

MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Minutes

Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
June 10, 2021

MainePERS
Augusta, Maine
9:00 a.m.

The Board of Trustees held a meeting through video remote access pursuant to P.L. 2019, Ch. 617, § G-1 at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 2021. Brian Noyes, Chair, presided. Other Trustees participating were Dick Metivier, Vice-Chair; Henry Beck, State Treasurer; John Beliveau; Shirrin Blaisdell; Mark Brunton; John Kimball; and Ken Williams. Joining the Trustees were Sandy Matheson, Executive Director; Michael Colleran, Chief Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel; Monica Gorman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and Betsy Stivers, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel. The Board also was joined for select portions of the meeting by James Bennett, Chief Investment Officer; Brian McDonnell and Stuart Cameron, Cambridge Associates; Tom Lynch and George Bumeder, Cliffwater; Ed Schwartz, ORG; Gene Kalwarski, Cheiron; Rebecca Grant, Deputy Executive Director; Jim Dusch, Deputy Executive Director; Sherry Vandrell, Director of Finance; and Kathy Morin, Manager, Actuarial and Legislative Affairs.

Brian Noyes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All Trustees were present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair called for consideration of the Consent Calendar. The action items on the Consent Calendar were:

- Minutes of May 13, 2021;
 - Decision, C.C. Appeal; and
 - Decision, J.W. Appeal
- Action. Dick Metivier made the motion, seconded by Ken Williams, to approve the Consent Calendar. Voted unanimously by eight Trustees (Beck, Beliveau, Blaisdell, Brunton, Kimball, Metivier, Noyes and Williams).

Sandy Matheson shared that 238 emails had been received in support of LD 99 the divestment from fossil fuel bill. She also responded to press calls regarding a refinery incident.

PRIVATE MARKETS ACTIONS

Technology Impact Growth Fund II

- Action. Shirrin Blaisdell made the motion, seconded by Dick Metivier, that MainePERS make a commitment of up to \$40 million to Technology Impact Growth Fund II, subject to final due diligence, legal review and negotiations, and authorize the Executive Director, Chief Investment Officer, and General Counsel as signatories to execute documents in connection with this commitment. Voted unanimously by eight Trustees (Beck, Beliveau, Blaisdell, Brunton, Kimball, Metivier, Noyes and Williams).

PRIVATE MARKETS REVIEW

Private Markets Activity

Jim Bennett reviewed the private markets activity for the past 12 months. Jim shared the next manager meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 with a presentation from High Street Logistics Properties at 9:00 a.m. and Parametric Associates at 9:45 a.m.

INVESTMENT REVIEW

Asset Allocation Review

Jim Bennett stated the Investment Team and Cambridge Associates are working on reviewing the System's strategic asset allocation. Jim stated the results and any recommendations for change will be shared with the Trustees at a future meeting.

Investment Monthly Review

Jim Bennett reported that as of May 31st the MainePERS fund had a preliminary value of \$17.6 billion, the preliminary fund return for the month was 0.5%, the fiscal year-to-date return was 22.5%, and the preliminary calendar year to date return was 7.5%.

MAINESTART QUARTERLY REVIEW

Mike Colleran provided the quarterly report on the MaineSTART plans. Mike and Jim Bennett answered questions from the Trustees.

ACTUARIAL

FY23-24 Actuarial Assumptions

Gene Kalwarski and Sandy Matheson reviewed a presentation for possible economic assumption changes based on the high fiscal year returns. Gene and Sandy answered questions from the Trustees and will bring a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Operations Report

Jim Dusch shared that average teacher retirements have decreased over the past four years. There is still no big increase in retirement inquiries or applications from teachers. Jim stated there have been inquiries on upgrades to special plan provisions and new inquiries about joining or rejoining the PLD Plan.

Sandy Matheson reviewed the reopening of the office plan with the Trustees. Rebecca Grant shared IT is working to get the equipment ready in the facility for the reopening.

Sherry Vandrell stated Randal Lloyd and his team are including in their reviews employer compliance with participation agreements of the DC Plans.

New State Pension Plan Working Group

Sandy Matheson stated legislation to convene a working group to investigate public pension options is expected to pass. Sandy shared she is willing to work on this effort during and after the transition to a new CEO. A report is due back to the Legislature in December.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kathy Morin shared the legislative update with the Trustees. Sandy Matheson reviewed the divestment bill language change agreement with the Trustees. Mike Colleran stated the PLD plan bills will need to go through rulemaking and that will be discussed at the PLD Advisory Committee meeting in August. Sandy also thanked Kathy and Mike Colleran for their hard work during the legislative session.

LITIGATION UPDATE

Betsy Stivers shared she received the appellant’s brief in the Philip Hawes case and has 30 days to respond. She also reported on a civil case brought against MainePERS in Hawaii over a foreclosure in that state to which MainePERS is not a party. Betsy and Mike Colleran are working with the AG’s litigation division on a motion to dismiss the case.

CEO SEARCH UPDATE

- Action. John Kimball made the motion, seconded by Ken Williams, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(A) and (E) to discuss employment of an individual or group and to consult with legal counsel on legal duties. Voted unanimously by eight Trustees (Beck, Beliveau, Blaisdell, Brunton, Kimball, Metivier, Noyes and Williams).

The Board moved back into open session.

ADJOURNMENT

- Action. Motion by Mark Brunton, seconded by Shirrin Blaisdell, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees. Unanimously voted by seven Trustees (Beck, Beliveau, Blaisdell, Brunton, Metivier, Noyes and Williams).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.

7/8/2021
Date Approved by the Board


Sandra J. Matheson, Executive Director

7-14-2021
Date Signed