



PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF IDAHO
607 North 8th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho met in-person at 8:30 a.m., July 16, 2024. The following Trustees and PERSI Staff were present:

Jeff Cilek – Chairman
Joy Fisher – Vice Chair
Park Price – Trustee
Darin DeAngeli – Trustee
Michael Hampton - Executive Director
Alex Simpson - Deputy Director
Cheryl George - General Counsel
Richelle Sugiyama - Chief Investment Officer
Chris Brechbuhler - Deputy Chief Investment Officer

Lori Wolff – Trustee; excused absence

Presenters in attendance in-person were:
Andrew Yurkewych – State Street Global Advisors
Simona Mocuta – State Street Global Advisors
Robert Schmidt – Milliman

Presenters in attendance virtually were:
Chris Carpentier – State Street Global Advisors

At 8:33 a.m., Chairman Cilek called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Trustee DeAngeli moved to approve the minutes of the May 29th Board meeting. Trustee Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PORTFOLIO

Monthly Portfolio Update

Chief Investment Officer Richelle Sugiyama presented the fiscal year-end investment report as of June 30, 2024. She highlighted that we exceeded our expected return of +6.3%, noted our manager line-up going forward, and commented on our asset allocation, long-term performance, and strategic biases.

She also summarized the information included in the monthly report and briefly commented on the Fund performance as of July 12th.

Investment Manager Market Overview

Deputy Chief Investment Officer Chris Brechbuhler introduced Andrew Yurkewych and Simona Mocuta, with State Street Global Advisors, who provided a brief update on the firm and performance and presented their views on the US economy.

Trustee Price asked about State Street's return expectations and Chris Carpentier offered that 2023 was a rebound year with a 60/40 portfolio up approximately 16% primarily driven by equity market returns. Momentum has continued through this year, but the State Street team remain cautious on the next year and don't expect similar returns as valuations are stretched and the economic backdrop is weakening.

Chairman Cilek thanked them for their time and perspectives.

OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Administrative and Operations Update

Deputy Director Simpson updated the Board on recruiting and hiring efforts within the agency.

He also shared that as of June 30 (2024) that three (3) employers chose to withdraw from PERSI. Withdrawal penalties had either been paid or payment was being pursued.

He mentioned that the new myPERSI portal had been upgraded and released to members. There were over one thousand (1000) registrations during the first 24-hours.

The Boise office is modernizing the first and second floors with new cubicles.

One new employer joined PERSI.

Executive Director Hampton discussed his initial outreach conducted since becoming Executive Director. He has met with leaders in education, fire, police and others. He will be setting his fall and winter outreach calendar based upon these meetings.

He provided an update on Idaho Statute 59-1356(6), Public Safety Return to Work. Actuaries will evaluate FY2024 data and determine potential steps going forward.

Base Plan Contribution Rate Options

Mr. Robert Schmidt with Milliman presented an overview and preliminary scenarios of canceling or delaying future proposed contribution rate increases. He pointed out that there are multiple considerations that should be studied before making any decisions. The Board requested that Milliman provide additional preliminary scenarios at a future meeting that included reducing future contribution rate increases.

FISCAL

Fiscal Update/Travel/Expense Report Update

Chief Financial Officer Mike Anderson presented expense reports for the administration, portfolio, and other expenses like travel. All budgets are running under budget as of June 30, 2024.

The preliminary appropriated budget for fiscal year 2026 has been prepared and will be presented at a future meeting.

BOARD

Future Agenda

August agenda reviewed; no other items were proposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:37 a.m., Chairman Cilek stated the Board intended to move to executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206(a), (b) and (f). Trustee DeAngeli moved to enter executive session and Trustee Fisher seconded the motion.

At 11:05 a.m., Trustee DeAngeli motioned to exit executive session, and Trustee Fisher seconded the motion.

Regular session: At 11:06 a.m., Trustee DeAngeli moved; Trustee Fisher seconded the motion to terminate the data aggregator contract with Clearwater Analytics. The Board voted unanimously.

At 11:10 a.m., Trustee Price moved; Trustee Fisher seconded the motion to return to executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206(a), (b) and (f).

At 11:55 a.m.; Trustee DeAngeli moved; Trustee Fisher seconded the motion to exit executive session. No decisions were made.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 11:56 a.m.