

**STATE INVESTMENT BOARD
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF THE
MARCH 14, 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

ABSENT: Pete Jahner, External Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Jac Collins, Senior Investment Analyst
Cory Cox, Investment Analyst
Derek Dukart, Senior Investment Analyst
Jennifer Ferderer, Fiscal Investment Admin
Chirag Gandhi, Portfolio Manager
Brian Hermanson, Investment Accountant
Rachel Kmetz, Interim CFO/COO
Robbie Morey, Investment Accountant
Sarah Mudder, Communication & Outreach Director
Matt Posch, Portfolio Manager
Chad Roberts, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Retirement Officer
Jodi Smith, Interim Executive Director
Nitin Vaidya, Chief Risk Officer
Susan Walcker, Senior Financial Accountant
Alexander Weissman, Investment Analyst
Jason Yu, Risk Officer
Lance Zietlow, Portfolio Manager

GUESTS: Marc Gesell, Verus
Robert Goldthorpe, NEPC
Joe Nankof, NEPC
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Beadle called the State Investment Board (SIB) Investment Committee (IC) meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 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 March 14, 2025, meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DR. SIMLAI AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 14, 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 February 14, 2025, meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMISSIONER HERINGER AND SECONDED BY MR. CHIN AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 10, 2025, MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. JAHNER

MOTION CARRIED

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Anderson announced the retirement of Mr. Vaidya, Chief Risk Officer. Mr. Vaidya's last day is yet to be determined, as he will continue to assist the team with ongoing projects until further notice.

Mr. Gandhi introduced Mr. Alex Weissman to the Committee. The team welcomed Mr. Weismann as the Investment Analyst of Internal Fixed Income.

BENCHMARK MEMO

Mr. Gesell from Verus presented a memorandum to update the benchmark recommendations. Committee discussion followed.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DR. SIMLAI AND CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE TO RECOMMEND THE UPDATED BENCHMARK RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. JAHNER

MOTION CARRIED

STRATEGY REVIEW

Mr. Nankof and Mr. Goldthorpe of NEPC provided a presentation regarding asset allocations for the six pension fund clients of the SIB. The presentation covered capital market assumptions and an overview including the projected returns and risks. Information was presented about a range of asset allocations to demonstrate the possible enhancements. Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Vaidya and Mr. Gandhi provided an update on the internal investment program, including the acquisition of the Order Execution Management System (OEMS), Portfolio & Treasury Management System (PMS), and the Data Warehouse/Exchange platforms. Mr. Vaidya reviewed the timeline and milestones, noting which activities are on track for the go-live date. Mr. Gandhi then reviewed the internal investment pilot with a targeted execution date in April 2025.

Mr. Anderson shared an organizational structure for the investment team, proposing the integration of the risk and public markets teams into a single Funds Management team to enhance the funds management capabilities with an internal investment team. Committee discussion followed.

The Committee recessed at 1:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:46 p.m.

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DR. SIMLAI 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

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The executive session began at 1:50 p.m. and ended at 2:23 p.m. The session was attended by Committee members, Mr. Collins, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dukart, Ms. Ferderer, Ms. Kmetz, Ms. Mudder, Mr. Posch, Ms. Smith, Mr. Vaidya, Mr. Yu, and Mr. Zietlow.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HERINGER AND SECONDED BY MR. ANDERSON AND CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE ADJUSTMENTS OF THE PRIVATE MARKET MANAGERS, PENDING LEGAL REVIEW AND DIRECT STAFF TO REPORT BACK AT A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. JAHNER

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IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HERINGER AND SECONDED BY DR. SIMLAI AND CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE RECOMMENDED MANAGER CHANGES, PENDING LEGAL REVIEW.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. JAHNER

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MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Collins and Mr. Zietlow announced that an additional \$150 million was committed for the In-State Investment program mandate to 50 South.

DISCUSSION

Treasurer Beadle discussed the impact of tariffs on the economy and market, reinforcing that the funds in the SIB's care are designed with mostly long-term investment strategies that expect market ups and downs.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Investment Committee, Treasurer Beadle adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

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