# PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD 5 North Fifth Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

# Regular Meeting

# **Minutes**

March 9, 2018

10:39 A.M.

### **Board Members Present**

Ms. Melva S. Vogler, Chairman

Ms. Deborah J. Beck (telephonically)

Mr. Luc Miron for Senator John P. Blake

Ms. Lisa Taglang (telephonically) for Representative Stephen Bloom

Ms. Stacey Connors for Senator Patrick M. Browne

Mr. Jason M. Davis

Mr. Eric O. DiTullio

Ms. Susan C. Lemmo

Representative Joseph F. Markosek (out at 2:05 P.M.)

Mr. Bernard Gallagher for

Representative Joseph F. Markosek

Ms. Lori Graham for Secretary Pedro A. Rivera

Mr. Christopher SantaMaria (telephonically)

Ambassador Martin J. Silverstein (telephonically)

Treasurer Joseph M. Torsella (left at 12:15 P.M.)

Mr. Thomas Clancy for Treasurer Joseph M. Torsella

(arrived at 12:15 P.M.)

Mr. Leo Pandeladis for Secretary Robin L. Wiessmann

# **Board Members Absent**

Mr. Nathan G. Mains, Vice Chairman

# **Others Present**

Mr. Jim Baker, PESP

Mr. Thomas Clancy

Mr. Russ Diesinger, PASR

Ms. Judy Guise, PASR

Mr. Mike Sanders, Cammack Retirement

Mr. Tom Weeter, PSEA-R

**Staff Members Present** 

Ms. Barbara Book Mr. Brian S. Carl Mr. Glen R. Grell

Mr. James H. Grossman, Jr.

Ms. Alicia E. James Mr. Patrick Knapp Ms. Sandra Kurtz Mr. Tony Parisi

Mr. Christopher Parks

Ms. Melissa Quackenbush

Mr. Donald Ressler Ms. Terrill J. Sanchez Mr. Charles K. Serine Mr. Charles J. Spiller Ms. Kelly Sprenkle

Mr. Andrew Turner

Mr. Joseph E. Wasiak, Jr. Ms. Evelyn Tatkovski Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Vogler called the meeting to order at 10:39 A.M. in the fourth

floor Boardroom at PSERS Headquarters.

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW EMPLOYEES Mr. Grell welcomed guests, Mr. Baker, Mr. Diesinger, Ms. Guise

and Mr. Weeter; and new employees, Ms. Quackenbush.

Mr. Knapp, Mr. Parks, Mr. Ressier and Mr. Turner.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the

January 18, 2018 Board meeting. Mr. DiTullio seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Mr. Baker, of the Private Equity Stakeholder Project, spoke to the Board regarding opposition to TPG and Blackstone foreclosing on reverse mortgages in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Weeter extended his appreciation to PSERS for posting a bulletin on the public web notifying members of a scam.

# NEW BUSINESS

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Mr. Grell read a Memorial Resolution for James Perry, PSERS former Executive Director, who passed away in February. Ms. Vogler recommended the resolution be passed. Treasurer Torsella moved the resolution. Mr. DiTullio seconded the resolution, which passed unanimously. The resolution will be sent

to Mrs. Perry and a copy forwarded to NCTR.

SYMPATHY

Mr. Grell extended his sympathy to Mr. Erdman, PSERS Designee, on the passing of his wife, and also noted the recent passing in December 2017 of Andrew Sheffler, PSERS Executive Director 1977 - 1984

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Connors reported on the meeting held on March 8, 2018.

Ms. Connors stated that the Committee approved the minutes of the March 10, 2017 meeting.

MINUTES

Ms. Connors reported that Mr. Kern McPherson, of Glass Lewis, presented a recap of the 2017 Proxy Voting Season and a preview of the 2018 Proxy Voting Season.

**PROXY VOTING** 

Ms. Connors moved that the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") hereby adopts the proposed U.S. and Non-U.S. Proxy Voting Policies pursuant to the recommendation of Lenann T. Engler, Manager of Investment Processes, dated February 16, 2018. Mr. DiTullio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# **AUDIT/COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Vogler, in Representative Bloom's absence, reported on the meeting held on March 8, 2018.

Ms. Vogler stated that the Committee approved the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting.

**MINUTES** 

Ms. Vogler stated that Mr. Thomas Rey, of CliftonLarsonAllen, gave a presentation on Financial Audit Planning; Ms. James presented the Audit Plan Update; and Ms. James reviewed the AG Audit Dashboard and updated the Committee on the status of the AG recommendations.

**PRESENTATIONS** 

#### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Lemmo, as Committee Vice Chairman, reported on the meeting held on March 8, 2018.

Ms. Lemmo stated that the Committee approved the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

Ms. Lemmo reported that a Board Education session was held. Mr. Bob Prince, of Bridgewater, spoke about investing in China. Board members present were credited with 1 hour of Education.

**BOARD EDUCATION** 

Ms. Lemmo stated that Mr. Spiller gave an introduction to Hamilton Lane; Mr. Grossman presented his PSERS Fund and Market Overview; Asset Class Reviews were given by Mr. Foreman,

**PRESENTATIONS** 

Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Del Gaudio, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Stalter and Mr. Little; and Mr. Grossman gave his Preview of Future Meetings.

Ms. Lemmo reported that the following action items were discussed.

INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT, OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

Ms. Lemmo moved that the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") adopts proposed changes to sections V. Performance Objectives and VI. Risk Management and Controls of the Investment Policy Statement, Objectives, and Guidelines, as amended, for the Public School Employees' Retirement System pursuant to the recommendations of Joseph W. Sheva, Senior Risk Manager, dated March 8, 2018. Mr. DiTullio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PLATINUM EQUITY SMALL CAP FUND, L.P.

Ms. Lemmo moved that the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") hereby invests an amount not to exceed \$200 million plus reasonable normal investment expenses, in Platinum Equity Small Cap Fund, L.P. (and/or related investment vehicles), in accordance with the recommendation of Luke M. Jacobs, Portfolio Manager, dated February 8, 2018 and Hamilton Lane Advisors, L.L.C., dated February 7, 2018. The final terms and conditions of the investment must be satisfactory to the Investment Office, the Office of Chief Counsel, and the Office of Executive Director, as evidenced either by the appropriate signatures on, or by a memo to that effect appended to, the implementing investment contract. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which passed with one recusal, being Mr. Pandeladis on behalf of Secretary Wiessmann.

WEBSTER CAPITAL IV, L.P.

Ms. Lemmo moved that the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") hereby invests an amount not to exceed \$75 million plus reasonable normal investment expenses, in Webster Capital IV, L.P. (and/or related investment vehicles), in accordance with the recommendation of Luke M. Jacobs, Portfolio Manager, dated February 9, 2018 and Hamilton Lane Advisors, L.L.C., dated January 29, 2018. The final terms and conditions of the investment must be satisfactory to the Investment Office, the Office of Chief Counsel, and the Office of Executive Director, as evidenced either by the appropriate signatures on, or by a memo to that effect appended to, the implementing investment contract. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which passed with one recusal, being Mr. Pandeladis on behalf of Secretary Wiessmann.

K4 PRIVATE INVESTORS, L.P.

Ms. Lemmo moved that the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") hereby invests an amount not to exceed \$100

million plus reasonable normal investment expenses, in K4 Private Investors, L.P. (and/or related investment vehicles), in accordance with the recommendation of Darren C. Foreman, Senior Portfolio Manager and Michael J. Tyler, Portfolio Manager, dated February 12, 2018 and Hamilton Lane Advisors, L.L.C., dated February 7, 2018. The final terms and conditions of the investment must be satisfactory to the Investment Office, the Office of Chief Counsel, and the Office of Executive Director, as evidenced either by the appropriate signatures on, or by a memo to that effect appended to, the implementing investment contract. Mr. Grossman provided additional information regarding the involvement of a placement agent, in response to questions in the Investment Committee consideration. Mr. DiTullio seconded the motion, which passed with one NO vote, being Treasurer Torsella, and one recusal, being Mr. Pandeladis on behalf of Secretary Wiessmann.

Ms. Lemmo moved that the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") hereby invests an amount not to exceed €150 million plus reasonable normal investment expenses, in ICG Europe Fund VII SCSp (and/or related investment vehicles), in accordance with the recommendation of James F. Del Gaudio. Portfolio Manager, dated February 12, 2018 and Hamilton Lane Advisors, L.L.C., dated January 29, 2018. The final terms and conditions of the investment must be satisfactory to the Investment Office, the Office of Chief Counsel, and the Office of Executive Director, as evidenced either by the appropriate signatures on, or by a memo to that effect appended to, the implementing investment contract. Staff noted that the collaboration between PSERS and SERS in connection with this investment resulted in significantly reduced management fees for both funds. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which passed with one recusal, being Mr. Pandeladis on behalf of Secretary Wiessmann.

ICG EUROPE FUND VII, SCSP

Ms. Lemmo moved that the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") hereby invests an amount not to exceed \$100 million plus reasonable normal investment expenses, in Cabot Industrial Core Fund II, L.P. (and/or related investment vehicles), in accordance with the recommendation of William P. Stalter, Senior Portfolio Manager, dated February 7, 2018 and Courtland Partners, Ltd. recommendation dated February 1, 2018. The final terms and conditions of the investment must be satisfactory to the Investment Office, the Office of Chief Counsel, and the Executive Director, as evidenced either by the appropriate signatures on, or by a memo to that effect appended to, the implementing investment contract. Mr. DiTullio seconded the motion, which

CABOT INDUSTRIAL CORE FUND II. L.P.

<u>passed with one recusal</u>, being Mr. Pandeladis on behalf of Secretary Wiessmann.

HS GROUP SPONSOR FUND II, LTD.

Ms. Lemmo moved that pursuant to the recommendations of Robert E. Little and Raymond J. Schleinkofer, Senior Portfolio Managers, dated February 27, 2018, and Aksia, LLC, dated February 26, 2018, the Public School Employees' Retirement Board (the "Board") hereby (i) commits to invest an amount not to exceed \$200 million in the HS Group Sponsor Fund II Ltd., and (ii) that the Investment Office shall have the discretion to invest additional sums within the target ranges approved by the Board in the Investment Policy Statement, Objectives and Guidelines, as amended from time to time (the current version of which can be found at http://www.psers.state.pa.us/investment/guide/guide.htm). provided that any investment of an additional sum by the Investment Office shall be reported to the Board in a timely manner. The final terms and conditions of the investment must be satisfactory to the Investment Office, the Office of Chief Counsel. and the Office of Executive Director, as evidenced either by the appropriate signatures on, or by a memo to that effect appended to. the implementing investment contract. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which passed with one recusal, being Mr. Pandeladis on behalf of Secretary Wiessmann.

# APPEALS AND MEMBER/EMPLOYER SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Davis reported on the meeting held on March 9, 2018.

**MINUTES** 

Mr. Davis stated that the Committee approved the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting.

ACCOUNT OF RYAN A. LUBIN

Mr. Davis moved in the case of Ryan A. Lubin, that the Board grant PSERS' Motion for Summary Judgment and dismiss Claimant's appeal. Mr. DiTullio seconded the motion, which <u>passed unanimously</u>.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN P. MURPHY

Mr. Davis moved in the case of John P. Murphy, that the Board grant PSERS' Motion for Summary Judgment and dismiss Claimant's appeal. Mr. DiTullio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

# **HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Lemmo reported on the meeting held on March 9, 2018.

Ms. Lemmo stated that the Committee approved the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting.

**MINUTES** 

Ms. Lemmo reported that Mr. Schafer presented the Migration Report and Marketing Study to the Committee. There were no action items.

**PRESENTATIONS** 

# PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Gallagher reported on the meeting held on March 9, 2018.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Committee approved the minutes of the June 16, 2017 meeting.

**MINUTES** 

Mr. Gallagher reported that the Committee discussed the procedure for the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation. A procedure was established for years going forward.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION

# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Carl presented his Chief Financial Officer's Report, which included; December Financial Statements, Governor's Budget Update and Other Financial Management Activities.

**CFO REPORT** 

# DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Sanchez presented her Deputy Executive Director's Report, which included; C2B Update, Member Self-Service (MSS) introductory video and roll-out activities, and Act 5 Update. Mr. Sanders gave an introduction to Cammack Retirement, PSERS' Act 5 consultant, and reported on progress achieved to date.

DED REPORT

#### CHIEF COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Serine presented his report, which included; Act 5 Implementation, the hiring of an additional attorney to handle expanding Investment duties, and the attendance of Mr. Serine and Ms. Mills at PASBO, where Mr. Serine spoke regarding Act 5 and Ms. Mills spoke regarding Return to Service.

**CC REPORT** 

Treasurer Torsella left at this time and Mr. Clancy was seated at the table.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

ED REPORT

Mr. Grell stated that he gave a presentation to the Midwest IU4
Superintendent Advisory Committee in Grove City on
December 13; attended the George Mason University Law &
Economics Center Pension Symposium on February 22-24 in New
Orleans; and attended the NASRA/NIRS joint Winter Meeting
February 24-27 in Washington DC.

Mr. Grell reported that he will attend the Annual PAPERS Forum May 22-23 in Harrisburg.

**RESOLUTION 2017-43** 

Mr. Greli reported on the staff report prepared pursuant to Board Resolution 2017-43, pertaining to Voluntary Supplemental Retirement Plans in PA, and provided copies of the report to the Board for review and future consideration.

Mr. Grell updated the Board on C2B final steps; Act 5 Implementation; Act 5 Investment Commission; Agency Budget; 812 Market Street; elevator issues at PSERS Headquarters; Continuity of Operations; 2018 Board Election schedule; and current Legislation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Vogler informed the Board that she attended the NCTR/NASRA/NIRS conferences in Washington DC, and plans to attend the Council of Institutional Investors conference in Washington DC later in March.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vogler adjourned the meeting at 12:36 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING** 

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board will be held on May 24, 2018, at PSERS' Headquarters, 5 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Glen R. Grell
Executive Director

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