

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARYLAND STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM**

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 18, 2017

The Investment Committee held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:07 a.m. in the 16th Floor Board Room of the State Retirement Agency, SunTrust Building, 120 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD.

Committee Members	David Brinkley	Sheila Hill
Attending:	Eric Brotman (1)	Linda A. Herman, Vice-
	James A. Bush, Jr.	Chairman (1)
(1) Via telephone	Kenneth Haines	F. Patrick Hughes, Chairman
	David Hamilton	Larry E. Jennings, Jr.
	James Harkins (1)	Charles W. Johnson
		Nancy K. Kopp
		Theresa Lochte
		Richard Norman
Committee Members	Michael K. Barry	Peter Franchot
Not Attending:	James "Chip" DiPaula	Stephen Kitsoulis
Also Attending:	Susanne Brogan	John Kenney
	Robert Burd, Deputy CIO	Thomas Kurowski, Alex Brown
	Antionette Butcher	Andrew Palmer, CIO
	Rachel Cohen, OAG	David Rongione, Chief Internal
	Elaine Dolsky, CAPP	Auditor Div.
	Kenneth Dolsky, CAPP	Michael Rubenstein, MLIS
	Anne Gawthrop	Jody Shaw, OAG
	Dana Johns	
	Dean Kenderdine	

Mr. Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Item 1: Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Investment Committee unanimously approved the June 20, 2017 open meeting minutes.

Mr. Hughes mentioned that there are no closed session minutes. The only reason of going into closed session during the June 20, 2017 meeting was to approve the May 16, 2017 minutes.

Item 2: Representative of Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipelines with respect to the System's investment with Ares Management

Mr. Ken Dolski made a statement against the investment activity of ARES EIF US Power Fund IV in the Pilgrim Pipeline. He believes that \$9.5 million is the pro rata share of the investment allocated to the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System.

The Coalition opposes the pipeline that Pilgrim has proposed to develop and asks Maryland to speak to Ares about this pipeline project. The pipeline will be in New Jersey, and does not have any direct impact on Maryland.

Item 3: Investment Policy Manual Changes

Mr. Palmer explained that staff had completed updating the Investment Policy Manual to reflect all items approved by the Investment Committee at the June 20, 2017 meeting relating to asset allocation and policy benchmarks.

On a motion made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Ms. Lochte, the Committee voted to accept the recommendation to approve the proposed changes to the Investment Policy Manual, as well as an effective date for the new policy benchmark of October 1, 2017.

Item 4: Closed Session

On a motion made and seconded, the Investment Committee voted without objection to meet in closed session at 9:21 a.m. for the purpose of:

hearing presentations from, and recommendations regarding, potential providers of Recordkeeping and Administration Services to the Optional Retirement Program, pursuant to: General Provisions Art., Section 3-305(b)(13), to comply with a specific statutory requirement that prevents public disclosure, namely, General Provisions Art., Section 4-335 preventing the disclosure of trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information; and General Provisions Art., Section 3-305(b)(14), to discuss, before a contract is awarded, a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

CLOSED SESSION

Committee Members	David Brinkley	Sheila Hill
Attending:	Eric Brotman (1)	Linda A. Herman, Vice-Chairman (1)
	James A. Bush, Jr.	F. Patrick Hughes, Chairman
(1) Via telephone	Peter Franchot	Larry E. Jennings, Jr.
	Kenneth Haines	Charles W. Johnson
	David Hamilton	Nancy K. Kopp
	James Harkins (1)	Theresa Lochte
		Richard Norman
Committee Members	Michael K. Barry	Stephen Kitsoulis
Not Attending:	James "Chip" DiPaula	

Also Attending:

Susanne Brogan
Robert Burd, Deputy CIO
Antionette Butcher
Craig Chaikin, Segal Marco
Advisors
Rachel Cohen, OAG
Anne Gawthrop
Dana Johns
Dean Kenderdine

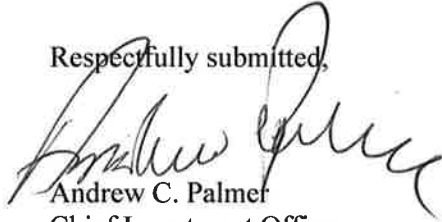
John Kenney
Andrew Palmer, CIO
David Rongione, Chief Internal
Auditor
Jody Shaw, OAG

On a motion made by Mr. Bush and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Investment Committee motioned to come out of closed session and return to open session at 11:31 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Investment Committee, on a motion made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Ms. Lochte, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew C. Palmer
Chief Investment Officer