there is no statute, there is no regulation, that requires the district to use any particular factor to establish a relationship between the hourly and the monthly rates of pay for its classified employees.

It's our position that if CalPERS wanted to require the district to use a particular factor, then they should arrange for a statute to be adopted or they should adopt a regulation, but they have not.

And so what they are attempting to require is that we use a factor that is not contained in the law, but is instead a mere preference. And, again, this is a formula. This 173.33 factor is built on some assumptions that simply are not true.

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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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            MR. MORRISON: All right. Your Honor, I'm going to
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I love math.
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            MR. MORRISON: What?
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm digging this.
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            MR. MORRISON: All right.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I was good at math in
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            MR. MORRISON: All right. So if we take the
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       260 days that CalPERS is assuming -- the 260-day
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       workdays that CalPERS is assuming every year, and we
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       assuming is 21.67 days per month.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: If you divide 260 by 12,
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            MR. MORRISON: 21.67.
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1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. 2 MR. MORRISON: Now, as it turns out -- let me talk 3 about something different for a moment. CalPERS is the 4 state agency. They are headquartered in Sacramento. There are districts -- school districts all around the 5 6 state. Tustin Unified is in Orange County. 7 And the structure that has been set up is that 8 CalPERS interacts with districts primarily through the 9 local county superintendent of schools, which is another 10 way of referring to the local county office of 1 1 education. In Orange County, the county office of 12 education is called the Orange County Department of 13 Education. And so they serve as a liaison, essentially, 14 between the districts and CalPERS. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. Give 16 me a second. 17 In Orange County, it is called... 18 MR. MORRISON: The Orange County Department of 19 Education. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: They are a liaison 2.1 between... 22 MR. MORRISON: Between school districts in Orange 23 County and CalPERS. 2.4 And I would also note, Your Honor, they are an 25 agent of CalPERS. There is some case law we'll identify

1 in our post-hearing brief that makes clear the county 2 offices of education serve as agents of CalSTRS and 3 CalPERS, the big state pension systems that apply to 4 school employees. 5 We are going to have testimony from an 6 administrator with the Orange County Department of Ed, a 7 gentleman by the name of Gary Stine, and what he is 8 going to explain is that districts in Orange County use a variety of pay factors and always have. Some of them 9 10 use 21.66, which is very close to the 21.67. 1 1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 12 Some use 20... 13 MR. MORRISON: All right. So the district uses 14 21 days a month. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I want to get back to 16 what you told me. He's going to testify --17 MR. MORRISON: He's going to testify the 18 districts --19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- the school districts 20 in Orange County use a variety of factors. Some use... 2.1 MR. MORRISON: Some use 21 days a month, like 22 Tustin Unified. Some use 21.66, which is essentially 23 the number that CalPERS is arguing. Some of them use 2.4 22. Some of them use 21.75. There is one that uses

21.6. So districts in Orange County have historically

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used a number of different factors as a basis for calculating a relationship between their hourly rates of pay and their monthly rates of pay.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. Thanks.

MR. MORRISON: And, Your Honor, there is a letter that we will be introducing. It's a letter from 2007, and it was issued by the Orange County Department of Ed to Tustin Unified, and the letter notes that the district has a pay factor that assumes 21 days per month.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: In the letter, there is acknowledgment that what?

MR. MORRISON: That the district -- the pay factor the district is using to correlate its hourly and monthly compensation is based on 21 days a month, and the letter essentially says that's fine. As long as you're paying minimum wage and you're paying overtime under Fair Labor Standards Act, you can set your wage rate however you want. That's what the letter says, and that's what -- that's what the district did.

They maintained that 21-day assumption, and they did so with knowledge of CalPERS's agent, the Orange County Department of Education, for many years.

This letter from 2007 is one example, but there's simply

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no question that Orange County Department of Ed was aware of the pay factor the district was using, and by extension, CalPERS knew or should have known as well.

Now, despite that, neither CalPERS nor Orange County Department of Ed has ever approached the district prior to this audit to say that the district is using an improper pay factor or anything of the sort. So our client Tustin Unified has essentially been blindsided by this audit which, again, is requiring a pay factor that is not in any statute. It's not in any regulation, and it's based on some assumptions that simply aren't true.

And in closing, I will note that there is a very easy solution here, and the solution is if CalPERS wants to require something of the district or of other employers, there is a very clear and very easy way to do that, and that is to impose requirements in statute, to impose requirements in regulation.

It is not appropriate to enforce preferences that are not statutory and not regulatory through the audit process, which is exactly what we have going on right now.

And so what -- what CalPERS is essentially doing is asking OAH of all agencies to enforce an unlawful, underground regulation, a requirement that is essentially a policy. But it's not a policy that is a

1 statute or regulation, and we would ask you to uphold 2 the district's appeal and to reject this effort by 3 CalPERS. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you, Mr. Morrison. 5 We will be in recess for ten minutes, please. 6 (A recess was taken) 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Back on the record, 8 please. 9 Mr. Glauberman. 10 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 11 First, before I get into the nuts and bolts of 12 CalPERS's opening and the evidence we intend to put on, 13 we did amend our Statement of Issues, not for anything 14 substantive, and I sent counsel a copy of it. It hasn't 15 been uploaded into CaseLines, though. 16 But because on page -- let's see here -- it 17 would have been page 7 of the Statement of Issues, I 18 believe, where CalPERS cites to 20636.1(b)(1) of the 19 Government Code, we incorrectly cited, I believe, to 20 20636 and not 20636.1. But we are --2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What line are you 22 looking at, Mr. Glauberman? 23 MR. GLAUBERMAN: In the initial Statement of 24 Issues, that would be line 17, 18, 19, and 20 of page 7 25 of the Statement of Issues.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Tell me again 2 what was in the original Statement of Issues, what 3 number, section number? 4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I believe it was 20636, which is 5 generally for CalPERS's members, whereas 20636.1 is for school members, which this case, of course, involves 6 7 school members. And I didn't upload it to CaseLines 8 because when I uploaded a Request For Official Notice 9 yesterday, it's one of the things that through 10 everything into disarray. The exhibit to the request went to different 1 1 12 places, and so I have it on my desktop. We filed it 13 with OAH, and we served it, but it hasn't been uploaded. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So does the new 15 one read -- sorry. Excuse me. Does the new one read .1 16 sub (b) (1)? 17 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor, just as the old 18 one did. But the definition of pay rate is different. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I thought you said that 20 the original one said merely 20636. 2.1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: It said 20636.1(b)(1), Your Honor. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh. 23 MR. GLAUBERMAN: But it included the wrong 24 definition of pay rate from a different section. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh. So the quoted

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material from line 17 to 21 is not the correct quote?

MR. GLAUBERMAN: That is correct. And I believe counsel uploaded actual statute in some of the exhibits, which those accurately reflect the operative statute at issue, but I also wanted to make sure that our Statement of Issues included the correct section or subsections.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So I'm going to strike through that language and -- I think -- are you telling me that I'm not going to need that language or that I need to go into Westlaw and pick that up?

MR. GLAUBERMAN: It's -- it is in the exhibits that counsel has provided, but it's also helpful if it's in the Statement of Issues. I can share my screen and just show you real quick just what I have and what we updated too.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: So it should be showing. And so the language is not included -- and this is for classified school members -- not included in the original Statement of Issues as it talks about "For purposes of this part for classified members full-time employment, it's 40 hours per week, not -- payments for services rendered, not to exceed 40 hours per week shall be reported as compensation earnable for all months of the year in which work is performed."

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1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in the Government 2 Code; right? 3 Yes, Your Honor. MR. GLAUBERMAN: 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. If we get to 5 a point which I need that, we'll just take a minute and 6 I'll go onto Westlaw and print it out. 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okav. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks. 9 MR. GLAUBERMAN: You're welcome, Your Honor. 10 With that out of the way, I don't want to get 1 1 into oral argument going in detail about what we are 12 going to be arguing because -- and I also think counsel 13 put out much of what is ultimately at issue here. But I 14 just want to make the Court aware of general -- the 15 general evidence CalPERS will be putting on. 16 One of the witnesses, Mr. Suine, will be 17 discussing 20636.1 and the CalPERS application of that 18 statute from a historical perspective and trainings on 19 that and educations related to that statute. 20 Another issue that CalPERS's witnesses are 2.1 going to be speaking to relates to the difference 22 between pay rate and earnings and compensation earnable

within those definitions, and in addition to that, Your

Honor, service credit, because CalPERS is not looking to

tell the district what it needs to pay its employees.

1 CalPERS is not in the business of telling its agencies 2 what to compensate their employees. CalPERS --ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, 3 4 please. 5 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks. 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: As I was saying, Your Honor, 8 CalPERS is not in the business of telling or ordering 9 employers to pay their employees a certain amount. 10 issue is here what is reported as pay rate to CalPERS. 1 1 And to distinguish between pay rate and 12 earnings, if an employee works two days in a month, but 13 then works all the days in a separate month, the pay 14 rate for that employee for those two months is going to 15 be exactly -- it should be exactly the same, and the pay 16 rate should be exactly the same as reported to CalPERS. 17 \$3,000 for the --18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Tell me that example 19 again. 20 Yes, Your Honor. MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The issue is what is 22 reported as pay rate to PERS, and then you gave me an 23 example of an employee working what amount? 2.4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Just for example, works different

amounts in every month. So say one month that employee

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works two days, and then the next month that employee works a full schedule, 21 days, just in this example. The pay rate for those two months should be identical as reported to CalPERS.

What that individual earns in each of those months will be different, of course, but the rate of pay, say \$3,000 a month for the full month, that's what the pay rate should be for each month.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there a requirement that an employer report in terms of hours or days? How do they have to report?

MR. GLAUBERMAN: Calpers generally leaves that up to the employer so long as they are reporting it accurately, and that's hourly, monthly, or daily that is allowed by -- that Calpers allows, generally, Your Honor.

In addition, Your Honor, counsel was correct in the CalPERS's position that we are aware of the opinion that for the sampled employee, the monthly pay rate should have been increased, but the hourly pay rate, if they were to use hourly, it's CalPERS's position so long it's reported accurately could be correct.

But one of the issues that CalPERS looked at here is the pay rate to earnings relationship, which in

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CalPERS's position resulted in an overreporting of service credit. It's CalPERS's position that although pay rate was underreported here, service credit for the sample employee was overreported by a little bit.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I don't understand that.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: That's something the witnesses will be able to get into a little better detail, Your Honor. But Government Code section 20962, which it is in the CalPERS original Statement of Issues and the amended one, the end of page 7 and the beginning of page 8, defines what full-time employment is for service credit purposes in a fiscal year.

And it defines different parameters for what full-time service credit is. Under A2 of that statute, Your Honor, for persons employed on a monthly basis, ten months is good for one year of service credit.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ten months of service credit. So what's the significance of that? Does that mean that you can get credit for a full year of service even though you work only ten months out of the year?

MR. GLAUBERMAN: That's a complicated question.

Theoretically, yes, but the issue in this case is the sampled employee was a 10-month employee who worked over a period of 11 months during the fiscal year.

But based on the other factor, then in this

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situation, we also looked at how many days that individual worked, and it was 209 days, I believe, based on her schedule, and the amount of hours was also below the sub 4 in this section. So Cal -- so based on the relationship between pay rate, earnings, and service credit, CalPERS ultimately is of the position that the pay rate was -- or not the pay rate, but the service credit was overreported.

And it's our position that none of these can be looked at in isolation by themselves. It's a big -- they are moving parts, and CalPERS is the administrator of retirement benefits for millions of members and retirees. The schools, I believe, are CalPERS's largest membership group, and in addition to that, the lowest paid group of CalPERS's members.

And CalPERS is looking to implement its statutes and regulations equitably across the board so that individuals who worked the same positions, the same hours, and the same amount of pay, but in different agencies, have the same pay rate at the end of the day for retirement purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.

MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, I'm going to interpose an objection. The -- the audit report itself does not make a finding with respect to service credit. It does

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not mention the word -- the term "service credit." It does not include a reference to Government Code 20962. If that is an issue, it's not an issue before you, and it's not an issue that was included in the audit.

As Mr. Glauberman noted, pay rate is a fixed concept regardless of the hours that an employee works. The finding that we are dealing with involves pay rate, not service credit. And the time to raise an issue involving service credit would be when the audit was issued, not on the day of the hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I will note your objection.

So give me a second, Mr. Glauberman.

PERS is concerned with trying to make sure that these hours are reported equitably among different agencies of the state?

MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor, that is correct.

Accurately and equitable. We are not concerned and

aren't going to tell an agency how much they can

compensate an individual on an hourly or monthly basis.

We are concerned with accurate reporting.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So I'm not sure I am understanding the distinction you're making. Would it raise an issue for CalPERS if OAH paid its secretarial staff less than some other agency paid theirs?

1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: CalPERS is not concerned with what 2 the pay -- the actual pay -- the earnings are of an 3 individual. I often find myself, Your Honor, conflating 4 the concept of pay rate and earnings when looking at 5 this issue, and I -- I'm often confused, but they are 6 separate issues that the witnesses that I intend to put 7 on can help explain better in dealing with this issue on 8 a regular basis. 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. 10 MR. GLAUBERMAN: With that, Your Honor, Calpers 1 1 requests its determination is upheld and the appeal of 12 the district is denied, Your Honor. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Who's our 14 first witness? 15 MR. GLAUBERMAN: The first witness will be Anthony 16 Suine, Your Honor. I will text him to get him to join 17 once again. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you very much. 19 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I've let him know that we are 20 ready, Your Honor, so we're just waiting on him to join. 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well. 22 Welcome back, Mr. Suine. 23 Thank you. MR. SUINE: 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm going to administer 25 on oath to you, sir.

1 MR. SUINE: Yes. 2 3 ANTHONY SUINE called as a witness on behalf of the Claimant, having 4 first been duly sworn by the Administrative Law Judge, 5 6 was examined and testified as follows: 7 THE WITNESS: I do. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: State your name, please, 9 and spell it for the record. 10 THE WITNESS: Anthony Suine, S-U-I-N-E. 11 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 12 Mr. Glauberman. 13 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 14 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION 16 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 17 Mr. Suine, where do you work? 18 I currently work for CalPERS, and I'm the 19 deputy executive officer over our customer services and 20 support branch. 21 How long have you held that position? 22 I've been in this position since January of23 2020. 2.4 What are your general duties in your current position? 25

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A I oversee six division chiefs that each of those divisions perform -- not customer service functions -- so we have the member account management division, which handles account management of member accounts. Primarily service credit purchases are one of the major functions of that group.

I have the retirement benefits services division that processes and calculates and distributes all retirement benefits. Also, in that area, is the Judges and Legislators' Retirement System that perform the variety of CalPERS's functions for that group.

I have the disability and survivor benefits division that makes disability determinations for our members that apply, and then also pays out survivor benefits to -- after a member has deceased.

And then I have the customer experience division, which is basically our contact center agents. I have the customer education and outreach division, which handles educating members and employers, and is responsible for our eight regional offices around the state that handle member counseling appointments for retirement and other services. And then I --

Q Go ahead. You can finish.

A Just the last one is the employer account management division, which handles employer education,

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1 payroll reporting that comes in from employers, and then 2 review of compensation that may be in question by our members, and membership reviews that qualify employees 3 4 for membership. You mentioned education and outreach, I think. 5 6 Do you have any personal experience with that yourself? 7 I do. I've been at CalPERS for approximately 8 30 years, and at one point in time, back in the early to 9 mid-2000's, I did work on training and educating 10 employers on membership and payroll reporting, the proper laws, functions related to that reporting. 1 1 12 Okay. And in your time at CalPERS, have you 13 experienced training or -- strike that. 14 In your time at CalPERS, are you familiar with 15 its implementation of Government Code section 20636.1? 16 In that role, I trained many school 17 employers, school benefit officers, payroll technicians. 18 I go out to the school sites. I go to conferences, such 19 as California School Business officials. I presented at 20 our annual CalPERS employer education forum. 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. May I ask 22 you to go back? "I trained many..." 23 THE WITNESS: School employers and school personnel

in their payroll and benefits offices. We used a

variety of mediums to train them, Your Honor.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 2 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 3 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: Mr. Suine, are you familiar with how CalPERS 4 0 5 had implemented 20636.1 historically? 6 Yes, I am. 7 Okay. And are you familiar at all with a Q 8 173.33 conversion for pay rate reporting purposes? 9 Yes, I am. Α 10 What's your basic understanding of the 173.33 11 pay rate conversion that CalPERS uses? 12 The 173.33 represents the average Yes. 13 monthly hours over the course of a year for an employee. 14 So we use that conversion rate to take hour -- an 15 employer is allowed to report a pay rate for a member in 16 an hourly, daily, or monthly fashion, so when an hourly 17 pay rate is reported, we convert that. 18 If the work schedule is 40 hours per week, we 19 use the 173.33 to turn that into a monthly equivalent, 20 and that's important when we're calculating final 2.1 compensation, which is one component of a member's 2.2 retirement allowance. 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. You used the 2.4 173.33 to convert. What -- what do you always convert 25 into? Do you convert into --

1 THE WITNESS: To monthly. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Monthly? So the 133 is 40 hours. 3 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 5 THE WITNESS: 40 hours per week times 52 weeks 6 divided by 12 comes up with the 173.33. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So then you keep records 8 concerning service credit in terms of monthly -- tell me 9 how it works. 10 The pay rate is the key here, Your THE WITNESS: Honor, to calculate final compensation. So final 11 12 compensation is one of three factors to a retirement 13 allowance, and final compensation is typically 12 14 consecutive months of monthly pay rates to get an 15 average of what is used in your final compensation. Ιt 16 can also be 36 months, but, you know, for these purposes, I used 12. 17 18 So if somebody reports a \$10 an hour pay rate, 19 we need to convert that to a monthly equivalent to 20 determine what the member's final compensation would be. 2.1 So we take ten hours -- or \$10 an hour times 173.33, and 22 that individual would have a monthly equivalent of 23 \$1,733.33. 2.4 If you worked that consistently for 12 months, 25 your -- your average monthly final comp is 1,733.33, and

1 then we would multiply that by your years of service and 2 your benefit factor, which is determined by your age. 3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank vou. 4 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: So is 173.33 included in Government Code6 5 section 20636.1? 7 And I'm going to share my screen. I've got 8 20636(b)(1), and this is CalPERS's amended Statement of Issues that I'm showing. Is 173 included there? 9 10 I'm going to object. Calls for a MR. MORRISON: 1 1 legal conclusion. 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Overruled. 13 THE WITNESS: It's not specifically called out in 14 this section. Only the 40 hours per week for classified 15 school employees is called out in this section, so the 16 173.33 could be derived from the 40 hours per week. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 18 How would you derive 173.33 from 40? 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor. It's -- that 20 formula I used before, the 40 hours per week times 2.1 52 weeks is 2,080, and then divided by 12 is that 22 monthly equivalent of 173.33. 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 40 hours a week times 52 2.4 divided by 12? 25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So -- but I don't mean 2 to argue with you. I'm just trying to understand this 3 clearly. 4 THE WITNESS: It's because, you know, the hours 5 per -- in a particular month may vary, you know, depending on how many days are in the month, so we break 6 7 it down to an equivalent for the entire year. 8 So that's where we get the 40 hours per week 9 is the normal work schedule, times 52 weeks in a year, 10 divided by 12, so that we convert -- so that we can 1 1 convert that monthly pay rate into -- or sorry -- that 12 hourly pay rate into a monthly average for retirement 13 calculation purposes. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm just trying to 15 figure out whether this statement in subdivision 16 (b)(1) --17 THE WITNESS: I can add something to context. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- directs us to use 18 this formula. I see how you start with 40 hours per 19 20 week and use this formula, but I'm not sure that I see 2.1 that subdivision (b) (1) requires this formula as opposed 22 to some different formula. Okay. Let's --23 THE WITNESS: I can add some context to that. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. 25 THE WITNESS: If I'm asked.

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So schools, some of our -- you know, we have three sectors of employees who are CalPERS members:

School -- classified school employees primarily, which are the bus drivers, cafeteria workers, crossing guards, et cetera, the nonteachers; and then we have state employees; and then we have public agency employees, which may be cities, counties, special districts like water districts, cemetery districts, et cetera.

In some other sectors, primarily the public agency sector, they may be closed every other Friday during a month, and so they have varying work schedules, such as, you know, they are only open on average 35 hours a week. So they report to us their work schedule, and then we would convert that monthly pay rate into a -- using a different factor based on 35 hours per week.

Schools -- historically, the school districts for classified employees, they might not have had a 40-hour workweek contract with their classified employees. The contract may be 35 hours, 37 1/2 hours for that particular type of employment, whether it be the cafeteria worker, bus driver, and then they're allowed to work in other positions that may get them up to 40 hours and even beyond 40 hours.

So that -- there's approximately -- I can't

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remember the exact number -- but 600 to 800 school districts across California, and you have all of those reporting for their employees to CalPERS, and this reporting is really the -- you know, the lifeblood of the retirement calculations. So whatever they report needs to be accurate so we can calculate an appropriate retirement allowance.

So because there was a lot of inconsistency with reporting across so many school districts, classified school employees are typically the lowest paid in the CalPERS system. They have the lowest paid retirement allowance. So the average retirement allowance is about \$3,200, and classified school employees is below 3,000.

So what the school unions were looking to do is create some consistency, ensure consistency across the districts, and also ensure that their members were getting the highest pay rate possible to be calculated for retirement purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Did you say -- the school districts were trying to do, did you say?

THE WITNESS: The unions. The school unions were really trying to ensure their members, which are the classified school employees who are reported to CalPERS, were getting, one, the best possible compensation for

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retirement purposes, and, two, just all treated equally across all those districts. So that was really the test --

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: But the unions did not arrive at the 173.33. Are you meaning to say that unions and school districts called PERS's attention to this matter and requested that PERS do something to unify this?

THE WITNESS: Yeah. The law stating that 40 hours per week -- hours up to 40 hours per week need to be reported is really the crux of this. So that's where we take the 40 hours and get the 173.33 equivalent because that law, in particular, states up to 40 hours per week should be considered full-time for a school employee.

So, basically, that's telling us for all school employees, use a 173.33 equivalent for an hourly pay rate for school employees. So regardless of what the -- you know, may be deemed full-time for a week, use 40 hours for these classified school employees.

And so all our systems are built to -- they have a business rule; right? This isn't done manually, obviously, because we have 2 million members. So the business rules in our system, whenever they see a member who is a classified school employee and they see an hourly pay rate, the system multiplies that by 173.33 to

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determine the monthly equivalent pay rate used for final compensation purposes.

Your Honor, when I trained the school employers, I would tell them, "If you report your pay rates hourly, it's foolproof because CalPERS does the calculation based on the law." Right?

If they try to convert that hourly rate to a monthly pay rate internally, and then report to us a monthly pay rate, then they have the chance of using a different full-time workweek other than 40 as specified in 20636.1.

So when the school employer manufactures the monthly equivalent on their own and reports a monthly to us, then that's where you can get the varying inconsistent application of final compensation.

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

Q Can you give an example, Mr. Suine, of how the converting of pay rate to a monthly can create a variance in final compensation?

A Yes. You know, if we just took an example of -- you know, if you base a workweek -- if we use the easy example of \$10 an hour, obviously, that's extremely low pay rate, but it's easy to convert. So if you take an hourly pay rate of \$10 an hour, and you use the 173 conversion, then you have this \$1,733.

If the monthly hours per week are considered to be, say, 37 1/2, then you take 37 1/2 times 52 is 19.50, divided by 12, now you have a conversion of 162.5.

So if you take that \$10 an hour pay rate and convert it to a monthly equivalent, and you only use a full-time workweek of 37 1/2, now that member's final compensation is \$1,625. Right? So if you were to use that formula in a retirement allowance, obviously, you would want your retirement allowance based off \$1,733 as opposed to \$1,625.

So over a long-time career, that could have an impact of -- you know, depending on what hourly conversion the district was using, it can have a \$100, \$50 impact on the member's retirement allowance, and that's a monthly allowance for the rest of their life. So it doesn't seem like much for a month, but over the course of their life, it could be impactful.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Can we go back a ways.

Your example was \$10 per hour. You said if you use 173.33, that would equal 1,733. And then you went on to if you use 37.5. What was the 37.5?

THE WITNESS: So that's what some districts would call full-time for an employee. Some would use 37.5, some would use 35. And so if you use that equivalent

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to -- or that full-time workweek to calculate into a full-time equivalent, the member would be deprived of a higher final compensation. And, again, you can take either of those workweeks times 52 divided by 12 to get the factor to convert an hourly into a monthly.

MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, I'm going to interpose a relevance objection. The sample employee in this case, I believe the evidence will show that she worked a 40-hour workweek; although, certainly if the witness has contrary information, I would imagine they could provide that.

But I'm not seeing the relevance of talking about employees that are working 35 hours a week or 37 hours a week when that's not the case for the employee that we are dealing with.

THE WITNESS: So my own --

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's -- that objection is overruled. Mr. Glauberman is trying to convince me that there was a need to unify this among reporters, so the objection is overruled.

So -- I'm sorry. I didn't follow how you got from 37 1/2 hours to 162.5.

THE WITNESS: So, Your Honor, if I could use -- I see that you're writing things down, and if you calculate it out in example, so, you know, in this

1 particular case, the one pay sample that I have had a --2 had a pay rate -- an hourly pay rate of \$22.59. 3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I thought we were using \$10 per hour for your example. 4 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. I was using that from an 6 example for ease of multiplication, but if you wanted to 7 use the actual example --8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. I want to follow what you told me originally. 9 10 THE WITNESS: Okay. So if you multiply \$10 by 173.33, your monthly equivalent salary for retirement 1 1 12 calculation purposes is \$1,733.33 a month. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes, I got that. 14 THE WITNESS: Okay. And if I -- if I was told that 15 your full-time work schedule was 37 1/2 hours --16 right? -- then I would take 37 1/2, and I would multiply 17 it by 52 weeks just like I do with the 40, and that gets 18 me to 1,950, and then I divide by 12, and I get 162.50 as the monthly conversion amount. 19 20 Are you with me there so far? 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. I understand it 22 now. 23 THE WITNESS: So then if I multiply that by the ten 24 hours per week, now I'm saying your monthly equivalent for retirement purposes is only \$1,625, so \$108 less --25

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THE WITNESS: -- of what the 40-hour per week equivalent calculates to.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Thank you. BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

Q So I unmuted my computer instead of the phone that is already on.

Anyway, why do we have to multiply -- you're multiplying these numbers over 52 weeks. Why do we have to do it that way? Why can't CalPERS just take whatever the employer reports?

A So we're trying to -- the idea is to create a standard reporting across all 2,800 different CalPERS employers that are reporting, so creating this consistency of how we take an hourly pay rate and convert it to a monthly pay rate since that's what's used in the retirement calculation.

You know, 95-plus percent of our employees have a work -- a work schedule of 40 hours per week. As I mentioned, we do have those varying work schedules across some of our public agency employers, and then 20636.1 was an effort to create consistency of 40 hours per week amongst the school employees.

Q Does PERS presume in doing this that 52 weeks is the precise exact amount of weeks in every year?

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A No. Obviously, the, you know, leap years and other instances may vary that 52 weeks slightly, but, you know, it wouldn't be material in the calculations. So, you know, 52 weeks is applied, you know, standardly across all our calculations.

- Q So is that the same for, say, 260 days in a year?
 - A That's correct.
- Q Okay. So it's not exact, but CalPERS is trying to, you know, average it out as best as it can?
- A Right. If somebody reported a daily rate, we multiply it by 21.667, which is, you know, the average number of days -- working days in a month.
- Q Okay. You mentioned earlier something called a business rule. Can you explain what that is?
- A The business rules are what's built into our myCalPERS system that are used to, you know, take the law and have business rules built in where somebody is not doing manual calculations of our, you know, thousands of retirements every month and other types of benefits that are paid out. So the business rules are built into the system to perform the calculations in accordance with the law.
 - Q Got you.
 - A And it helps build edits and audits, as well.

Q And you mentioned, you know, the reporting -- strike that.

How does reporting work to CalPERS when it comes to an agency reporting its pay rate for members to CalPERS?

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry.

Mr. Glauberman, would you tell me -- ask me again -- ask again.

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

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- Q How does reporting to CalPERS work from agencies reporting pay rates for their members?
- A Sure. I mentioned those 2,800-plus employers; some report individually to us. Some -- in the schools, you might have a district report all up to a county office of education, and then that county office reports for all the districts, similar to the state where the departments report up to the state controller's office, and we get one reporting for all of them.

But that they -- they use -- they can use different methods to report that data to us. Typically, what they are reporting to us is the pay rate, which is the normal base rate of pay. They're reporting their earnings or how much an employee actually earned during that period; that helps us determine service credit.

They're telling us how they're reporting it to

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us: monthly, daily, hourly. And then they're reporting any special compensation to us, which maybe falls outside of the base pay rate, and then they report the contributions to us that the member pays on their earnings. And then that feeds into our system.

They might -- if they have a sophisticated payroll system, they may create a file and send that file to us that's then uploaded into our system. You know, most of the school districts use that, or the large employers, like a city or county. Other small agencies can go online and just send us an online report of their payroll every pay period or every month.

Q Is CalPERS able to review the reported pay rate for every individual member every time it comes in?

A We have a lot of edits and audits built in to try and prevent erroneous reporting, but it's not possible to validate every pay on the front end. Right? And then we do our best -- if we can't validate it on the front end, we do our best to review it on the back end, either through audits of employers or through edits and audits we have of retirement calculations. So sometimes it may not be caught until later in the process.

Q And you mentioned things that are reported: pay rate earnings, service credit, special comp, and

contributions; is that correct?

A Yes.

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Q What are contributions?

A Contributions are the percentage of pay a member contributes towards their retirement, and that's based off the earnings. So, typically, a member might have an 8 percent member contribution rate. So we take their earnings, multiply it by 8 percent, and that's what the employer should be deducting from the member's check and paying to us.

And then the employer also has an employer contribution rate. That's calculated annually by our actuaries, and it is, you know, taken off all the earnings that are reported on a monthly basis for the employer, and that's what they pay to cover their CalPERS contributions.

Q Does CalPERS -
(Reporter interruption for clarification)

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

Q Does the preferred reporting method that CalPERS wants for the school agencies affect the contributions that would be paid by the employer?

A No, it would not. The contributions paid are based on the earnings, not the pay rate, so there is a real distinction between pay rate and earnings. Pay

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rate is what is used for final compensation purposes, and earnings are what the employee actually earned during that period.

So an easy example or to demonstrate that is if an employee works half-time, you have two employees, they are both in the same job, same tenure, same rank on the salary schedule, they would both have the same pay rate reported to us, but the half-time employee may only have half the earnings reported to us. So they would only pay contributions on half those earnings. Yet both of them have the same pay rate for retirement purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, please.

THE WITNESS: Sure.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So are we talking ultimately about the calculation of service credits or something else?

THE WITNESS: Mr. Glauberman was asking me the distinction between earnings and pay rate. But you're right, Your Honor, it ultimately feeds into service credit, which is another component of the retirement calculation.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. So the person who worked 40 hours per month would wind up with higher service credits than the person who worked 20 hours per

month; isn't that correct?

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THE WITNESS: Correct: They should have had the same pay rate and final compensation.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So even though they had the same pay rate, there -- what they actually earned is relevant to what they're going to have as service credits; is that correct?

THE WITNESS: That's correct. And, you know, to put an emphasis on that, Your Honor, if -- if somebody did work 40 hours per week, which 20636.1 says "Report all hours worked up to 40 hours per week," if you tried to report earnings of 40 hours per week, and you lowered the pay rate to something that wasn't based on 40 hours per week, you would exceed the service credit for a period.

You can't earn more than one year of service credit in a year, and we calculate service credit by taking the earnings and divide it by the pay rate. So in our examples, if you -- you had a full-time pay rate of \$10 an hour, and that calculated to \$1,625, and then you reported earnings of 40 hours per week, which equated to \$1,733, it would exceed a full month of service credit and ultimately -- right? -- not match.

The earnings should always be equal to or lower than the pay rate.

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

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Q Is somebody precluded, then, from earning service credit from overtime?

A That's correct. Overtime is not reportable to CalPERS. They are not precluded from earning it.

Right? It can be paid. We often say, you know, "What you pay the employee is one thing, but what is reported to CalPERS must be, you know, in accordance with the law."

Q So from your example, based on the employee making \$10 an hour where the pay rate over the month was in the \$160 range versus -- or the \$1,600 range versus the \$1,700 range, does that affect the earnings that is paid to that individual?

A It doesn't affect the earnings if the employer is paying for all the hours worked. It just impacts the final compensation for that individual member because their pay rate is artificially lowered to less than 40 hours per week.

Q If the employer has reported -- the person works 37 1/2 hours per week, and the employer is saying their pay rate is based off of 37 1/2 hours per week, why can't they just report that pay rate based on that amount to CalPERS, or can they?

A Primarily, because of 20636.1, you know, where

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we're -- the law is instructing employers for classified school employees to report everything up to 40 hours per week, and that the pay rate or compensation earnable should be based on 40 hours per week.

Q Does CalPERS look at the pay schedule to confirm everything is in compliance with CalPERS's rules and laws?

A On the back end, on -- you know, when it comes time for retirement. So, you know, we talked about business rules. We do not have -- unfortunately, we do not have all 2,800 employers' pay schedules loaded into our system. Obviously, it's a -- that's a huge undertaking, something we ultimately would love to do.

But, you know, there's many positions, and those change all the time, and it would be a huge burden on the employer to keep those all updated. So we don't have all those pay schedules, so we can't verify the monthly pay rate when it comes in that it's fitting the pay schedule. We do those reviews on the back end, and when an employee goes to retire, we may be prompted to check those pay rates against the salary schedule, or it's often done during times of audits.

So our audit's team will either use business intelligence to review pay rates for employers and compare that to salary schedules and determine, you

know, who they might edit and audit for those factors.

- Q Okay. You mentioned earlier that you did training as part of your work at CalPERS for a certain period of time.
 - A Correct.

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- Q Did you do any training on this specific subject we're talking about here, the 40-hour, you know, requirement for classified employees for CalPERS?
 - A Yes, I did.
- Q Can you explain what CalPERS's position or interpretation of the law was as applied at that -- when you did the trainings?
- A Yes. As we saw, the reporting for school members and issues raised around, you know, not equal treatment across all districts, you know, lower wages for the classified school members, you know, we really set out to do two things.

There was two issues we saw, and so we created a lot of examples and impacts for the schools in our trainings: One, being that -- right? -- full-time equivalent for schools is 40 hours per week based on 20636.1. And then 20636.1 also mentions, as well as other sections of the Government Code, about reporting as earned. Right? So the -- I forget what the exact statement is for 20636.1.

1 I'm going to interrupt you right there because 2 it looks like you were looking at something, so I just 3 want everybody to know what you were looking at there. 4 I was looking at the PERL, the Public Α 5 Employees Retirement Law. I was looking at 20636.1. 6 Okay. 7 And it just says for all months and the year Α 8 in which work is performed. 9 So what does that mean from a reporting 10 perspective? So for the classified school employees, 11 12 you know, a typical contract with the school employee 13 may span from August to June, and there would always be 14 a few days in August that were worked because the school 15 year would start late in August, and then there would be 16 a majority of June that is worked, but not the full 17 month, typically. 18 19 school districts would report that they -- they 20

And so what -- what we would see happening is school districts would report that they -- they consolidate the reporting into 10 months, for two reasons: One, because of ease of reporting, and, two, because a lot of times, the school employee was paid over 10 months instead of 11 or 12. So we would try to illustrate the impacts if the law wasn't followed.

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So, technically, because you're supposed to

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report as earned, an employee who works four, six, ten days in August, should have a pay rate reported in August. So whether that was \$10 a month or 17 -- or sorry -- \$10 an hour or \$1,733 a month, that employee should have a pay rate in August all the way through June.

So the only month they may not have a pay rate is July because they don't work the month of July, any days in the month of July unless they end up working summer school, and then they should have a pay rate reported in that month.

And the impact of that, as I mentioned before, is for final compensation purposes; we look at 12 consecutive months of pay raise, and so we divide that by 12. So when there is one month missing, obviously, that amount is going to be deflated, that final compensation, because we divide by 12 even if there is a zero in one month.

So if you have a pay rate reported in

11 months versus 10, it's going to give you a higher

final compensation that you're entitled to, even though

the earnings may be minimal during that month.

Q Okay. So I just want to direct you to -- it's going to be CalPERS's exhibit -- and I'm going to show it on my screen -- Exhibit 19, I believe, and it's A416

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       schools." Is that what is sharing right now?
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A This is a presentation from one of our
CalPERS's education forums that helps the school
districts and any other school employer attendees
understand the proper reporting.

Q Okay. And this says, I think, from 2018, it
looks like, at the bottom of the slide, so this was

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Q Okay. Have you reviewed this prior to coming to testify today, this training guide?

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schools and other CalPERS's entities -- or related

A Yes. I've seen this before as based on similar presentations I gave back in the day.

Q Okay. So I'm going down and -- there it is.

MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, I'm going to interpose an objection on relevance grounds. This presentation doesn't appear to have been given to Tustin Unified. It appears to involve dates that were after the audit period. The audit was looking at the '12-'13 year and compensation in '12-'13.

So the fact that a presentation may or may not have been given a number of years after that to entities other than Tustin Unified doesn't seem to us to be particularly relevant.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: If I may, Your Honor, this was -I came on board to this case late, so this was a later
acquired document. I'm just wanting to demonstrate the
consistency in training on certain issues we've been
discussing, Your Honor, not to prove that this was a
slide from 2012 or '13 or from 2005, but just
consistency in historical application training.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Morrison, are you going to argue that CalPERS has been inconsistent through the years regarding this?

MR. MORRISON: What I would argue -- I guess I would argue two points, Your Honor: First off, a presentation is not a statute or a regulation. It doesn't override a statute or regulation. So the relevance of a particular presentation, if it conflicts with the statute of regulation isn't apparent.

But there is no -- it doesn't appear to me that there's any effort to suggest that this particular presentation or a similar presentation was made to Tustin Unified, and it certainly appears this document was put together well after the audit period.

So the fact that CalPERS may have given a presentation to some school employer at some point in time after the audit period just doesn't seem to be at

1 all relevant to this proceeding. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: But Mr. Glauberman's argument is that he's using this simply in order to try 3 4 to demonstrate that CalPERS has been consistent in the 5 way it has handled this matter through the -- consistent 6 through the years. 7 So are you going to -- is there an issue 8 concerning consistency through the years? Are you going 9 to argue that CalPERS has waffled on this? 10 MR. MORRISON: Yeah. I mean, well, essentially, 11 yes. 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well. The 13 objection is overruled. 14 Go ahead, please. 15 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 16 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 17 Mr. Suine, I'm at page A435 of this exhibit 18 right now, which is in the PDF page 442. Do you see 19 this page, and is it big enough? 20 It's not very big, but I see it. Α 21 Q Okay. 22 Α Yes. 23 Can you tell based on what I have on this 24 slide what is being shown, just generally speaking? 25 Α Yes.

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A This is a payroll record that comes in from an employer and posts to our myCalPERS system for an employee. It shows the payroll period, the posting dates, what type of pay rate is being used, how much in earnings that individual had earned for that period, and then the special compensation tied to it.

- Q Okay. Is there any way to judge just by looking at this slide, which I -- am I presuming correctly it's an exemplar? It's just an example?
- A Well, this looks like an actual screen capture from an employee's account.
- Q Okay. Is there any way to tell from just looking at this whether the reporting was correct or incorrect?
 - A Not based on this solely alone.
 - Q Okay.
- A I could tell you that if they were all reported hourly, it would have complied with the law, but they have -- it looks like the employer converted the hourly pay rate to a monthly pay rate for one of the particular positions the member was in.
- Q Okay. So this next screen, it's talking about equal payments. Can you explain CalPERS's purpose behind, if you can, a training slide such as this?

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A I can. This gets complex. You know, I mentioned an employee -- school employees typically getting paid, you know, over 11 months, but maybe they only get 10 paychecks, that there was always issues with schools properly reporting as earned, as we called it, for the members.

So equal payments allowed -- as long as they -- the school employer reported a pay rate in every month in which the employee actually worked, that they could record the earnings in equal payments across those number of months.

So if they worked a few days in August and then 26 days in June, that's 11 months. As long as they reported a pay rate in 11 months, they could portion out the earnings over those 11 months, and the service credit would ultimately be the same for that individual, but now their final comp is based on pay rates over 11 months as opposed to 10. So that's -- that's the best I could do without writing out an example.

- Q Okay. Now, I'm going down. I'm at PERS A438, which is 445 in the PDF. Do you recognize this slide?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Can you explain what this is, if you can?
- A Yep. This is a -- you know, an illustrative view of what I tried to explain before of the impacts of

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an employer reporting a pay rate only in 10 months as opposed to 12.

So in this case, you know, the employee's contract likely was for \$22,750 for a year. Their pay rate was \$2,600 a month, or that was the monthly equivalent, and while the employee's contract spanned August through June, the employer shoved the August earnings into September, or they reported equal payments for the 10 months instead of 11.

So this particular member would -- if this was their final retirement period or final 12 months, we would take the \$2,600 pay rate, add those up, and then we divide by 12 because it's 12 consecutive months for final compensation. When you do that, the employee has a final compensation of \$2,167. So 2,600 times 10 divided by 12.

- Q You keep saying "divided by 12" for calculations. Can CalPERS not divide by 10 for 10-month employees?
 - A Not for final compensation purposes.
 - Q Why not?
- A The law says -- states final compensation is based on 12 consecutive months of pay rates.
- Q Okay. Now, on the next slide in succession, it's 446 of the PDF, and it's A439.

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Q Can you explain, if you can, what's this slide?

A Yep. So this is attempting to illustrate the proper reporting methods for that school employee who works a few days in August, and this is -- you know, this example is truly reporting as earned, as the law says.

And so you can see here, now the employee gets a full-time pay rate in August, and then the earnings in August represent -- I don't know what the actual contract said -- but 6 or 8 days in August, and then the 24 days or so in June. So the earnings represent the actual hours earned in those months, but now this member has 11 pay rates of 2,600.

So they have a pay rate recorded in every month in which they earned service. And so now we take the 2,600 times 11 months, and divide that by 12, and we get \$2,383 as a final comp instead of the 21.67 or 76, and so that's 100 -- you know 100-plus dollars difference, \$170 difference in final comp.

Q Now, to the best of your recollection, is this training guide or presentation that was similar to what you did when your duties included training?

A Yes. I have exact present -- I have

presentations back from '06, so all through that time 1 2 frame, that had these two exact same slides in them. 3 Okay. And during that time, did you ever 4 train on the -- what we've been talking about, the 5 40-hour reporting or the 173.33 monthly hours? 6 Yes. 7 To the best of your recollection, has that Q 8 always been CalPERS's position regarding 20636.1? 9 I typically had a slide that spelled out Α Yes. 10 to 20636.1 and the CalPERS reporting related to that 11 Government Code. 12 Okay. I'm going to move ahead now to A388, 13 which is CalPERS's Exhibit 15, which is the PDF 395. 14 And let me rotate that. (Claimant's Exhibit No. 15 was marked 15 16 for identification by the Administrative 17 Law Judge.) 18 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 19 Do you recognize this document, Mr. Suine? Q 20 Α Yes, I do. 21 0 What is this? 22 MR. MORRISON: I'm sorry. Which page are we on? 23 MR. GLAUBERMAN: We're on -- total PDF is 396. 24 says "A389" in the top right corner. 25 MR. MORRISON: Can I see the Bates stamp on the

1 bottom part of the page? Okay. 374? 2 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Correct. BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 3 4 What is this document, Mr. Suine? This is a CalPERS circular letter that went to 5 6 all county superintendent of schools and the districts. 7 What is a circular letter? 0 8 A circular letter is our main form of Α 9 communication with our employer groups. They can be 10 sent to all employers or a certain segment of employers. They just help us announce new legislation that might 11 come through. It helps us clarify issues that are 12 13 brought to our attention. 14 So we might send, oh, gosh, I don't know, 50 15 to a hundred circular letters out every year to various 16 employer groups to help -- just help them understand the 17 laws, clarifications, address issues. 18 Do you have any -- do you have any -- not 19 impact, but did you have any hand in the creation or 20 writing of this circular letter? 2.1 Α Yes, I did. 2.2 What was your role? Q 23 I crafted the majority of this circular letter 24 and the examples that were in it. 25 Do you recall, if at all, the impetus for this Q

1 circular letter in particular? 2 Yeah. It was to reinforce the training we 3 were doing across all the school districts, making sure 4 that all the school districts had the same information, 5 again, reinforce the legislation, the laws. We had --6 right? -- continued to see some inconsistent reporting, 7 and so this was to clarify and try to illustrate proper 8 reporting. 9 So to the best of your knowledge, is this a 10 true and accurate copy of the March 22, 2005, circular 1 1 letter you drafted that CalPERS distributed? I believe it's still available on the 12 Yes. 13 website. 14 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, California PERS requests introduction of Exhibit 15 into evidence. 15 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to 15? 17 MR. MORRISON: No objection, Your Honor. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 15 is in evidence. 19 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 15 was 20 received in evidence by the Administrative 2.1 Law Judge.) 2.2 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 23 You mentioned that letters like this circular 2.4 are distributed to all schools -- or this one to schools 25 and individual school districts. How do you know that?

1 In the "To" line -- we have different 2 distribution lists, so in the "To" line, I can tell that 3 this went to all the county offices and the individual 4 school districts. How does CalPERS distribute these letters? 5 6 Back in the day, they were distributed via 7 mail, and now we have an electronic correspondence 8 system that goes to all contacts who are recorded in 9 our -- in our database and in our myCalPERS system. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let me ask a question, 1 1 may I, please, concerning 20636.1. So I'm looking at 12 the language in this letter. Do I understand correctly 13 that 20636.1 concerns only noncertificated employees? 14 THE WITNESS: That's correct, classified school 15 employees. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So this doesn't concern 16 17 teachers; right? 18 THE WITNESS: Right. Teachers are typically part 19 of CalSTRS, certificated teachers. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, I see. Yeah, okay. 2.1 Got it. 22 THE WITNESS: The -- most of our population of 23 school employees, the vast majority are classified 24 school employees, those who work in the office or 25 other --

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. 2 THE WITNESS: -- Your Honor. 3 The Education Code governs a lot of the 4 teacher reporting rules. 5 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 6 Does CalPERS have to adhere to those teacher 7 reporting rules from the Education Code? 8 We try to coordinate and make sure Α 9 there's nothing in conflict, typically, because we do 10 have some teachers who elect -- who had been in PERS before and elect to stay in PERS, and so that -- that's 11 the only time really that the Ed code and the PERL 12 13 really work in conjunction with each other. We try to 14 keep those consistent, but really the Ed code doesn't 15 apply to the classified employees. Okay. I'm taking you now to Exhibit 16, A391, 16 17 which is 398 in the PDF. 18 MR. GLAUBERMAN: And, Counsel, that is 376 on the 19 bottom right Bates stamp. 20 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 16 was marked 2.1 for identification by the Administrative 22 Law Judge.) 23 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2.4 Do you recognize this document, Mr. Suine? Q 25 I do. Α

1 What is this? 0 2 Α This is sort of a refresher, which we do 3 periodically if we continue to see issues, or it may 4 come from a -- come from our school employers that say, "Hey, can you reinforce these rules?" May come from a 5 6 district. May come from the members themselves or 7 issues we see. So just a reinforcement of 20636.1 that 8 we sent out in 2005. 9 Again, another circular letter that went to 10 all county offices and districts, and we -- we are now 11 imposing an administrative fee if the reporting -- we 12 may impose a fee if the reporting isn't accurate. 13 And to the best of your knowledge, is this a 0 14 true and accurate copy of the June 14, 2011, circular letter? 15 16 Α Yes. 17 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, Calpers requests 18 Exhibit 16 be admitted into evidence. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is this June 14, 2011? 20 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. 2.1 MR. MORRISON: No objection, Your Honor. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well. Exhibit 16 23 is in evidence. 2.4 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 16 was 25 received in evidence by the Administrative

1 Law Judge.) 2 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: How much more do you 4 have, Mr. Glauberman? MR. GLAUBERMAN: Not much. I'm just going to go 5 through this Exhibit 17, Your Honor, and then I believe 6 7 my questions for Mr. Suine will be through. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Why don't we 9 try to finish that before we take our lunch break. 10 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 11 All right. Mr. Suine, do you recognize this 12 document? 13 For the record, I'm on page A393, 400 at the 14 total PDF, and at the bottom it says PERS 379. 15 Α Yes. What's this? 16 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is this one of your 18 exhibits? 19 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor, 17. I apologize. 20 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 17 was marked 2.1 for identification by the Administrative 2.2 Law Judge.) 23 THE WITNESS: Yes. This is, again, another 2.4 circular letter. This one -- looks like this went to 25 all contracting agencies, so public agencies, schools,

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and states. And this speaks more to compensation earnable, what pay rate and special compensation is, the statutes that govern that, and then the purpose of aligning publicly available pay schedules to the pay rates and compensation earnable that's being reported by our various employers.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. Tell me again, "The purpose of aligning..."

THE WITNESS: Yes. So the law requires -
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. I'm trying to ask
you to help me recall what you said. "The purpose of
aligning..."

THE WITNESS: Okay. Of aligning the pay rates being reported and the compensation earnable aligning with the publicly available pay schedules that employers maintain.

So you can't report a \$6,000 a month pay rate and your salary schedule for that position says 3,000 to \$5,000; right? They must line up, and we would audit that if -- if it came to our attention.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What term do you use to express what the employers do with these pay rates? Do they publish them? Do they post them?

THE WITNESS: Yes. The law states or regulations states they must be publicly available. Right? So they

1 post them to the website so that they can be -- they're 2 public information and easily accessible, more for 3 transparency purposes. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks. 5 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 6 To the best of your knowledge, Mr. Suine, does 7 this Exhibit 17, I believe, the January 8th, 2020, 8 circular letter appear to be a true and accurate copy of that circular letter? 9 10 Yes. Α MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, CalPERS requests 11 Exhibit 17 be admitted into evidence. 12 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections? 14 MR. MORRISON: No objection. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 17 is in evidence. 15 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 17 was 16 17 received in evidence by the Administrative 18 Law Judge.) 19 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Last, Your Honor, before I rest 20 subject to cross-examination of Mr. Suine or rebuttal 21 for him, CalPERS requests exhibit -- I believe it was 22 not 14, 8 -- well, not 18 -- 19 be admitted into 23 evidence, which was the slides, if for nothing more just 24 the purpose of showing consistency and some training. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Did you say 19?

1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. Beginning on A416, and it's 423 in the PDF. 2 3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to 19? 4 MR. MORRISON: I'm going to renew my objection, 5 Your Honor. If this is being proposed for admission for 6 the purpose of showing consistency, there is no 7 indication this presentation was provided to Tustin. 8 There is no indication similar presentations were 9 provided to Tustin, and the fact that CalPERS may have 10 provided information similar to this to some other district at some other time is not relevant to this 1 1 12 case. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I have made note that so 14 far there is no evidence that this exhibit was ever made 15 available to Tustin. The objection is overruled, and Exhibit 19 is in evidence. 16 17 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 19 was 18 received in evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.) 19 20 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, I have no more 2.1 questions for Mr. Suine at this time. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. So let's 23 take a lunch break. It is 12:13. Will 45 minutes be 2.4 enough, or is there someone who needs a full hour? 25 You need a full hour?

1 THE REPORTER: Yes. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. It's a full hour, 3 folks, thanks to Ms. Terkeurst. 4 They all thank you. If I may quickly inquire: 5 MR. MORRISON: I will 6 take it the witness is available -- I think we had some 7 discussions prior to today about witness availability. 8 I'm assuming Mr. Suine will be available after lunch for 9 cross-examination? 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Suine, I don't think 11 12 you said you had any other commitments today, did you? THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'll make myself available. 13 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Very well, sir. 15 Have a good lunch, everybody. 16 MR. MORRISON: Back at 1:15, Your Honor? ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes, please. 17 18 MR. MORRISON: Thank you very much. 19 (A lunch recess was taken) 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Back on the record, 2.1 please. 22 Good afternoon, everyone. 23 Mr. Glauberman and Mr. Morrison, I was looking 24 at this 20636.1, subdivision (b) (1), and I had a couple 25 questions about it. So there are three sentences here.

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The first one gives a definition of pay rate for members who are in a group or class, and the third sentence gives a definition of pay rate for members who are not in a group or class.

And then there is this middle sentence that says, "For purposes of this part, for classified members, full-time employment is 40 hours per week, and payments for services rendered not to exceed 40 hours per week shall be reported as compensation earnable for all months of the year in which work is performed."

Does that -- are we concerned in this case with whether we're dealing with members who are in a group or class or members who are not?

MR. MORRISON: I don't believe we are, Your Honor. This concept of an employee being in a group or class comes up very infrequently. The vast majority of employees are in a group or class. And the situations where an employee might not be in a group or class typically would involve very high-level employees who probably aren't in the bargaining unit.

For example, there are -- I've seen it argued -- I've seen both sides of the argument that a school superintendent, for example, who might be in CalPERS may not be in a group or class.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Right. I've had -- I've

1 had cases in which the respondent was not in a group or 2 class, and they were people who were highly compensated, but we don't see that distinction as being an issue in 3 this case; is that right? 4 MR. MORRISON: I don't. 5 6 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I would agree with counsel on 7 that, Your Honor. I do not see that distinction as 8 being an issue here. 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. All right. I 10 quess that really was my question. 11 Mr. Morrison. 12 MR. MORRISON: Yes, thank you, Your Honor. We have 13 some questions for Mr. Suine. May I assume Mr. Suine is 14 still under oath? 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes, of course. 16 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. MORRISON: 19 All right. Good afternoon, Mr. Suine. Q 20 Good afternoon. Α 21 You were talking a little bit in your 22 testimony this morning about pay rate. Do you remember 23 that? 2.4 Α Yes. 25 Okay. And I think it was established -- I

think you established that the concept of pay rate is a different concept than an employee's earnings and it's a different concept coming out of service credit that an employee is receiving for that work; correct?

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Q All right. So an employee working 20 hours in a particular position, side by side with somebody working in the same job with a 30-hour assignment, side by side with somebody working 40 hours in the same position, all of those employees might have the same pay rate, but they would have different earnings and their service credit would be different; correct?

A Correct.

Q Okay. So the concept of pay rate really is independent of an employee's service credit; correct?

A Well, it's used to measure. Right? The earnings are divided by the pay rate to get service credit, so it does have a relationship because if you artificially lower or increase the pay rate, then it would affect the service credit.

Q Let me ask you, the audit that was done here involved an employee whose information was sampled, and there is a reference in the audit findings to a sampling employee. Did you look at the particular data for that sampled employee prior to your testimony here today?

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What is that term you're 2 using, "sampling point"? 3 MR. MORRISON: A sampled employee, Your Honor. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I still am not understanding. "Sample in point"? 5 6 MR. MORRISON: No. Employee. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So sample employee. 8 MR. MORRISON: Yes. Perhaps it would be helpful, 9 I'll ask my colleague to pull up exhibit -- district 10 Exhibit 1, and go to finding 4. There is a phrase that 11 is in the audit that I want to refer to. 12 (Respondent's Exhibit No. 1 was 13 marked for identification by the 14 Administrative Law Judge.) BY MR. MORRISON: 15 16 Okay. So we are on page All, using the red 17 numbering, and in finding 4 on the second line, it 18 refers to a sampled classified employee. Do you see 19 that, Mr. Suine? 20 Α Yes. 21 Okav. I assume what that refers to is CalPERS 22 looking at data for a particular employee of the 23 district and making findings based on the data for that 24 employee. Are you reading it the same way? 25 Α Yes.

1 Okay. Did you happen to look in detail at the 2 data for that specific classified employee before you 3 testified today? 4 I -- I looked at the pay sample that was 5 provided. 6 Okay. Do you have any reason to believe the 7 employee that was sampled does not work a 40-hour 8 workweek? 9 Could you repeat that? 10 Let me rephrase. Q 11 Do you know how many hours per week the 12 employee that was sampled works? 13 Not exactly. I -- I -- in that sample, it says "40 hours per week." 14 15 Okay. So from what you're seeing, you're 16 seeing some indication that the employee who was sampled 17 does work a 40-hour workweek; correct? 18 Α Correct. 19 All right. Let me -- do you recall the name Q 20 of the employee who was sampled? 21 Α Alane Pelleriti. Okay. I think that's close enough. I won't 22 23 hold you to a spelling. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What is the first letter? "P" or "T"? 25

1 MR. MORRISON: "P," and it's Alane. 2 BY MR. MORRISON: 3 All right. Let me switch, if I can, to 4 district Exhibit No. 7. That's the exhibit with the 5 district salary schedules. If we can, let's go to page 6 G -- I believe it would be G4. Okay. No. I'm sorry. 7 It should be G4. Okay. If we go to the top of the page 8 there. 9 All right. Mr. Suine, have you seen this 10 document before? I had glanced at the -- the exhibits. 11 12 Okay. Do you recognize this as the Tustin Q 13 Unified School District hourly salary schedule for the 14 '12-'13 school year? 15 Yes. Α 16 Let's look at the next page, if we can. 17 Do you recognize this as the monthly salary 18 schedule for the Tustin Unified School District for the 19 '12-'13 school year? 20 Α That's what it states, yes. Okay. All right. And are you generally 21 Q 22 familiar with school districts having separate monthly 23 and hourly salary schedules? Is that a common thing? 2.4 Α I can't say I'm overly familiar with the 25 salary schedules.

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1 think that the normal monthly rate of pay is the amount 2 that's stated in the district's monthly salary schedule? 3 Could they think that? Potentially. 4 Q Okay. I don't -- I mean, I'm speculating that 5 6 they -- they could believe that. Yeah. 7 employers who think that, yes. 8 Okay. And --Q 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, 10 please. Thanks. 11 BY MR. MORRISON: 12 Okay. So looking at that definition, there is 13 a number of components to it. The first component is 14 what I was just mentioning, the normal -- reference to 15 the normal monthly rate of pay. There is also a 16 reference to the amount being paid in cash. Is that an 17 issue in this proceeding? 18 Not that I believe so. 19 All right. And then there is a reference to Q 20 similarly situated members of the same group or class of 2.1 employment. Is that an issue in this proceeding? 2.2 Not that I know of. 23 There is a reference to services being 2.4 rendered on a full-time basis. Do you have any reason 25 to believe the employee who was sampled was not working

1 40 hours per week? 2 Α Only by the calculation of the full-time 3 equivalent monthly pay rate. 4 But in reality, she was working 40 hours a 5 week; yes? 6 I have no idea. That's what the -- the sample 7 contract said, "40 hours per week." 8 Okay. You have no reason to disbelieve that; 9 correct? 10 Again, only by the pay rate -- the monthly pay Α 11 rate conversion. 12 What I'm saying is that you have no reason to 13 disbelieve that the employee was in real life working 14 40 hours per week; correct? Not -- not that I'm aware of. 15 Α 16 Q All right. And then there is a reference at 17 the end of the first sentence to publicly available pay 18 schedules. Is that an issue in this proceeding? 19 It -- yes, I believe so. Α 20 And what is the issue involving publicly Q 2.1 available pay schedules? 22 That the calculated full-time equivalent based 23 on the hourly rate is -- does not match the publicly 24 available pay schedule as well as the reported rate

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. Give me a second here. Tell me again what those issues are.

THE WITNESS: So the -- when you convert the pay rate to a full-time equivalent based on 20636.1, it doesn't line up with the pay schedules, and that -- I believe there was also special compensation lumped in with the pay rate that doesn't align with the publicly available pay schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Can you give me an example of a pay rate? Where will I find a pay rate?

THE WITNESS: The pay rate is the hourly rate of pay or the full-time monthly equivalent, so that was what we talked about before with the \$10 per hour or converting it to the monthly equivalent of 1,733.33.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Subdivision (b)(1) of 20636.1, doesn't it define pay rate to mean the normal monthly rate?

THE WITNESS: Correct.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So if a school district has a publicly available schedule of monthly rates, why isn't that the pay rate?

THE WITNESS: It needs to meet the -- it still needs to meet the provisions of the law, Your Honor.

So -- right? -- we've had people inflate pay rates including things that should not be included, overtime,

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and it matches the -- it may match the pay schedule, but that pay schedule is incorrect because it doesn't -- it's including pay that's not reportable under CalPERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: When you say you've had school districts reporting things as pay rate that shouldn't be included, are you saying that they send in a report in which they say that the pay rate is different from what they've published?

THE WITNESS: It may be different from what's in the pay schedule or it could be the same, but the schedules are incorrect.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. I guess someone will educate me as to how that's possible. BY MR. MORRISON:

- Q Mr. Suine, I will represent to you that the employee who was sampled in this case is compensated at range 36F, which is reflected on the monthly salary schedule with the amount \$3,750. Do you have any reason to believe the employee was not paid that exact amount for each month of service?
 - A Earnings-wise, no.
- Q So earnings-wise, you are comfortable that she was paid the amount reflected on the salary schedule?
 - A I -- I would assume so, yes.
 - Q All right. And if that was the normal monthly

rate of pay for the employee, this \$3,750, I'm trying to understand how pay rate -- well, let me ask it this way:

Looking at 20636.1(b)(1), it says pay rate means the normal monthly rate of pay.

Shouldn't the normal monthly rate of pay that

is actually paid to the employee for full-time service equal the pay rate?

- A Not necessarily. The earnings are what is actually paid to the individual.
- Q All right. If an employee is working 40 hours a week, they're working on a full-time basis, their earnings and their pay rate should match; correct?
 - A That's correct.

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- Q All right. And the district here has a monthly salary schedule. They paid the amount on the monthly salary schedule to the employee. And your contention is that monthly rate of pay at a normal monthly rate of pay that is on the salary schedule, even though it was paid to the employee, that's not the employee's pay rate?
- A Right. Because it's not converted based on the 20636.1.
- Q Okay. So if I understand correctly, you are reading the first part of 20636.1(b)(1) to read, in essence, that pay rate is the hourly rate of pay

1 multiplied by 173.33 to equal a monthly rate. 2 your position; correct? 3 Correct. Α 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 5 me a second. 6 THE WITNESS: And it's not just hourly. It could 7 be daily, as well. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks. 9 BY MR. MORRISON: 10 All right. And where does that number 173.33 11 come from? I understand how it's calculated, but what 12 I'm asking is how is that calculation first put 13 together? How is it determined that that was the number 14 15 that CalPERS was going to use to calculate monthly rates 16 of pay from hourly? 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Isn't the question how 18 did CalPERS determine how that formula should be used to 19 arrive at a factor? 20 MR. MORRISON: Yes. THE WITNESS: Again, this was longstanding even 21 22 before I was here. But, again, based on the, you know, 23 consistency across all 2 million members, you have the 2.4 40 hours times the 52 weeks divided by 12. I'm not 25 sure, again, what other formula you would use.

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       answer to that question?
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            THE WITNESS: Yes. I believe I...
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1 Yeah.") 2 BY MR. MORRISON: 3 We also talked about -- in your testimony this 4 morning, you talked about some CalPERS circulars that 5 were issued, some of which I think you drafted, and 6 those were, I think, CalPERS's Exhibits 15, 16 and 17. 7 Does the number 173.33 appear in any of those documents? 8 I would have to go back and look. I don't Α 9 know if --10 Let's do that if we can. 11 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Are you asking the 12 witness to look at those? 13 MR. MORRISON: I'm hoping my colleague, Ms. Morenz, 14 is going to be able to pull those up. 15 BY MR. MORRISON: So let's start with Exhibit 15, if we can. 16 17 And, Mr. Suine, I'll ask you to just take a look at that 18 document. 19 Now, midway -- actually, let's hold it right 20 there. Midway the large paragraph in the beginning, 21 there is a sentence that talks about work schedule 22 codes, and it uses the code 400 and the code 173. 23 That's something other than this 173.33 formula; 2.4 correct? 25 It's based off of that. So in the old

1 reporting world, we -- you know, now we ask, "What is 2 the full-time workweek?" which is 40. And then in the -- in the old world, we asked, 3 4 "If you're reporting monthly, report 173, which 5 represents the number of hours -- average hours in the month, and if you're reporting hourly, report the 400 to 6 7 represent a 40-hour workweek." 8 Okay. What is indicated here is a code that 9 is being indicated that you assigned to hourly or 10 monthly pay; correct? 1 1 Α Right. 12 And there isn't a reference to All right. 13 173.33; correct? 14 I would argue the 173 is a reference to the full-time hours in a month. 15 16 All right. And this document, these 17 circulars, these are not regulations, they are not 18 statutes. You would agree with that? 19 Α Yes. 20 Okay. So they're an attempt to describe the 2.1 law; they are not the law? 2.2 Correct. They usually mention the law. 23 Let's scroll down if we can. 24 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So let's look at this 25 again. This Exhibit 15, it says, "The work schedule

1 code reported on CalPERS payroll file must be 400." Why 2 would it be 400 if it was reported as an hourly rate? THE WITNESS: Again, Your Honor, this is talking 3 4 about a -- like, a file layout. It was a -- it was a 5 column on the file, and you had to -- it was truncated 6 to three digits, so you either had to report -- if you 7 were monthly, you reported 173 to represent the -- those 8 were the full-time hours in the month. And if you were hourly, you put in 400. Again, it just represented a 9 10 40-hour workweek. If the other -- if you were a 37-hour 1 1 12 workweek, you would put 370 or 375, and we would then 13 convert that hourly rate based on 37 1/2 hours per week. 14 BY MR. MORRISON: 15 But this is --16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So the 400 means 40; is 17 that right? 18 THE WITNESS: 40 hours per week, yes, because it's 19 related to a monthly reporting -- sorry, an hourly 20 reporting as opposed to monthly. 2.1 BY MR. MORRISON: 22 So this is a code that employers would enter 23 in connection with hourly rates of pay, this 400; 24 correct? 25 Correct. Α

1 All right. And the 173 is the code they would 2 enter as monthly rates of pay; correct? 3 Α Correct. 4 That just sends them to the right place in the Q 5 CalPERS system; correct? 6 It tells us how to convert the monthly pay 7 rate. 8 Okay. Let's scroll down. Q 9 Actually, at the bottom -- sorry -- bottom of 10 the first page, there is a pretty detailed explanation 11 of reporting of hours, but there is no explanation of this 173.33 formula; correct? 12 13 Α That's correct. 14 As we scroll through the rest of the document, 15 I -- I take it you agree that there is no explanation of this 173.33 formula anywhere in the document; correct? 16 17 Α Correct. 18 All right. Going to Exhibit 16 -- actually --19 well, let me see here. I think we are in Exhibit 16. 20 I've got the same question. 2.1 You agree this document does not reference the 2.2 173.33 formula; correct? 23 That's correct. Α 24 All right. And now that you've seen these, Q 25 would you agree that there are no CalPERS circulars that

1 reference the 173.33 formula as applied to school 2 employees? I can't -- I can't make that statement. I 3 4 mean, we've issued thousands of circular letters, so ... 5 If there was one, you would have had it with 6 you today for purposes of this hearing; correct? 7 I don't know if I would have. 8 All right. Let's look at the next exhibit, if 9 we can -- the next document. Sorry. The next circular, 10 the one we are looking at right now, which is the -- I 1 1 think the red Bates-stamping on that looks like it's 12 A393. It's a circular that appears to have been issued 13 in 2020, January 8, 2020. 14 Can we agree this document also does not refer to the 173.33 formula? 15 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: This is Exhibit 17. 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. Correct. 18 BY MR. MORRISON: 19 All right. Just to be clear, the circulars 20 that you spoke about this morning, can we agree that the 2.1 173.33 formula is not discussed or explained in any of 22 them; yes? 23 Right. It's derived from the 40 hours a week. 24 Okay. And you indicated that it was Q 25 derived -- this formula was being used before you

1 arrived at CalPERS. Do you have any idea when this 2 formula was first -- was first put in use? I -- no idea. I'm sure back in -- when we 3 Α 4 started back in the 1930's and '40s. Okay. So this is a rule that has been 5 6 employed for a long time; correct? 7 Α Yes. 8 All right. But it's not reflected in a 9 statute, and it's not reflected in a regulation; 10 correct? 11 It is in some other statutes related to 12 working after retirement. It's not in this particular 13 statute. 14 Okay. All right. Do you know if CalPERS ever Q communicated this 173.33 formula to Tustin Unified? 15 16 Not specifically. 17 All right. Do you know if this 173.33 formula 18 was ever communicated by CalPERS to the Orange County 19 Department of Education? 20 I can quarantee that in my... 2.1 Q Guarantee what? 22 I work closely with Orange County Office of 23 Education and other school districts on, you know, 24 proper reporting. So I... 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So are you saying that

1 you can quarantee that the 174.33 was communicated to 2 the --Right. And I've referenced 173.33 in 3 THE WITNESS: 4 presentations, in, you know, discussions, trainings. BY MR. MORRISON: 5 6 All right. Do you have an example of that 7 formula being communicated to Orange County Department 8 of Education? 9 I would have to go back and look through all 10 my old presentation materials. 11 All right. This 173.33 formula, it's based on 12 an assumed 52-week year; correct? 13 Α Correct. 14 All right. And can we agree that most years 15 are not -- well, can we agree that the calendar is not 16 limited to just 52 weeks? 52 weeks plus one day or two days depending on the year; correct? Yes? 17 18 Α Yes. Yes. 19 All right. And so if you were looking for a 20 formula to represent the number of workdays in a year, 2.1 it would actually be more accurate to go with 261 or 22 possibly 262 instead of 260; agreed? 23 Correct. Α 24 All right. So the formula that we've got, the Q 25 formula that you've been describing, this 173.33 formula

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1 BY MR. MORRISON: 2 Q So, Mr. Suine, I'm showing you the -- if we 3 can just scroll. I want to make sure I've got the 4 correct Bates-stamped number. It's page Y2, I think, on 5 the CaseLines. All right. I'll represent this is a 6 calendar for the 2012 calendar year. 7 Just taking a look at this, it's got the weeks 8 marked on the left. There are 52 weeks plus a day, and 9 so if we're counting the potential workdays, we have 261 10 instead of 260; correct? 11 Okay. I will take your word for it. 12 All right. But the CalPERS formula, this Q 13 173.33, it assumes 260 days in the year; yes? 14 Α Yes. 15 Do you know how the decision was made to go with 260 instead of 261? 16 17 I do not know. Α 18 Okay. That would be a judgment call that Q 19 would have been made at some point in time; yes? 20 Α Yes. Okay. Do you know how that judgment call was 21 22 made or who made it? 23 I do not know. Α 24 Okay. That's just sort of been passed down as 25 received wisdom; yes?

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1 There is a reference in the first line of the 2 regulation. There is the word "Department," which is 3 capitalized. Do you see that? 4 Α Yes. 5 Is it accurate to say that -- now that 6 you've reviewed that, would it be accurate to describe 7 this as a regulation that applies to employees in the 8 State Department of Human Resources? 9 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm going to object, Your Honor. 10 This calls for a legal conclusion. We can take official 11 notice of these documents, but I don't know if it's 12 within the scope of what this witness is here to testify 13 about. 14 MR. MORRISON: The witness has been testifying to 15 CalSTRS's understanding -- I'm sorry -- CalPERS's 16 understanding of 20636.1 which applies to school 17 employers, but he has also indicated there are a large 18 number of employees who are not school employers. What 19 I'm interested in is establishing that this regulation 20 does not apply to school employers. 21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Excuse me, Mr. Morrison. 22 When I need your argument, I'll ask for it. I want to 23 read this. 24 MR. MORRISON: My apologies, Your Honor. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. I will take

1 official notice of the fact that this regulation applies 2 to employees of the Department of Human Resources. BY MR. MORRISON: 3 4 All right. Mr. Suine, you would agree this 5 regulation is not applicable to school employers; 6 correct? 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Again, it calls for a legal 8 conclusion. 9 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. I'm sorry, 11 Mr. Suine. 12 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: When there is an 14 objection, please don't answer until the objection is 15 resolved. 16 THE WITNESS: Sorry, Your Honor. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You know, I take 18 official notice that this is not directed to school 19 employees, it concerns employees of the Department of 20 Human Resources. 21 BY MR. MORRISON: 22 So my general question, then, Mr. Suine, would 23 be there are examples like the one we are looking at 24 right now of statutes and regulations that do refer to 25 the 173.33 formula, but you would agree that there is

1 nothing specifically applicable to school employers that 2 includes that 173.33 formula; correct? 3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: He's already testified to that. He said there is no statute and no regulation. 4 5 MR. MORRISON: All right. 6 BY MR. MORRISON: 7 How would the 173.33 formula be applied if the 0 8 school district only had a monthly salary schedule and 9 did not have an hourly salary schedule? 10 How would it be applied? Α 11 0 Or would it be applied? The 173.33 would -- it's derived from 12 Α Yeah. 13 the monthly/hourly equivalent. 14 So, for example, what if Tustin Unified did Q 15 not have an hourly salary schedule? What if all they had was the monthly salary schedule? Would you have any 16 17 reason to apply that 173.33 formula? 18 It would only be discovered through an 19 audit of, you know, detailed payroll records. 20 But I guess what I'm asking is if you did 21 discover that, if you realized the district only had a 22 monthly salary schedule and no hourly salary schedule, 23 would you take the numbers in the monthly salary 24 schedule as pay rate, or would you have some reason to 25 start to kind of crunch numbers and use the 173.33

formula or some other formula?

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A Only if something came to our attention that the employee wasn't -- that that wasn't representing 40 hours a week.

Q All right. So if Tustin Unified had only a monthly salary schedule and no hourly salary schedule, can we agree that the amount the district reported for the sampled employee would have been treated by CalPERS as pay rate? There would have been no changes to it?

A Again, except upon further review during — through an audit. But, yes, on a typical basis, we don't — if you report a \$4,000 monthly pay rate and \$4,000 of earnings, we have no way of telling that; although, on the — on the payroll report, there is a requirement of the number of hours of the full-time equivalent.

So if we noticed 4,000 and 4,000 and a 37-1/2-hour workweek, that would draw our attention that that pay rate may be underreported for a school employer.

Q All right. Here, the sampled employee was paid on the monthly salary schedule, and the district -- she works on a full-time basis 40 hours a week, and the district reported that amount as her pay rate, and let's assume all of that.

My question for you is if there was no hourly salary schedule, would CalPERS have accepted that as the employee's pay rate?

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- Q All right. But because there is an hourly salary schedule in addition to the monthly salary schedule, your contention is that the amount on the monthly salary schedule no longer reflects a pay rate; correct?
- A Again, through the audit review, yes. And, again, that could be found even without the hourly pay rate salary schedule.
- Q You've been talking about a -- your formula requires a relationship of 173.33 between hourly and monthly pay rates, and the audit indicates that the monthly pay rate is too low, it needs to be increased.

Why would you not require, instead, that the hourly pay rate be decreased? If you want to maintain a ratio, why move the hourly amount up instead of -- sorry -- why move the monthly amount up instead of moving the hourly amount down?

- A Could you run through that again?
- Q Yes. Your formula, this 173.33 factor, assumes that whatever the hourly rate is, the monthly rate will be exactly 173.33 times higher; correct?

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Q All right. So what the auditors do in this case is take the district's hourly salary schedule and multiply it by 173.33 to come up with what they believe should be reported as the monthly pay rate; correct?

A Correct.

Q All right. My question for you is why would they not, or why could you not, take the monthly pay rate using this formula and divide by 173.33 to equal an hourly rate?

A Yeah. You could do that if that was the negotiated hourly rate for the employee. Typically, we wouldn't tell you to lower the rate because the hourly rate is typically the negotiated rate and the full-time equivalent is specified by 40 hours per week, and so those didn't jive, which is therefore why the increase was requested.

Q Although, the monthly amount the district paid and reported as pay rate, that was also negotiated; correct?

A It may not have been negotiated. It wasn't negotiated on 40 hours per week or 215 hours -- 215 days a year.

Q My question for you, though, is if there must be a precise relationship between hourly and monthly pay

1 rates, and the relationship is 173.33, why are you 2 taking the hourly rate as fixed and requiring the 3 monthly rate to be increased? 4 Why could you not take the monthly rate, 5 consider that to be fixed and decrease the hourly rate? 6 Would that be an option? 7 I mean, we often work with employers to Α Yes. 8 resolve these audit findings, and if that was a feasible 9 or proper resolution, then we would work with the 10 employer on that. 11 And so if the district had decided to do that, 12 to keep the monthly rate fixed and reduce the hourly 13 rate, then the sampled employee's pay rate, according to 14 CalPERS, would have been accurate? 15 Yes, I would assume so. I've never seen that 16 happen, but... 17 MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, could we go off the 18 record for ten minutes? 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I beg your pardon? 20 MR. MORRISON: Can we go off the record for about 2.1 five minutes? 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You want to be in 23 recess? 2.4 MR. MORRISON: Yes, if we can. I'm pretty close to 25 wrapping up. I just want to organize a few things

1 before wrapping up with this witness. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. We'll be in recess for five minutes. 3 4 MR. MORRISON: Thank you. 5 (A recess was taken) 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do we know whether these 7 pay rates were negotiated with unions? Are we just 8 assuming that they were or we don't know? 9 MR. MORRISON: I will represent, Your Honor, that 10 the district does have employee unions and that all 11 of -- well, certainly the pay rates we are looking at 12 here are collectively bargained. There are some 13 high-level school employees that are -- you know, 14 confidential school employees that would not be in a 15 collective bargaining unit. 16 But the vast majority of employees, teachers, 17 and the vast majority of classified employees are in 18 bargaining units and the salary schedules are 19 collectively bargained. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 2.1 Mr. Glauberman, redirect? 22 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, I don't have any 23 questions for Mr. Suine. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Is there any 25 reason that Mr. Suine should not be released?

1 I don't believe so. MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Morrison? 3 MR. MORRISON: I'm not aware of any reason, Your 4 Honor. 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well. 6 Mr. Suine, you are released, sir. You're 7 welcome to sign off. You're also welcome to a stay and 8 observe if you prefer to do that. 9 THE WITNESS: Thank you. I'll sign off. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you very much. 11 THE WITNESS: Appreciate it. 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman. 13 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. I'm going 14 to call Sam Camacho as our next witness for CalPERS. 15 He's not in the room, so I'm going to have to -- Kevin 16 is going to go get him for me. Give me one second. 17 Your Honor, he's going to be logging in from 18 his laptop, so I think maybe a couple of minutes while 19 we're waiting for that to happen. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's fine. Take your 2.1 time. 22 So I assume that PERS has the burden of proof 23 in this matter; is that correct, Mr. Glauberman? 2.4 I understand the burden of coming forth with 25 evidence shifts back and forth according to what has

1 been presented, but the burden of proof, it looks to me, 2 as though it was PERS. 3 MR. GLAUBERMAN: That's an interesting question. 4 mean, I'm always going to try and say that the burden is 5 on the opposition, Your Honor. I understand that we're trying to tell them, though, that they've been doing 6 7 something wrong, that something is in error, and we're 8 trying to correct that. 9 So I understand the position under 20160 that 10 we can be seen as trying to correct the mistake here. 1 1 would be happy to -- not, you know, too extensive 12 briefing on the issue, but... 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You're welcome if you 14 want. 15 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: My -- my thought at the 17 moment is that the burden of proof probably is on PERS. 18 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And is there -- is there 20 anything that suggests that the standard of proof is 2.1 other than a preponderance of the evidence? 22 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I don't believe so. I'm not aware 23 of anything. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Do we have video? 25 Okay.

1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I believe Mr. Camacho is on. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Hello, Mr. Camacho. 3 Judge Walker. 4 THE WITNESS: Hi, Your Honor. How are you doing? 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Doing well. And you, 6 sir? 7 THE WITNESS: Good, thanks. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So, Mr. Glauberman, when 9 we get to the end of the hearing, if you want to submit 10 a brief on anything, be sure to remind me of it. MR. GLAUBERMAN: I will do so. 11 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Camacho, I'm going 13 to ask you to take an oath, sir. 14 15 SAMUEL CAMACHO 16 called as a witness on behalf of the Claimant, having 17 first been duly sworn by the Administrative Law Judge, 18 was examined and testified as follows: 19 THE WITNESS: I do. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Would you state your 2.1 name and spell it for the record, please. 22 THE WITNESS: First name is Samuel, S-A-M-U-E-L. 23 Last name is Camacho, C-A-M-A-C-H-O. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman. 25 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 DIRECT EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 3 Mr. Camacho, where do you work? 4 I work at CalPERS, since 2006. 5 0 And --6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Since when? 7 THE WITNESS: 2006. 8 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Can everybody hear him all right? 9 MR. MORRISON: It's a little scratchy, but I can 10 hear him. 11 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to use my microphone? I'll try speaking up a little bit. Is that 12 13 better? 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. Thank you. BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 15 Okay. You said you've been in CalPERS since 16 17 2006. What's your current position? 18 Currently, one of the senior analysts at 19 CalPERS working in our MOU and pay schedule review unit, 20 also worked -- work in the audit compliance resolution 21 unit. 22 So do you currently work in the audit 23 compliance resolution unit? 2.4 I'm currently -- I just finished, actually, Α 25 working in that unit. I finished resolving some of the

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last assigned audits. So now I'm focused primarily on agency MOU labor agreement reviews and pay schedule reviews for compliance.

- Q When or how long did you work in the audit compliance and review unit with CalPERS?
- A Let me -- I believe I've worked in the compensation review unit since 2011, and then I -- and the audit compliance team or unit was part of that unit or that group or section, I should say, so -- but primarily focused on audit resolutions. That was about since 2014, I believe, somewhere around there, 2015.
- Q Okay. So what were your general duties in the audit compliance and review unit?
- A Primarily, I was the lead analyst. Whenever a final audit was published by our board or by the Office of Audit Services, I was then assigned specific audits or agencies in order to be the lead contact or liaison with CalPERS in our division in order to resolve any of the -- any and all of the audit observations that were outlined in the final report.
- Q So did you participate in the actual conducting of the audit during the investigation?
 - A No.
- Q Do you see any of the findings, in your previous experience, prior to the final report being

issued?

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A We get -- there is a draft report of the -- of the audit that comes out a few months before the final report. It varies. Sometimes it could be six months or a few months before the actual final report is published, but there is a draft that comes out that the auditors share with our area so that we have an idea of what is coming and some of the issues that have been outlined in the draft.

- Q Are you familiar with the audit of Tustin USD by CalPERS that is at issue in this proceeding?
 - A Yes.
- Q Did you participate in the audit resolution process of this matter?
 - A I did.
 - Q And what was your role in that process?
- A Again, I was the lead analyst for this specific agency when it was -- I believe the report was published in December of 2018. So around that time, or a little bit before that, I was already aware of the -- you know, some of the issues that were going to be outlined in the report.

So it was -- I was assigned as the lead analyst in order to make contact with the agency, discuss any of the observations. If there were

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questions, help develop a resolution for all of the observations in the final report, and work directly with the agency being a resource to assist in any way we can in order to ensure the compliance is met and we're able to resolve the observations that were outlined in the report. Okay. Have you reviewed the audit report Q prior to coming to the hearing today? Yeah, I reviewed it several times. Α Okay. So you're familiar with it? Α Yes. I'm going to share my screen. Okay. MR. GLAUBERMAN: And for the record, I'm going to be looking at CalPERS's Exhibit 3, which is A35, and the actual audit report begins on A36, which is page 43 of the PDF. Just a second while I share that. (Claimant's Exhibit No. 3 was marked for identification by the Administrative Law Judge.) BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: Do you recognize this document, Sam -- sorry about that -- Mr. Camacho? Let's see here. July 2018, yes. Okay. Just reading this first page, we are Q looking at the first page, what is this?

A This looks like the letter that comes from our Office of Audit Services. It's the draft letter, and then I think it's -- it will also include the report to go along with it.

Q Okay. So the first page, it comes -- doesn't come from your division, then, within CalPERS when the draft report comes up?

A No.

Q Okay. But to the best of your recollection, this letter, at least, looks like it is a true and accurate copy of the initial letter from CalPERS?

A Yes.

Q Okay. And then down on the next page, A37, which is 44 in the PDF, do you recognize what the first page is?

A Yes.

Q What is this?

A It's the first page of the report for Tustin Unified School District, and it has — there is a job number, you know, the contract date of the agency. And then it also goes into some other information about the scope of the audit, some of the pertinent statutes and regulations that apply for what's going to be outlined in the brief in the report.

Q Okay. So this description of the audit and

the preliminary findings get attached to the -- that initial cover letter that was the immediately preceding page?

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Q Okay. So generally speaking, in your own words, what was this audit of Tustin Unified School District about?

A So the scope of the audits during this time, I think, were the auditors were looking at pay rates, specifically pay rates reported in our system -- in the CalPERS system from these agencies.

So with Tustin, I think there were about six observations that were in the final report, and all of them had to do specifically with different issues with the pay rate that were reported in the system. For example, one of the observations was longevity was included in pay rate and earnings. That was one of the observations.

The other observation, obviously, for this case in this hearing was that the monthly equivalent appropriate pay rates -- full-time equivalent pay rates were not reported. So -- and there was among -- I think there was also a pay schedule issue that we resolved as well.

Q So I'm going to stop you right there. You say

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CalPERS looking at pay rates. What does CalPERS, if you know, generally look at when conducting an audit like this of an agency's pay rate?

A So we look at -- so our area is tasked to ensure compliant and accurate reporting, our division, specifically our unit. So when we are looking at pay rate, we look at the regulations and statutes that govern how a pay rate is defined, which is in a couple of the statutes, 20636.1, pay schedules regulations 570.5.

So we are looking at, you know, data also that is reported by the agency, the pay rates, specifically, and earnings and special compensation, so we then use our statutes and regulations to make sure that there is compliance achieved.

- Q Okay. So with this audit that was conducted, the preliminary report -- now I'm on page A38, which is page 45 of the PDF, and I think more or less in the middle of the page there, there's the finding for. Is that the finding that is the subject of this subject audit?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Not audit, but of this hearing, more or less?
- A That's correct, yes.
 - Q Okay. So this is where CalPERS indicates that

it's CalPERS's position that the reporting wasn't based on the 40-hour equivalent?

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Q Okay. Do you know what CalPERS reviewed to reach that conclusion?

A There were several documents we reviewed. We looked at the agency's pay schedules. I think we went back as far as, like, 2012 looking at all these classified -- specifically, either classified hourly and monthly pay schedules. We also looked at other documents, like personnel action forms or data that was provided by the agency to the auditors, which was then shared with us.

We -- obviously, we take into account, you know, how we govern and administer, you know, the compliance part of pay rates, which has obviously taken into account the pertinent statutes and regulations that we need to apply when making our, you know, resolutions or determinations.

Q Okay. Does CalPERS allow agencies a chance to respond to audit findings, or does CalPERS just, you know, say, "This is what we found and comply or else"?

A No. I think there's a fair enough or appropriate time for the agency to respond, and I believe there was a -- for each draft report that goes

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out -- I think in July of 2018, it went out -- there was a response by the agency, I think, that I reviewed as well as part of taking over this resolution of this audit.

- Q Okay. Does CalPERS tend to consider the responses that are provided by the agencies?
 - A Definitely, yes.
- Q Okay. So I scrolled down to page A41, and it's 48 in the PDF, and there's some names on the left-hand side. But it looks like on the right-hand side are these, like, descriptions, the audit findings.

A These are -- this is what we call a confidential list. It's basically a sample list of employees -- specific employees for this agency, and it has some information. Like, the dates on here are -- whether they're active or retired, it's shown on the left.

Then we have the pay period date also in here, and then we have the data or the pay rates and other compensation that's reported. It's outlined in this confidential list, specifically for those sampled members. It was provided by our -- the auditors in the final report.

Q Okay. So I'm just looking at -- I'm highlighting it. Let's see if I can get a better

1 highlight. But right here, it says "August 31, 2012," 2 and there is a number 3915 and some text to the right. 3 Do you see that? 4 Α Yes. 5 So it says your agency reported a monthly pay 6 rate of 4,002. Where does CalPERS get that information? 7 We got that from our system, myCalPERS system. Α 8 This is information or data that was reported by the 9 agency or by the -- I think the Orange County schools 10 report for this agency, so that's where the data comes 11 from. 12 Okay. And so part of this finding for 13 observation 4 is -- 4,002 included longevity pay of 14 \$207. Do you see that? 15 Α Yes. 16 Is it from CalPERS's perspective, is it not

Q Is it from CalPERS's perspective, is it not appropriate to include the longevity pay with the pay rate that's reported?

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A That's correct. Part of the statute and regulation pay rate is defined specifically, and then special compensations are defined separately.

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accurate reporting when it comes under the review by CalPERS, and ultimately, you know, to ensure the retirement benefit calculations are appropriate and compliant and correct.

So in this case, there is a discovery by the auditors looking at the information reported in the system which is the 4,002 pay rate. We found that in our system, but they also found that in the -- also reviewing the documents from the agency side that there was longevity pay included in that reported amount.

So it was pretty easy and simple to identify, you know, the discrepancy there. And so one of the other observations that we did actually resolve with the agency is to separate special compensation from base pay rates.

Q Just for clarity on the record, can you explain what special compensation is?

A Yeah. So special compensation is essentially any additional compensation on top of your base salary or pay rate, and there are a specific list of items that are reportable under California regulation 571 and 571.1.

There's about -- like, 105 items that are specifically defined which would -- which can, if paid by an agency to their employees, would be reportable as

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special compensation in the system, which is in addition to their normal base pay rate or their normal earnings.

And a lot of times, it's a huge benefit for members to be paid this additional special compensation because it ultimately, you know, enhances their retirement calculation benefit at retirement. But it does have to meet the definitions specifically in the regulation, and there is also a list of specific requirements in order for the additional special compensation to be reported in the system.

- Q Okay. But the reporting of the special comp isn't really an issue for this unresolved audit finding?
- A Not this issue, no. Not observation 4, which is the one we were more focused on here today.
 - Q Okay. I'm going to stop you right there.
 - A Correct.
- Q It looks like observation 4 is in all three of these boxes next to this member's name. And that's more or less the reason I believe why we are here. But this, to the best of your knowledge, looks like a true and accurate copy of the draft audit report for Tustin USD that CalPERS issued in 2018?
 - A Yes.
- Q And I'm just scrolling down, but to the best of your knowledge, does this appear to be an accurate

1 copy of the draft audit report? 2 Α Yes. 3 Okay. And this is an unclear copy, but I'm 4 going to look at it in more detail here in a second. 5 Can you just explain what I'm looking at right now, this page 54 in the PDF A47 of CalPERS's exhibit --6 7 in Exhibit 3? 8 I think this is a screenshot of some sort that 9 was provided from the agency to the auditors, or the 10 auditors discovered it themselves. I'm not sure exactly 11 how the auditors obtained it. But it was part of the 12 draft report and part of the -- you know, the working 13 documents for this audit. 14 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Your Honor, CalPERS 15 requests Exhibit 3 be introduced into evidence. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Objections 17 to 3? 18 MR. MORRISON: No objection, Your Honor. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 3 is in 20 evidence. 2.1 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 3 was 2.2 received in evidence by the Administrative 23 Law Judge.) 2.4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Could we go back to that

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       you get 3,795.
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            THE WITNESS: There you go, thank you.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: But then the last
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1 because the monthly pay rate should have been 4,033.10. 2 And where does that number come from? Was that directly 3 from the pay schedules, or was that -- was that the 4 product of multiplying the monthly -- or the daily rate 5 by 173.33? Where do we get the 4,033.10? 6 Right. And so the 3,915.60 or the THE WITNESS: 7 4,033.10 amount, that did -- it does derive from the 8 calculations for the full-time equivalent at 9 173.333 hours for -- for full-time monthly equivalent or 10 monthly pay rate as noted in there. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is that the number we've 1 1 12 seen before? I can't remember. 4,033? 13 THE WITNESS: That one is part of the pay period 14 for August 2013 and February --15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I was asking the 16 attorneys. 17 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. I apologize. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. I didn't make that 19 clear. 20 Is that the number we've seen before? 2.1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: No. It's part of the audit, so we 22 haven't looked at that yet for this hearing, Your Honor. 23 It's -- I think it's numbers we're going to get into, 24 but there are three separate years, so three different 25 pay earnings or pay rates that have been provided to the

1 sampled employee. 2 And it's my understanding -- and the witness 3 can speak more to this -- but what CalPERS believes, as 4 indicated in the audit, should have been the -- should 5 have been the monthly pay rate is -- the same calculation was employed to reach those numbers. 6 7 just a different amount there we were starting with. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So remind me of what the 8 9 figures were in 33F. 10 MR. GLAUBERMAN: 33F? 1 1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So it was 3,795 per 12 month; right? 13 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes. Oh. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And for the daily, it 15 was... 16 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm trying to bring up the pay 17 schedules just so we can be on the same page here. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. Yes. Yes. 19 MR. GLAUBERMAN: So we have the 2012-'13 where the 20 daily, I believe, was 22.58. 21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Right. And that gets 22 us -- if we use CalPERS's 173.3333, that gets us to 23 3,915, and the district reported 3,795 as the monthly, 24 so I still don't know where that figure comes up --25 comes from that we see in No. 4, page A41.

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       take the -- was 22.59 the hourly pay rate?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: I believe so.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And it shows 36F.
            MR. GLAUBERMAN: 36F, yes, Your Honor.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: I believe that's correct.
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            MR. MORRISON: You had a question about the $4,033
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1 point to where that number comes from. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. If I said 3 that, I misspoke. 4 MR. MORRISON: Okay. 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm looking at -- I was 6 looking at page A41 at No. 4 for Ms. Pelleriti, and I 7 took the 4,002 that was reported and backed out the 8 longevity pay because PERS contends that shouldn't have 9 been there, and I got 3,795. 10 But then there is another sentence that says 1 1 that that was not correct, that the correct monthly pay 12 rate was 3,915. And I was trying to figure out where 13 that came from, and I see where it comes from. It comes 14 from PERS's contention that they should have taken the 15 daily pay rate and multiplied it by 173.33, so that's 16 where that 3,915 comes from. 17 MR. MORRISON: I think we are all on the same page. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Good. 19 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 20 So, Mr. Camacho, on this same page, the second to the last -- from the 2013 finding where it says 2.1 22 "4,033," would the same type of calculation get CalPERS to its contention of the 4,033.10 based on the hourly 23 24 rate from the pay schedules?

That's correct.

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1 Okay. And so the same for the February 28, 2 2014? 3 Yes. Α Stop sharing for one second. 4 Q Now, I'm sharing on A52, CalPERS's Exhibit 4, 5 6 which is page 59 in the PDF. 7 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 4 was 8 marked for identification by the 9 Administrative Law Judge.) 10 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 11 Mr. Camacho, do you recognize this document? 0 Let's see here. Yes. 12 Α 13 What is this? 0 14 This is an agency response that was directed Α 15 to the Office of Audit Services. Well, it's in response 16 to the draft report -- the audit draft report that came 17 out sometime in July of 2018. This is an agency letter 18 to the chief auditor, you know, outlining the 19 observations had been reviewed and a response to each of 20 the observations. 2.1 So is this a document that you reviewed as 22 part of your involvement with this audit? 23 Yes. Α 2.4 Okay. And I'm going to scroll down a few 25 pages because -- to the audit finding 4.

1 And so just for the record, I'm on MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2 page A56, which is 63 of the PDF. BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 3 4 And this, it looks like, has the audit finding 5 4 where it says "Pay rate, full-time pay rate," then "CalPERS's draft audit finding." Do you see that? 6 7 Α Yes. 8 Now, below that, it looks like there's a Q 9 response from Tustin USD? 10 Α Yes. 11 And did CalPERS review and consider this 0 12 response from the district? 13 Yes. Α 14 Q Okay. 15 Can I clarify something? Α 16 Q Yes. 17 At this point, this response was directed to 18 the auditors, so the auditors would consider this. 19 Q Okay. 20 We would also later consider it as well --Α 21 Q Okay. 22 -- in our division. Α 23 Right. This first sentence -- and I'm going 24 to highlight it -- of this paragraph at the bottom here, 25 if you could read that to yourself regarding the hourly

rate being too high or the monthly too low.

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- Q In your experience with CalPERS, does CalPERS tend to instruct employers that the hourly rate they're paying an agency is too high?
- A Historically, we've found that there's been compliance issues with overreported pay rates, if I answer the question correctly. I'm not sure.
- Q Okay. And in this situation, was one of the audit resolutions posed to Tustin that it could lower the hourly rate they're paying employees? Do you know?
 - A Oh, no.
 - Q Why not?
- A This was -- this issue was specifically not about what was being paid to their employees from the documents that were reviewed. This is what was reported in our system, into CalPERS.
 - Q Okay.
- A And we found that the monthly pay rate that was reported in our system for these members was not a full-time equivalent, and it was -- it was lower than what it should be according to, you know, the certain business practices for full-time equivalency, 40 hours per week and such.
 - Q Okay. And in this next sentence in this

paragraph, there is a reference to districts using 21, 22, or 23 days each month. Do you see that?

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Q Do you know if CalPERS is able to allow reporting based on that many days in a month?

A I think our system is set up for an average of 21.6667, which is considered a full-time equivalent amount of days per month. That's been a standard practice historically for many decades in our system and how we advise on that to agencies.

Q Okay. I'm going to scroll down to the next page. Let's see. As part of the audit resolution process, in your experience, does CalPERS ever instruct the agencies how much it should actually pay their employees?

A No.

Q Why not?

A I don't think we have any authority for that, actually. Our role as the administrators and in our division is to ensure, you know, compliance and accurate data as reported in the system, because like you said earlier, ultimately, we use that data to make sure that service credit is earned appropriately.

We make sure that at the time of retirement, that retirement calculations are correctly calculated

1 based on, you know, what is allowed under the statute 2 and what is allowed under the regulations. So that's 3 mainly our role as the administrator of the pension 4 system. Okay. To the best of your knowledge, is 5 6 Exhibit 4 a true and accurate copy of the district's 7 initial response to CalPERS's draft audit? 8 It looks like it, yes. Α Yeah. MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, CalPERS requests that 9 10 Exhibit 4 be admitted into evidence. 11 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to 4? 12 MR. MORRISON: No objections, Your Honor. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in evidence. 14 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 4 was 15 received in evidence by the Administrative 16 Law Judge.) 17 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, I would ask if we 18 could take a couple minute break at this point, like 19 maybe five minutes. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let's take ten minutes. 2.1 Mr. Glauberman, were you through? 22 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm not through. I'm going to run 23 through a few more things. But ten minutes is fine. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Great. Let's return in ten minutes, please. Thank you. 25

1 (A recess was taken) 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Back on the 3 record, please. 4 Mr. Glauberman. 5 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 6 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 7 Mr. Camacho, I'm going to direct your 0 8 attention to CalPERS's Exhibit 5, which is A62 in the exhibits or 69 in the PDF version. 9 10 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 5 was marked 11 for identification by the Administrative 12 Law Judge.) 13 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 14 Do you recognize this document? Q 15 Yes. Α What is this? 16 Q 17 Once the final audit report is published by 18 our board and by the auditors, our division then reaches 19 out with this initial notification. You can see my name 20 there at the bottom as the primary contact, and then my 21 backup analyst is also noted there. 22 So this is just an initial notification to the 23 agency and specifically Nam Nguyen. This is reaching 24 out letting her know that we are going to start working 25 with the agency to resolve all of the matters outlined

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       Exhibit 5 be admitted into evidence.
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            MR. MORRISON: No objections, Your Honor.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                Mr. Camacho, now I'm going to scroll forward
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       to Exhibit 6, A67, and the document page 74, and it's a
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       little small. See if I can get it a little bigger.
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            Law Judge.)
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                Do you recognize this document?
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                This is an e-mail from me, specifically, from
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myself, being directed to the same contact persons at the agency. After the initial notification letter goes out formally in writing, we then follow up with an e-mail correspondence, you know, outlining why we are reaching out, final report is published, setting up some expectations to resolve the matter, and then also setting up some proposed resolution.

In this e-mail, we also sent out requests for additional documentation if we need it or just to set up open communication with the agency to collaborate and ultimately get the observations resolved.

- Q So this is just a standard e-mail sent out after the initial draft audit to start a dialogue?
 - A Yes.
- Q And to the best of your recollection, does this appear to be a true and accurate copy of an e-mail you sent on behalf of CalPERS from December 2018 -- December 27 to be exact?
 - A Yes.
- MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Your Honor, CalPERS requests Exhibit 6 be admitted into evidence.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to 6?

MR. MORRISON: Hold on, Your Honor. There is actually a couple e-mails that are part of the same exhibit.

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MR. GLAUBERMAN: Counsel is correct, and I brought up, I think, the next one within the same exhibit, page 77 of the PDF and A70, I believe.

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

- Q Can you explain what this e-mail is if you recognize it, Mr. Camacho?
- A Yes, I recognize it. I remember back between December 2018 and April 2019, we were obviously -- with this agency, I was in the -- I was the lead analyst, and we were resolving six different issues and six different reporting issues with the agency. So this is a little bit later on, four months later.

This e-mail is specific to observation 4, you know, reporting the full-time equivalent pay rate that we've been talking about. And this e-mail was basically after we had a few, I think, conference calls with the agency and had other discussions with them going back and forth, even internally here with our management team.

We then sent out -- I sent out this e-mail kind of like as an -- I believe an initial plan for a resolution or some proposed options to resolve that -- this specific finding.

Q Okay. And so this e-mail in this exhibit, to the best of your knowledge, is it a true and accurate

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       copy of the April 22, 2019, e-mail you sent regarding
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       possible resolution?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Your Honor, Calpers
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       requests Exhibit 6 be admitted into evidence, both
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       e-mails.
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            MR. MORRISON: No objection, Your Honor.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 6 is in
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       evidence.
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            received in evidence by the Administrative
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            Law Judge.)
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                Exhibit 7, I'm directing your attention to
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       now, Mr. Camacho, and it begins on A73, page 80 in the
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       PDF, and I'm going to ask you the same question and
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       that's if you recognize this document?
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                (Claimant's Exhibit No. 7 was marked
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            for identification by the Administrative
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            Law Judge.)
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                And what is this document?
                This is a letter that we sent out to the
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       agency's legal team or person, Mr. Morrison. I think
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this was after some further discussions as well. This was kind of like a letter of clarification and giving background on CalPERS's historical practice.

And then this letter also was a little bit more detailed and, you know, some of the calculation, business practices, that have been in place at CalPERS for a long time. I think this one was from -- this came from our -- our assistant chief Brad Hanson, I believe. I think that is who assigned this letter. So, yeah, I do recognize this letter back from almost a year after the final report came out.

Q Okay. And the "To," it looks like an attorney for the agency, and the first sentence says, "We appreciate your recent inquiry on behalf of Tustin USD." Is this letter, then, a response to correspondence from Mr. Morrison?

A Yes.

Q Okay. And to the best of your knowledge, is this a true and accurate copy of that December 18, 2019, letter from CalPERS and Brad Hanson, in particular, to Mr. Morrison?

A Yes.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, CalPERS requests Exhibit 7 be admitted into evidence.

MR. MORRISON: If I may have just one second, Your

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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Of course.
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            MR. MORRISON: I have no objection. But for the
       sake of completeness, I would also ask that the
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       letter -- my letter to CalPERS that this was in response
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       to be included as well.
            MR. GLAUBERMAN: And that's in the appeal letter.
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       I believe you included it as an attachment.
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            MR. MORRISON: Fair enough.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: If you want to admit that, it's
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       going to be in the next exhibit.
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            MR. MORRISON: Okay. Yeah.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 7 is in
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       evidence.
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            received in evidence by the Administrative
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            Law Judge.)
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                All right. Now, I'm on Exhibit 8. Trying to
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       get through these.
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                (Claimant's Exhibit No. 8 was
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            Administrative Law Judge.)
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                And do you recognize this document?
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1 Yes. 2 Q And it appears to be a letter dated February 19, 2020, addressed to a Ms. Ostrander. Do you 3 4 see that? 5 Α Yes. And is this -- it's an appeal letter. 6 7 "Notice of appeal." Was that part of your audit review 8 process, or is it out of your hands at this point, or ... 9 Still involved in it a little bit, but -- so Α 10 in the previous letter that we looked at that went out 11 to Mr. Morrison, at the bottom of that letter, CalPERS 12 offered appeal rights based on certain statutes and 13 regulations, and so this is in response to that. 14 is the formal letter of appeal directed at the 15 division -- chief of our division, Renee Ostrander. 16 Okay. And so this appeal letter from the 17 district is more or less what starts the formal appeal 18 process of the audit finding? 19 Α Yes. 20 Okay. And to the best of your knowledge, this 2.1 letter is a true and accurate copy of the letter CalPERS 22 received that started that process? 23 Α Yes. 24 Then going down, it looks like there is 25 numerous attachments; I believe there is the draft audit

1 and other documents. Do you know if they were all 2 submitted with the appeal letter? 3 Α Yes. 4 Okay. Good. To the best of your knowledge, is Exhibit 7 a -- I think it's 7 --5 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 8. Exhibit 8. 7 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 8 -- Exhibit 8 a true and accurate copy of the 9 appeal letter with attachments from the agency? 10 Yes. Α MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, CalPERS requests 11 Exhibit 8 be admitted into evidence. 12 13 And I know that counsel did want to make sure 14 that the previous letter he sent was included, and I do believe that beginning A95, and it's 102 in the PDF, is 15 16 where that letter December 10, 2019, is included. And 17 he can confirm that, I believe, Mr. Morrison can, but I 18 want to just, for the record, note that to alleviate his 19 concerns. 20 MR. MORRISON: And I do believe it's there, and 21 there is no objections to Exhibit 8. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 8 is in 23 evidence. 2.4 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 8 was 25 received in evidence by the Administrative

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            Law Judge.)
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                All right. Exhibit 9, I'm going to direct
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       your attention to, Mr. Camacho, A118, PDF page 125,
       indicates the subject is appeal acknowledgment.
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            Administrative Law Judge.)
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                Do you recognize this?
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                I don't see it.
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                I'm not sharing. I'm sorry. It's my fault.
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                Is it there now?
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                Yes.
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                This is just a standard letter sent by
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       CalPERS?
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                Very standard letter, yes.
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                This is a true and accurate copy of that
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       letter for this case?
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                Yes.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, Calpers requests
       Exhibit 9 be admitted.
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            MR. MORRISON: No objection.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 9 is in evidence.
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            Law Judge.)
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       A120, and this is a quite long exhibit, I believe, and
       it's 120 -- A120 and 127 of the PDF.
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            marked for identification by the
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            Administrative Law Judge.)
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       BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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                Do you recognize this document, Mr. Camacho?
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            MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, I do not believe we were
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       able to pull Exhibit 10 off of CaseLines.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: It was one that we had uploaded or
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       we thought we did, and then it didn't go on.
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       uploaded it later, and I think it made it. But I can't
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       speak for what was available to everybody else.
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       exhibits, though, Counsel; is that correct?
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            MR. MORRISON: Well, is this the entire audit?
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1 I believe so. MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2 MR. MORRISON: So just briefly, there are dozens 3 and dozens -- it was like 64 agencies who are part of the audit. So it's hundreds and hundreds of pages, and 4 5 only a small portion --6 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Right. 7 MR. MORRISON: -- pertains to Tustin. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: There's 236 pages it 9 looks like. 10 I won't have an objection to the MR. MORRISON: audit report coming in, but I do want to make sure that 11 12 I'm able to obtain a full and complete copy of it. 13 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Of course, yeah. I can e-mail you 14 today -- e-mail it to you later, and it might be in 15 different parts, but -- just because the size of the 16 actual document, or I can probably give you a link as well, if that's appropriate. 17 18 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. 20 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Kevin Lau is going to put it into 2.1 the chat, I believe, the link to so you can be viewing 22 it so you can have it in front of you. 23 MR. MORRISON: For better or worse, I am attending 24 on the Internet -- Microsoft Teams Internet site rather 25 than the app, so I don't know that I've got access to

1 the chat. But if you're screen sharing, I believe this 2 is the same -- a lot of the same documentation was 3 already put into evidence. 4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Right. 5 MR. MORRISON: Okay. 6 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 7 But this is the final audit report, I think, Q 8 for all agencies; right, Mr. Camacho? 9 Α Yes. 10 So CalPERS just didn't single out 11 Tustin to look at their pay rates, but a number of 12 agencies to look at samples and investigate? 13 Α Correct. 14 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Your Honor, counsel is 15 correct. There are other agencies here, and I don't 16 know if we want to remove the other agencies for -- so 17 it doesn't have too many pages in, or if we can just 18 admit Exhibit 10, but stipulate that only a small 19 portion is relevant to this appeal. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do you know which pages 2.1 they are? 22 THE WITNESS: They are probably in alphabetical 23 order. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: A41 will be among them. 25 MR. MORRISON: I was able to access the chat, but

1 the link that Kevin provided is just showing up as "page 2 not found." It says that our website has changed. MR. GLAUBERMAN: Well, I think you -- your 3 4 exhibits -- I just saw it a second ago, if I can figure 5 out the number -- has the final audit report. Might even be your first exhibit. We can just go off that one 6 7 if everybody agrees. I think that works. 8 And just to know -- I can have Mr. Camacho confirm. I'm looking at page 488. In the entire PDF, 9 10 it is exhibit -- the district's Exhibit 1, I believe. 1 1 Does this appear to be the same thing, Mr. Camacho? 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. 13 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. CalPERS is fine using this 14 one as the operative final audit report for this case. 15 So we can withdraw our Exhibit 10 and rely on this. 16 MR. MORRISON: No objection. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So Exhibit 1, are you 18 offering Exhibit 1? MR. GLAUBERMAN: 19 Sure. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: There is no objection to 2.1 t.hat.? MR. MORRISON: No objection. We can make it a 22 23 joint exhibit, then. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 1 is in 25 evidence.

1 (Respondent's Exhibit No. 1 was 2 received in evidence by the Administrative 3 Law Judge.) 4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: All right. Thank you, Your Honor. 5 MR. MORRISON: And, Your Honor, if I may, briefly, 6 as both parties were uploading exhibits, I think we both 7 had in mind that we would use numbers, and so this is 8 district's Exhibit 1, not CalPERS's Exhibit 1 that I -that we were just discussing. 9 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. 1 1 Are you telling me that all of these numbered exhibits 12 are district exhibits? 13 MR. MORRISON: Well, the exhibits that CalPERS has 14 been offering into evidence are numbered; they're 15 CalPERS's exhibits. But the one that was just offered 16 into evidence is a district exhibit, which unfortunately 17 were also numbered. So it is -- so the one --18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: For a district exhibit, 19 it should be introduced with a B, not an A. This is --20 oh, wait a minute. Yeah. It's A16 through A28, that's 2.1 Exhibit 1. So that's something that CalPERS uploaded. 22 No? 23 MR. GLAUBERMAN: No, Your Honor. Things got hinky 24 on CaseLines yesterday and the past few days, I think. And this Exhibit 1, there is that one -- there's a few 25

1 Exhibit 1's in here. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So we are not talking 3 about A16 through A28? 4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm going to... 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Are we talking about a B 6 exhibit? 7 MR. MORRISON: No. 8 MR. GLAUBERMAN: No. This is the district's 9 Exhibit 1, I believe, that I'm sharing right now, and 10 it's 487 pages into the PDF. And if you look on the 1 1 contents on the left of my screen, that follows all of CalPERS, but it's also listed as Exhibit 1 and listed 12 13 with A page annotations -- paginations. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: My CaseLines index shows 15 the pages A1 and A2 are Request For Official Notice. 16 So do you folks have the index? 17 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yeah. I think that's where some 18 of the problems occurred. When I tried uploading my own 19 exhibits, which I learned not to do, at least for the, 20 Request For Official Notice, and I think it kind of 2.1 screwed up some of the paginations. Because that's what 22 I'm seeing, A1 and A2 here, and then it's followed by 23 CalPERS's exhibits, which were already uploaded as 1. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, my. This is very 25 strange.

1 So can you find the actual exhibits that we 2 just admitted into evidence? MR. GLAUBERMAN: CalPERS 9 or the audit -- the 3 4 final audit report? 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The final audit report 6 that we are calling Exhibit 1. 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes. It is immediately 8 following -- in my index that I'm looking at, 9 immediately following CalPERS's Exhibit 21, there is an 10 A, Exhibit 1. And then underneath that is when I clicked on Exhibit 1, and it brings -- it brought me to 1 1 12 this final audit report from December 6, 2018. 13 working offline from CaseLines. I just downloaded this 14 instead of using the Internet. 15 MR. MORRISON: It looks like what may have happened 16 is the CalPERS exhibits, I think, start with 17 Bates-stamped or No. Al, and they kind of go all the way 18 through No. A479. And then it looks like the district 19 exhibits have each been assigned a different letter. 20 So one of our exhibits, our first exhibit, is 2.1 noted as Al through Al3. There are -- our Exhibit No. 2 22 is marked B. Our Exhibit No. 3 is marked C. And each 23 one of them starts over. So Exhibit 2 would be B1 24 through B10, Exhibit 3 would be C1 through C3. Then 25 when they got to 26, they decided everything after 26

1 would also be A. 2 MR. GLAUBERMAN: And it moved them up into the 3 initial exhibit. It's very -- CaseLines did get crazy, 4 I think, or the day before. 5 MR. MORRISON: Can I make a suggestion, Your Honor? 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. 7 MR. MORRISON: I believe that based on the exhibits that have come into evidence -- and there are a number 8 of exhibits that, I think, we have agreed, you know, 9 10 should be -- should be noticed or that notice should be taken of them. 1 1 12 I believe that opposing counsel and I might be 13 able to have a discussion after we are done for today 14 and see if we can reach agreement on how to clarify the 15 exhibits so we are not using multiple -- you know, 16 multiple exhibits. I think there is quite a bit of overlap between our exhibits. 17 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 19 Exhibit 10, which you're saying is the final audit, is 20 approximately 237 pages. 2.1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: That sounds about correct, Your 22 Honor. 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And I don't know where 24 it is. Does anyone else know, on the index -- on the 25 CaseLines index?

1 MR. MORRISON: Yeah, I do.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Where is it?

MR. MORRISON: It is showing up number -- well, I'm looking at CaseLines. It's showing up as No. 11. It says "Exhibit 10, September 1, 2021, Al19 through A356." I think that's Exhibit 10. But there is also a document that has the same thing, but just the Tustin Unified portion, not the portion that pertains to other districts or other entities.

And if you go down to Exhibit 21, right below that is a notation that says "A, Exhibit 1," and then it says "Exhibit 1, August 30, 2021, A1 through A13." That document is the same audit report. It's just -- it's just the Tustin portion only. It was the latter document that was the one that we had agreed to -- or that counsel was agreeing to move into evidence.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So tell me what the CaseLines page numbers are for that.

MR. MORRISON: Well, it's Al through Al3, but it's being given the same number -- there are other CalPERS exhibits that occupied those same numbers. So we have essentially two sets of documents that would be marked Al through Al3. This is the second.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I understood you to say that it followed you, Exhibit 21. Is that not correct?

1 The way I'm seeing it on my screen, MR. MORRISON: 2 it starts off with A, CalPERS evidence, and under A, 3 there is 1 through 21. And then right after that, it says "A," again, "Exhibit 1," and under that is No. 1. 4 5 It says "Exhibit 1," and that -- that's the document 6 we're -- I think we're looking at. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, my CaseLines 8 exhibit starts off, the first page is A1 through A374, 9 and then the second page are exhibits 13 through 20. 10 There is no Exhibit 21 there. Then it says "Respondents' B" -- Respondents' evidence, there's 11 12 nothing, additional documents, nothing. 13 MR. MORRISON: We've got -- after Exhibit 20, we 14 have, I believe, a good 28 documents, and I think you're 15 saying you're not seeing those. 16 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I've got those documents as well 17 from counsel -- that counsel is referencing. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Can you show me that? Do you have an electronic copy of that? 19 20 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, I do, Your Honor. Thank you. 2.1 So right here are contents. We've got CalPERS 22 20 which ends there, which is a reporting screen. 23 following that, I've got A1, which is the final audit 24 report. 25

Then, of course, it skips to 26, which is also

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paginated into A's, and then Exhibit 2, which is the initial response to the draft audit, then to Exhibit 27 and 28, and then down to 3 again, which are some of the e-mails that we referenced earlier, and then it goes all the way to 25, it looks like, before it goes back up to 26, 27, 28. This is the PDF that I downloaded this morning with the CaseLines contents on the left -- or index on the left.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let me show you what I have. Let's go into CaseLines here. Oh, I'm sorry. I can't open CaseLines, so this is not going to work. No, it's not going to work.

Well, my understanding is that you decided to withdraw Exhibit 10, which is the complete version of the audit including other agencies. You decided to withdraw that and agreed, instead, to admit something called Exhibit 1. I cannot find that Exhibit 1 on my list. If you can tell me what the Bates page numbers are, I would be able to find it.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: It's one of the issues, Your Honor, that it's Bates Al. It's on my screen right now. This is where it is in the index following CalPERS 20 or 21. It's Bates Al. It says Exhibit 1, and A2, the next page which is the cover letter for the audit report.

And the PDF, it's 488 pages, and it's 488 out

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       downloaded from CaseLines this morning.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Can we see a few more
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       pages of that?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: A2.
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           MR. GLAUBERMAN: A3.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So what page is
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       that? A5?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: A5 right here, yes.
            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let's look at A16 -- or
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       A17. I beg your pardon. A17.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: That's -- after A13, it goes to
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       the next exhibit, A1 in Exhibit 26.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm going to get in
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       touch with someone on OAH's staff who works with
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       CaseLines regularly and ask her to help sort this out.
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       Maybe she can help us. I don't know what to put a check
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       mark beside as having been admitted that you've called
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       "Exhibit 1" is Bates A16 through A28, and that obviously
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       is not the complete audit report. So...
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: And I'm thinking that's CalPERS's
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       initial Statement of Issues, based on just going to A16
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1 through 28 and what I have. 2 MR. MORRISON: I think Mr. Glauberman and I are 3 seeing the exact same thing on our respective CaseLines. 4 It does seem to be something different than what you're 5 seeing, Your Honor, at least when we get to the district 6 exhibits. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, let me see if I 8 can direct you to what I'm seeing. 9 Would you -- can you open up the case in 10 CaseLines? 11 MR. GLAUBERMAN: You want me to go online to it? 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yeah. 13 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I can try, yeah. 14 I am there. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do you see a tab called "Bundles"? 16 MR. GLAUBERMAN: A tab called "Bundles"? Let's 17 18 see. Right now, I've got the evidence up. So let me 19 take a look. I've got bundle... 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: There is a tab. It's 2.1 about halfway along the line of tabs, and it says 2.2 "Bundles." 23 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I've got the bundles that I can 2.4 download. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Maybe you don't have a

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Bundles tab. I don't see a Bundles tab there. So maybe that's something that only OAH has. All right.

So we'll end a little bit early this afternoon, and I'll get in touch with someone that -- a woman at OAH who is very familiar with this and see if she can straighten this out.

And in the meantime, let's remember that your Exhibit 1 is not yet marked as in evidence. You need to figure out where it is so I can mark it in evidence.

MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, if I can inquire, briefly. It seems Mr. Camacho is almost done with his direct. Just for purposes of advising my witnesses when we need them tomorrow, are there any other witnesses that are expected after we complete Mr. Camacho's testimony, from the Calpers side?

MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm going to ask Mr. Lau a few questions tomorrow. I think the rest of my -- at least my direct examination of Mr. Camacho is just going to be admitting evidence.

I don't know if we are going to just stipulate to the admission of the salary schedules and, I think, it was the report -- the district's reporting screens, which shows Ms. Pelleriti's hours, pay days, months, and all that. If we can stipulate to all that, I can finish up with Mr. Camacho, and you do your cross, and then we

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       just have a few questions for Mr. Lau.
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            MR. MORRISON: Okay.
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So shall we look at
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       Exhibit 11?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Sure. So Exhibit 11, Your Honor,
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       is the salary schedules for the classified bargaining
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       unit employees, and it includes both the hourly and the
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       monthly employees and different steps, and that's on
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       page A358, and it goes all the way to A366.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Morrison, do you
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       want to stipulate to the admission of that?
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            MR. MORRISON: Yes, Your Honor.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 11 is in
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       evidence.
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            for identification and received in
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            evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.)
            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And Exhibit 12?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Exhibit 12, Your Honor, page A367,
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       and it begins on A368.
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       schedule for the classified bargaining unit employees,
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       and that's A368 through A374.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Morrison, do you
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       want to stipulate to that?
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            MR. MORRISON: Yes, Your Honor.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 12 is in
       evidence.
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            evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.)
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 13?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Exhibit 13, Your Honor, A375, 382
       in the PDF order, and it's the 2014 to '15 salary
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       schedule for the classified bargaining unit employees,
       from 376, and it goes down to, I believe, 382.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. Mr. Morrison, do
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            MR. MORRISON: Yes, Your Honor.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 14?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Exhibit 14, Your Honor, is the pay
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            MR. MORRISON: I'm sorry. Exhibit 14, yes.
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 18?
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: Exhibit 18 is just a sample.
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            MR. MORRISON: Sorry, Your Honor. I'm still
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       is just a screen to show what is in CalPERS's system
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       employee for the year of '12 to '13, which is one of the
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            MR. GLAUBERMAN: We just uploaded it. I felt it
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1 would be good. I don't think it was given in discovery. 2 I'll cop to that. But we just felt it would be good for 3 demonstrative purposes to show everybody what CalPERS 4 deals with from a reporting perspective. 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Did you want to lay a 6 foundation for it? 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Sure. 8 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 9 Mr. Camacho, can you share -- I'll share the 10 Can you explain what this is -- let's see screen. here -- if you recognize it? 1 1 12 I think I have it pulled up. This is 13 Exhibit 20? 14 Q Yes. 15 And I've enlarged it. All right. 16 Yeah, this is a screenshot of the myCalPERS 17 system, so this payroll data that shows here is reported 18 to our system from, I think, the county office of 19 education for this Tustin Unified School District. 20 This is a screenshot for Alane Pelleriti for 2.1 the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and this, you can see, you 22 know, the posted service credit, the pay periods in 23 which they were reported, the pay rates, the earnings,

and any special compensation if there -- those are at

1 This is what was reported by the district to 2 CalPERS? 3 Yes. Α 4 Have there been adjustments to this made by 0 CalPERS? 5 6 Α No. 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Your Honor, CalPERS would 8 request that Exhibit 20 be admitted. 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections, 10 Mr. Morrison? 11 MR. MORRISON: No objections, Your Honor. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit 20 is in 12 13 evidence. 14 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 20 was 15 received in evidence by the Administrative 16 Law Judge.) 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Now, that's as far as my 18 CaseLines index seems to make any sense. So I'm going 19 to suggest that I see if I can get someone to straighten 20 this out for us, and we'll come back to the rest of 2.1 these exhibits tomorrow. Is that all right? 2.2 MR. GLAUBERMAN: That's fair, Your Honor. 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. 2.4 Mr. Glauberman, further questions for Mr. Camacho? 25 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I have no further questions for

1 Mr. Camacho at this time. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 3 Mr. Morrison, cross? 4 MR. MORRISON: Yes, thank you. 5 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION 7 BY MR. MORRISON: 8 All right. Mr. Camacho, with respect to audit Q 9 finding No. 4, the sampled employee's name is Alane 10 Pelleriti; correct? 11 Α Yes. 12 And is it -- to your knowledge, Ms. Pelleriti worked 40 hours per week? 13 14 Yes, I believe so. In some earned periods, Α 15 there was 40 hours per week. You stated in your testimony that CalPERS does 16 17 not instruct employers how much to pay their employees. 18 Did I get that correct? 19 Yes. Α 20 Q Okay. 21 I'm sorry. Α Yeah. 22 But you are directing the district to report a 23 pay rate that is in excess of what the district has 24 actually paid to Ms. Pelleriti; correct? 25 Our determination and instruction was to Α

1 report a pay rate that was being paid, the hourly pay 2 rate. 3 Right. But you do understand that 0 4 Ms. Pelleriti is identified as a monthly employee by the 5 district and is paid on the monthly salary schedule; 6 correct? 7 Α Yes. 8 And so every month, she receives 3,000 -- at 9 least, in the 2012-'13 year, every month she received 10 \$3,795; correct? 11 Our determination when reviewing the pay 12 schedule and then along with the agency's document that 13 that 3,795 or 37,950 were the earnings over -- as stated 14 in there, over ten months. 15 I'm sorry. I didn't understand the answer. We made the determination that the amount 16 17 stated on the monthly salary schedule for classified 18 employees was an earnings amount that is earned over ten 19 months. We did not make a determination that that was 20 the correct full-time equivalent pay rate. 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. Could I have 22 the question read back. 23 (The record was read by the reporter as follows: 2.4 25 "0 And so every month, she receives

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            every month she received $3,795;
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is that correct or not?
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            THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's correct. What we
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       determined is that was the earnings reported per month.
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            THE WITNESS: I think in the question, I also heard
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. The question was
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       was she paid 3,795 per month?
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            THE WITNESS: Yes. It looks like in the payroll
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       periods -- in some of the earned periods, it was -- that
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       was the correct amount reported as earnings.
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                All right. So if we take out the longevity,
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       the district was actually paying to Ms. Pelleriti $3,795
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       per month; correct?
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            ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: He said, "Yes."
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            THE WITNESS: Per month, yes.
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- Q And that was the amount reflected on the monthly salary schedule for her range and step; correct?
- A The same amount was on the monthly salary schedule, yes.
- Q And despite the district paying her that amount, your contention is the district should report a higher amount than was actually paid as Ms. Pelleriti's pay rate; correct?
- A Not the pay rate. We didn't make that -- we made the determination that the amount that was being paid were the actual earnings of that member in each earning month pay period.
- Q All right. Let me try it this way:

 Ms. Pelleriti is earning \$3,795 per month. She's

 working 40 hours a week, full-time, and you're directing

 the district to remit or report a pay rate that is in

 excess of her full-time earnings; correct?
- A No. That was not our -- our determination.

 Our determination was to report to the system the full-time equivalent pay rate, which is -- we determined that the amount being reported, the 3,790 -- 950 was an amount that was less than full-time equivalent.
- Q You're calling her compensation less than full-time, but she is working 40 hours a week; yes?

A According to the earnings reported in the system, most of the time, yeah. There were some other pay periods where the earnings were a lot less, so most of the time. And most, like, academic -- during the academic year, I believe, the \$3,750 amount was reported as earnings and a pay rate.

Q All right. I'm trying to understand how you are suggesting that the district should report it. The district paid her 3,795 a month. Your contention is they should report 3,915.60, however, as the pay rate, which is in excess of the amount they actually paid to her; correct?

A Correct.

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THE WITNESS: 3,915.60.

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Q So if I understand, Mr. Camacho, it is CalPERS's position that in order to accurately report pay rate, the district needs to report a pay rate that is actually in excess of the amount that Ms. Pelleriti is earning based on her 40-hour per week assignment?

A Yes. We instructed to report a full-time equivalent pay rate, and I think there is a distinction there between what you think a full-time equivalent pay rate is and what CalPERS's practice has been for a

1 | full-time equivalent pay rate.

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So we're not disputing the earnings of \$3,750 earnings amount at all. We are not disputing that that is what was paid. We are not disputing that at all. We are in contention that the pay rate that was reported is not full-time equivalent according to 40 hours per week times 52 weeks, or 12 months of employment, or 2,080 hours per year.

Q We had some testimony earlier that CalPERS requires a relationship between hourly and monthly rates of pay, and that relationship is the 173.333 factor. You're familiar with that; yes?

A Yes.

Q All right. The question came up in some prior testimony that if there is a fixed relationship or if there needs to be a fixed relationship between the hourly rate of pay and the monthly rate of pay, your audit finding indicates that the monthly rate of pay needs to go up.

But wouldn't it be equally consistent with this fixed relationship that you would simply take the hourly rate of pay or the hourly pay rate and drop that down?

A I don't think there was any indication or determination from our side that would -- where we made

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a determination or recommendation to lower the hourly pay rate, no.

Q The audit findings indicates that the monthly pay rate needs to be increased. My question for you is isn't it consistent with your formula, the district could instead of increasing the monthly pay rate decrease the hourly pay rate?

A I don't know what formula you're using to come up with that, but I don't remember any determination being made or recommendation for that to be made.

You're saying a formula, but I don't know what formula you're talking about.

Q All right. Mr. Camacho, CalPERS took the district hourly pay rate, multiplied it by 173.33 and came up with an amount that you guys believe should be reported as, essentially, the monthly compensation; correct?

A When you ask it like that, yes. That's the formula that we use. We took the hourly that was being paid to that member, that sample member, and the full-time equivalent that we recommended or instructed to report was using the 173.333 factor.

Q All right. And my question for you is why not start with the monthly compensation amount, the monthly pay rate the district was reporting and divide that by

1 173.33 and come up with a new hourly pay rate?

A We couldn't make that determination because the monthly amount that you're talking about has already been converted. There has already been a conversion before that, which is taking an annual amount and dividing it by ten. So that starting point would be problematic because of the previous conversion before that.

- Q All right. The district has a normal monthly rate of pay which is 3,795 for this particular position during the '12-'13 year; correct?
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- Q All right. And they've got an hourly rate of pay for the same position for the same year; yes?
- A Yes. According to the matching or the classified hourly salary schedule, it looks like the same range and step. There is an hourly amount, and then there is also a monthly salary schedule to go along with that.
- Q All right. And you contend there needs to be a relationship between those two sets of numbers, between the two salary schedules of 173.33; yes?
- A The hourly amount needs to be -- to get the full-time equivalent, the hourly amount that is being paid to this member, which matches both the hourly

1 salary schedule and the monthly salary schedule, we are 2 talking about the hourly amount needs to be used with a 3 full-time equivalent factor of 173.33. 4 And where does that come from? Q 5 Decades of historical practice at CalPERS. 6 Retirement calculations are based off of full-time 7 equivalency, 173. 173 comes from 40 hours a week times 8 52 weeks, which is 2,080. 2,080 is then divided by 12, 9 and that's the average hours per month, which is 10 173.333. MR. MORRISON: All right. Your Honor, I'm going to 1 1 12 stop here. I don't have any further questions. 13 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I have no more questions for 14 Mr. Camacho. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there any reason 16 Mr. Camacho should not be released? 17 MR. GLAUBERMAN: No, Your Honor. 18 MR. MORRISON: No, Your Honor. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Camacho, we thank 20 you very much, sir. You're released. You may sign off, 2.1 or if you want to stay and observe, you're welcome to do 22 that. Thank you, sir. 23 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman, are you 25 going to call Mr. Lau?

1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, sir. 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is that where we're 3 going next? 4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. Calpers will call Kevin Lau as its next witness. 5 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Lau, I'm going to 7 ask you to take an oath, please. 8 9 KEVIN LAU 10 called as a witness on behalf of the Claimant, 11 having first been duly sworn by the Administrative Law Judge, was examined and testified as follows: 12 13 THE WITNESS: I do. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Would you state your 15 name and spell it for the record, please. 16 THE WITNESS: Kevin Lau, K-E-V-I-N, Lau, L-A-U. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman. 18 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 19 20 DIRECT EXAMINATION 2.1 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2.2 Where do you work, Mr. Lau? 23 I am currently a staff service manager II 24 under the employer account management division under the 25 audit compliance and resolution section.

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- Q And how long have you held that position?
- A I have held that just about a year.
- Q Okay. And what are your general duties?

A My general duties, I oversee two particular units under this section. One of the sections -- or one of the units -- they directly handle the audit/client resolution, which are audits that are conducted by our Office of Audit Services, and those are generally tied to compensation findings such as reporting, where there's something that is reportable or not.

So that team, which handles initially -- part of as an example, we work, with, you know, any contracted agency that were audited, and we kind of bridge between the gap as a liaison to resolve those audits.

And my secondary unit is in charge of reviewing any type of MOUs, you know, labor policy agreements, salary schedules and such, to make sure, one, are they reportable or, two, they just want to get in compliance, and we provide those recommendations and such.

- Q What were your duties before your -- what was your position before your current position?
- A Absolutely. So prior to this position, I was the staff services management analyst in pretty much the

1 same unit, yeah. 2 And are you familiar with the audit of Tustin 3 USD that is at issue for this appeal hearing? 4 Α Yes, very well. 5 Have you reviewed the documents as they 6 pertain to this appeal's hearing? 7 Yes, I have. Α 8 Okay. I'm going to direct you, if I may, to 9 Exhibit 14 in CalPERS's exhibit binder. It's A384. And 10 I'll share my screen so everybody can have a look. 11 Do you recognize this document? 12 These are the compiled documents of Α 13 the -- what the district had provided to the auditors 14 initially based on Ms. Pelleriti's pay assignment or 15 information on the pay. Okay. Can you tell by looking at this 16 17 document alone what the reported pay rate for 18 Ms. Pelleriti was? 19 Just by looking at it, I know initially we Α 20 discussed about longevity is not an issue, but for these 21 purposes, the \$4,002, which you see under the -- it's a 22 little bit faint, but the monthly column has the total. 23 You'll see that 4,002. That was also kind of referenced 2.4 in Exhibit 20 --25 Okay. Q

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1 -- payroll reporting. 2 Q Okay. But can you tell if they report -- you know, we've talked about different types of reporting 3 4 for local -- for school agencies. Can you tell how the district reported Ms. Pelleriti? Monthly? Hourly? 5 Or anything else about the reporting from this? 6 7 Just by looking at this, we can kind of see 8 that the monthly pay rate is based on dividing the 9 annual pay rate by ten, and then there are also the, you 10 know, other pay rate such as the daily and hourly. for these purposes, the district has reported the 11 12 monthly pay rate, which is according to this pay sample. 13 What tells you on this that it's being 14 reported to CalPERS monthly? 15 It does not tell us directly even whether an employee is either a monthly or hourly employee. It's 16 17 really up to the agency on whether they choose to report 18 monthly, daily, or hourly. 19 Okay. So here, it looks like the agency 0 20 reporting to CalPERS an annual -- and it's kind of faint, but \$37,950. Do you see that? 2.1 22 Yes, I do. Α 23 The monthly on that would be 3,795? Q 24 Uh-huh. Α

And it's CalPERS's position that is incorrect;

1 is that right? 2 Α Based on looking at this pay sample, that is 3 incorrect. Why is it -- strike that. 4 Q Do you know if this is what they -- the 5 6 district was paying Ms. Pelleriti? 7 Based on this pay sample, it does appear she Α 8 is being paid 3,795 per month. 9 And if that's what they are paying her, why is Q 10 it an incorrect pay rate for CalPERS's purposes? Absolutely. So the pay itself, it's 1 1 considered as earnings. Right? It doesn't translate 12 13 directly into pay rate. 14 Now, in this particular example, the annual 15 pay or the annual salary is \$37,950. Now, the district considered Ms. Pelleriti as a 10-month employee; 16 17 therefore, they took the annual amount divided by 10. 18 However, this -- even though the district 19 considered the member as a 10-month employee, the number 20 really truly works over 11 months. So as you can see, 21 the effective date on this pay sample is from August 24, 22 2012, to June 28 of 2013. 23 Where are you looking to see that? That is also under Exhibit 14 under the 24 Α 25 effective -- under the primary assignment, you see the

1 date range there. 2 So I just highlighted that we are looking3at ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Tell me the date range 4 5 again. I cannot read that. 6 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. August 24 of 2012, to 7 June 28 of 2013. BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 8 9 So what does that tell CalPERS, if anything, 10 about the reporting of this individual's pay rate? 11 So this tells CalPERS that by Government Code 20636.1, if the member truly worked over 11 months, this 12 13 is considered an 11-month reporting for CalPERS's 14 purposes. 15 Okay. So how did that affect --16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Can I ask you a question 17 about that? 18 When you say the number of months worked, if 19 a -- if an employee works anytime at all in a particular 20 month, does that month count as one of the months 2.1 worked? 22 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. So this is something 23 very common that we see is that just because -- you 24 know, just counting a few little days, even though this 25 member probably worked from the 24th to the 31st or

1 something, and a lot of districts are considering these 2 as 10-month employees. 3 But for CalPERS's reporting purposes, if they 4 worked, let's just say, even a day in, let's just say, 5 July 31st -- right? -- then this would be considered as 6 a 12-month employee as an example for CalPERS's 7 purposes. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, 9 please. 10 So you say the district divided --11 Can someone mute, please. 12 So you say the district divided the 37,950 by 13 10. Did PERS divide it by 11? 14 THE WITNESS: So we're not seeing how to 15 technically divide, but this is one of the issues that 16 we found that just because the district considered it as 17 a 10-month, it doesn't mean that we'll just take 18 whatever pay rate that is being paid as an earning. 19 you want me to expand, I can, or I can stop answering 20 this question. 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So did PERS divide it by 2.2 11? 23 THE WITNESS: Not precisely. So when we look at 24 the pay rate itself -- right? -- what we deduce from 25 this pay assignment is that the member's true base rate

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of pay is technically 22.59 or 22.58929, within the pay sample here.

So when we look at the increments of pay, no matter how many days or how -- pretty much how many months that, you know, Ms. Pelleriti worked, pretty much in each increment per hour, even though she is a monthly employee, for each hour worked or if she worked overtime, she would be using the hourly rate, which is 22.59 to calculate each hour of her earnings.

So CalPERS is not saying, "Hey, we should take the annual amount divided by 11 to take that as pay rate." But simply we are saying that the base pay, since it's truly at 22.59, therefore, the hourly equivalent or the full-time equivalent or the monthly for this is that we take 22.59 per hour times 173.33 to come and arrive to the monthly pay rate, which is based on a full-time equivalent at \$3,915.60.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.

THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

Q So there has been questions and answers about the district's reporting and what CalPERS contends is incorrect. I'm going to look up here, and I'm going to highlight it, and we have a table that has base, days, a week, hours a week, days a year, and months. Do you see

1 that? 2 Yes, I do. Α 3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Tell me again what those 4 say. I can't read them. 5 MR. GLAUBERMAN: It says "Hours a day -- HRS a day, 6 days a week, hours a week, days a year, and months." 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 8 THE WITNESS: Would you mind repeating the 9 question? Sorry about that. 10 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: Does this assist in CalPERS's review and 11 12 determination like the one at issue? 13 Yes, absolutely. And a multitude of things 14 here. So even though this member does work 40 hours per 15 week and their -- the Government Code 2063.1, although 16 it defines full-time is based on 40 hours per week, this 17 member actually does not truly work 40 hours per week 18 over the year. 19 And that's how we look at service credit when 20 we are computing the service credit and in a general --21 you know, in a general sense. So when we look at 22 Government Code 20962, that is where the criteria to 23 define what -- what -- how can you earn a full-time 2.4 service. Right?

So in this particular case, if we know that a

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member is working 209 days and at 8 hours per day, we know that this member would actually not work 215 days to earn a full service. So if the district is reporting a monthly pay rate of \$3,795 per month, and as earnings at \$3,795 as earning again, we are providing this member for that period full service.

However, if we -- again, looking back at Government Code 20962, 209 days is just -- although very close at getting a full service, we are just about six days shy in earning the full service in this particular case.

Now, another way to kind of look at this is that the member works 209 days, and if we take 209 days -- I'm just going to use my calculator really quick here. If I take 209 days times 8 hours per day, this member only works 1,672 hours per year -- or in a fiscal year or academic year.

Again, referring back to Government Code 20962, to earn a full service, based on if we are looking at an increment of hours, it does require 1,720 hours. Again, it's fairly close, just a little bit shy, but the member is not getting a full service.

Q And I'm just going to bring up 20962 real quick.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So does it say 1,700

1 in 20962? 2 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, just for the record, before Mr. Lau answers, I have A23 and A24 of CalPERS's 3 4 Exhibit 1, which is the original Statement of Issues, which does include the text of 20962 of the Government 5 6 Code. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. I'm looking at 8 that. 9 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And I don't see 1,700. 11 Maybe I'm just missing it. 12 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Down at A -- sub A, part 4, Your 13 Honor, line 7 of page 8. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, it's written out. 15 That's why I didn't see it. 16 Okay. Give me a second, please. Thanks. 17 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 18 Mr. Lau, I'm showing 20962 on the screen here, 19 and it says that on A, sub 2, someone can get a full 20 year service credit for 10 months of service if they are 21 employed on a monthly basis; right? 22 Α Correct. 23 Was the sampled employee here employed on a 24 monthly basis? Do you know? 25 Looking at the pay sample, the member is Α

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employed under 10 months; however, this is based on a full-time understanding on the district's end because the member completed 10 months over 290 days over 8 hours versus, again, when we look at any computations, again, you know, going back to decades of how we administer our pension is that we look at it by fiscal year purposes, and I think -- it's a little bit faint on the screen. I think --

- Q Where are you looking?
- A Government Code 20962.

So when we look into service credit, it is based on a fiscal year, so I think under subsection A, "One year of service credential shall be granted for services rendered and compensated in a fiscal year in full-time employment."

However, for these particular purposes, this member, although it's considered as 10-month under the district level, but for CalPERS's purposes, it is not based on 2,080 hours.

Q Why is CalPERS looking at 2,080 hours if this statute says 10 months for a monthly employee?

A Correct. So under Government Code 20636.1, again, we are basing classified school employees at 40 hours; although, it is much -- for example, for the 10-month, you only took 10 months to earn a full

service.

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However, those additional months, month 11 and month 12, you will still pay contribution into it, and you still get to earn service credit, but it does cap at one. The purposes of this is to help fund the -- fund, you know, CalPERS, per se, in a general sense. And when we look at final compensation, again, one of the factor for final compensation for this purpose is we look at the highest 12 consecutive months for the member.

So, hence, even though if someone were to work full-time, 2,080 hours, that member would have already qualified for school service at 1,720 hours, but you can still continue to contribute, and the purposes, again, for that is for final compensation purposes.

Q So when CalPERS is calculating someone's service credit, do they just look at in isolation at 20962 to determine if someone can get a full year of service credit?

A Generally speaking, yes. However, we also look at how the payroll is reported in the system; hence, another example is if we look at Exhibit 20, you can see how -- let me get there really quick here. So if we look at, let's just say, October of 2012 as an example -- again, this is Exhibit 20 for Ms. Pelleriti.

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1 but let's just assume the \$4,002 is 3,795 per month, 2 it's going to be the same as an equivalent if we 3 subtract \$207. 4 As you see, for this particular case, we would 5 see that this member is earning .1 service, which is the 6 maximum amount of service that can be earned per month. 7 However, this is incorrect because even though the 8 earnings is right, however, the pay rate is reporting inaccurate, and, therefore, it is inflating the member's 9 10 service credit in this example. 11 So are you able to tell what the service 12 credit should have been based on CalPERS's 13 determination? 14 Yes. And if you'd like to follow, you can get 15 a calculator --16 MR. MORRISON: Excuse me. Let me interpose an 17 objection. 18 There is no finding on the topic of service 19 credit in the audit. The audit deals exclusively with 20 pay rate, and I do understand from Mr. Glauberman's 2.1 opening statement that CalPERS believes there is some 22 issue of service credit. That is not part of the audit. 23 That is not what is being litigated today.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: First, the -- I believe -- I'm

1 going to find the actual page in the audit report -- but 2 it is expressly mentioned. It's also expressly included in CalPERS's Statement of Issues at 20962 for service 3 4 credit would be raised. 5 So let's see here. I'm going to share my 6 screen for the Court's reference, and I'm on CalPERS's 7 exhibit -- I'm on page A37 of CalPERS's exhibit, and I'm 8 going to highlight that top paragraph, specifically "Incorrect reporting could cause the following 9 10 miscalculation of a member's service credit." So it is something that was raised as part of the audit. 1 1 12 MR. MORRISON: I'm sorry. Where? 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is that Exhibit 3? 14 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. Again, I'm not 15 sharing. 16 This, I believe, is the preliminary audit. 17 believe it is Exhibit 3, the draft finding, and it 18 expressly mentions the miscalculation of a member's 19 service credit. And it's also CalPERS's further 20 contention from --2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Let me make a 22 note of this, please. What page is that on? 23 MR. GLAUBERMAN: That is A37, Your Honor. 24 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What does the audit say 25 about service credit?

1 It says, specifically, "Incorrect MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2 reporting could cause the following miscalculation of a member's service credit." That's the first part --3 4 that's the part of about service credit. This is the 5 draft report, I believe, but I think it's also in the 6 final audit report, if I'm not mistaken. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. And you were 8 going to direct us to some place in the Statement of 9 Tssues. 10 MR. GLAUBERMAN: I can do that, Your Honor, yes. And I referred to it earlier during Mr. Lau's testimony, 1 1 12 but in addition to that, the Statement of Issues, I 13 believe page 8, top -- bottom of 7, top of 8, 20962 is 14 expressly referenced. 15 MR. MORRISON: Which document are we in now? 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I beg your pardon? 17 MR. GLAUBERMAN: We're in CalPERS's 1, page A23 to 18 I do have an amended Statement of Issues that we 19 filed, but it's not on CaseLines, and that also does 20 include 20962. 21 (Claimant's Exhibit No. 1 was marked 22 for identification by the Administrative 23 Law Judge.) 2.4 MR. MORRISON: Which page in particular are we 25 looking at?

1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: A23, the very bottom, top of A24, 2 or Statement of Issues pagination just 7 and 8. 3 008 on PERS Bates stamp, sir. 4 MR. MORRISON: If I can respond to this, Your 5 Honor. 6 The Statement of Issues includes a number of 7 statutory references, including 20630 which does not 8 apply to school employees, including section 7522.34 that applies to new members who were hired on or after 9 10 July 1st of 2013, if I remember correctly, maybe January 1st, 2013. It also includes 20962, but it's 1 1 12 essentially a recitation of CalPERS's statutes. 13 There is no indication that there is a 14 particular finding with respect to service credit, and 15 16

if we look at the audit report itself, Mr. Glauberman is not citing to any of the specific findings. The finding that we are appealing is finding No. 4, which is identified as involving pay rate.

It is not identified as a finding that involves service credit. The term "service credit" does not appear anywhere in finding 4. And he's got a general statement, the very beginning, that says specifically, "Incorrect reporting could cause" --

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Morrison?

25 MR. MORRISON: Yes.

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they are specific conclusions.

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1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Sorry. I got kicked off 2 of this. So I have not heard any of your response. I 3 quess no one noticed that I wasn't present. 4 MR. MORRISON: We could see you. 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Really? I couldn't hear 6 you. So I'm back on. 7 So if you want to start over with your 8 response to Mr. Glauberman's argument, that will be fine. 9 10 MR. MORRISON: All right. If I understand it, Mr. Glauberman's contention is that service credit is 11 somehow included in this audit for two reasons. 12 13 The first reason is that there is a reference 14 in the very opening portion of the audit that says, 15 "Incorrect recording could cause the following: Miscalculation of the member's service credit, 16 17 miscalculation of a member's retirement allowance, 18 delays in processing a member's retirement benefits, 19 inaccurate retirement estimates, incorrect payment of 20 benefits, and hardship to retired members due to a 2.1 reduction in benefits." 2.2 So there is kind of a laundry list of things 23 that could potentially happen. But when you look at the 2.4 actual findings in the audit, and the findings are --

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Finding No. 4, which is the one that is being appealed, speaks only of pay rate. It makes no mention of any issue with respect to service credit. It doesn't indicate that there was a misreporting of service credit. It doesn't indicate that Ms. Pelleriti earned more or less than the proper amount of service credit. The issue is not addressed at all.

Mr. Glauberman then indicated that, well, okay, there is a reference in Statement of Issues to Government Code section 20962. But there's -- that reference appears in a section that just simply lists the text of a large number of CalPERS's statutes, some of which have no application to this matter, whatsoever, including, for example, Government Code section 20630 which refers to -- which addresses pay rate for non-school employees.

There is no indication -- you would have to be mind readers, and we are not mind readers. You would have to be mind readers to determine from this that there is any finding with respect to service credit.

And I will tell you, we did not understand from this audit, nor should we have, there was any finding based on service credit.

And so, frankly, I think there is an effort to sandbag us by throwing in a service credit issue that

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was no -- not indicated in any clear way in the audit.

It's not part of the findings that were issued. It's not part of the findings that we appealed. It wasn't called out in any way in the Statement of Issues, nor -- I'll say, this audit was issued in 2018, and there's been quite a bit of correspondence back and forth that has already been entered into evidence.

You know, we at no point have understood there is a service credit issue with respect to

Ms. Pelleriti's reporting, and if CalPERS wants to, you know, take that position, I think it would -- it was incumbent on them to have clearly communicated that to the district, and, again, they did not. And so this issue of service credit is not relevant to the pay rate issue that is identified in the audit.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: Well, I think -- sorry. Did it again.

I think the testimony has been clear throughout by CalPERS's witnesses today that you can't just look at the pay rate in isolation, that there's a specific relationship between pay rate and service credit and pay rate and earnings, and those are all interrelated and intertwined.

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finding does reference Ms. Pelleriti's underreporting for CalPERS's purposes of -- underreporting for CalPERS's purposes of the pay rate, there is also a clear indication in the cover page for both the draft audit and the final audit that it could affect service credit.

So counsel is acting like he is being, quote/unquote, "sandbagged" by CalPERS's position here, but it's my understanding that this is something that has been discussed previously between the entities and was noted in the Statement of Issues. In addition to that, Your Honor, I believe -- I believe that it's also mentioned in -- let's see.

I'm on page A412, and that's in -- let's see here. This is in one of CalPERS's publications that we admitted into evidence. We've got a discussion on full-time service credit in this document. This was provided to counsel in discovery.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let me ask you to look at the Statement of Issues on page 12.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: I can do that.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The appeal is limited to the issue of whether Respondent district incorrectly reported full-time pay rates to CalPERS.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. I see that, and

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it's CalPERS's position that full-time pay rate has a direct relationship and correlation to service credit as calculated by CalPERS.

MR. MORRISON: And, Your Honor, I believe that counsel's last statement misstates the testimony. There was testimony earlier today that pay rate is independent of service credit, that if -- the example that I think was discussed was a set of employees working side by side, some working 20 hours a week, some working 30 hours a week, some working 40 hours a week.

The testimony was that if they were in the same position at the same step and column, the same range of the salary schedule, their pay rate could be identical, but the service credit that each employee received would be different, the compensation that they would earn would be different, but, again, the pay rate would be the same.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, it appears to me that it's not up to me to decide whether service credit was incorrect. Excuse me. Sorry.

The issue before me has to do with whether the district incorrectly reported full-time pay rates to CalPERS. Now, depending on what I decide, it's possible -- I don't know -- it's possible that CalPERS will do something with service credits. But if that

1 happens, and there is a disagreement over it, we may 2 have to file another case, but I don't think that is 3 this case. 4 So I sustain the objection that service credit isn't at issue before me. 5 6 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, is it your position or 7 your ruling that CalPERS cannot ask questions about the 8 effects on the pay rate reporting of the district as it 9 affects service credit? 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, I'm not sure. 11 think we have to hear the question. 12 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 13 Mr. Lau, is there an effect on service credit 14 related to the CalPERS's position of the underreported 15 pay rate in this instance? 16 Α Yes. 17 MR. MORRISON: Objection. Relevance. 18 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Overruled. He's already 20 answered that. He's already said that. 21 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: How does it affect the service credit? 2.2 23 Yes. So if we refer back to what Α 2.4 Mr. Glauberman has referred back to Exhibit 18, under 25 A412, so this is a publication that we issued out as a

1 public agency and school reference guide as an example. 2 So this kind of provides how --3 MR. MORRISON: I'm going to propose another 4 objection. Mr. Lau seems to be answering a question 5 pertaining to an audit that was conducted in 2012, 6 pertaining to compensation that was reported in 2012 and 7 '13 by referencing a document, CalPERS's Exhibit 18, 8 that was not issued until -- I'm sorry -- I'm looking 9 for the date. It looks like this document was issued in 10 July of this year. If I may clarify or --1 1 THE WITNESS: MR. MORRISON: I'm sorry. June of this year. 12 13 document they're referring to, Exhibit 18, appears it 14 was June of this year. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So what is the 16 objection? Relevance? 17 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. How is 19 this -- how is the content of this document relevant to 20 anything before me, Mr. Glauberman? 2.1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Well, it's my understanding that 22 although this is a 2021 document, the relationship 23 between the underreporting of pay rate and individual 2.4 service credit hasn't changed from 2012 until now. 25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I don't think the

1 under -- I don't think the service credit issue is 2 before me. So I'll sustain the objection. 3 MR. GLAUBERMAN: All right. 4 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: Mr. Lau, there has been discussion of this 5 6 173.3 set conversion that has been discussed. 7 recall that from testimony earlier today? 8 Α Yes. 9 Are you familiar with the 173.33 discussion 10 for --11 Α Yes. -- conversion that CalPERS uses? 12 Q 13 Α Yes. 14 Okay. And in this subject audit, CalPERS's Q 15 finding was that the -- how can I say it? -- the pay 16 rate was underreported; is that right? 17 The monthly pay rate was underreported, that 18 is correct. 19 Why didn't CalPERS find that the hourly pay 20 rate was, in essence, overreported? 2.1 The hourly pay rate, it is actually the true 22 base pay, and if the district does report, for example, 23 the 22.59 or \$22.59, that would actually be the correct 24 pay rate. 25 Now, if the districts choose to report a

1 monthly pay rate, then we are asking the district to 2 report a 40-hour equivalent, which is where we are taking the \$22.59 times 173.33 to get to the \$3,915.60. 3 4 But isn't the district paying in this 5 situation the 3,795 a month? Isn't that the true pay 6 rate? 7 From looking back at the pay sample, this No. 8 is, again, based on Ms. Pelleriti working over 209 days 9 based on 8 hours per day, and if we divide her annual 10 earnings over 10 months, that is truly her earnings over the 10 months. 1 1 12 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Give me one second, Your 13 Honor. I think I'm almost through with Mr. Lau. 14 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: Mr. Lau, is there a relationship between 15 16 underreported service credit and an individual's 17 retirement? 18 Α Yes. 19 I'm sorry. Strike that. I apologize. Q 20 Not underreported service credit, but 2.1 underreported pay rate and someone's retirement? 22 Yes. So if -- so, again, when we look at 23 final compensation, we look at the -- you know, for the 24 school member, as an example, we look at the highest 12 25 consecutive months. So let's just assume that

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Ms. Pelleriti earned a hundred percent of her pension, and it is based on 3,795 per month, so, obviously, her average, you know, we take that times 12, divided by 12, it is still \$3,795.

However, let's just say the district reports \$22.59 or \$3,915.60, that average would be -- I think it was, like, \$120 higher. So it does have an impact on Ms. Pelleriti's retirement. In this case, it would be an increase if the district reported the accurate 40-hour converted monthly pay rate or the hourly base rate at \$22.59.

Q How do you know that?

A I know that just by looking -- again, using the assumption of that the member gets a hundred percent of her retirement, and, again, if we have the average at --

(Reporter interruption for clarification)

THE WITNESS: So if we assume Ms. Pelleriti gets

100 percent of her pension, that means she gets -- her

formula is at 2 percent. So that means, let's just say,

she worked 50 years and she gets a hundred percent of

her pension, and also assume that if she earned her

highest 12 consecutive month average, and let's say it

is \$3,795 versus the accurately converted 40-hour

monthly pay rate at \$3,915.60, automatically speaking,

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we know that the \$3,915.60 amount is about \$120 higher.

So in this case, the member with the accurate reporting on the 40-hour converted pay rate, she would be receiving a higher pension amount.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: I have no more questions for Mr. Lau.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Lau, I'm sorry, but I did not understand why the monthly pay rate is not a true pay rate, but hourly pay rate is the true pay rate. What causes the monthly pay rate not to be a true pay rate?

THE WITNESS: Absolutely. So if I can direct you back to the pay sheet. I believe that is Exhibit 14, under A384. Again, this kind of goes back to how CalPERS administered the pension payment for -- you know, for any pension benefit.

So for this particular example, Ms. Pelleriti is a classified school member. So, again, for the full-time basis is considered at 40 hours. So if the district actually reported the \$22.59 as the hourly pay rate, we would -- when we actually calculate for the benefit, we always look at, okay, what is the highest 12 consecutive month average?

So what CalPERS would do when figuring out that particular pay, we would actually do the conversion

1 when we calculate the benefit. So that means we are 2 taking \$22.59 times 173.33, which equals to the \$3,915.60. That is the amount as called out in the 3 4 audit. So whether they either report that amount as a 5 monthly or as the hourly pay rate, we would actually 6 convert that accurately into benefit payment. 7 However, the district is currently 8 reporting -- again, we are not talking about the 9 longevity. The district is technically reporting 10 \$3,795, so automatically right there, the member is being, you know, lowered in the final compensation 1 1 12 purposes. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 14 Mr. Morrison, I assume you have some cross-examination; 15 is that right? 16 MR. MORRISON: Yes, Your Honor. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I ordinarily would be 18 perfectly willing to stay past 5:00, but I need to try 19 to touch base with this person at OAH, and so we're 20 going to recess for the day. 2.1 And, Mr. Lau, can you come back tomorrow? 22 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. 23 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well. 24 (Proceedings adjourned at 4:50 p.m.)

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)	OAH No. 2020090431
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1 Friday, September 3, 2021 2 9:09 a.m. 3 4 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: On the record, please. 6 Good morning. This is the second day of hearing in the 7 case before California Public Employees' Retirement System 8 concerning the matter of the appraisal regarding Tulton (phonetic) pray rate -- payrate reporting of the Tustin 9 10 Unified School District. Good morning, everyone. 11 12 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Good morning, Your Honor. MR. MORRISON: Good Morning, Your Honor. 13 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And, Mr. Lau, you're back on the witness stand, sir, and remind you that you're 15 16 still under oath. 17 And, Mr. Morrison, your cross-examination, please. Oh, I beg your pardon. You said Ms. Morenz was 18 19 going to do the cross. 20 MR. MORRISON: No. No. I'm going to -- I'm going to 21 -- I'm -- I'm going to do the cross. Ms. Morenz is going to take our first witness when they -- when they testify a 22 23 lit bit later this morning. 24 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you very much. /// 25

1 KEVIN LAU, 2 called as a witness, and having been first duly sworn by the Administrative Law Judge, testified as follows: 3 4 5 CROSS-EXAMINATION 6 BY MR. MORRISON: All right. Mr. Lau, good morning. Q Good morning. 8 Α Do you remember in your testimony yesterday you 9 Q 10 were talking about the monthly payrate as being not the true payrate and the hourly payrate as being the true 11 12 payrate? 13 Α Yes. 14 Can you point me to a statute or regulation that 15 says that? There's no explicit statute that states whether 16 17 that pay sample is a monthly payrate or the hourly payrate 18 is accurate. How we denote that hourly payrate is the 19 true base rate, it is because when we looked at 20 Ms. Pelleriti's position, or I -- I believe it was range 21 36 which was, if I recall, like a PE equipment person, we 22 pretty much used the pay sample to denote from that annual 23 salary that, you know, the District is actually paying for 24 misses -- Ms. Pelleriti. What is that true base; right? 25 So when we look at that is -- that okay. Even

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1 though she worked ten months, however we want to put it, 2 from the pay sample, she is actually worked 209 days, 3 which is eight hours per day. So when we broke down that 4 annual salary into that hourly increment to CalPERS' 5 standard or even how, you know, the District pays the 6 employee, that is the standard increment of pay. 7 Because you can't say that, oh, we're working for 8 ten --9 Mr. Lau -- Mr. Lau? Q 10 Α Yeah. 11 The question I asked you was to identify a 12 statute or regulation that tells us that hourly pay is the 13 true payrate and monthly pay is not. Is your -- is your 14 answer that there is no statute or regulation? 15 So I think in parse to kind of clarify, 20636.1 Α

A So I think in parse to kind of clarify, 20636.1 does speak to, you know, the -- the full-time rate of pay or base pay. So when we look at the pay sample, that is what we consider that hourly rate as the base pay.

So yes, in -- in that sense. But if you're asking me if in the statute is -- is there something that states an hourly rate is the base paid rate, it doesn't state -- state that explicitly, but according to the pay sample and Government Code 20636.1, we can denote that -- that the hourly rate on the pay sample is the true hourly rate of pay or base pay.

1 Are you -- you do recognize that in Government 2 Code 20636.1, payrate is defined as the normal monthly 3 rate of pay; correct? Α Yes. 4 5 All right. And the question I had for you was, is there anything in statute of regulation that describes 6 7 the hourly rate of pay as the true rate of pay? Not precisely. Again, when we --8 Α Thank you. All right. Let me ask you, do you 9 Q 10 recall --ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, can we go back a 11 12 second? So do I understand correctly, Mr. Lau, that your 13 position is that, from 20636.1, you could determine even 14 though it doesn't say that expressly, that the true payrate is hourly; is that right? 15 16 THE WITNESS: In the particular example, that is 17 correct. And this is --18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So --19 THE WITNESS: -- all due to the fact --20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So that is cur- -- true 21 with regard to the employee in this case, but may not 22 always be true; is that correct? 23 THE WITNESS: So in most cases, that is incorrect 24 because in -- in my experience when we look at classified 25 employees, most positions are designated with an annual

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salary, the number duty days, which, in this case, is 209 days. And we could technically back into using the annual salary, divide it by the amount of days that, you know, whatever that position would be, for any classified member, and then dividing that by how many hours do they work per day. So that would always, at the very least, we can find the, you know, the true rate of pay, which is, in this case, the hourly rate. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: But my question persists as to how do you come to the conclusion that that's the way you should proceed based on the language of 20636.1? You -- you, I believe, have told us that from 20636.1, you can conclude that that's the right way to do it. Now, I -- and I read 2--- I read 20636.1, and, with all due

THE WITNESS: Absolutely. So it doesn't explicitly state this in the statute, so you are correct. However, this is how, you know, we look at a logical, you know, mathematical problem.

respect, I -- I'm struggling to see that in it.

So I think as a -- as a really clean example, per se, let's -- let's, for example, say I make \$100,000 you know, per -- per year -- or for this year, let's just say. Now, most cases, you know, for -- for -- now we're talking about state work as this example. I work 40 hours a week.

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     I work -- work over, technically speaking, 52 weeks in a
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     year. So to truly find out how much, you know, per, you
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     know, per hour that I worked for each hour that I worked
     within this year, we can use the sample math- --
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     mathematical, you know, formula or, you know, basic math
     to kind of denote, okay, let's take the annual amount,
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     which is, again, you know, it's $100,000. And, again, if
     I have 2,080 hours within a year, $100,000 in annual
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     salary divided by --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry.
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         THE WITNESS: -- 2,080 hours --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Dir- -- give me a second.
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     So --
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         THE WITNESS:
                       Yeah.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- start out with --
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         THE WITNESS: My apologies.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And then you -- you
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     calculate the hours per year? Is that what you do?
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         THE WITNESS: Correct. So to calculate --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is that -- is that the 40
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     times -- is that 52 times 40?
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         THE WITNESS:
                       That is accurate.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.
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         THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is that 2,080?
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                       That is correct, Your Honor.
         THE WITNESS:
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Go ahead, please.
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         THE WITNESS: Yeah. So, again, using the $100,00 as
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     an annual salary dividing by, you know, 2,080 hours, which
     is the amount of hours as a 40-hour employee would --
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     would work. If I take that divided by, again,
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     2,080 hours, it would come up about $48.08 per hour.
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     that increment of pay can't change no matter how -- how
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     you pay me, you're still going to, technically speaking,
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     whether I'm a monthly employee, exempt employee, or
     whatnot, you are still paying me $48.08 per hour that I
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     work.
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              So although the -- the statute does not
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     explicitly tell you how to, you know, do a mathematical
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     problem nor does it tell you one plus one is 2, this is
     just using math- -- mathematical formula to, just, finding
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     out what is the true increment of pay per hour that an
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     employee would work.
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. Let me see if I can ask
     Ms. Morenz to screenshare CalPERS Exhibit 20.
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              (Exhibit B-20 was displayed)
     BY MR. MORRISON:
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              All right. Mr. Lau, can you see that?
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              Yes. I'm going to pull up mine because I'm -- a
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     little bit small, but, yes, I can.
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         MR. MORRISON:
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1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 2 BY MR. MORRISON: All right. And so the -- the -- the payrate that 3 0 was reported, minus the longevity, was \$3,795 for the 4 month of January 2013; correct? 5 6 Α Correct. 7 And the earnings that Ms. Pelleriti received in 0 that month were the same number, \$3,795, once we back out 8 9 the longevity; correct? 10 Α Correct. And that is also true for the month of 1 1 12 February 2013; correct? 13 Α Correct. 14 So January and February, she had the same payrate 15 and she received the same earnings even though we all know 16 that January is a longer month and has more days and more 17 hours than February; correct? 18 Α Correct. So the District was paying her on a monthly 19 20 They were paying her the same wage every month 21 even though the hours in any given month were different; 22 correct? 23 I think that's an assumption. I don't know 24 exactly how she was paid. This is just purely on the 25 reporting side into CalPERS.

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     she was paid monthly, and the monthly amounts were
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     technically speaking. But reporting-wise, it is based on
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     everything you know, she was paid monthly, not hourly;
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     paying [sic] monthly, but I cannot confirm that.
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     was paid monthly?
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              I don't have any reasons to doubt, per se.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. No.
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1 Mr. Morrison, I assume you have witnesses who are 2 going to testify to this? 3 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: We don't -- we don't need 5 to try to force Mr. Lau to acknowledge it. 6 MR. MORRISON: All right. Thank you, Your Honor. 7 BY MR. MORRISON: 8 Now, Mr. Lau, when payrate is reported by an Q employer -- actually -- actually, well, let me straighten 9 10 that. When the District is reporting payrate to CalPERS, are they also required to provi- -- to remit money to 11 12 CalPERS based on that payrate? 13 Yes. Once -- any -- pretty much any type of Α 14 earnings or special compensation that's reported as you 15 see in the column -- special col- -- compensation in this 16 case is zero. What happened is once a report gets 17 processed, it does require the employee contributions and 18 the employer contributions. 19 Okay. And my question --Q 20 If we can just take down the screen sharing. 21 not really asking about this specific document right now. 22 When -- when -- when the District reports 23 payrate, that payrate is at some point going to be --24 potentially might -- may be used in calculating the 25 employee's retirement allowance; correct?

1 A That is correct, as well as service credit.

Q Yes. And at some point when the employee retires, CalPERS is going to be paying a pension to that employee; correct?

A That is accurate.

Q All right. And to fund that pension, you need contributions from the District and from the employee paid over a period of years; correct?

A Correct.

Q All right. And so if the payrate that you're telling the District to report is higher than what the District is -- is actually reporting, wouldn't that also necessitate the District to pay higher employee/employer contributions and wouldn't that necessitate the employee to pay higher employee contributions as the payrate goes up?

A It does not. So the contribution is derived from the earnings and special compensation. So the payrate doesn't tie into contributions at all. So payrate only ties into when we calculate benefits, looking for the average, and calculation of service credit. But increasing -- increasing or decreasing the payrate, technically speaking, does not attribute to, you know, you have to pay extra contributions or whatnot.

Q All right. And just to understand --

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, please. 2 So the amount of the required contributions was 3 not based on the payrate? It's based on --THE WITNESS: It's based on the earning. So if I 4 5 could trouble Ms. Morenz to bring the screen back up I can 6 do a very quick calculation just to, kind of, demonstrate 7 the example. It's fairly straightforward. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's okay. I just -- I just wanted to get down what your testimony was. 9 10 you -- you said it was based on the earnings and 11 something. And now you're saying --12 THE WITNESS: Earning -- earnings and special 13 compensation, Your Honor. My apologies. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And -- and special 15 compensa- --16 BY MR. MORRISON: Mr. Lau, let me ask a question. I want to see if 17 Q 18 I can understand the -- what -- what resolution you were hoping to achieve from the District by way of this audit. 19 20 The audit indicated that the District underreported 21 payrate. Is it CalPERS's position that the District 22 should be reporting a higher payrate than was actually 23 paid to the employee? 24 Α So -- in part. So one is that, as you recall, 25 during, you know, you know, the course of the resolution

and process with the District, we actually provided two different options. So -- so in part to answer your question, yes, in a way because of the fact that if the District choosed [sic] to report a monthly payrate, that monthly payrate needs to be a 40-hour equivalent. So, in that case, it is higher.

However, if the District reports, I believe, if I recalled it, \$22.59 per hour, the District do not need to report anything higher or less. That \$22.59 per hour payrate -- again, we'll do the conversion. It will have an accurate calculation of the service credit, and that payrate is also on the salary schedules.

- Q But -- all right. Mr. Lau, my -- my ques- -- my question was, the finding said the District underreported payrate. It -- CalPERS is reporting the District to report a higher payrate. Are you also directing the District to pay the employee the higher payrate -- pay -- pay them at that higher rate?
 - A No, sir. So the monthly pate --
 - Q All right.
 - A -- Is for purely reporting purposes.
- Q All right. And are you directing the District to pay more of an employee contribution -- sorry -- more of an employer contribution or the employee to pay more of an employee contribution than they have been paying up to

1 this point? 2 Α No. Again, the audit finding is strictly on the 3 payrate reporting, which has no -- no association to 4 contributions on both sides. 5 All right. 6 MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, can I have a second? 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Of course. 8 BY MR. MORRISON: 9 Mr. Lau, is it your testimony that the --Q 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, please don't ask him 11 what his testimony is. 12 MR. MORRISON: All right. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Just ask the question. 14 MR. MORRISON: Sure. BY MR. MORRISON: 15 The audit directs the District to report a higher 16 17 Is it your contention that the -- that by doing payrate. 18 so, there is no actual change or there would be no impact 19 on the employee's retirement? 20 It does have an impact. So, again, higher Α 21 payrate in -- in this scenario of calculating final 22 compensation would technically yield to high retirement, 23 and, at the same time, reporting the higher payrate with 24 the actual earnings, it would adjust the service credit 25 downward just by a little bit just because the member does

1 not technically, you know, work full-time to earn the full 2 service pursuant to Government Code 20962. So I'm just trying to understand, in terms of how 3 you are hoping the District would report, with the 4 5 increase in payrate, is there going to be any increase in 6 the employee's pension when they get to retirement? 7 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Objection. Asked and answered. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yeah. He said he would 8 expect the level of benefits to be increased, but the 9 10 service credits to be decreased slightly. THE WITNESS: Mm-hmm. 11 BY MR. MORRISON: 12 Right. But do those entirely offset? Do we end 13 Q 14 up at the same exact point? What he seems to be 15 describing is payrate going up, service credit going down. 16 Those are multiplied to calculate the retirement 17 allowance. At least they're -- you know, they're --18 they're part of the formula. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do they offset each other, 20 or is there a net difference, one way or the other? 2.1 THE WITNESS: So each case is -- each cases would be 22 different, but for this particular sampled employee, 23 again, Ms. Pelleriti, it actually would benefit as an increase of her retirement. 24 25 So, if I can clarify, if we report the accurate

payrate or based on the full-time equivalent, whether we report \$3,915.60 per month or \$22.59 per hour, although it would drop the service credit just by a tad, however, the member appears to also earn enough service credit because it appears she worked summer session. I think that's the \$12.18 per hour payrate.

Now, we did not specifically look into that.

However, assuming those are accurate, those service credit would be more than enough to compensate her for full service for that year. So by looking into that, you know, for this particular member, it would result in -- into an increase.

BY MR. MORRISON:

Q All right. It's your contention thinks the District would not be paying any more -- Ms. Pelleriti would not be paying any more, but her pension would go up?

A Correct. It does not attribute to any contributions, you know, you know, that you -- you or -- or I'm sorry -- the District or the employee needs to pay for those particular months once, you know, you guys adjust those -- you know, pay rates per suggestions.

Q All right. I'm not suggested that -MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, I'm not suggesting the
District agrees with this. I'm just trying to understand

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         THE WITNESS: Oh, my apologies.
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         MR. MORRISON: -- Mr. Lau --
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. I don't have any further
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     questions on cross.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, my. So this has
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     nothing to do with calculating the contributions required?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I was asking Mr. Lau.
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     contributions?
         THE WITNESS: It does not. So payrate and -- and
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     earnings are, you know, commonly confused. Payrate,
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     again, we only looked at the payrate to calculate final
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     compensation and service credit whereas contributions are
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     derived from earnings and special compensation reported
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, okay. So I had another
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     question. Are payrate and service credits separately used
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     in calculating the level of pension benefits, or does the
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1 benefits? 2 THE WITNESS: So there -- there are actually three factors in final compensation, if I can explain. 3 4 payrate will be in two of the three factors. So the first 5 factor is based on final compensation. Again, for most 6 classified school members, they are based on 12 7 consecutive months. 8 So when we look at final compensation, we, again, look at the average over the 12 months, whatever the 9 10 highest period would be, that's what we would, kind of, look at, and we average that out over 12 months. And that 11 12 includes payrate plus any special compensation. So that's 13 going to be the first factor. 14 The second factor -- and I can pause if you like. 15 I think you're writing. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So that includes payrate and what did you say? 17 18 THE WITNESS: Payrate and special compensation. Pretty much based on the highest 12 consecutive months' 19 20 average. 21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, I have a question 22 about that. 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor. 24 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Final compensation sounds 25 me -- compensation sounds, to me, like earnings. So I'm

surprised that you're telling me that final compensation includes payrate because I thought you had told me that payrate and earnings are different. Am I not correct in thinking that compensation means earning?

THE WITNESS: Yes and no. So if I may explain factor number 2.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes

THE WITNESS: So factor number 2 in the final compensation calculation is that we look at factor 2 as service credit. So service credit is when we denote from taking the earnings divided by the payrate. And then we divided it by a factor. And that factor all hinged on what type of payrate is being reported.

So, as an example, if a monthly payrate is reported, then we would take earnings divided by the monthly payrate, and then divide it by the factor of 10. And that factor of ten stems from Government Code 20962 because it takes ten full months for someone to earn a full service.

So, automatically, in -- in this scenario, is that the earnings and payrate are matched, which, if we, again, taking out the longevity pay, which is \$3,795, so earnings divided by the same exact payrate would be equal to 1. Then if we divided by the factor, which is 10, again, going back to Government Code 20962, then we would

get a .1. So a .1 per month over ten months would equal to 1.0, technically speaking.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Right.

THE WITNESS: So that is how we look at the full service, and -- and that's how we look at the calculation.

Now, on another example, if the District would report the hourly payrate, again, \$22.59, we take \$3,795, which is the earnings, divided by \$22.59 that equates about 168. From there, because the District, assuming that they reported it as an hourly rate, we look at, you know, what the factor is for under Government Code 20962 of, you know, how do you earn a full service, you know, by the hourly reporting. And that is 1,720 hours.

So, again, we -- if we take that \$168 number, which we've just took earnings divided by the hourly payrate, if we take that divided by \$1,720, this member is actually getting .0977, which is, again, it's a little bit shy from earning a full service.

And that's why, initially, in our testimony, we wanted to bring up the service credit part because it does play a role into the calculations of, in this cage, Ms. Pelleriti's pension.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Number 3.

THE WITNESS: Number 3 is based on the retirement formula. I think most classified school members are at

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1 2 percent at 55. So in -- in an a high-level explanation 2 of how these all come together, let's just say I make 3 \$120,000 per year. That divided by 12, because I work 4 over, you know, 12 months, as an example. Then my payrate 5 would, technically, be, just to confirm, it would be \$10,000. 6 7 And as an assumption that over the course of -let's just say I worked 30 years, and I've earned full 8 9 service for over the 30 years, and I'm at 2 percent 10 formula at 55, that means that based on 30 years at 2 percent, I'm earning 60 percent of my factor number 1, 11 which is \$10,000 times .6 or 60 percent of it, which is 12 13 \$6,000. 14 And that's how, you know, in a very high level 15 example how final compensation is calculated, of course 16 when member actually do require, they can elect certain 17 options which, you know, that \$6,000 would probably be 18 reduced based on whatever option they choose. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 20 Mr. Morrison, any further question? MR. MORRISON: Yeah. 21 22 23 FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION 24 BY MR. MORRISON:

Mr. Lau, in your example, if you are not

accrediting an employee with a full month of service credit, whatever additional service they're providing to, in your mind, get up to a full year of service credit, that's going to generate employer contributions and employee contributions as well; correct?

A Essentially speaking, they could work up to 40 hours per week. So in -- in the cases that, you know, because Ms. Pelleriti only works 209 days, so she doesn't, technically, work full-time every single week. So in those other extra capacity where she doesn't render service or did not work up to 40 hours, if she works another position or -- or whatnot, those contributions would be tied to those additional earnings or time worked to be reported. So in -- in a way, yes.

Q All right. And the general principle is that if there is a -- if an employee is earning a higher pension, that money is coming from somewhere, and that somewhere is from the employer and the employee; correct?

A I'm not sure about the question. Are you talking about the contributions or money from the funds?

Q Well, CalPERS doesn't -- if -- if Ms. Pelleriti was to be in -- to receive a higher pension in -- in -- the way pension systems work is that the -- the money isn't coming from -- from nowhere. It's coming from the employer, and it's coming from employee to fund and pay

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1 for that pension; correct? 2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, my understanding is 3 that PERS keeps track of what the contributions are, and 4 there's some things that turn on whether the payout has exceeded the contributions. But if po- -- but if someone 5 6 receives pension benefits that use up the entire 7 contributions, they still continue to get paid. So, yes, 8 the money can come from someplace other than 9 contributions. 10 MR. MORRISON: That's -- that's not quite my -- my question, Your Honor. 11 BY MR. MORRISON: 12 13 What I'm -- what I'm -- what I'm really asking is 0 14 if -- if CalPERS wants the District to report any 15 compensation and payrate in a way that -- that increases 16 pension that the employee would be entitled to, that will 17 necessarily result in the employer and the employee

A Not precisely because, again, contributions at least for -- from an employee level, it's tied to their normal cost. So most school members are either at 7 percent or 8 percent, you know, out of a formula 2 percent over 55 years old. If I report \$1,000 now versus \$1,000,

let's just say, ten years later, assuming that normal cost

contributing more during her employment in order to fund

doesn't change, it doesn't change the fact that you need to pay more or less. That is always going to be tied to how much earnings or special compensation reported.

So unless in -- in this scenario, if Ms.

Pelleriti worked above what's listed in the, you know, pay sample, then, yes, additional earnings would be reported and it would generate a contribution. But, in this case, we're -- we're not asking to report a higher earnings.

We're just asking to report the accurate payrate, which doesn't generate any additional contributions.

Now, if you're referring to, you know, how

CalPERS funds, you know, those pension, once those

contributions runs dry, you know, I'm not an expert to

speak towards that. I don't know how investments would --

- Q And that's not what I'm -- that's not what --
- A Okay. My apologies.
- Q All right. The -- the District is reporting her compensation on a monthly basis as a full -- as a -- as a full-time assignment. Your suggestion is that the District should instead report a -- a higher amount on a less than full-time basis and should then issue, when she works additional hours report those as, sort of, filling out the full-time assignment. That additional work to fill out the full-time assignment, there would be employer and employee contribution along with that; correct?

A Correct. So I think a good example is you -- we saw Ms. Pelleriti what it appears to be working in a summer session. So if she works those summer sessions, those contributions that's tied to any earnings or special compensation would be subjected to contributions.

- Q All right. Thank you.
- A You're welcome.

MR. MORRISON: All right. No further questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I have one more question,
Mr. Lau. So in -- in Ms. Pelleriti's case, the change in
reporting payrate would result in a slightly higher
pension benefit. But that wouldn't always be the case; is
that right? A change in reporting the --

THE WITNESS: Generally speaking, yes. Most of the time would be an increase because we see, on an average basis, again, I'm speaking on an average based on across different school districts. Most folks do work 37 and a half hours per, you know, per year. And when we're actually converting the payrate or, you know, reporting the accurate payrate based on a 40-hour equivalent, in most of those cases, those member already earn a very high amount of service, and the increase in the payrate conversion when we calculate the pension benefit, in most cases, they are increases.

The only time that we would see any decreases is

1 if they work a really short amount of time or maybe they, 2 you know, work part-time throughout, you know, as, like, a 3 school bus driver, as an example. But, most cases, it 4 would be an increase. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So it could decrease the 5 6 benefits if the employee worked few hours resulting in low 7 service credit. Is that the point? THE WITNESS: Correct, generally speaking. Again, 8 those are really case by case basis, but in -- in my 9 10 experience, most of the time, when we come across these 11 type of particular, you know, observation or finding, 12 these member reporting the full-time equivalent in payrate or reporting the hourly rate of pay would increase their 13 14 pension benefits. 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 16 THE WITNESS: You're welcome. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman, redirect? 18 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Just very briefly, Your Honor. One 19 second here. Okay. 20 21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 22 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 23 Mr. Lau, during your cross-examination there, 24 there was testimony about reasons to doubt that the --25 from CalPERS's perspective that the sampled pay was being

1 paid on a monthly basis. Do you recall that? 2 Α Yes. What document would you look at to -- to -- that 3 4 raises that doubt for CalPERS? 5 Α So let me find the attachment. That goes back to 6 her pay sample. I forgot --7 Would that be Exhibit 14 then? I can share my 8 screen for everybody if it --9 Α Thank you. 10 -- will make it a little easier. Q Yes. Because that pay information, it -- it has 11 Α 12 annual, monthly, and hourly rate of pay on there. 13 doesn't, you know, explain anything to CalPERS how she's 14 paid. You know, from -- from our perspective, she could 15 be paid in hourly, based on a daily, monthly, or even just bi-annual. You know, CalPERS doesn't care, per se, about 16 17 how it's being paid to the member. We only care about the 18 reporting into the system. 19 Okay. So what about this document tells you that Q 20 there's reason to doubt being paid monthly? 21 Α So I think for -- for starter [sic], if we take a 22 look at the annual amount, again, that's \$37,950. So the 23 District classified the member as a ten-month employee. 24 Again, we know that the member works over 11 months.

the monthly payrate, that's simply taking the annual

divided by ten from what it appears to be so, which is \$3,795.

Now, again, we're -- we're not looking to the longevity, so I'm not going to reference the \$4,002. However, if we look back to Exhibit 20, the pay screen that Ms. Morenz showed earlier, the \$4,002 payrate or we can call it \$3,795 payrate, that payrate was actually reported over 11 months. So, to me, it -- I don't know exactly how -- if she was paid ten months then, you know, you know, if the District considered the ten-month employee, then my assumption would be ten month of reporting.

However, it was reported over 11 months based on the District's conversion of the annual payrate divided by ten. So, hence, I could not denote whether how, you know, the -- the member was paid.

Q Okay.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So does that suggest to you there was one month in the year when she didn't receive any pay at all?

THE WITNESS: Just by looking at the pay sample, cor- -- that is correct because she works over 11 months even though she is a ten-month employee. 'Cause my -- my method of, you know, thinking of this is, again, you know, looking at Exhibit 20 and Exhibit 14. If the member works

over 11 months and the District divides it by 10, the
District is actually creating their own conversion.

So, again, it doesn't tell me how she was paid.

Again, know we're just look at, you know, the reporting

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

aspect.

Q I guess back to the reporting. Are there any -from what was reported in CalPERS's system, are there -you said 11 -- worked in 11 or reported as 10. Are there
any other issues that you see in CalPERS -- from what was
reported to CalPERS and this CalPERS's database screen?

A Yes. Again, outside of the longevity aspect, it's just based on the payrate. Again, because the payrate is not based on a 40-hour equivalent, and the District actually converted their annual payrate based on 10 and reported that payrate over 11 months. That resulted in, one, inaccurate payrate and inaccurate computation of the service credited reported.

Q Okay. And if you're talking about a district conversion, and we've talked before, CalPERS uses 173. And do you know -- 173.33 hours in a month. Can -- are you able to tell how many hours the District uses?

A Per the -- the Exhibit 14, it appears the member is working eight hours a day, but the annual salary is all

based on 209 days per year.

Q Okay. So does that tell you if there's any sort of hour -- monthly equivalent that they're using?

A Their monthly equivalent is based on how they divided their annual by ten months. Whereas if the member works over 11 months, you know, this -- you know, that conversion would be totally different. Hence, you know, we always look back into what is the true increment -- increment of pay per the hour that the member worked?

We -- we understand that this member is not paid by per hour, but there is still, you know, a denominator of how you calculate someone's pay per hour. And that should be how it's being negotiated for, in general.

On top of that, if we were to -- if -- if the member, let's, per se, worked overtime, you wouldn't just take the monthly payrate and just pay them the monthly ray rate. You're going to most likely use, "okay. How do we pay per hour?" And we'll use that, you know, hourly payrate, again, \$22.59 most of the time times 1.5 because of overtime to calculate that overtime pay.

You know, at the end of the day, it all comes back down to what is the true increment of pay.

Q Okay. I just think I have two more questions for you, so just bear with me. Let's see.

MR. GLAUBERMAN: One second, Your Honor.

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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, take your time.
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        MR. GLAUBERMAN: I just want to take a look. I'm on
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     exhibit binder. And I am going to be sharing my screen.
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     attachments of the District's appeal letter from a letter
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     CalPERS conversion. And I just want to ask you if you see
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     the full-time equivalent?
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     looking at a day, that's where we come up with the 21.667.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm -- I'm sorry. You said
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that that was not the -- the 21 rounded off is not an acceptable what? Tell me what it's not acceptable as.

THE WITNESS: Yeah. So I believe this is what the -the District has provided based on their average between
20 to 23 days. So what happened is they -- they took an
average, which appears to be 21.5 days. And then it was
further rounded down. We generally round down to the, you
know, the hundredths decimal. You know -- you know,
most -- most of our places it could be in the thousandths
decimal internal in the system, but we would not round
down to the, you know, nearest whole number or -- or up in
those cases. Yeah.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.

BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:

Q Right below that, there's a 21.75 day average. Why not use that?

A So I'm not exactly sure how those average, kind of, come about. Or -- if we're looking at 21.75 or -- or whatnot. Again, we look at the -- the standard, you know, consistency that we have applied, you know, through, you know, through -- through administrating the pension is that, again, we'll -- we'll take a rule of thumb of five days times 52 weeks per year, which is 260 days. And then we take 260 days divided by 12 months, which is 21.667.

Q Okay.

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                         I have no more questions for Mr. Lau.
         MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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         MR. MORRISON: I -- I have some questions, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
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         MR. MORRISON: Let me ask Ms. Morenz to pull up
     CalPERS Exhibit 14.
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         THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm there.
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                        RECROSS-EXAMINATION
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              All right. Do you see on the left-hand side of
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     the page, there's a reference to a "paid period type," and
     there's a box, and it says "M, monthly"?
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              Yes, I do.
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              Is that to note to you that the District was
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     reporting Ms. Pelleriti's compensation or -- or
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     compensating miss -- Ms. Pelleriti on a monthly basis?
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              That's a field that we're -- we're -- we are not,
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     you know, privy to the information to. You know, for --
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     for my understanding, we look at a payroll objective.
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     the reporting appears to be a monthly. However, I cannot
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     confirm whether it's, you know, a monthly pay type or
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     whatnot.
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              (Exhibit B-14 was displayed)
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     BY MR. MORRISON:
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              All right. Do -- so, again, from this document,
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     do you have any reason to doubt that she was paid on a
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monthly basis?

A Again, I can't answer the -- the question whether

I doubt it or not. It's just I cannot confirm or deny

whether or not she's being paid monthly.

Q All right. And when a client works a -
according to the Government Code, 10 months is full-time;

correct?

A Correct.

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Q And if an employee works a ten-month assignment, that assignment wouldn't necessarily need to start on the first day of a given month; correct?

A Correct.

Q And so if you have a ten-month assignment that doesn't start on the first day of a given month, you -- you could have -- that assignment would stretch over parts of 11 calendar months, and you would end up with 11 months being reported to CalPERS; correct?

A Correct.

Q And the first month and the last month would presumably have a little bit less in earnings than the other months, potentially; correct?

A Yeah. So the -- the beginning and end month would probably be a little bit different than your, you know, chunks in the middle. Correct.

Q All right. Do you know -- there's been

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     discussion of the District using a 21-day factor which
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     equates to 168 hours to correlate it's hourly compensation
     with monthly. Do you have any idea how the District
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     came -- decided to use that figure?
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              Outside from the appeal letter based on that
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     demonstration that Mr. Glauberman has asked earlier, I do
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     not outside of that context.
              All right. So -- so the appeal letter we were
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     just looking at, that was an example. But you don't know
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     if that example was -- was what the District actually had
     in mind in coming up with the 21-day factor, the 168-hour
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     factor; correct?
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              That is correct.
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              All right.
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. No further questions.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there any reason Mr. Lau
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     should not be released?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Subject to rebuttal, Your Honor,
     except Mr. Lau can be released.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Are you anticipating -- oh,
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     Mr. Lau is your representative, isn't he?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, sir.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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              So, Mr. Lau, I'm not going to release you, sir.
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              Mr. Glauberman, further evidence?
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MR. GLAUBERMAN: No further witnesses at this time. The only thing left from CalPERS perspective is it's request for official notice and then the amended statement of issues. And I didn't -- my entire request for official notice didn't -- not make it into CaseLines, and I didn't want to try and fix it to co- -- because I didn't want to cause further problems. And then, also, the amended statement of issues, I'm -- able the best way to get that to everybody is. So do you want me to go ahead with requesting official notice of my documents, Your Honor? ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Well, let's deal with the amended statement of issues matter first. MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Are -- are you saying that you're not going to try to upload that into CaseLines? Well, I -- I didn't want to yet just MR. GLAUBERMAN: because I -- well, the last time I had uploaded something, it had caused significant issues. And it's been filed and served. But I -- I --ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well --MR. GLAUBERMAN: -- saw the --ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The problem -- the problem with that is that it would not be a part of the official record. If there's an appeal, you will have to go through

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     some hoops to get it before the appellate body.
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        MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Well --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So --
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I -- I can -- I can upload it during
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     our next break, Your Honor, and hopefully -- or have my
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     secretary upload it that way we can -- I feel she's better
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     at it than me.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I don't doubt.
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        MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yeah. I'll -- I'll ask her
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     to do that. And then as far as the request for official
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     notice, we'll try to get it together. Most of it is in
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     there, but not all the pages made it up, and that is the
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     very first thing in CalPERS's evidence even though it was
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     the last thing that was uploaded by us.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: So page 10 -- page 10 of the PDF is
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     the pleading. And it lists five different documents -- or
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     six, but I believe only 4 got uploaded.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, why don't you try --
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     why don't you ask your secretary to try to upload that
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     too. And let us --
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN:
                          Okay.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- know how it turns out.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: We'll do that.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And if it doesn't make it
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     into CaseLines, we'll figure out a different way to deal
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     with it.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I think that sounds fair.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Let me see.
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              Mr. Morrison, your case, please.
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                      Your Honor, can we take a ten-minute
         MS. MORENZ:
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     break, and then I'll have our witness get online?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. Indeed we can.
         MR. MORRISON: And -- and actually be- -- before we do
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     that, I'm wondering about exhibits. Your Honor, it seems
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     you don't have access to our exhibits. Have you been able
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     to remedy that?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, as I told you, I have
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     everything that was uploaded as of yesterday morning.
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     have as email attachments. And I -- after Ms. Morenz told
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     me that she thought she had taken care of the problem with
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     the documents index, I've sent an email to Judge Cole
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     asking him to copy the new document index and send it to
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     me. And when we take our break --
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         MR. MORRISON:
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- I'll find out whether he
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     has done that.
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         MR. MORRISON: Great.
                                Thank you.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: We'll be in recess for ten
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     minutes. Thank you all.
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              (Pause in the proceedings)
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Back on the
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     record, please.
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              Ms. Morenz.
         MS. MORENZ: Yes. Thank you. The District would like
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     to call Gary Stine as a witness.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Stine, good morning,
     sir. I don't think -- I don't think you were here
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     yesterday, were you?
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         MR. STINE: I was not.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: Mr. Stine, can you just make sure
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     to keep your voice up? It's really hard to hear you.
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         MR. STINE: Oh, sure. Sorry about that. Is that any
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     better?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What's your title, sir?
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         MR. STINE: Okay. My title is the Executive Director
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     of Support Services.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Back on the
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     record, please.
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     Mr. Stine, I'm going to ask you to take an oath.22 ///
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1 GARY STINE, 2 called as a witness, and having been first duly sworn by the Administrative Law Judge, testified as follows: 3 4 THE WITNESS: 5 I do. 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: State your name and spell 7 it for the record, please. 8 THE WITNESS: Sure. My name's Gary Stine. G-A-R-Y, 9 S-T-I-N-E. 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ms. Morenz. 11 MS. MORENZ: Thank you. 12 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. MORENZ: 14 15 Good morning, Mr. Stine. Where do you work? I work for the Orange County Department of 16 17 Education. 18 Q Could we refer to your employer as "OCDE"? 19 Yes. Please. Α 20 Okay. What is your position with OCDE? Q 21 Α I'm the Executive Director of Support Services. 22 Okay. And how long have you been in that Q 23 position for? 24 Α In this position, nine years, but I've been with 25 the agency for 16.

- 1 Q Okay. What was your prior position?
 - A I was the manager of application development.
 - Q Okay. Can you describe your general duties as executive director?
 - A Sure. So I -- I oversee a number of programs and services provided to school districts. The -- the -- the bulk of which surrounds payroll and retirement -- payroll processing and retirement reporting and various other things we provide. So application services and -- a variety of services.
 - Q Okay. And -- and would that involve CalPERS reporting?
 - A Yeah. Absolutely, yes. Cal- -- retirement reporting, as I mentioned. So reporting to CalSTRS and CalPERS is all funded by -- by the OCDE. Yes.
 - Q Can you describe the relationship between OCDE and Tustin Unified School District with respect to CalPERS issues?
 - A Sure. As a county office, OCDE has -- has a statutory role in reporting retirement transactions to CalPERS. We -- obviously, at Tustin Unified, we have an oversight responsibility there, and we process payroll for them among other services. Yeah.
 - Q Okay. Does OCDE have a role in providing education or resources to school districts such as Tustin

Unified?

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A Yes, we do. So in that liaison role, we, you know, the information that comes out from retirement agencies are anywhere from the state. So CDE, CalPERS, CalSTRS. We do have a role in making sure that that information gets to the districts, even though the -- the circulars are public, we make sure that we pass those down.

We also provide training from time to time to the school districts, and we have retirement staff that try to answer all the questions that we can.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And you said that the -- that that role concerns what kind of information? What kind of training and education?

THE WITNESS: So, well, a variety. But with regards to CalPERS, it would be when, let's say, circulars come out, and we will have -- we will make sure that districts are aware of them. Have discussions that are -- we have payroll advisory meetings usually every month and sometimes every other month where we discuss retirement items, we discuss changes in payroll law, and a variety of other things.

BY MS. MORENZ:

Q Okay. And are you aware of how Tustin calculates hourly pay for classified employees?

MS. MORENZ: No problem.

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1 Α Yes, I am. 2 How long have you been aware of their method of 3 calculating hourly rate? 4 Α I mean, dir- -- directly aware. I've been aware 5 of when I was contacted with regard to the Cal- -- CalPERS 6 audit. But yes. I mean, that's when I became aware 7 specifically of Tustin's calculations when I was brought 8 into the discussion about the salary. 9 Okay. And what is your understanding of how Q 10 Tustin calculates hourly payrate for it's classified 11 employees? 12 Α So my understanding is that they use a 21-day 13 divisor, or what we could call a 21-day divisor, when 14 calculating -- translating, I should say, not calculating, 15 the monthly rate down to an average rate of pay. Okay. So if we start with the monthly rate of 16 17 pay in Tustin, is it accurate that you would divide that 18 monthly rate by 21 to first get a daily rate? 19 Yes. That's correct. Α 20 Okay. And then would we then divide that daily Q 2.1 rate by 8 to get an hourly rate? 22 Yes. That is correct. Α 23 So essentially we're dividing the mo- --2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. 2 you -- you divide the monthly rate by 21 days to get a 3 daily rate, and you divide that by eight hours to get an 4 hourly rate; is that right? THE WITNESS: Yes, using a 21-day divisor. Yes. 5 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks. 7 BY MS. MORENZ: 8 Okay. So -- and -- and, essentially, you were Q dividing the monthly rate by 168, which is 21 times 8, and 9 10 that's how Tustin gets their hourly rate; is that correct? That would be correct. 1 1 Α Yes. 12 Okay. Are you aware of how long OCDE as an Q 13 agency has been aware of Tustin's practice using the 14 21-day factor? 15 I was -- I -- I don't know exactly when but 16 several years, I would say, based on that information I've 17 collected. 18 Instead of using 168 as the divisor or 21 Okay. days in the month as a divisor, is it correct to state 19 20 that CalPERS is saying that the District must use 173.33 2.1 as its divisor? 22 Yes. That is my understanding. Α 23 Okay. Are you aware of any legal requirements 24 that school districts use 173.33 as a factor for 25 calculating hourly payrate?

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                   Not -- not to my knowledge. Not that
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     specific calculation.
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     ever received anything by way of a circular from CalPERS,
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     or a statute, or a regulation that requires use of 173.33
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     as a factor for calculating hourly payrate?
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              Have we? No. We have not.
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              Okay.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ms. Morenz, may I ask you a
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     question?
         MS. MORENZ:
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                      Yes.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All of you probably thing I
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     should know this by now, but -- so does the 173.33 equate
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     in some way to the 168? Is the school district saying 168
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     and PERS is saying 173.33?
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         MS. MORENZ: Correct.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Thanks.
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                                                     I thought
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     that was it.
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     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              Okay. Mr. Stine, had there been such a circular,
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     or statute, or regulation that using 173.33 was a
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     requirement by CalPERS, is that something you would have
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     shared with school districts in the county such as Tustin
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              Yes, of course.
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              And had OCDE been aware of a legal requirement to
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     use 173.33 as a factor in calculating hourly payrate,
     would OCDE have tried to work with school districts in the
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     County to get them in compliance with that legal
     requirement?
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              Yes, as best we could. I mean, obviously, it's a
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     negotiating every salary schedule's negotiated locally in
     the bargaining unit so, yes, but, absolutely, we would --
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     would have worked with them.
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              Okay. And, to your knowledge, at the time of the
     audit period, which I will represent to you was from 2012
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     to 2017, were other school districts in the County using a
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     factor other than 173.33?
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              Yes.
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              Okay. And are you aware of other school
     districts in the County that were using the same factor as
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     Tustin was, the 21-day factor?
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              Yes. Yes.
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         MS. MORENZ: Okay. I'm going to pull up -- I'll share
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     a screen and pull up District's Exhibit 11.
              Okay. And this -- the case file number is B263.
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     And I'll scroll -- scroll down to B264.
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              (Exhibit B-11 was displayed)
     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              Mr. Stine, do you recognize this document?
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1 Yes, I do. Α 2 And can you tell me how you're familiar with this 3 document? Α Yes. It -- I believe it -- well, obviously, it 4 was compiled by one of my colleagues, Praveen Chaudhri. 5 6 So I was there in -- with the District --7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. I'm having trouble hearing you. 8 9 THE WITNESS: Sorry. It -- it was compiled by a 10 colleague, Praveen Chaudhri, who is listed there on the email -- in -- at the request of Tustin Unified. 11 BY MS. MORENZ: 12 13 And who deci- --0 14 THE STENOGRAPHER: I really need you to keep your 15 voice up, sir. It's really hard to hear you. And you 16 trail off at the end. 17 THE WITNESS: I -- I apologize for that. 18 BY MS. MORENZ: 19 And are you aware of where Veena compiled this 20 information from? 21 Yes. So she pulled this information from our 22 payroll system, which is -- yeah. So she pulled it from 23 our payroll system, which -- which has the number of days and the number hours districts used at that time. 24

Okay. And, to your knowledge, is this a true and

1 accurate copy of the email sent from Veena to the other 2 recipients listed in this email? 3 Α Yes. MS. MORENZ: Okay. Your Honor, I'd like to move 4 Exhibit 11 into evidence. 5 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me second, please. 7 So I -- Judge Cole did send me a copy of the 8 bundles document index, and it has not changed. It's the 9 same mess that I printed out a few days ago. So I'm going 10 to have to just create a -- an exhibit list. 11 So did you use -- did you use numbers for your 12 exhibits? 13 MS. MORENZ: Unfortunately, we did. We -- the 14 District used numbers and CalPERS used numbers. The one 15 thing that was fixed last night is, yesterday, we also had "A" and a number, but now our -- the District's exhibits 16 17 are now designated with "B." 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So --19 MS. MORENZ: So our page numbers in the case file 20 start with a "B." 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. And 22 would you remind me, have we admitted any District 23 exhibits at this point? 24 MS. MORENZ: I don't believe so. We started talking

about our Exhibit 1 yesterday. CalPERS also wanted to

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     admit that, but I don't think we actually did that because
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     of the mess in case -- in case file.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Let -- let me just
     get an exhibit list started for you then.
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         MS. MORENZ: Okay.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So I'm going to have to do
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     this by hand.
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              Okay. So this is the District's Exhibit 11. And
     it starts at CaseLines page B263. And what shall we give
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     this as a description of title?
         MS. MORENZ: We can describe it as -- it -- let me be
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     consistent with our exhibit list. We described it as
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     email from Praveen Chaudhri, the author of the email.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: How do you spell
     "Chaudhri"?
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         MS. MORENZ: C-H-A-U-D-H-R-I.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there a date?
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         MS. MORENZ: April 30th, 2019.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And what does it concern?
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     Is there -- are there one or two words that we can put it
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     to say what it concerns?
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                    We can say "District's days and hours per
         MS. MORENZ:
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     month." That's what the subject line is of the email.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Give me just a
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     second. B-11 is an email dated April 30th, 2019, from
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     Chaudhri regarding days and hours per month.
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              Objections to 11?
              (Respondent's Exhibit B-11 was marked for
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         identification by the Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No objections at this time, Your
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     Honor.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in evidence.
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              (Respondent's Exhibit B-11 was received in
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         evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MS. MORENZ: Okay. Thank you.
     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              Mr. Stine, do you see four different columns here
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     in this email?
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              Yes, I do. Is my volume any better because I --
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     I switched --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes.
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         THE WITNESS: Okay. Perfect. Okay.
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     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              Okay. Looking at the first column at the top,
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     it's -- it says DIST, which I -- I believe represents
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     "district." Can you --
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              -- tell me what -- can you tell me what the
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     numbers represent that are beneath that designation
     "district"?
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- 1 They're -- they're internal codes for -- for a 2 district. That's how we identify them. 3 Okay. And so those are various school districts 0 4 within Orange County? That is correct. 5 Α 6 Is that -- okay. Going to the next column, it 7 says "fiscal year," and it says 2018 to 2019. Does this 8 information concern the 2018 to 2019 school year? 9 It's -- it appears to, yes. Α 10 Okay. Going to the next column, it says "number Q of days." Can you tell me what those numbers represent 11 beneath that column? 12 13 Α Yeah. That could be the District's default 14 number of days per month that they use. 15 Okay. And -- and, for example, if Tustin was on 16 this list, would their -- would that column say 21 days? 17 Yes. And it does. Α 18 Okay. And going on to the next column, it says "number of hours." 19 20 Α Yes. 2.1 And what does that represent to you? Q 22 So the number of hours is the -- it equates to 23 the number of days, but that would be the default number 24 of hours per month that they assume.
 - Q Okay. And so would it be accurate to say during

the 2018 to 2019 fiscal year, school districts in Orange 1 2 County were using, maybe, a different factors [sic] other 3 than 173.33 to calculate hourly payrate? Α Yes. 4 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, please. 6 Thank you. 7 BY MS. MORENZ: 8 Okay. Mr. Stine, as of today, are you aware if Q 9 CalPERS has adopted any official statement or legal 10 requirement that school districts are bound to use 173.33 as a factor when calculating hourly pay? 11 12 Α No, I am not. 13 Okay. Are you familiar with the California 14 Association of School Business Officials also known as 15 CASBO? 16 Α Yes, I am. 17 Okay. And are you involved with that 0 18 organization? 19 Yes. Α 20 And can you describe your involvement with that 21 organization? 22 Sure. I've been a member for, roughly, 20 years. 23 And I'm currently sitting in -- or I'm the -- what do we 24 call it? The vice chair of the Legislative Committee. 25 Can you briefly describe what CASBO does as an Q

1 | organization?

- A Sure. So CASBO is -- as a -- as you mentioned, they are the Association of School Business Officials. So it is the primary professional development source for school districts throughout California. They advocate for school districts, obviously. That's legislatively and are very heavily involved with establishing best practices and educating the school business officials.
- Q Does CASBO host educational conferences for its members?
 - A Yes. Several times a year.
 - Q And who presents at those conferences?
- A The -- the presentations range from -- a lot of them are member driven. They're vetted by committees, but then we also invite outside agencies, such as CalPERS, CalSTRS, and others, to come present as well.
- Q Okay. Would you say that the materials that are presented at CASBO conferences represent commonly accepted knowledge and business practices within that industry?
 - A Yes.
- Q And if there was a new legal requirement by CalPERS to use 173.33 as a factor in calculating hourly pay, is that something that you believe would be covered at a CASBO conference?
 - A I believe so. Yes.

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         MS. MORENZ: Okay. I'm going to pull up District's
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     Exhibit 9.
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              (Exhibit B-9 was displayed)
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: B-9 begins at CaseLines
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     page B-114. And how shall we describe this?
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         MS. MORENZ: We can describe it as "CASBO payroll
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     concepts." And there's a date on here. June 1999.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Is this a
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     manual? A booklet? A what?
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         MS. MORENZ: It's -- they are pre- -- presentation
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     materials.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections?
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              Oh. Well, I'm sorry. You want to lay a
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     foundation for this?
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              (Respondent's Exhibit B-9 was marked for
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         identification by the Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MS. MORENZ: Yes.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Go ahead.
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     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              M-- -- Mr. Stine, do you recognize this document?
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              I do.
              Okay. And can -- can you describe what it is?
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     concepts presentation materials from the 1999 either a
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     conference or -- or a separate training from CASBO.
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1 And let me have you turn to the next page, Okay. 2 which is B116. And, Mr. Stine, can you tell me what this 3 page says about hourly rate factors? It presents some of the more common hourly rate 4 Α 5 factors at that time --6 That --0 7 -- that districts use to calculate hourly rates. Α 8 If that helps. I'm sorry. 9 And was this information shared with Q Okay. 10 anyone who happened to attend this CASBO presentation? 1 1 Α Yes. 12 Okay. If there was only one acceptable method Q 13 for calculating hourly pay, do you think the CASBO 14 presenter would have listed these three different methods? 15 I would assume not. Α Okay. To your knowledge, is this a true and 16 17 accurate copy of the CASBO presentation from June 1999? 18 Α Yes. I believe I have this same written material. Yes. 19 20 MS. MORENZ: Okay. Your Honor, I would like to move 2.1 District's Exhibit 9 into evidence. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: These factors were used to 23 calculate what? Payrate? Or what were they used --24 THE WITNESS: Well, so it lists both the daily rate 25 and the hourly rate. So it -- the factors are -- they

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1
     provide two different factors. One for the number of --
 2
     standard number of days, one for the standard number of
 3
     hours per month.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to B-9?
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 5
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No objection to a 1999 payroll
     concepts document, Your Honor.
 6
 7
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in evidence.
8
              (Respondent's Exhibit B-9 was received in
9
         evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.)
10
         MS. MORENZ: Thank you. I'm next going to share on
     the screen District's Exhibit 10, which starts at case
11
     file number B117.
12
              (Exhibit B-10 was displayed)
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14
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: How shall we describe that?
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         MS. MORENZ: We can also call it "payroll concepts,"
16
     but we can give it the date of 2006.
17
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is it another CASBO
18
     publication?
19
         MS. MORENZ: Correct.
20
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
                                   Okay.
21
              Exhibit B-10 for identification starts at
22
     CaseLines B117. It is "CASBO 2006 workshop materials on
23
     payroll concepts."
2.4
              Go ahead, please.
25
              (Respondent's Exhibit B-10 was marked for
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1 identification by the Administrative Law Judge.) 2 MS. MORENZ: Okay. BY MS. MORENZ: 3 4 Q Mr. Stine, do you recognize this document? 5 Α I do. Yes. 6 Could you tell me what it is? 7 It's -- it's the presentation handouts for the Α 8 payroll concepts at -- from 2006 presented at one of the 9 CASBO conferences. 10 Okay. Is this another piece of workshop material that you also keep in your office? 1 1 I believe I have this one as well. Yes. 12 Α 13 Okay. I'm going to turn to -- okay. I am Q 14 showing on the screen, it's case file page number B154 15 within District's Exhibit 9 [sic]? ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 9 or 10? 16 17 MS. MORENZ: Oh, I'm sorry. 10. 18 BY MS. MORENZ: 19 Okay. Mr. Stine, based on this slide, was CASBO Q 20 informing its members that there were multiple methods for 21 calculating hourly payrate? 22 Α Yes. 23 Okay. And, again, if there was only one 24 acceptable way to calculate hourly pay factors, do you think the CalPERS' presenter would be offering a slide 25

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     that has multiple pay factors in it?
 2
         Α
              Just -- just a correction. It's CASBO presenter;
 3
     correct? I think you said CalPERS, but --
         Q
              I'm sorry.
 4
                    If there was only one method, the others
 5
         Α
 6
     would not be presented. Correct.
 7
              Okay. And based on your understanding of CASBO
         0
     as an organization and its membership, would you say that
8
9
     what's taught at CASBO conferences constitutes widely
10
     accepted information and business practices within the
     industry?
1 1
12
         Α
              Yes.
13
         MS. MORENZ: Okay. Your Honor, I would like to admit
14
     District's Exhibit 10 into evidence.
15
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Objections to 10?
16
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No objection, Your Honor.
17
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in evidence.
18
              (Respondent's Exhibit B-10 was received in
19
         evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.)
20
         MS. MORENZ:
                     Okay.
21
              Okay.
                     I'm going to pull up Ex- -- District's
22
     Exhibit 12, which starts at case file number B266.
23
              (Exhibit B-12 was displayed)
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What shall we call that?
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     Is this a letter?
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1
                      It is a letter.
         MS. MORENZ:
 2
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, please.
 3
     Could I -- can you scroll back up so I can see the date?
 4
     August 8th. And who sent it? Who's the author?
 5
         MS. MORENZ:
                      The author is Sondra Dougherty.
 6
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And who's the addressee?
 7
     Wagner?
 8
         MS. MORENZ: It is Brock Wagner (phonetic).
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: B-12 for identification
10
     starts at page, base -- base lines page B266. It is an
     August 8th, 2008 letter from Dougherty to Wagner.
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12
              Go ahead, please.
13
              (Respondent's Exhibit B-12 was marked for
14
         identification by the Administrative Law Judge.)
     BY MS. MORENZ:
15
              Mr. Stine, do you recognize this document?
16
         Q
17
         Α
              I do.
18
              And how are you familiar with it?
         Q
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              It's -- it's -- well, I'm familiar -- so I have
         Α
20
     this in my files as well. This was written from -- by my
     predecessor, so I -- I had these in my files.
21
22
              Okay. Is it typical for OCDE to issue letters to
23
     individual school districts?
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         Α
              Yes. From time to time, we will get requests
25
     about specific items that a district might be asking for
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1 clarification on. And we will -- we will write a letter 2 to individual districts. 3 Okav. And in this letter is Tustin Unified Q School District asking OCDE if it's okay to use a 21-day 4 5 pay factor? 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. This -- sorry? 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. Tustin Unified School 9 District -- this is not a letter in which Tustin Unified 10 School District asks the question. This is a letter in which Dougherty answers the question. 1 1 Isn't it? 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. 13 MS. MORENZ: Yes. Thank you for that clarification. 14 So yes. The letter is about -- I THE WITNESS: believe is about the Fair Labor Standards Act or FLSA. 15 16 The District wanted to make sure they were in compliance 17 since they used the 21-day calculation for their hourly 18 rates. 19 BY MS. MORENZ: 20 Okay. And based on this letter as of Q 2.1 August 8th, 2007, could we conclude that OCDE was aware 22 that Tustin was using a 21-day factor when calculating the 23 hourly pay? 2.4 Α Yes. 25 Okay. And if OCDE believed that the 21-day

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factor was out of compliance, for example, with CalPERS's
 1
 2
     laws and regulations, is that something it would have
 3
     pointed out to Tu- -- Tustin?
         Α
              Typically --
 4
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Objection. Speculation.
 5
 6
         THE WITNESS:
                      Yes.
 7
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Or --
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Was there a -- was there an
8
 9
     objection?
10
                         Speculation, Your Honor.
                                                    Yes, Your
         MR. GLAUBERMAN:
             I object to that as speculation because this
11
     letter was drafted before his time, and she's asking for
12
13
     his opinion on something that happened before he was in
14
     his current position.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Sustained.
15
16
     BY MS. MORENZ:
17
              Okay. Mr. Stine, you said that OCDE had the
18
     practice of responding to questions from individual school
     districts; is that correct?
19
20
         Α
              Yes.
21
              Okav.
                     If a school district shared in asking a
22
     question to OCDE that it was engaging in a practice that
23
     OCDE believed was not in compliance with the law, would
24
     OCDE point out that the District is out of compliance?
25
         Α
              Typically, yes.
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         MS. MORENZ: Okay. Your Honor, I would like to admit
 2
     District's Exhibit 12 into evidence.
 3
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections?
 4
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Relevance. This appears to be a
 5
     documented related FSLA reporting and not to CalPERS
 6
     reporting, Your Honor.
 7
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, let me read it.
 8
              Well, the objection's overruled. B-12 is in
 9
     evidence.
10
              (Respondent's Exhibit B-12 was received in
11
         evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.)
         MS. MORENZ: Okay. Thank you. I have no further
12
13
     questions for this witness.
14
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
15
              Mr. Glauberman?
16
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Just a few, Your Honor.
17
18
                         CROSS-EXAMINATION
19
     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
20
              Mr. Stine, you said you've been in your current
         Q
21
     position for how many years?
22
              Nine years.
         Α
23
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. And -- let's see here. I'm
24
     going to share my screen. And I'm looking at
25
     Exhibit B-11, which is on page B263 -- or 264, actually.
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              (Exhibit B-11 was displayed)
 2
     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
              And you said that Tustin on screen is listed
 3
         Q
 4
     somewhere on this document?
 5
         Α
              Yes.
 6
         Q
              Where?
7
         Α
              It --
8
              What would -- are they?
         Q
9
         Α
              The -- they're district 087.
10
              Okay. So if the I come down here (indicating),
         Q
11
     I'm highlighting that "087," that is the District of
12
     Tustin --
13
         Α
             Cor- --
              -- Unified?
14
         Q
15
         Α
              Correct.
              Okay. I just wanted to clear that up. Do you
16
17
     know what precipitated this email?
18
              It had to do with the -- I believe the findings
19
     from the CalPERS audit.
20
              Okay. And what years were the CalPERS audit? Do
         Q
21
     you know?
              I -- honestly, I do not know.
22
                Do you know if it covered the years 2018
23
        Okay.
     to '19?
24
25
              I do not know.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Let's see here. Okay.
 2
     going to -- I'm on Exhibit -- let's see here.
 3
     apologize. I scrolled up to Exhibit 1 in the -- in
 4
     Respondent's exhibits, which is B-1, now on page B10 --
 5
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. B-1?
 6
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Exhibit B-1. Respondent's
 7
     Exhibit B-1, and I'm page B10 within that exhibit.
              (Exhibit B-1 was displayed)
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 9
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: We'll -- we'll -- we'll
10
     need to identify this. I don't have anything to identify
11
     it.
12
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Of course.
13
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What -- what is the
14
     CaseLines page number?
15
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: This is Respondent's --
16
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
                                    Oh.
17
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: -- evidence, Exhibit B-1, page --
18
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: (Audio interference) B-1;
     is that right?
19
20
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Exhibit B-1. That's at
21
22
     page B1.
23
              And how shall we describe this, Ms. Morenz?
24
         MS. MORENZ: This is -- actually, we talked about this
25
     exhibit yesterday. It's the final audit with excerpts
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1
     relevant to Tustin.
 2
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. Final audit
     with?
 3
 4
         MS. MORENZ: With -- with excerpts that are relevant
 5
     to Tustin. So --
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh. So it's --
 6
 7
         MS. MORENZ: Yesterday, we talked about the full audit
 8
     report. This one is --
 9
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Excerpts?
10
         MS. MORENZ: Yes.
11
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.
12
              Okay. Exhibit B-1 starts at CaseLines page B1,
13
     and it is excerpts on the full audit report, excerpts
14
     regarding Tustin.
15
              Go ahead, please.
16
              (Respondent's Exhibit B-1 was marked for
17
         identification by the Administrative Law Judge.)
18
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. I was looking
19
     at page B10 within this document, Your Honor.
20
     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
21
              And, Mr. Stine, if you could read to yourself the
         0
22
     first sentence of this last paragraph here. And I've
23
     highlighted it here for you (indicating).
24
         Α
              Okay.
25
              Just let me know when you're done.
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1 I'm done. Yeah. Α 2 Q Okay. So ba- -- based on this language in this 3 document, it appears that the audit period was 2012 4 through 2017; is that correct? 5 It appears that way. Yes. 6 Okay. And so the email -- which Exhibit am I 7 looking for? 11. I'm sorry. The email then with the 8 number of days in a year or a month, here, appear to be 9 for different years than at least was part of the subject 10 audit; right? 11 Α Yes. 12 Okay. Do you know if the amount of days in a --Q 13 in a district month for Tustin was the same or different 14 during the audit period? 15 The -- well, I -- I'm not aware of them changing Α 16 that any time in the -- in the distant past. So this number, even though it says 2018/19, is -- it's -- it's 17 18 fairly stagnant. District, typically, do not change their 19 hours or days ever. I mean --20 Q Okay. -- it has to be negotiated so it doesn't change.22 21 So... 23 Okay. So these numbers just, regardless of the 24 District, generally -- generally base on negotiations or 25 collective bargaining agreements?

Α

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Typically, yes.
 2
              Okay. Do you know if CalPERS is listed on those
 3
     negotiations?
 4
         Α
              I -- I don't think so. No.
              Okay. And you said in your testimony you're not
 5
 6
     aware of any CalPERS law that would indicate your
7
     requirement for the 173-hour conversion. Do you remember
8
     that?
9
         Α
              Yes.
10
              Are you aware of any law that -- that says the
11
     168 hours a month should be the conversion or equivalent
12
     number of hours in a month?
13
         Α
              No.
14
              And how about a law for the 21 days? Are you
15
     aware of one for that?
16
         Α
              I am not.
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. I'm going to take you back to,
17
18
     I believe, the CASBO documents. And I'm showing now
19
     Exhibit B-9, begins on B114 onto 1115. And then let's see
20
     here. B116 lists the classified factors, daily rate
2.1
     factors.
22
              (Exhibit B-9 was displayed)
23
     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
24
              Do you see that?
         Q
25
              Yes, sir.
         Α
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1
              Okay. And when did you come to learn of this
 2
     1999 document?
              It's -- I've -- I quess, when I started nine
 3
         Α
     years ago. Something about that. Yeah. That's -- it's
 4
 5
     in my -- my bookshelf, so...
 6
              So when you started this position, you didn't
 7
     just read the most recent CASBO? You read all the way
 8
     back to whatever was on your bookshelf?
 9
              Well, to be honest, I -- I have a couple, and --
         Α
10
     and one of them is this far back. So yes. Yeah.
1 1
              Okay. And in -- in this daily rate factors, it
     does include the 21.67 recommen- -- and it says
12
13
     recommended by it -- "factor." Do you see that?
14
              Yes, I do.
         Α
              So it's not out of left field when CalPERS's
15
16
     audit finding wa- -- wanted the 1 21.67 to be the daily
17
     da- -- the daily days in a month?
18
         Α
              It -- is out of left field? I mean, is it -- is
     it a foreign concept? No, it is not.
19
20
              Okay. And so the 173.33 isn't a foreign concept
         Q
21
     either, is it?
22
              No, it is not.
         Α
              Do you know from your experience with Tustin
23
24
     Unified why -- why that number might be used, just in your
25
     own words?
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1
              The 21 days?
 2
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm --
 3
        MR. GLAUBERMAN: 173.33.
 4
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm -- I'm sorry. Did --
     did you ask whether, based on his experience with Tustin,
 5
 6
    he knows something about this?
7
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I apologize, Your Honor. And I
8
    misspoke. It was the Orange County Office of Education.
9
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks.
10
         THE WITNESS: So are --
11
    BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
              So all --
12
         Q
13
              -- you asking me based -- can you -- I'm sorry.
14
     Can you ask me that again?
15
              Of course. And I apologize. Based on your
16
     experience, do you know why the 173.33 is recommended? At
17
     least in the CASBO.
18
              Well, I mean, it -- it defines it right here with
     the calculation. It's -- it seems to be the, I guess,
19
20
    based on the 52-week here. I mean, so yes. I mean, I do
21
     know why it's recommended.
22
              Okay.
         Q
23
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And -- and why is that?
24
         THE WITNESS: Because of the 52 weeks a year. So
25
     it -- like, the calculation states 40 hours times 52
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1
     divided by 12. You get 173.33.
 2
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: But why do you recommend
 3
     that one as opposed to of the others?
 4
         THE WITNESS: Well --
 5
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is it beca- --
 6
         THE WITNESS: I mean --
 7
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is it beca- --
8
         THE WITNESS: Let me -- let me just --
9
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- or is it because --
10
              (Simultaneous crosstalk interrupted by the
11
     Stenographer)
12
         THE STENOGRAPHER: One at a time, please.
13
         THE WITNESS: I apologize. So it -- I -- I just
14
    wanted to say, OCDE is not recommen- -- it's not -- this
     is CASBO recommendation. It's not an OCDE recommendation.
15
16
     It's -- this is CASBO, so...
17
    BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
18
              Well, do you have any reason to believe -- any
         Q
     reason to know why CASBO recommended this?
19
20
              It's -- I mean, it -- it is fairly common.
         Α
2.1
     But it's probably the most common, but it's -- but it's
22
    not the only factor used.
23
              Understood. And -- and you -- you serve on CASBO
         Q
24
     right now in one capacity or another; is that correct?
25
              I serve on a legislative committee. Yes.
         Α
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1
              Okay. And in that legislative committee, do you
 2
     deal with the daily rate factors at all that are
 3
     recommended?
 4
         Α
              Not -- not in that committee. No.
 5
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. Going to stop sharing real
 6
             One second, please. I'm going to bring up B-12,
7
     which is on B267. And I'm going to share my screen with
8
     you.
9
              (Exhibit B-12 was displayed)
10
     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
11
              Do you see it, sir?
         Q
12
         Α
              Yes, sir.
13
              All right. And CalPERS isn't referenced anywhere
         Q
14
     in this document, are they?
15
         Α
              No.
16
         Q
              Okay.
17
              They're not.
         Α
18
              And does the -- to the best of your knowledge, it
19
     doesn't look like -- or to the -- to -- on the face, this
20
     letter doesn't look like it consulted CalPERS about
21
     anything included in the letter, does it?
                   It -- it does not indicate that. No.
22
23
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. I think that is all I have for
24
     you. Thank you, sir.
25
         THE WITNESS: No problem.
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1
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ms. Morenz, further direct?
 2
         MS. MORENZ: I have just one question. I'm going to
 3
     share District's Exhibit 11. CaseLine page --
 4
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And that's B-11?
 5
         MS. MORENZ: -- B264. So B-11, page B264.
 6
              (Exhibit B-11 was displayed)
 7
8
                       REDIRECT EXAMINATION
9
    BY MS. MORENZ:
10
              Okay. Mr. Stine, looking at this document, what
         Q
     is the most common daily rate factor used in Orange County
11
     school districts during the fiscal year 2018 to do -- to
12
13
     2019?
14
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Objection, Your Honor. The document
15
     speaks for itself.
16
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Sustained.
17
         MS. MORENZ: Okay. I have no further questions.
18
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there any reason
19
    Mr. Stine should not be released?
20
         MS. MORENZ:
                      Nope.
        ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman?
21
22
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Nothing further, Your Honor.
23
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there any reason he
2.4
     should not be released?
25
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No, Your Honor. I'm sorry.
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1
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Stine, we thank you
 2
     very much, sir, and you're released. You're welcome to
 3
     sign off. You're also welcome to stay and observe, if you
 4
     prefer to do that. Thank you, sir.
 5
         THE WITNESS: Thank you.
 6
         MR. GLAUBERMAN:
                         Mr. Stine.
 7
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What's next from the school
 8
     district?
 9
         MS. MORENZ: Your Honor, I would like to call Anthony
10
     Soria. Let me see if he can get on.
11
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
12
         MR. SORIA: Good morning.
13
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Soria?
14
         MR. SORIA: Yes.
15
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Good morning, sir.
16
         MR. SORIA: Good morning.
17
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Not sure why we can't see
18
     you. Do you have --
19
         MR. SORIA: Oh, hold on a second. Hold on. I need
20
     to --
21
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
                                   Okay.
22
         MR. SORIA: -- pull up my lid there on my screen.
23
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh. Very well. Thank you
24
     very much.
25
         MR. SORIA: Yep.
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1
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Mr. Soria, I'm
 2
     going to administer an oath to you.
 3
         MR. SORIA: Okay.
 4
 5
                           ANTHONY SORIA,
 6
     called as a witness, and having been first duly sworn by
 7
     the Administrative Law Judge, testified as follows:
 8
 9
         THE WITNESS: Yes.
10
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: State your name, please,
11
     and spell it for the record.
12
         THE WITNESS: Anthony Soria. A-N-T-H-O-N-Y,
13
     S-O-R-I-A.
14
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well.
15
              Miss- -- Ms. Morenz?
16
         MS. MORENZ: Thank you.
17
18
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
19
     BY MS. MORENZ:
20
              Good morning, Mr. Soria.
         Q
21
         Α
              Okay. Good morning.
22
              Where do you work?
         Q
23
              Tustin Unified School District as a Chief
         Α
     Financial --
24
         Q
25
              And what did --
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1 -- officer. 2 Okay. How long have you been in the position of Chief Financial Officer? 3 I've been Chief Financial Officer for about 4 Α 11 years, and, before that, I was Director of Business 5 6 Services for another ten years with the District. So I've 7 been with the District for about 21 years. 8 Okay. And can you describe your general duties Q as Chief Financial Officer of the District? 9 10 Yes. I oversee all business operations. So that Α includes budgeting, finance, accounting, maintenance 11 12 operations, purchasing, and payroll, as well as 13 facilities. And I also have responsibility over just, you 14 know, working on all major financial issues. So that 15 includes also being an active participant with the -- with the unions in regards to bargaining. So I'm an active 16 member of the bargaining units with regards to Teachers 17 TEA, CSCA with classified staff, SIZMA (phonetic) with the 18 19 supervisory staff, and also our management team, 20 TIZ (phonetic). 21 Okay. Can you elaborate a little bit more on 22 your involvement with negotiating salary schedules for 23 district employees? 24 Α So yes. So I'm, you know, I'm an active member 25 of the par- -- that participates on the bargaining unit

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1 with the bargaining unit. So in terms of setting the 2 salaries schedule for the following year. So we negotiate 3 that every year. And in the course --THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry. There's some feedback, 4 and I can't hear him quite well. 5 6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, anyone who's not 7 speaking, please mute. 8 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah. So as active member of the bargaining -- the bargaining team from the District side, 9 10 we negotiate salaries every year. And that would incorporate, you know, setting the salary schedule for the 11 12 following year. BY MS. MORENZ: 13 14 Okay. And does the District have separate salary Q 15 schedules for hourly versus monthly classified employees? 16 Yes, we do. So we -- we set that up and -- and 17 then they're set for each of the different categories, 18 monthly and -- and the hourly. 19 All right. How long has it been the District's 20 practice of having a separate hourly versus monthly pay schedule for classified employees? 2.1 22 To my knowledge, I mean, all of my time with the 23 District, we've -- we've managed it that way. So it's

been ever since I've been around. And I would think for a

lot longer before that. But that's been a well

1 established practice. 2 Okay. So it's been a practice for at least 3 21 years? 4 Α Absolutely. Yes. Okay. And what is your understanding of the 5 6 relationship between the hourly and monthly salary 7 schedules for the classified employees? 8 So our air way rates are established based on the Α monthly divided by 168 days. We have recognized that if 9 10 you calculate that out in terms the hourly pay, that it's actually higher than a monthly rate would be. And so 11 we've negotiated that. That's always been part of the 12 13 process and well understood by -- by everybody on the 14 negotiation team. 15 Okay. If the District were to negotiate with 16 TSCA and make a change to the relationship between these 17 two salary schedules, for example, by increasing the pay 18 of monthly employees to equate to the rate of hourly 19 employees, what type of impact would that have on the 20 District? 21 Well, first of all, just to understand, we --22 when we negotiate, typically, we do, like, a "me too" with 23 all of the bargaining units. So what we increase 24 one bargaining unit --25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. If they --

"typically, we do a" what?

THE WITNESS: When we negotiate an agreement, a salary increase, with the bargaining units, whoever they may be, it's usually, like, on a me too basis. So everybody essentially, gets the same amount. So that has been a practice in all my time that I've been here. And so that's what we do.

And so, consequently, if we were to increase any one bargaining unit by an amount, we would be pressured and, you know, about that increase impacting them. And so with regards to this particular situation, the differential would be essentially about 3 percent, which would be an overall impact of about \$5,000,000 if we were to implement that across the board among all the -- the units.

So it would have a severe financial impact on -- on the overall operations if it were to be taken across the board.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me -- give me a second, please.

THE WITNESS: Sure.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: When you say "it would have a severe impact," remind me of what the "it" was.

THE WITNESS: Well, the cost of \$5,000,000 above and beyond what was -- what was paid. If we were to -- if we

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     were to increase one group, there would be a significant
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     amount of pressure to increase the other groups with
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     similar amount of pay. That's been our practice.
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              And so --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You're talking about
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     increasing salary. Is that --
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         THE WITNESS: Salary.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- what it is?
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         THE WITNESS: Yes.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is it -- do you distinguish
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     between payrate and salary?
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         THE WITNESS: With regards to impact to the budget?
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     No. I mean, an increase in the -- in the payrate would --
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     would increase that employee bargaining unit's amount
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     which would then translate to, potentially, increases to
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     other, which would have an impact to the budget.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. But when -- when --
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     when you talk about "it having a severe impact
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     financially, " you're --
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         THE WITNESS: Yes.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- talking about increasing
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     salaries; right?
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         THE WITNESS: Correct.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second.
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         THE WITNESS: Sure.
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1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 2 BY MS. MORENZ: Prior to the current audit, during your 20 plus 3 0 4 years of service with the District, did CalPERS, at any 5 time, suggest that that -- the District's practice of 6 maintaining two separate salary schedules, one for 7 monthly, one for hourly, was incorrect? 8 Α No. No. Okay. Can you tell me how the districts stay up 9 10 to date on CalPERS legal requirements? We primarily work with County Office of Education 11 in getting guidance. You know, they're our liaison in 12 13 working with PERS and STRS, by the way. And so with any 14 reporting requirements and so forth, we work through the 15 County. And so we seek our -- our guidance from the County. And that's where a lot of our information comes 16 17 from, as well as our research. But, primarily, it's 18 through the county. 19 And, to your knowledge, was OCDE aware of the 20 District having two separate salary schedules, one for 21 hourly, one for monthly? 22 They -- they -- they've been aware. Yeah. 23 mean, I know that there was some correspondence. A letter 24 that was submitted to the County to get their direction

and the input on back in 2007. And so that, you know --

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so the -- since then, I know, at least that they have been
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     well aware of -- of the differences in the two and how
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     it's set up.
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         MS. MORENZ:
                     Okay. I'm going to pull up District's
     Exhibit 12.
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         THE WITNESS: Okay.
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         MS. MORENZ:
                      This is B-12 starting at B266.
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     mi- -- mister -- oh, wait. I haven't shared yet.
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              (Exhibit B-12 was displayed)
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     BY MS. MORENZ:
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         Q
              Okay. Can you see the screen?
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         Α
              Yeah.
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         Q
              Okay.
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              If you can make it bigger, it would be better.
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         Q
              Okay.
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         Α
              Yeah.
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              Is -- is this the letter that you were just
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     referring to?
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                    Yeah. Yeah. That letter was addressed to
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              Yes.
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     my predecessor, Brock Wagner, and I recall in -- in
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     conversations and -- and negotiations, it became a point
     of -- of discussion.
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              And if you look -- if you look at the bottom of
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     the letter where it's copied to, you'll see that it's
     copied to Bob Tucker -- Robert Tucker. And he is -- he
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1 was the lead CSEA negotiator for the District at the time. 2 And so this was a conversation that was had between the 3 County office and the school district as well as with the 4 inclusion of the CSEA representative from the State to the 5 District in our negotiations process. 6 Let me get that to clarify. Yes. 7 And subsequent to receiving this letter Q Okay. from OCDE, did OCDE ever inform the districts that it 8 9 should stop using the 21-day factor? 10 No. It wasn't. I mean, and there was a Α conversation about that. And as I know it, I've had other 1 1 conversations with other districts as well, that they've 12 done that as well, and that has not been raised as a 13 14 concern or admission. 15 MS. MORENZ: Okay. Thank you. I have no further 16 questions for this witness. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman? 17 18 THE WITNESS: He's on mute. 19 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Sorry about that. 20 THE WITNESS: No problem. Thanks for -- thanks for 2.1 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yeah. 22 letting me know. I, you know, talk a lot during these 2.3 Zoom meetings. But anyways. 2.4 /// 25 ///

1 CROSS-EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 3 Q What I was saying was the -- the evidence has 4 been pretty clear that the District maintains two pay schedules for its classified employees. And that -- that 5 6 was your testimony earlier; right? 7 Α Correct. So who -- who -- who does the District maintain 8 the hourly pay schedule for? 9 10 You know, I don't have the specific breakdown, Α but -- for the hourly employees. And when we're talking 11 about this particular case, our -- our classified group, 12 13 I -- I would defer in terms of the expertise of knowing 14 the groups, I would defer to them in terms of the 15 specifics. But I -- of particular groups. But we do have 16 an hourly group and we have --17 Do -- do you have any idea of what the 18 distinction is between the two? 19 With regards to the rate of pay? Α 20 The hourly versus monthly. Q Yeah. One is hour and one is month. 2.1 Α In terms of need or in terms of -- of I'm not sure -- huh? 22 23 The what. The why -- or -- or strike that. Q 24 The who. You know, who's going to be on the 25 hourly? Who's going to be on the monthly? Do you have

1 any idea, based on your experience, of what different 2 groups they would be for? 3 I haven't delved into those specifics. Α Q So you -- so you -- so you have no idea? 4 5 Α I would say I don't have any specifics with 6 regards to the different groups. Right. 7 Okay. You also said that, you know, changing to be all hourly would be -- one pay schedule that's hourly 8 9 would cost \$5,000,000, ballpark, to the District? 10 So what I said was, is that there's a Α 11 differential --12 I can't see your face, so if you can just to 13 the right. Perfect. Thank you. 14 So -- so what I said is the differential in -- in 15 the pay is about 3 percent. And if you were to 16 extrapolate that based on our -- our past practice and our 17 relationship to our unions, we have been pretty much 18 consistent when we give an increase to one group versus 19 the other, that -- that we do that. 20 And if that were the case, that 3 percent 21 increase would arrive to about \$5,000,000. And so that 22 would be the -- the financial impact. It would -- it 23 would create, at a minimum, a very much of a -- of a 24 serious conversation with the unions and discussing that

impact to one group versus the other.

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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, please.
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         THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So let me make sure I
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     understand this.
         THE WITNESS: Go ahead.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: If -- if you changed all of
 7
     the monthly employees to hourly, that would increase your
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     budget by 3 --
         THE WITNESS: Five million --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: -- percent of -- by 3
     percent of what you now pay the monthly employees?
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         THE WITNESS: Correct.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is that it?
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         THE WITNESS: Correct.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks.
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     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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              Do you know how the District calculates overtime
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     compensation for its employees, sir?
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              The specifics in terms of parameters, I would
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     say, no, I'm not going to admit to that. No.
                                                    That -- I
21
     don't have the specifics on that.
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              Okay. So it's never been your duties within the
23
     District to have anything to do with overtime compensation
     calculations?
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              In terms of the specific calculations; correct.
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                         Okay.
                                 I am going to direct you to
         MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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     Exhibit -- CalPERS Exhibit 12. And I'm going to pull it
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     up on my screen you don't have to do the work.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So the --
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Done with --
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: This -- this is A-12?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: A-12. Yes, Your Honor. I'm on --
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     A367 is the cover page, and then A368 is the 2013/14
 9
     salary schedule.
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              (Exhibit A-12 was displayed)
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     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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              Do you see that, sir?
         Q
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         Α
              Yeah.
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              All right. And so I'm going to highlight
         Q
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     something (indicating) because, you know, I -- I think
     we're get -- we're dealing with Step 36 with this
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     individual, so we're just going to use that for
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     consistency purposes. Do you see that?
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         Α
              Yes.
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              Okay. And so if we go down to Step 36 on this
     next page, which is the classified hourly schedule for
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     2013 and '14, Step 36 -- and if you need me to enlarge, I
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     will.
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              That would be good.
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                                   Thanks.
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              I know sharing screen can complicate and doing
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     all that. So I got 36. And just the far-right column is
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     $23.26 an hour. Do you see that?
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              Yes, I do.
              Okay. And it's your testimony that the person,
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         Q
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     Step 36, 23.26 would, on average, get 3 percent more in
 6
     earnings from the -- from the District? Is that what you
 7
     were saying?
              It's that -- it's that -- is that the hourly rate
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         Α
     or is that the monthly rate?
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              This is the hourly rate.
         Q
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         Α
              So --
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              This is the hourly salary schedule.
         Q
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              Yeah. So the -- though, the point would be, is
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     that the monthly would be higher -- get the higher pay
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     because, as I understand it, this rate of pay is,
16
     essentially, if you were to extrapolate that over a
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     one-month period of time, a person would work a full
     amount -- a full amount, that would extrapolate to about
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     3 percent more than what the monthly person would be paid.
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              And so if you were to increase the monthly pay,
     it would be 3 percent more. So if you do --
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              Can you do a --
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         Α
              -- one --
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              (Simultaneous crosstalk interrupted by the
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     Stenographer)
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: One at a time, please.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Just a basic calcula- -- I apologize.
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     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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              And I -- I believe you saying "3 percent," but I
     just want to know how -- how you came up with that number.
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              In terms of -- of the actual rate of pay because
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     the amounts that -- that I've been told and also working
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     with Nam -- Nam with regards to that amount, it's been
 9
     about 3 percent. So when you -- so when you --
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              Go ahead. I'm sorry.
              -- calculate that amount based on the --
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12
     comparing the -- the -- the month -- the hourly rate of
13
     pay to the monthly rate of pay, it would be, essentially,
14
     a 3 percent increase if you were to work the whole month.
15
              So you got that 3 percent number from somebody
            Is that what you're saying?
16
     else.
17
              Absolutely. Yes.
         Α
18
              Okay. So it's just hearsay then, the 3 percent
         Q
19
     number. You have no --
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         Α
              No.
21
         Q
              -- basis to --
22
              Well, no.
         Α
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              (Simultaneous crosstalk interrupted by the
24
     Stenographer)
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: Let him -- please let him finish
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     his question.
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         THE WITNESS: So --
         THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry. I need the question
 3
     said --
 4
         THE WITNESS: -- just so it's clear.
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: -- again.
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         THE WITNESS: Okay. You want to ask the question
 8
     again?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yeah.
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     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
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              It's -- you're not basing that on your own
12
     calculations then. It's hearsay; right?
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         Α
              I will say I'm -- I'm basing it on an expert,
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     who's my director, who is providing me that, basically,
15
     what I rely on. Yes. So -- so now --
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              So -- so your testimony is not based on your own
17
     calculation then?
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         Α
              Correct.
19
         Q
              Okay.
20
         Α
              Yeah.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, CalPERS moves to strike
     the testimony of this witness as it relates to the
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23
     calculations relating to cost of the District.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I will take note that that
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     was based on hearsay, and it can be used only to
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     supplement or explain non-hearsay evidence. But there may
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     be non-hearsay evidence regarding that point, and if there
 3
     is, I will then use it as hearsay. But it's in evidence
     as hearsay only.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Of course. Thank you, Your Honor.
 6
              I'm not sure if I have anything else for you,
 7
     sir.
 8
              One second.
 9
              I have no more questions for you.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ms. Morenz, further direct?
         MS. MORENZ: I do have just a couple of questions.
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                       REDIRECT EXAMINATION
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     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              So we talked about this 3 percent dif- --
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     differential. It -- is it your understanding that the
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     3 percent differential was calculated based on what
18
     CalPERS was asking the District to do in the audit
19
     finding?
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              Correct.
         Α
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second, please.
22
              Thank you.
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         MS. MORENZ: Let me get to an exhibit.
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         THE WITNESS: Jacqui, if I can clarify?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I beg your pardon?
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         THE WITNESS: Oh, Jacqui. I was saying. Can I -- I
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     want to just clarify that the -- the estimate of -- of the
     $5,000,000 on 3 percent. I know this 3 percent equates to
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 4
     $5,000,000. I'm relying on my director who does the
 5
     calculation, but the amount of the increase is 3 percent.
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     So to clarify that with regards to what I'm, you know,
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     referring to, is that that 3 percent increase in -- in --
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     in that category, based on what I'm told, would equate to
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     $5,000,000. Just so I was clear.
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        ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes.
                                          That -- that was my
11
     understanding that the hearsay was the 3 percent.
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         THE WITNESS: Correct.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Very well.
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         THE WITNESS: Okay.
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         MS. MORENZ: Okay. Let me -- I'm going to bring up
16
     District's Exhibit 1, page B11. This is the final audit
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     report.
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              (Exhibit B-1 was displayed)
19
     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              And so miss -- Mr. Soria, is it your
         Q
21
     understanding, through the audit finding for, CalPERS is
22
     suggesting that this employee should have been paid
23
     $3,915.60?
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         Α
              Mm.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm -- I'm going to object, Your
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             This document speaks for itself. And it -- I
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     think the question misstates what the document says.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, yes, I know that.
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     But the question is not objectionable. The question is
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     what was his understanding of this.
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              Your understanding is that point number 4 is a
 7
     direction from CalPERS -- what was your testimony? That
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     they should pay her more?
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         THE WITNESS: Cor- -- yes. Yes. That's -- that's my
10
     understanding.
11
     BY MS. MORENZ:
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              Okay. And if I suggested to you that this
         Q
     employee was paid by the District $3,785, would it be
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14
     accurate to say that there's -- the 3 percent differential
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     that you arrived at was the difference between paying this
     individual $3,785 versus the $3,915 that CalPERS is
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17
     suggesting she should have been paid?
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         Α
              Correct.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Objection. Compound and leading.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well --
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         THE WITNESS: It's okay.
                                   That was --
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, objection. Compound and
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     leading.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. It was leading.
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     That's sustained. I don't know that it was compound.
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1 Sorry. 2 So give me those figures again. 3 MS. MORENZ: Okay. So this employee was paid \$3,875. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. MS. MORENZ: I believe that's the calculation that 5 would take out longevity. 4,022 minus... 6 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So the employee was paid 8 \$3,785. We get that from making the deduction from 9 \$4,022; right? 10 MR. MORRISON: You -- Your Honor, just one quick point 11 of clarification. I believe it's \$3,795. 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. And we get that the from making the deduction of \$4,000 -- is it 4,002 or 1.3 14 \$4,022? 15 MS. MORENZ: \$4,022. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. And your question 16 17 assume that PERS was saying that she should have been paid \$3,915. Now the PERS witnesses say that's not what this 18 means at all. But the witness say, yes, it was his 19 20 understanding that the first figure was what she paid and 21 that PERS was saying she should have been paid the \$3,915. 22 All right. I get it. 23 THE WITNESS: Correct. Okay. 24 MS. MORENZ: Okay. I have no further questions for 25 this witness.

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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Any further cross,
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    Mr. Glauberman?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No questions, Your Honor.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there any reason that
 4
    Mr. Soria should not be released?
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 6
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No reason, Your Honor.
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        MS. MORENZ: No reason.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Soria, you're released,
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     sir. You're welcome to sign off. You're also wel- --
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         THE WITNESS:
                       Thank you.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You're also welcome to stay
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     and observe if you'd prefer to do that, and we thank you
13
     very much.
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         THE WITNESS: Okay. I'll -- I'll -- I'll go ahead and
15
     leave.
            Thank you.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What's next, Mr. Morrison?
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         MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, we have -- we have one more
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     witness. My thought would be to perhaps start with her
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     after lunch. We also have some exhibits that -- request
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     for official notice on both sides that we -- that we need
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     to work through.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
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23
     fine. Why don't -- are we going to have plenty of time to
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     finish up today?
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         MR. MORRISON: I -- I think we are on track to finish
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1 today. I -- I just, you know, in terms of, kind of, a 2 rough estimate, I -- I think I'll be able to get through 3 with my next witness on -- on direct and maybe -- maybe an 4 hour. 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. MR. MORRISON: Something along those lines. 6 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Very well. So let -- ask you to return at 1:00 o'clock, please. 8 9 (Lunch recess) 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. On the record, 11 please. 12 Mr. Morrison, who is your next witness? 13 MR. MORRISON: District calls Nam Nguyen. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Good afternoon, Ms. Nguyen. 15 MS. NGUYEN: Good afternoon. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm going to administer an 17 oath to you. 18 19 NAM NGUYEN, 20 called as a witness, and having been first duly sworn by 21 the Administrative Law Judge, testified as follows: 22 23 THE WITNESS: I do. 24 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: State your name, please, 25 and spell it for the record.

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         THE WITNESS: Nam Nguyen. N-A-M. Last name is
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     N-G-U-Y-E-N.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
                                    Thank you.
 4
              Mr. Morrison.
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. Thank you, Your Honor.
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 7
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
 8
     BY MR. MORRISON:
 9
              Ms. Nguyen, what is your -- who is your current
         Q
10
     employer?
11
              Tustin Unified School District.
12
              And what is your position with the -- with the
13
     District?
              I'm a Senior Director of Business Services.
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         Α
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              All right. And how long have you been in that
         Q
     position?
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         Α
              Six years.
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              All right. And then, prior to working for
         Q
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     Tustin, where did you work?
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              I was at Fullerton Joint Union High School
         Α
21
     District for 15 years.
22
              And what was your position there?
         Q
23
              Senior -- I mean, Director of Fiscal Services
         Α
24
     there.
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              Okay. And so at Tustin Unified as the Senior
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Director of Business Services, what are -- what are your 1 2 general duties? I oversee our Payroll Unit, and I -- which 3 Α includes, you know, overseeing all the certificate and 4 5 classified payroll, meeting with staff, going over all the 6 changes with -- relating to the payroll system, any kind 7 of Bargaining Unit agreement increase, retro and -- and 8 then also handling the budget that's District's budget and 9 the accounting area. 10 Okay. And does the District have separate salary 11 schedules for classified hourly and monthly employees? 12 Α Yes. 13 And how long has that been the case? Q 14 Has always been like that ever since I've been Α 15 here. Okay. And does the District collectively bargain 16 Q 17 its hourly and monthly salary schedules? 18 Α Yes. All right. And are you familiar with how the 19 20 District establishes a -- a ratio between it's monthly 21 salary schedule and it's hourly salary schedule? 22 Α Yes. 23 And -- and how is that ratio calculated or what 24 is that ratio? 25 We start out with a monthly, and we divide it by Α

1 the 21-day average to get the daily and then divide it by 2 8 to get the hourly rate. Can you describe your involvement with the 3 CalPERS audit that we're litigating today? 4 5 I, basically, was the primary person that reviewed the audit and respond to the audit, coordinate 6 7 all the meetings between our Tustin staff, with my staff, 8 and as well as our personnel office, and OCDE, as well as 9 with CalPERS please as well. 10 MS. MORRISON: All right. I'm going to ask Ms. Morenz to assist me in pulling up District Exhibit No. 1, which 11 starts on page B1. And if we can go to -- sorry. 12 I'm 13 waiting for -- I'm hoping to land on page --14 (Exhibit B-1 was displayed) 15 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 16 All right. Ms. Nguyen, do you recognize page B11 as containing finding number 4, the finding that we're 17 18 litigating today? 19 Yes. Α 20 All right. And when you saw this finding, was it 21 immediately apparent to you what CalPERS wanted the 22 District to do in response? 23 No. Not at that time. No. Α 24 Okay. And at some point, did you gain an Q 25 understanding as to what CalPERS wanted the District to

1 do? 2 At some point, yes. Α And -- and -- and what was that understanding? 3 0 What -- what did you -- how did you read this language? 4 5 What did you read this as requiring of the District? 6 Well, increasing the -- our currently monthly 7 rate for that particular sample employees [sic] from her current rate, on the salary schedule, of \$3,795 to 8 9 \$3,915.60. 10 Q Okay. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. Half --11 12 give me a second. 13 You thought it meant that PERS wanted you to 14 increase what? 15 THE WITNESS: The increase the salary the employee --16 that the sample employee salary, which is currently from 17 \$3,795 to \$3,915.60. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Would you give me those 19 figures again? 20 THE WITNESS: From her current salary -- monthly 21 salary of \$3,795 per month to \$3,915.60 per month. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Was the employee retired at 23 the -- the time this was written? 24 THE WITNESS: She required back in 2015. Janua- --January 2015. 25

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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And remind me the -- is
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     this the finding audit report?
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         THE WITNESS: Yes.
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     audit report.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And what was the date of
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     it?
         THE WITNESS: I think it's from 2018, December.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So if she was
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     retired, why would you have thought that PERS wanted you
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     to increase her salary?
         THE WITNESS: No. This was one of the -- no. Not
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     increase. But, basically, they were saying that the
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     employee salary that we paid on a salary schedule was not
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     correct, and it should have been calculated as $3,915.60.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. So -- so
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     you didn't understand that PERS was wanting you to
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     increase her salary. You understood that PERS was saying
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     that you should have paid her $3,915; is that correct?
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         THE WITNESS: Yes.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And so, was the answer to
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     Mr. Morrison's question of, what did you think PERS wanted
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     the District to do?
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         THE WITNESS: It wasn't clear at the time exactly of
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     how they wanted us to handle this.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thanks.
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BY MR. MORRISON:

- Q Ms. Nguyen, when PERS identifies an error as they did in finding number 4, is it your understanding that they want that error to be corrected?
 - A Yes.
- Q Okay. And so if the error here was that

 Ms. Pelleriti was underpaid, what understanding do you

 have, if any, as to how CalPERS would expect that error to

 be fixed?
- A Just like it -- the other errors that we had -- had. There were a total of six of 'em. And so a lot of 'em, they wanted us to go back to -- way back to however when the employee started to, you know, current year.
 - Q And -- and do what? Pay more money?
- A Well, I'm -- I'm not sure at that point. It's just, you know, what they're saying is all the others that we had to go back and fix all of them. And then we report that the errors -- correct the report to them. Send the correct report to them.
- Q All right. And when CalPERS identifies something that they iden- -- as they described as an error in the audit, is the expectation that you will fix that error moving forward?
- A No. Usually, it's always going back -- way back and always, preferably, going back to, you know, when the

1 employee started. 2 Right. But I -- I guess my question is, if they identify an error, are they expecting you to keep making 3 4 that error in future years or are they expecting you to stop making the error and do things they way they're 5 6 telling you to do them in future years? 7 Well, going back and fixing it, and also going Α 8 forward and making sure that the errors are also fixed. 9 Okay. So, here, they're saying the payrate was Q 10 underreported and should have been reported at a higher 11 level; correct? 12 Α Yes. 13 Okay. So with this particular finding, did you 14 have an understanding as to whether they expected you to 15 fix it in the past and also make the -- bring the payrate up to their level in the future? 16 On -- on this particular one, I wasn't sure then. 17 Α 18 We don't know -- 'cause there wa- -- no. I wasn't clear. 19

Q All right. When CalPERS identifies -- when -- when CalPERS issue a finding, and they use one employee as an example, is it your understanding that the audit is limited just to that one person or might it have an impact on other employees in the same situation?

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A It would also have impact on all the employees that are in the same situation. Yes.

Q Okay. So moving forward into the future, is it your -- did you have an understanding as to how CalPERS wanted the pay rates to be reported? Did they want the higher number to be reported or did they want the number on your monthly salary schedule to be reported?

A Did they want the higher -- well, they want the higher number to be reported, and they should also be on the salary schedule.

Q Okay. So -- all right. So, if I understand, what you're saying is you wanted -- is you understood CalPERS to say that you should be reporting the higher payrate that they identified, and that higher payrate should also be the number that was on your monthly salary schedule?

A Yes.

Q Okay. So the impact of that -- would the impact of that be to increase compensation for employees on that monthly salary schedule?

A Yes.

Q Okay. Was there a discussion of an alternative to increasing the monthly salary schedule? For example, decreasing the pay and the hourly salary schedule. Was that ever contemplated?

A It was dis- -- it was discussing it either way whether it would be a monthly or hourly. It was just as

1 long as, you know, basically using their calculation. 2 Okay. And when you say "either way," what do you mean? Did you have a discussion with CalPERS about this 3 4 topic? It was that there were meet- -- meetings about 5 Α this exception and trying to figure out understanding what 6 7 PERS wanted to do. And so it's -- and we were not sure. 8 And so that -- and so it -- the idea was to either fix the 9 salary schedule to meet the -- CalPERS's calculation of 10 the -- you know, the -- using their method. All right. And when you talk about fixing the 11 12 salary schedule using their method, are you talking about 13 increasing the monthly rate on the salary schedule -- in 14 this employee's example, it said \$3,915.60? 15 Α Yes. Okay. Did CalPERS identify an alternative to 16 17 increasing the monthly rate of pay? 18 Α It was either the -- we have well, you know, the hourly salary schedule and we have the monthly. So it's, 19 20 you know, either the monthly or the hourly. 21 Okay. And if you were to--Q That's --22 Α 23 Q Okay. 24 Yeah. As long as it was just using their --Α 25 their, you know, method of, you know, the cal- -- how they

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1 calculate it. 2 Q All right. So one option would be to increase 3 the monthly rate of pay. What -- what other options did CalPERS present to you? 4 Well, just -- just the hourly rate. 5 Α 6 Okay. And would the hourly rate go up or down? Q 7 It would have to go down. Α Okay. So the alternatives CalPERS presented you 8 Q were to increase the monthly pay or decrease the hourly 9 10 pay? 11 Α Right. 12 And -- and when -- when were those presented to Q 13 you, if you recall? 14 It was during -- during our meetings with them at Α 15 the County office with county staff, the conference call, sometime in January of 2019. 16 17 Okay. Now, what kinds of things do you do on a 18 regular basis to make sure that you are keeping up to date 19 on CalPERS laws, and CalPERS re- -- regulations, and other 20 CalPERS requirements? 21 Α We have -- well, we have the County office, and 22 they email us all CalPERS or CalSTRS directives or 23 circulars of the changes from the -- those two pension 24 organizations. And we have district advisory every month.

And so they update all the changes, whether it be the

1 payroll system or it be, you know, a requirements, or 2 things that are new from CalPERS or CalSTRS. 3 Then we always go -- attend different workshops. 4 So, like, the school services of California or CASBO, which tells us, you know, if there -- if there was any 5 6 kind of increases in, like, the employee contribution 7 rates or in -- anything that's new. 8 Okay. And through any of those sources, did it Q ever come to your attention, prior to this audit, that 9 10 CalPERS was requiring use of 177.33 as a ratio for 11 determining employee pay rates? 12 Α No. 13 Okay. You mentioned the Orange County Department 14 of Education. Is that the same thing as the -- the County 15 Office of Education for Orange County? 16 Α Yes. 17 Okay. And would it be accurate to say that the 0 18 County Office of Education, the Orange County Department 19 of Education, is the office for the Orange County 20 Superintendent of Schools? 2.1 Α Yes. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. What was the 23 question? 24 MR. MORRISON: I -- I was asking the witness if the 25 Orange County Superintendent of Schools is if -- is -- if

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1 his office is otherwise known as the Orange County 2 Department of Education. BY MR. MORRISON 3 Miss -- you can answer, Ms. Nguyen. 4 5 Α Oh, yes. And just -- just one point, Your Honor. 6 MR. MORRISON: 7 The -- the County Superintendent Schools is often referred 8 to as the County Office of Education. Here it's -- it got 9 a little bit of a different name. I just wanted to 10 clarify what -- what agency we are talking about because it's not always clear. 11 BY MR. MORRISON: 12 13 All right. So, Ms. Nguyen, what role does the Q 14 Orange County Department of Education, the office of the 15 County Superintendent of Schools, play with respect to -to -- to the District reporting, you know, acco- --16 17 what -- well, let me rephrase. 18 What -- what role does OCDE play with respect to 19 the District's involvement with CalPERS including 20 reporting all -- all the stuff that we mentioned? 21 Well, the County office is -- is our oversight 22 agency for all the Orange County districts. And many of 23 us use their HR system, and we use their payroll system. 24 And so they would let us know of the schedule -- payroll

schedule, anything that's relating to the HR system, the

1 payroll system. 2 So they create all the coding for us, requirement coding, the tax coding, any kind of retirement codings 3 4 that the -- pertains to CalPERS or CalSTRS on the system. And -- and then they do the -- do the reporting to CalPERS 5 6 and CalSTRS monthly for each of our payroll on behalf of 7 all the districts. 8 Okay. And are they, essentially, acting as a Q 9 liaison between the District and CalPERS and CalSTRS? 10 They -- they have a retirement unit, and Α Yes. they have a compliance unit there that basically -- making 11 sure that they re- -- they have audit reports and -- that 12 13 they review on behalf of the districts and -- and just 14 to -- you know, kind of ma- -- helping districts to catch 15 any kind of errors that -- that -- that they can see from their end -- to -- before they process the payroll. 16 17 Okay. And, at any point, did the Orange County 18 Department of Education inform Tustin Unified that you 19 were out of compliance with CalPERS requirements because 20 you weren't using this 173.33 calculation then? 21 Α No. 22 MR. MORRISON: Okay. Let's turn, if we can, to -- and 23 miss -- again, if you can help me pull up Exhibit 8 --24 District Exhibit 8. Okay. We're on page 110. 25 (Exhibit B-8 was displayed)

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     Pelleriti on our -- from our HR system.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Counsel, will you tell me,
     again, what this is -- what exhibit it is?
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         MR. MORRISON: I'm sorry. We are looking at District
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     Exhibit Number 8.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So that's B-8?
        MR. MORRISON: Yes. Well, yes. And it starts on
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     page -- the Bates-stamping, it starts on page, I believe,
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. And how are they
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         MR. MORRISON: These are district pay assignment
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     information for employee Alane Pelleriti.
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        ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: "Pay assignment," did you
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     say?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yes.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And would you spell her
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    name for me again?
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        MR. MORRISON: Yes. The employee's name is -- it's
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     towards the top of the document, Your Honor, but it's --
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     district pay assignment information for Alane Pelleriti.
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              (Respondent's Exhibit B-8 was marked for
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         identification by the Administrative Law Judge.)
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     Tell -- tell me what -- what CaseLines page you're at.
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         MR. MORRISON: I'm sorry. I'm looking at page B110.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.
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     BY MR. MORRISON:
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              Okay. Ms. Nguyen, do you recognize this
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     document?
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              Okay. And what is it?
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     Periti- -- Pelleriti and in -- from our HR system.
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1 It's from 2012/13 school year. 2 All right. And from this document, can you tell Q 3 whether Ms. Pelleriti was employed on an hourly or a 4 monthly basis? 5 She is a monthly employee. Okay. Where do you see that? 6 7 Can you scroll up a little bit 'cause I -- the --Α 8 it's -- okay. So on the left-hand side where it says "pay 9 period type, " it's -- it says it's in monthly. So -- so 10 then what the system does, it would pull the monthly rate 11 into our payroll system. 12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Where do you see -- oh. 13 Pay period type. Give me a second, please. 14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Towards bottom where it says 15 "summary, calculation position FTE." 16 MR. MORRISON: And, Your Honor, there's a -- there's a 17 green square on the Exhibit B. And if you look, 18 there's -- maybe just about a half inch above that, the 19 word "monthly" appears. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. I see that. 21 BY MR. MORRISON: 22 Ms. Nguyen, is that -- is that the box you're 23 referring to? 24 Α Yes.

The one that says "M" and then there's a dash,

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1 and then it says "monthly," and then it looks like there's 2 a little down arrow? 3 Α Yes. Okay. All right. Is there anything else on this 4 Q form that indicates that Ms. Pelleriti was employed on a 5 6 monthly basis? 7 Α Well -- well, basically, the salary schedule placement, it says "CLMO," which is the -- the classified 8 9 monthly salary schedule. 10 And where do you see that? On top of -- where it says the "annual, monthly, 11 daily, hourly." And it's right below where it says actual 12 13 eight hour five hour -- five days a week, 40 hours --14 40 hours a week. Okay. So -- so there's a number of boxes in the 15 16 bottom right of the page. And just to the left of those 17 boxes, you -- the words "base" right below that "ACTL" 18 below that "extra comp," and below that "total." That's 19 the -- that's the area of the document you're looking at 20 right now? 21 I'm looking at right above the an -- the annual. And it says "salary schedule CLMO." And that identifies 22 23 the classified monthly employee salary schedule. 24 So CLMO means classified monthly salary schedule? Q 25 Α Yes.

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              Okay. So this form is telling you that
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     Ms. Pelleriti is employed on a monthly basis, and she's
     paid on the classified monthly salary schedule?
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              Yes.
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              Okay. And it indicates column range 36, step F.
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     Is that where she's paid on the salary schedule?
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     Ms. Pelleriti was employed on a full-time basis?
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              And where do you see that?
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              So above the salary schedule, it has the section
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     where it says "calendar date." And right there under --
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     where it's highlighted, it says "actual." So it's eight
     hours of -- per day, five days a week, 40 hours a week.
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     And it's 209 days. She's a ten-month employee.
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     I believe that's a dollar figure, and that's $3,795. Do
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     you see that?
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              Does that correlate with range 36, step F, of the
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     monthly employee salary schedule for the 12/13 school
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     year?
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1 Α Yes. 2 Q Okay. All right. Let's go to the next page if we can. All right. We're now looking at page B111. 3 4 this, essentially, the same thing just for the next school 5 year? 6 Α Yes. 7 All right. And it looks like the monthly salary Q 8 amount has gone up. Is -- is -- why has that amount gone 9 up? 10 Well, it's based upon the 2013/14 salary Α 11 schedule, so we must have had some -- an increase. 12 Okay. So -- so she got a pay increase as --13 as -- did other employees on the salary schedule? Α 14 Yes. 15 Okay. But everything else is the same? Q 16 Α Yes. 17 Okay. Let's go to the next page if we can. Q 18 right. Looks like this is for, let's see, for a portion 19 of the 2014-year, but all the -- all the data is, 20 essentially, the same as the prior page; correct? Not really. This one is -- is the up -- the 21 Α 22 second half -- well, basically, starting on February on --23 through the end of 2013/14 --24 Okay. Q 25 -- because she had a longevity increase for Α

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     the -- it's the same school year, 2013/14.
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              Okay. All right. So the longevity amount went
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     from -- is that the $274 figure?
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              Yes.
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     monthly amount on the salary schedule for her would have
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     been -- is that the $3,909 figure?
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              Yes.
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              Okay. All right. Then going to the next page of
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     the exhibit if we can? We're on to -- we're moving on to
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     page B113.
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              Is this for the 2014/15 school year?
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     has gone up to $4,046. Is that the same number that would
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     be in column 36, step F, of the salary schedule for that
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     year?
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              Yes.
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              Okay. It looks like the longevity figure is up
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     to $284; is that correct?
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              Yes.
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              All right. And ever -- did anything else change?
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              Well, it ended January of 2015. I think that's
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     when she retired.
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     employed as a mo- -- monthly employee working full-time
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     and paid on the classified month- -- monthly salary
     schedule?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So the longevity increased
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     to $284. Is that what you said?
         THE WITNESS: Yes. It went -- it went from -- from
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     the 2- -- the previous year, 2- -- 274, to 284.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.
         MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, I'm going to move District
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    Exhibit 8 into evidence.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to 8?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No objection, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 8 is in.
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              (Respondent's Exhibit B-8 was received in
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         evidence by the Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. I -- I may be done, Your
     Honor. If you can just give me a minute here -- or so
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     here. I just want to double-check.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Take your time.
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         MR. MORRISON: Well, actually, has District Exhibit 1
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    been moved into evidence? I know we talked about it a
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     lot. I can't recall if we actually --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: It's in evidence.
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1 (Respondent's Exhibit 1 was received in evidence 2 by the Administrative Law Judge.) 3 MR. MORRISON: It is. Okay. All right. All right. No further questions, Your Honor. 4 5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman? MR. GLAUBERMAN: Just a few, Your Honor. 6 7 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION 9 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 10 Ms. Nguyen, during your testimony, I want to make 11 sure I got -- I understood a few things. One, did you 12 state that CalPERS, one of their recommendations for 13 resolution was to reduce the payrate -- or not the 14 payrate, the hourly payrate to the end of the individual 15 as a result of the audit? 16 During our meeting -- dur- -- during our meeting 17 it was, you know, it was discussion back-and-forth, and it 18 was just to -- just to meet with CalPERS's calculation the way they're calculating. And so it was just either one or 19 20 the other. It doesn't matter. So it was just meeting the 2.1 CalPERS -- the 173.33 calculation or... 22 Okay. So one of the options -- your contention 23 is -- that was discussed was to reduce the hourly payrate 24 for the subject reporting? 25 Yes. So it -- it -- in -- in order for the Α

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     monthly to stay where it is and the hour -- if -- to meet
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     that CalPERS's calculation, the reduction would be from
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     the hourly and vice versa.
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     was?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mister -- Mr. Glauberman.
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     The witness agreed with you, but I think your question
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     contained a mistake. One of the discussions you said
     would have been to decrease the salary of the teacher --
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     or the employee we're talking about. Is that what you
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     meant?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I -- I'm just trying to clarify. But
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     de -- decrease the hourly on the -- on the pay -- that's
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     been paid to the individual or something. I was just
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     trying to clarify the earlier testimony because it was
     somewhat unclear to me.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, the -- the --
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     decreasing the hourly rate would not have any effect on
     this woman's salary. She was monthly. Is that correct?
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         THE WITNESS: Is that for me?
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              Yes. Because she's -- she's -- she's on a
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     monthly salary schedule.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Go ahead, please.
     MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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1 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 2 Q So in what context was the decrease into the 3 hourly rate discussed? Was trying to align it along our calculation 4 in -- with CalPERS's calculation. So instead of us --5 6 Q Okay. 7 -- doing the -- do the 21-day, it's basically Α 8 using CalPERS's, you know, the -- their method of, you know 21.667, 173.33, and all of that. 9 10 Okay. Prior to this audit, had you ever had a chance to be familiar with the 21.67 base days in a month 11 12 versus the 21? 13 Ye- -- yeah. So we -- as part of the -- when we Α go -- do the training, that's what they were discussing, 14 15 that were the options. Yes. What training are you talking about? 16 17 The -- all the CASBO trainings, the County Α 18 discussion meetings, and all that. Yes. 19 Okay. There's been some discussion of separate 0 20 salary schedules for the District, hourly and then 21 monthly. Do you recall that? 22 There's a separate salary schedule for the 23 District: Hourly and monthly. Okay. We do have a 24 separate salary schedule for district. Yes. 25 Okay. So why are there -- why is there -- there Q

1 an hourly schedule and then also a monthly salary 2 schedule? What's the difference between their use? 3 One is used for our monthly employee that they work a -- some set amount. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: For what kind of employees? 5 6 What is it? 7 THE WITNESS: Their -- for our classified -- the classified monthly employee who has basically a set amount 8 9 of hours. Like the eight hour, a full-time employee. 10 Whereas our hourly employees, they have to submit timesheets, timecards, on the days that they work for us 11 12 so that way we can pay them. 13 So that's the distinguish between the two. 14 the employee submits the timesheet of the exact day and 15 hours, then -- then we're paying them by the hour versus 16 the monthly. 17 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 18 So does that mean you're paying hourly and Q 19 monthly employees differently? 20 Well, one is paid by the month. The one -- other Α 21 one's paid by the hour. Yes. 22 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. I'm going to bring my screen 23 up real quick and direct you to exhibit -- CalPERS Exhibit 24 11, which begins on A357, and it's on A358. Give me a 25 second here.

1 (Exhibit A-11 was displayed) 2 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. And so this -- does this appear to be a --3 0 4 a district salary schedule for the classified bargaining unit employees from 2012 to '13? 5 6 Α Yes. 7 Okay. And is there any way, just looking at this Q 8 first document, which looks like a list classifications 9 and steps, is there any way to tell if this is hourly or 10 monthly? No. It's -- it's always an attachment to --11 Α 12 there should be an attachment to this one. 13 0 I know. But I -- I understand that. But this 14 page, you can't tell? 15 Α No. It's just -- it tells them what step you're 16 on. 17 Q Okay. 18 Α Okay. 19 And so I'm going to scroll -- scroll down to the 20 next page. And it's also -- it's kind of the same thing. 21 It's a list of positions and steps. Is it -- that's more 22 or less correct? 23 Α Yes. 24 Okay. And I think right here, we've got PE Q 25 equipment person and a Step 36. You see where I'm

1 highlighting (indicating)? 2 Α Yes. 3 And that was the step that the -- the sampled 4 employee was in; correct? 5 Α Yes. 6 Okay. And so the next page -- and I'm, for the 7 record, on A360. This is the salary schedule that is --8 that accompanies those two previous sheets that list the 9 positions and steps; right? 10 Right. Α Okay. And so Step 36, here, is 22.58; is that 11 Q 12 correct? 13 Α Yes. 14 All right. So the PE position at Step 36 from Q 15 the previous page would be paid by this 2,258.75 salary schedule? 16 17 No. Not -- not -- She's not paid an hourly rate. Α 18 She's paid a monthly rate. 19 Okay. Gotcha. And so -- so you would go down to Q 20 the next page, A361, and Step 36, here, 3,795? 21 Α Yes. 22 Okay. Are the monthly people allowed to work Q 23 overtime? 24 Α There are times they do. Yes. 25 How does the District calculate their overtime Q

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     when they work overtime hours?
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              We use the hourly rate to calculate their
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     overtime.
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              Okay. And so even -- does that mean that even
     though the 3,795 is on this monthly pay schedule that
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     their ultimate base pay that their paid by is the hourly
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     rate?
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              Yes.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Give me one second. I don't know if
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     I have any more questions. Actually, one more thing. And
     I'm going to bring up an email that Counsel sent me the
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     other day. So I -- I didn't see it in the exhibits, so I
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     apologize for that. Give me a second here. And we may
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     mark it and put it in depending on what the testimony is.
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     BY MR. GLAUBERMAN:
              Ms. Nguyen, do you -- and is this showing up on
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     your screen? The --
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              Yes.
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              -- email?
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              Yes.
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              Do you recognize -- do you recognize this email?
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         Α
              Yes.
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              And what -- what is this?
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              E- -- email from Kevin Lau to myself and the --
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     the others. The County office and me.
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                     Is -- I know stuff gets shrunken over
              Okav.
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     the -- the sharing of the screen and blurred -- blurry.
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     Are you able to, you know, recall what this email was
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     about?
              I believe it's -- it's the recommendation for --
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              Okay.
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              -- us to -- I think there's an attachment of how
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     Kevin was recommending for us to do the calculation or
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     reporting to CalPERS.
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              Okay. So this was a follow-up email after a
     phone call or meeting everybody had to discuss the audit?
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              Can you scroll? The date -- I think -- yeah.
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     That's probably -- we had a lot of phone calls. Yeah.
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     that -- this may -- yeah. We had a lot of phone calls and
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     meetings.
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              Okay. Gotcha. And so you -- you mentioned an
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     attachment. So I'm scrolling down.
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              Mm-hmm.
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              I'm on the second page, which just a WebEx
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     invite, for the record. And the third page looks like
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     it's a 2016/17 classified bargaining unit employee's
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     sche- -- set salary schedule with steps and positions
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     listed. Do you see that?
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              So it -- so you guys we're looking at a different
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position this time discussing how CalPERS wanted it
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     reported?
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              Okay. Do you know if this is the conversation or
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    meeting that you allege CalPERS discussed reducing pay
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     rates or hourly pay rates for reported emplo- -- hourly
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     employees?
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              No. No. I think this was before that. This is
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     in May.
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                     When was that meeting? Do you know?
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              Okay.
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              It wa- -- I think it was around the time of
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     January of 2019.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. I have no more questions for
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     this witness, Your Honor.
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              Thank you, Ms. Nguyen.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
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                        I have a couple questions, Your Honor.
         MR. MORRISON:
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Morrison, redirect?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yeah. I'll ask Ms. Morenz to pull up
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     CalPERS Exhibit 11.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: This is A-11?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yes. And I'm going to ask to go to
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    page A361.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Tell me again.
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         MR. MORRISON: A361.
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1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you. 2 (Exhibit A-11 was displayed) 3 MR. MORRISON: Okay. We can scroll up to the top just real briefly. 4 5 6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 7 BY MR. MORRISON: 8 All right. Ms. Nguyen, is this the classified Q 9 monthly salary schedule for the 12/13 year? 10 Α Yes. 11 All right. And let's go down to Step 36. 12 36F, the number that's showing is 3,795; correct? 13 Α Yes. 14 All right. And in talking about the sampled Q employee, Ms. Pelleriti, was she be- -- being paid \$3,795 15 for her full-time 40 hours a week assignment regardless of 16 17 the number of days in a given month? 18 Α Yes. 19 Okay. So is this amount, this \$3,795 amount, is 20 that her base pay for her monthly assignment? 21 Α Yes. 22 There was a question -- let's go to Okay. 23 that -- I think the proceeding page of this exhibit. 24 A360. And if we could just go to the very top of the 25 page. Is this the classified hourly schedule for the

1 12/13 year? 2 Α Yes. 3 Okay. And let's scroll down to range 36, if we 4 So 36F towards the far right is denom'd as \$22.58 and some change; correct? 5 6 Α Right. Yes. 7 All right. And there's a question about this Q 8 being the base pay. My question for you is, what was this 9 amount used for with respect to Ms. Pelleriti? This 10 \$22.58 amount. If she was to -- to work overtime, extra hours, 11 or if there was any kind of docking, then we would base 12 13 the -- if -- if there was any hour docking, then we would 14 use the hourly rate to dock. 15 MR. MORRISON: All right. All right. Thank you very 16 much. No further questions. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you, Ms. Nguyen. 18 Mr. Morrison? 19 MR. MORRISON: There's a number of exhibits that I 20 would like to -- I -- I think maybe now is a good time, 21 if -- if that works for Your Honor, to go through some of 22 the exhibits and see if we can get those into evidence. 23 They're essentially exhibits that we're asking that you 24 take judicial -- or official notice. And I think -- I

think most of them are uncontroversial.

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     where I think we may need to have some discussion.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Shall we start
     with Exhibit B-2?
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         MR. MORRISON: No. I'm ac- -- I'm, actually, I -- I
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     think B-2, 4, 5, and 6 are already -- already in evidence
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     as CalPERS exhibits, so I'm not going to worry about
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     those.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm sorry. I -- I'm sorry.
     B-2, 4, 5, those are your exhibits. Are you withdrawing
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     them?
        MR. MORRISON: Yes.
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        ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So B2 is withdrawn.
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        MR. MORRISON: Yeah. Your -- Your Honor, I think 2
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     through 6 are already in evidence, and I'll withdraw
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     those.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. B-7?
        MR. MORRISON: B-7, the portion that we are concerned
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     about is already in evidence as a CalPERS exhibit, so I
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     will withdraw Exhibit 7.
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     ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. That leads us to
     B-13.
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         MR. MORRISON: I will withdraw 13 and 14.
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        ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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        MR. MORRISON: All right. 15 through 20 -- and I can
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     address these individually, if you would like -- are
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     either current copies of government code or California
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     Code of Regulation sections or historic copies from points
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     in the past that are indicated on the documents. They're
     listed in our request for official notice.
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              I believe Mr. Glauberman is -- is willing to
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     admit 15 through 20. I mean, I may be wrong.
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     well, actually, I will make a point on not speaking for
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     Mr. Glauberman.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: For the most part, I don't have
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     issues with any of them. I don't see the relevance of
     some of them. I think Counsel sent email kind of
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     explaining his angle on introducing them from a regulatory
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     and legislative standpoint for CalPERS and CalSTRS. But
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     at the same time --
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         MR. MORRISON: That's -- that's not -- that's not 15
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     through 20. We're not there yet.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Oh, okay. Sorry.
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         MR. MORRISON: 15 through 20 are just Government
     Code -- California Code of Regulation, current and former,
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     kind of a mix current and former statute of regulation.
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     And -- and they're all -- applies to CalPERS exhibit to
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     some extent.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Why don't you
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     tell me what they are.
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. Exhibit 15 is current
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     versions of California Government Code. Exhibit 16 is --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, I'm sorry. What
     sections of the California Government Code?
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         MR. MORRISON: Well, again, give me a second here.
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     I'd probably be better off going to CaseLine. Okay.
     Exhibit 15 starts on page B310, and it has Government
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     Code 20636.1.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Tell me again.
         MR. MORRISON: Sorry. 20636.1. It also has 20962.
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     It also has 20966. It also has 21221, and it has 3543.2.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: These are all Government
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     Code?
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         MR. MORRISON: Correct.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You know, there really is
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     no reason to make these exhibits. I mean, if you will
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     tell me what you want me to take official notice of, I'll
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     take official notice of anything that's in the codes.
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         MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, we were hoping to -- I --
     I -- I -- I understand that there were some older
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     versions.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I was just starting to say.
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     If you have some older versions of things, we probably
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     should make those exhibits. Those -- sometimes, they're
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     difficult for me to find.
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         MR. MORRISON: Yeah. Exhibit 15 is current versions
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     of the code. I do understand we can simply cite to those.
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     I -- I included those kind of as a reference so -- because
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     we're always asking you to take notice of some older
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     versions of the code. And I was hoping to elucidate the
     relevance of those in our -- in our brief.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. Exhibit 16, then, which
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     starts on page B321, has a prior version of Government
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     Code 20636.1.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 20- -- okay.
     above?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yes.
                              20636.1.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second. All
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     right.
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         MR. MORRISON: A prior version of 20962. Okay. A
     prior version of 20966, prior version of 21221, and prior
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     version of 3543.2. These are intended to capture what the
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     law said in that 12/13 year, which was the subject of the
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     audit.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So those were current in
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     12 -- 15 -- in what year?
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         MR. MORRISON:
                        In 12/13.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You mean 2013?
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         MR. MORRISON: I'm sorry.
                                   2012/2013.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
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                       Exhibit 17, I believe goes potentially
         MR. MORRISON:
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     a little further back. And includes historic versions of
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     the Government Code including sections 20636.1, 20962,
     20966, 21221, and 3543.2.
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              All right. Exhibit 18, which starts on B346, has
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     some current versions or some current text from the
 7
     California Code of Regulations.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is this 18?
         MR. MORRISON: 18.
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                                   Started on page --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
                                    Okay.
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         MR. MORRISON: Starting on page B346.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
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         MR. MORRISON: And that includes --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What type of -- we looking
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     at?
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         MR. MORRISON: We're looking at regulations from
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     Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
                                    Thanks.
         MR. MORRISON: Including Sections 599.670,
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     Section 171.1, and Section 570.5.
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              Then Exhibit 19 has an older version of some of
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             It -- Exhibit 19 starts on page B352.
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     historic version of Title 2 California Code of Regulations
     Section 171.1 and Section 570.5.
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              And then I think the last in this series is
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     Exhibit 20, which starts on page B356, and also has an
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     historic version of Title 2 of California Code of
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     Regulations Section 171.1.
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              And we would request that judic- -- sorry -- that
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     official notice -- actually, and, sorry. One more thing.
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     In Exhibit 20, there's also -- let me make sure -- right
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     thing.
             There is also an historic version of Title 2,
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     Section 570.5. And so I would request that official
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     notice be taken of Exhibits 15 through 20.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, I will take official
     notice of old ones. And Exhibit B-16, B-17, B-19, and
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     B-20 are in evidence. Those are the ones that contain
     prior versions. I have no reason for the current versions
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     to be in evidence.
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              (Respondent's Exhibits B-16, 17, 19, and 20 were
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         marked for identification and received in evidence by
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         the Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, if I may, if there is some
     litigation down the road where -- well, all right. Never
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            I'm -- I'm -- I think we're good. I think we're
     mind.
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     good. Okay. Exhibit 25 is the next one I would like to
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     take a look at.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: What happened to 21 to 24?
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         MR. MORRISON: I think we're going to deal -- we --
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we -- I don't -- I don't think we need to get into that.

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There was -- it's -- it's about discovery we don't have.
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     I don't think we have an issue. We're going to -- we're
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     going to discuss it -- that relates to discovery.
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     decided to dispense with that.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Are you withdrawing it?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yeah. I will withdraw 21 through 24.
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              Okay. The next one then is Exhibit 25, which
     starts on page B377. And this exhibit simply consists of
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     calendars for the 2012 calendar year and subsequent
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     calendar years. It shows the number of -- of work days or
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     potential work days in each of those calendar years. I
     think it's relevant to the -- the -- the -- the 173.33
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     formula.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. I will take
     official notice of those.
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. Exhibit 26, there was some
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     testimony on that. I don't know that we need it.
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              Mr. Glauberman, do you want to have 26 in
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     evidence?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I don't think we need it.
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         MR. MORRISON: All right.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 26 is withdrawn.
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         MR. MORRISON: Okay. 27 and 28 are -- are kind of a
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     group. Starting with 27 -- Your Honor, maybe if I could
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     describe them briefly. I -- I -- I did understand
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Mr. Glauberman at one point to have a concern and maybe he doesn't. But 27 and 28 involve -- include a precedential decision from the California State Teachers Retirement System.

Their audits are litigated the same as CalPERS's audits are. They are both, you know, significant, public waiver retirement systems that -- that apply to the school districts. And there's a particular issue that was litigated before CalPER- -- CalSTRS that involved essentially, underground regulations that CalSTRS withdrew.

And we believe that those are relevant in describing the risks that the District would face, you know, in -- in, sort of, complying with what we see as underground regulations being imposed by CalPERS. And so I would just ask Your Honor to take judicial notice or official notice of a CalSTRS precedential decision and a CalSTRS publication that provides a little background clarification relating to the facts in that case.

So the background information is in Exhibit 27, which starts at page B393, and it is, essentially, minutes of a Teachers Retirement Board regular meeting for the California State Teachers Retirement System.

And the next document, Exhibit 28, is a -- which starts on page B398, is a precedential decision issued

1 before the Teachers Retirement Board in the State 2 California. It appears to have been issued on 3 December 5th, 2019, and there is an OAH notice of decision 4 and order in the same case. And there is an OAH proposed 5 decision in the same case. And we would move 27 and 28 6 into evidence. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So B-28 is saying that --8 things the precedential decision by what body? 9 MR. MORRISON: Cal- -- it's by the California State 10 Teachers Retirement System. They have a similar setup where the hearings are conducted by Office of 11 12 Administrative Hearings and then it goes upon appeal to 13 the State Teachers Retirement Board. 14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. 15 MR. MORRISON: And they can designate certain 16 decisions as precedential. And they have done so in -- in 17 this particular case. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Now, what does 19 B-28 tell me? 20 MR. MORRISON: The situation that -- that -- that was 2.1 addressed in B-28 is for many years, the California State 22 Teachers Retirement System provided written guidance to 23 school districts as to how they needed to report 24 compensation and like information. And this publication

was not adopted as a statute or regulation, but it was

1 issued, and it was enforced for many years until it 2 wasn't. 3 And what happened is CalSTRS essentially said, "We're withdrawing this. It's not binding." And if any 4 5 school districts followed what we said, if -- if you 6 actually reported things the way that CalSTRS was telling 7 you, you are potentially subject to audit because the --8 the underlying requirement that applies to school 9 districts is to follow the statutes, follow the 10 regulations. And if we, CalSTRS, are telling you to do 11 something different, then you follow that guidance at your 12 own risk. 13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 14 MR. MORRISON: And it's -- it's -- we think there's 15 some significant parallels to what CalPERS is telling the 16 District to do here, and that's putting the District at --17 at similar risk --18 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. 19 MR. MORRISON: -- and to violate that risk. 20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So I will take official 2.1 notice of B27 and B28. 22 MR. MORRISON: All right. There's just one more 23 exhibit -- I see. Let me first -- okay. Maybe -- maybe 24 two. Exhibit 29 -- no. I'm sorry. I take that back.

Hold on a second here, Your Honor. I'm sorry.

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B-29 is simply our exhibit list. I don't think
we need to enter that as an exhibit. B-30 is where I will
go next. B-30 starts on page B428. And that is our
request for official notice. I -- I don't know that we
actually need that as an exhibit either. That's been
filed.
         There's -- there is one other document in --
        Ms. Morenz, maybe you can assist me here. I'm
looking for our notice of defense. And I am --
    ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I have the notice of
defense.
   MR. MORRISON: I would like that to be an exhibit.
   MS. MORENZ: Yeah. That didn't get added to our index
B, but it is in here just below index B. It also has
index A. Do you want me to share?
    ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: No. It -- has it been
marked as one of your exhibits?
    MS. MORENZ: It's marked as Exhibit 29. But we
haven't admitted it into evidence.
    ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I thought your Exhibit 29
was your exhibit list?
    MR. MORRISON: Yeah. That's what I'm seeing.
me -- let me -- let me refresh CaseLines and see if --
if -- if it's probably -- (inaudible).
   MR. GLAUBERMAN: I have it immediately following
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     Exhibit 30, the request for official notice, there's new
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     pagination, A-1, Notice of Defense. That's where I have
     it.
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         MR. MORRISON: Yeah. That's where I'm seeing it as
     well.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So -- so -- so are we
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     numberings [sic] of B -- B-31?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yeah. If we can. And I don't know if
     we might need to take a couple minutes to do that.
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     it -- well --
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, if you -- if you can
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     upload it, we'll take a couple minutes and let you do
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     that. And then we'll have it.
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         MR. MORRISON: Yeah.
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         MS. MORENZ: Okay.
         MR. MORRISON: I think -- I think that's the last
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     thing that we're looking to do before we wrap up. And are
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     we expecting any additional witnesses at this point or --
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     or --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I don't know. Are we --
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     are you going to have rebuttal evidence, Mr. Glauberman.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Very briefly. Like a ma- -- less
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     than fiver questions, I think.
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         MR. MORRISON: Okay. All right.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Hopefully just one.
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1 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: If you get the answer you 2 want. 3 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Correct. 4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And if I don't interrupt. MR. MORRISON: Your Honor, I -- I think it will take a 5 6 couple minutes to get CaseLines whipped into shape. Would 7 it be okay to take about a five-minute break right now? 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes. MR. GLAUBERMAN: While --9 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: If it's -- yeah. 11 MR. GLAUBERMAN: While we're on this, I -- I think 12 that CalPERS uploaded Exhibits 21 and 22 earlier to 13 CaseLines, which are the -- the CalPERS request for 14 official notice, Your Honor. And then in addition to that 15 is the amended statement of issues as discussed 16 previously. 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: See here. So you had an 18 Exhibit 21? 19 MR. GLAUBERMAN: We added 21, and that's our request 20 for official notice, and that begins on A480. That's the 2.1 pleading. 22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: A480? 23 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. 2.4 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And that's your request for 25 official notice?

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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And does that list the
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     items you're wanting official notice of?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do we need go through them
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     or not?
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I -- I don't think we do. They're
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     all attached with it unless Counsel would prefer I go
     through them. It's -- it's -- some of it's the
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     legislative history behind 20636.1 and CalPERS Board
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     agenda items in support -- or agenda item in support of
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     23636.1 when it was passed in 2000.
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         MR. MORRISON: I don't have an objection, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Exhibit 20 --
     Exhibit A-21 is in evidence.
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              (Department's Exhibit A-21 was marked for
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         identification and received in evidence by the
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         Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And then --
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN:
                          And pa- --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Then --
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: A-22 is the amended statement of
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     issues.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh, okay. And is that in
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     CaseLines?
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     MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. 501 -- A501 to
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     A513.
         MR. MORRISON:
                       And if I may inquire, I -- is the only
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     difference between this and the original statement of
 5
     issues that you are correctly citing to the current text
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     of 206.36.1(b)1?
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: That is correct. And I also added C
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     regarding special comps just because even though it wasn't
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     in the audit finding, it's at issue, it was talked about.
     So I included that when -- when I amended it -- when we
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     amended it this past week.
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         MR. MORRISON: Okay. We -- with that representation,
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     I have no objection to Exhibit 22.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: A-22 is in evidence.
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              (Department's Exhibit A-22 was marked for
17
         identification and received in evidence by the
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         Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. I'm going to go back, if I
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     may, Your Honor. I --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let -- let me --
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     while we're on it, let me finish with the PERS exhibits
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     here. And then we'll check-in to whether you've uploaded
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     your last exhibit.
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              On my exhibit list, which is a mess, not mine
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     that I'm making. The one that I printed out a few days
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     ago. There is a PERS Exhibit 1 that shows up as 16
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     through A28. Do you know what that is?
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: That is -- let me see here.
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     believe that's our initial statement of issues, Your
 6
     Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Oh. Do you want that to be
 8
     in evidence?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I think it's appropriate. Yes.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to Exhibit A-1?
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         MR. MORRISON: No objection.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in evidence.
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     then there's an Exhibit A-2, which shows up as CaseLines
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     pages A29 through 34.
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              (Department's Exhibit A-1 was marked for
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         identification and received in evidence by the
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         Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: That's the notice of hearing and
     proof of service of the statement of issues and, of
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     course, the notice of hearing.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to A-2?
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         MR. MORRISON: None, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in evidence.
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              Then there are some things before that that don't
     have exhibit numbers. There's a Bates -- I mean, there is
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     a CaseLines page number A182 which says it's a "request
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     for official notice update."
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              (Department's Exhibit A-2 was marked for
         identification and received in evidence by the
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 5
         Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. That is the
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     official notice that was separated when I uploaded it.
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     we re-uploaded it today. So this can be effectively
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     withdrawn because it's the pleading that goes with A- --
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     let's see here -- 20 -- A-21.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And page A3 also doesn't
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     have an exhibit number assigned to it. And it says it's
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     an exhibits [sic] list.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: This is just CalPERS's exhibit list,
     Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That be withdrawn?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN:
                          Sure.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And then there is CaseLines
     page A4 through 15. Signed item.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. That is -- would
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     have been one of the attachments to the initially uploaded
22
     request for official notice. So that can be withdrawn
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     because it's in A-21.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So then Exhibit 10
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     was withdrawn because it's a duplicate. And so your
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     Exhibits A1 through A22 are all in evidence except for
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     that A10 that was withdrawn.
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              All right. So now let's get back to yours,
     Mr. Morrison.
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         MR. MORRISON: Thank you, Your Honor. All right.
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     go to -- I -- I will go ahead and ask that our request for
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     official notice, which is Exhibit 30, be entered into
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     evidence. It starts at page B428.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: You told me that that was
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     withdrawn. You're changing your mind?
         MR. MORRISON: I -- I am. I -- I wanted to match
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     Mr. Glauberman in terms of having both of ours.
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     apologize for the confusion.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections, Mr. Glauberman?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I -- I don't believe so.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: B- -- B-30 is in evidence.
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              (Respondent's Exhibit B-30 was marked for
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         identification and received in evidence by the
19
         Administrative Law Judge.)
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         MR. MORRISON: All right. And then I believe the last
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     one is B-31, which starts on page B462. And that is our
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     notice of defense.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Objections to B-31?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: No objection.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: That's in evidence.
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1 All right. What else? Further evidence, 2 Mr. Morrison? (Respondent's Exhibit B-31 was marked for 3 identification and received in evidence by the 4 5 Administrative Law Judge.) 6 MR. MORRISON: No, Your Honor. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Further evidence, 8 Mr. Glauberman? MR. GLAUBERMAN: Briefly, Your Honor, Calpers would 9 10 like to recall Kevin Lau for brief rebuttal. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Let's -- let's 1 1 12 take our afternoon break before you do that. We ask you 13 to return in ten minutes. 14 (Pause in the proceedings) 15 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Back on the record, please. 16 Mr. Glauberman, you were recalling Mr. Lau; is 17 that correct? 18 Thank you, Your Honor. MR. GLAUBERMAN: Yes. 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Go ahead, please. 20 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Thank you. 21 22 KEVIN LAU, 23 recalled as a witness, and having been previously duly 24 sworn by the Administrative Law Judge, was examined and testified as follows: 25

1 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 3 Mr. Lau, were you a party to audit resolution Q 4 discussions with the District? 5 Α Yes, I was. In what capacity were you involved? 6 7 I believe at the time I was the manager over Α Samuel Camacho directly, but I was pretty involved with, 8 9 you know, handling resolution. Usually, in most typical 10 a- -- audit resolution, a manager is present. With regards to the audit finding number 4 that's 11 12 at issue, do you recall what resolutions were discussed 13 between CalPERS and the District? 14 To the best of my recollection, it is either Α 15 reporting in -- in this particular scenario for the member, it's the \$3,915.60 monthly payrate or the, you 16 17 know, \$22.59 hourly payrate. 18 To the best of your rele- -- recollection, did 19 CalPERS ever suggest reducing hourly pay rates for the 20 hourly individuals for the District? 21 Α No. We did help and try to explain for an 22 understanding why it is perceived as CalPERS, you know, 23 asking them to report a lower hourly payrate. And I could 24 explain if you'd like. 25 Q No.

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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I -- I have no -- I have no further
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     questions.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Well, I -- let's back up a
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     minute here. So the discussions included either reporting
     what?
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         THE WITNESS: Reporting -- my apologies. Reporting
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     the monthly payrate, which is based on the 40-hour
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     equivalent for this example. That is at the $3,915.60 per
 9
     month.
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     ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:
                                    Tell me the figure again.
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     3,900.
12
         THE WITNESS:
                       $3,915.60.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And that was the figure
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     CalPERS concluded should have been reported; is that
15
     right?
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         THE WITNESS: Correct.
                                 That is based on the payrate
     that should have been reported.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Or --
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         THE WITNESS: Some --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yeah.
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         THE WITNESS: Yes. Before the secondary hourly
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     payrate, which is the $22.59.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And your position is that
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     each of those alternatives involves reporting, and you
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     were not directing them to make any change in what they
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     paid people; is that right?
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         THE WITNESS:
                       That is correct, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Morrison,
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     cross-examination?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.
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                    FURTHER RECROSS-EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. MORRISON:
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              All right. So Mr. Lau, in finding 4 of the
         Q
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     audit, Wayne Pelleriti's (phonetic) information was
     sampled; correct?
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         Α
              Yes, sir.
              All right. You were looking, specifically, at
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     her as, essentially, an example; correct?
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         Α
              Correct.
              Okay. So the audit does say that the District
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     needs to report a higher payrate for Ms. Pelleriti. Yes?
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         Α
              Yes.
                    If the District choosed [sic] to report
     based on a monthly basis. Correct.
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              But it would also be CalPERS's expectation that
         Q
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     the District would be making similar changes for other
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     similarly situated employees; correct?
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              Correct. Within an audit, we'll always ask for
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     an impacted members list within -- from the scope period
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     at the very minimum.
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              Okay. So this finding would impact not only
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     Ms. Pelleriti but other similarly situated employees
     District-wide?
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         Α
              That is correct.
              Okay. Which would essentially include all of the
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     District's classified monthly employees; correct?
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              Potentially.
         Α
              And part of that resolution could be to report a
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     higher payrate; correct? A higher-ended --
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              In this instance --
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         Q
              -- payrate.
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              (Simultaneous crosstalk interrupted by the
13
     Stenographer)
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: One at a time, please.
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         THE WITNESS: -- payrate based on a 40-hour --
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         MR. MORRISON: I'll -- I'll re-ask the
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     question.
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     BY MR. MORRISON:
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              Part of the resolution could be to report for --
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     the District to simply agree to report a higher monthly
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     payrate for all of its classified monthly employees;
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     correct?
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              That is correct based on a 40-hour equivalent of
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     the hourly rate.
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              But what if the District dropped its hourly
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compensation amounts such that they were exactly \$173.33
of the amounts indicated on the monthly salary schedule?
Would that also have satisfied CalPERS's concerns moving
forward?

A No. I believe the -- during my -- my
recollection in explaining the situation is that I know to

recollection in explaining the situation is that I know we were talking about the \$173.33. I -- based on the phone call, it appears the District's understanding was, initially, taking the already converted payrate, which is the \$3,795, taking that, dividing it by 177.33. Hence, coming up with, you know, a different hourly rate then on the salary schedule.

Whereas CalPERS's direction was, initially, to ask, okay. We -- we, technically, don't care how you guys convert. However, what is the true hourly rate of pay? As confirmed, that is also the pay to calculate dock for overtime. We're simply asking that -- taking that hourly payrate, converting it at 173.33 to get the monthly equivalent. Therefore, it's -- it's not -- it's not an accurate statement.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: It's not what?

THE WITNESS: It's not accurate based on telling, you know, we telling how to divide and come up with a new hourly rate.

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1 BY MR. MORRISON: 2 Q Mr. Lau, part of the audit is telling the 3 District how to report its payrate on -- on -- into the 4 indefinite future; correct? 5 Α That is correct. Okay. And the way that -- according to your 6 7 calculation, CalPERS's calculations, the correct way to 8 calculate monthly payrate in an accurate way is to start 9 with an hourly rate and multiply that hourly rate by 10 173.33; correct? 1 1 Α Correct. 12 All right. So if the hourly rate -- whatever the 13 current hourly rate is, if the District were to drop that 14 hourly rate down a little bit, reduce it, when you get 15 around to making that multiplication, you will then have a reduced payrate for the monthly employees; correct? 16 17 In a sense. But --Α 18 Okay. So when we --Q 19 -- if I may clarify. Α 20 Well, yes, but, in that way, the District could Q 21 reduce it's hourly rate moving forward and have the 22 monthly payrate essentially being level with where it is 23 right now. Yes?

Not precisely. So if the District were to lower

the hourly payrate, you're changing the way how the

District is paying the employee. No matter what the cause is right now, the member is being paid \$22.59. Nothing more. Nothing less per hour. So reducing that payrate, per your question, it's asking, you know, to reduce someone's salary. We're not looking to reduce someone's salary or earnings but, purely, on a payrate reporting perspective.

- Q Right. But I'm not -- the District could negotiate a lower hourly payrate on its own with its employees. Yes?
 - A That is correct.
- Q And if we did that, that would -- and we could actually do that in a way where the hourly payrate became exactly 173.33 at the current monthly payrate. That's a possibility. Yes?
- A That is a possibility assuming the member does work 40 hours per week over 52 weeks as an example.
- Q And if the District did that, the District could continue to report it's monthly payrate, and then essentially the same amounts as they're reporting now, they would just have a lower payrate for the hourly employees; correct?
- A If I can clarify before answering. Does this change any number of days or hours worked for the member?

25 | O No.

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A If -- if it doesn't change the amount of hours or days worked, lowering the payrate, it's still, you know, perpendicular to, you know, this issue here. The member still worked 209 days over eight hours. So if you do end up converting, you know, whatever the -- the true base pay that you will negotiate for, if you convert that by 173.33, that is accurate that that would be the 40-hour equivalent.

But if we're just simply lowering the pay just to match payrate while the member still works 209 days over eight hours, I don't believe that would be an accurate statement.

Q All right. So just to clarify it, just so if we kept -- if we kept the hours and days the members are working the same but the District negotiated a reduction in its hourly payrate such that the hourly rate was exactly 173.33 of the monthly payrate, then you would agree that that would be consistent with CalPERS reporting and the District would be able to continue reporting it's monthly payrate at the same level it has been doing all along. Yes?

- A Correct. As --
- Q Thank you.
- 24 A -- well as lowering the member's earnings.
 25 Correct.

1 All right. Thank you. 2 MR. MORRISON: No further questions. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Mr. Glauberman? 3 4 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION 5 6 BY MR. GLAUBERMAN: 7 Was reducing the monthly -- the hourly payrate to 0 meet the monthly payrate ever something that CalPERS 8 9 offered as a resolution for this audit, Mr. Lau? 10 No. This would be a direct conflict because we Α 11 are simply asking them to reduce the pay of a position. Unless there's, obviously, valid regulatory, you know, 12 13 reasons within our statute. But for this particular 14 example, we would not ask, you know, to reduce the hourly 15 rate. 16 MR. GLAUBERMAN: No more questions, Your Honor. 17 MR. MORRISON: I just have one question, Your Honor. 18 19 FURTHER RECROSS-EXAMINATION 20 BY MR. MORRISON: Mr. Lau, so it's your contention that CalPERS did 21 0 22 not suggest that as a possibility. But you -- but to be 23 clear, the District negotiates its own salaries. 24 District could do that and that would be consistent with 25 Cal- -- the District could simply on its own decide to

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     re- -- negotiate reduction in its hourly compensation
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     structure and leave the monthly structure alone moving
     forward? And I mean --
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              That is correct. Sorry.
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              I'm sorry. You were saying that is correct?
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              That is correct. We would take no part in the
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     negotiation. On -- on any salary, you know, negotiations.
              Okay. So to be clear, that would be permissible,
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     but it wouldn't necessarily be something that CalPERS
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     would suggest or recommend; correct?
              That is correct. We would never ask to reduce
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     someone's pay without, you know, any, you know, statutory
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     or regulatory reasons.
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         MR. MORRISON: Okay. No further questions, Your
15
     Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Very well. Any further
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     evidence, Mr. Glauberman?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Nothing further, Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Are you going
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     to present closing arguments or just submit briefs?
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         MR. MORRISON: I was hoping we would be able to
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     subject briefs, Your Honor.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Cal- -- CalPERS agrees with that,
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     Your Honor.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. So -- let's
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     look at some dates. I still need to know what -- to
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     submit your briefs simultaneously; is that right,
    Mr. Glauberman?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm -- I'm fine with simultaneous,
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     like, simultaneous -- a post-hearing brief and then reply.
     I think that usually works best.
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         MR. MORRISON: I'm fine with that.
         MR. GLAUBERMAN: But --
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. Today is
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     September 3rd. When do you want the opening briefs to be
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     due?
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         MR. MORRISON: I think -- well, I think we need to
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     hear from the court reporter when we will have a
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     transcript potentially available.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ms. Johnson, can you give
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     us an estimate if people ordered transcripts, when will
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     that -- when will they be ready?
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: Give me one second, please.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Of course.
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: By the 17th?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right.
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: But Counsel will still have to
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     order with my agency. It depends on when they put that
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     official order in.
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All right. So let's --
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     let's assume you'll have briefs no later than
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     September 24th. I need dates after that.
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                        That -- that gives us --
         MR. MORRISON:
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'm -- transcript?
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     Assuming you have transcript within, September 24th -- or
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     how -- for that new one?
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: Your Honor, if I may, and I'm going
     to apologize here. But we've had a few departures which
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     is why I inherited this case. And so I've been absolutely
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     slammed end-to end-recently. So if I can go 30 days from
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     receiving the gre- -- the transcript -- and I don't know
     if that's a problem with Counsel. I know that is more
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     time than usual to be requested, but it's, you know, busy
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     time right now.
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         MR. MORRISON: I'm fine with that. Why don't we make
     it October 29th, if that works.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: And replies two weeks after that?
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     that fine?
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         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Give me a second here.
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         MR. GLAUBERMAN: All right.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I have a new desk calendar.
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     I'm having trouble figuring out how it works.
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              So you say October 29th. That's a Friday; right?
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         MR. MORRISON: Yes. And -- and, if I may,
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     Mr. Glauberman, I often receive mail from Sacramento that
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1 arrives weeks after it was sent. Can we agree to email 2 transmission? MR. GLAUBERMAN: I'm -- I think that's the best 3 4 possible way to do this. So, yes, I -- I am very amenable 5 to that. 6 MR. MORRISON: All right. 7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Friday. And final briefs 8 due Nov- -- November 12th. 9 MR. MORRISON: Yes. 10 MR. GLAUBERMAN: That works, Your Honor. Yeah. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: So I -- I don't need you to 1 1 12 respond in any way, but in writing your briefs, you might 13 want to know that I am concerned about the underground 14 regulation issue. You should address that. 15 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Okay. 16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: And, also, I'm not sure 17 exactly how it fits in to what I need to do, but I have a 18 question about what effect this has on contracts with unions. And you might want to address what would happen 19 20 if I ruled in PERS's favor on this. What would happen to 2.1 Union contract? I haven't thought about it carefully, but 22 it's in the back of my mind. I thank you all. 23 Anything further? 2.4 MR. GLAUBERMAN: Nothing further, Your Honor. 25 MR. MORRISON: Nothing further, Your Honor. Thank you Attachment D Administrative Hearing Transcript, Day 2 (09/03/2021) Page 166 of 194

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     very much.
         ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ms. Johnson, how many pages
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     would you have if you transcribed this?
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