

**STATE INVESTMENT BOARD
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 10, 2025, MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Beadle, State Treasurer, Chair
Joseph Heringer, Trust Lands Commissioner, Vice Chair
Scott Anderson, Chief Investment Officer
Eric Chin, Deputy Chief Investment Officer
Dr. Prodosh Simlai, External Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pete Jahner, External Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Jac Collins, Senior Investment Analyst
Derek Dukart, Senior Investment Analyst
Jennifer Ferderer, Fiscal Investment Admin
Chirag Gandhi, Portfolio Manager
Rachel Kmetz, Interim CFO/COO
Robbie Morey, Investment Accountant
George Moss, Portfolio Manager
Matt Posch, Portfolio Manager
Emmalee Riegler, Procurement/Records Mgmt. Coordinator
Nitin Vaidya, Chief Risk Officer
Jason Yu, Risk Officer
Lance Zietlow, Portfolio Manager

GUESTS: Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Beadle called the State Investment Board (SIB) Investment Committee (IC) meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025. The meeting was held virtually.

The following members were present representing a quorum: Mr. Anderson, Treasurer Beadle, Mr. Chin, Commissioner Heringer, and Dr. Simlai.

AGENDA

The agenda was considered for the January 10, 2025, meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HERINGER AND SECONDED BY MR. ANDERSON AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 10, 2025, MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED.

AYES: MR. ANDERSON, MR. CHIN, COMMISSIONER HERINGER, DR. SIMLAI, AND TREASURER BEADLE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. JAHNER

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

The minutes were considered for the December 13, 2024, meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HERINGER AND SECONDED BY DR. SIMLAI AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 13, 2024, MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED.

**AYES: MR. ANDERSON, MR. CHIN, COMMISSIONER HERINGER, DR. SIMLAI, AND TREASURER BEADLE
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. JAHNER
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INTRODUCTION

Mr. Zietlow introduced Mr. Jac Collins to the Committee. The team welcomed Mr. Collins as the Senior Investment Analyst of Private Markets.

STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Private Markets

Mr. Zietlow provided a private markets update, including the market environment, investment activity, allocations versus targets, and infrastructure performance. It was noted that over \$585 million has been committed across the Pension and Legacy Fund pools. Mr. Zietlow provided an overview of the infrastructure holdings and performance for the Legacy Fund, the Pension pool, and Insurance pool.

Bill Information

Mr. Anderson presented the 2025-2027 Legislative Session RIO Bill Tracker and noted the current bills affecting the investment program that were proposed by the legislature for the 2025 session. Committee discussion followed.

Investment Ethics Policy and Internal Investment Proxy Voting

Mr. Anderson provided a draft copy of the Code of Ethics policy. He reviewed several key sections, including General Principles, Conflicts of Interest, Trading Compliance, and Disclosures. This was followed by a discussion and an approval to recommend to the Governance and Policy Review Committee (GPR) and board an investment ethics policy and a change to the governance manual regarding the definition of "manager" to include both internal and external managers. Committee discussion followed.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HERINGER AND SECONDED BY DR. SIMLAI AND CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE TO RECOMMEND THE CODE OF ETHICS POLICY AND PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR THE STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING PROXY VOTING TO THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

AYES: MR. CHIN, MR. ANDERSON, DR. SIMLAI, COMMISSIONER HERINGER, AND TREASURER BEADLE

NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. JAHNER
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International Portfolios

Mr. Chin provided information regarding RIO's international portfolios, including the current exposure to Chinese companies, the potential impact and key considerations of a China divestment bill, and a list of states that have divested from China. Mr. Chin then presented options to manage the international portfolio, including SMAs and Fund of One Platform.

The Committee recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. CHIN AND SECONDED BY MR. ANDERSON AND CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.2, 44-04-18.4 (2)(A) AND N.D.C.C. 44-04-18.4(2)(D) TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AND TRADE SECRETS.

AYES: DR. SIMLAI, MR. CHIN, COMMISSIONER HERINGER, MR. ANDERSON, AND TREASURER BEADLE
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: MR. JAHNER
MOTION CARRIED

The executive session began at 10:53 a.m. and ended at 11:14 a.m. The session was attended by Committee members, Mr. Collins, Mr. Dukart, Ms. Ferderer, Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Moss, Mr. Posch, Mr. Vaidya, Mr. Yu, and Mr. Zietlow.

MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Zietlow provided a private markets manager update. PRISA III, L.P. was onboarded with a \$85 million commitment (\$35 million Pension Pool, \$50 million Legacy Fund).

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Heringer informed the Committee that the upcoming House Bill 1184 has been scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Investment Committee, Treasurer Beadle adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Prepared by:

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