

**MINUTES OF THE
WV CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC RETIREMENT BOARD
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 18, 2021**

A meeting of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board's Investment Committee was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the meeting was conducted via conference call as well as the ability to attend in person. The call-in information for the meeting was included on the Committee meeting agenda, the CPRB website and on the West Virginia Secretary of State's meetings page. Due notice had been posted.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Jeffrey Vallet, Chair.

Item #1: Roll call

Committee Members present:

Jeffrey Vallet, Chair (*In person*)
Mike McKown (*In person*)
Cabinet Secretary Allan L. McVey (*In person*)
Andy Bird (*via conference call*)

Committee Members absent:

Rhonda Bolyard

A quorum was present.

Others participating in present were:

Jeffrey E. Fleck, CPRB Executive Director
Nancy Butcher, CPRB Executive Assistant
Ken Woodson, CPRB Actuary
Tanner Mann, CPRB Actuarial Trainee
Tom Sauvageot, WVIMB, Investment Officer

Others participating via conference call:

Paula Van Horn, CPRB, TDC Manager
Chris Meadows, Empower Retirement
Don Jurgens, Empower Retirement
Bill Thornton, Empower Retirement
Mary Beth Daubenspeck, Empower Retirement

Item #2: Approval of Minutes

Mr. McKown made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting of the Investment Committee. Mr. Bird seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Item #3: Recommended Approval of Investment Policy Review Committee Minutes

Due to the reconfiguration of the Investment Policy Review Committee, Mr. Vallet requested a motion to recommend to the Board the approval and adoption of the Investment Policy Review Committee meeting minutes for the July 14, 2020 meeting.

Mr. McVey made a motion to recommend to the Board the approval and adoption the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting of the Investment Policy Review Committee. Mr. McKown seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Item #4: WVIMB Defined Benefit Investment Performance – 3/31/21

The Chair recognized Tom Sauvageot, Investment Officer of the West Virginia Investment Management Board (WVIMB), to review the WVIMB Defined Benefit Investment Performance for the period ending March 31, 2021. Mr. Sauvageot reported that investment returns were at 21.4% for fiscal year to date and 7.9% for the 20-year average. He added that the performance of the investments had been driven by public equities and the international markets. He went on to say that other asset classes were doing well. He then answered questions from the committee members.

Item #5: TDC Quarterly Investment Review & Performance – 3/31/21

Mr. Vallet recognized William (Bill) Thornton, Investment Director Government Markets for Great-West Investments, who gave a review of the Teachers' Defined Contribution (TDC) Plan Investments for the period ending March 31, 2021. Mr. Thornton gave a summary on the market and reported that it was showing good growth. He provided information on the state of the U. S. economy, energy inflation and oil prices. He also reviewed the equity market returns, the fixed income and specialty returns, the Morningstar ratings, and the Fund monitoring. He also provided information on the Style Analysis (5 yr.) of the Fixed Income Asset Class, the Style Analysis (5yr.) of the Balanced Asset Class and the Style Analysis (5 yr.) of the Equity Asset Class.

He then answered questions from the committee members.

Item #6: TDC Plan Review – 3/31/21

Mr. Vallet recognized Don Jurgens, Managing Director for Empower Retirement, to give the TDC Quarterly Plan Review. Mr. Jurgens said that the total assets of the plan were \$662,166,025 which is up 30.5 percent. He also said that the average balance of the participants was \$167,510 and the average age of plan participants is 55.38 years old.

He discussed the cash flow and participant average balances year by year. He reviewed the asset allocations and pointed out that the VALIC Fixed Annuity Option made up 25.45% of the total plan balance. He noted that 6.91% of plan participants have managed accounts and the average balance of the managed accounts was \$236,394.54. He then answered questions from the committee members.

Item #7: TDC Outreach Update

Mr. Vallet recognized Chris Meadows, Retirement Plan Advisor for Empower Retirement. Mr. Meadows gave the Educational Meetings report. He reported that during the first quarter of 2021, he conducted 337 distributions, virtual and other counseling sessions. He also informed the committee that his Net Promoter Score was 82 and explained what was involved with the Retirement Plan Advisor (RPA) score. He then answered questions from the committee members.

Item #8: TDC Weighted Average Returns – 3/31/21

Mr. Vallet recognized Paula Van Horn, TDC Manager, to review the TDC Weighted Average Returns for quarter ending March 31, 2021. Ms. Van Horn reported that the Market Value of the Fund was \$681,237,546, the plan participants were 3,987 and the Weighted Average Return was 37.06 percent. She went on to say that the Weighted Average Return at the Prior Year was -42.28 percent and the participant count change since the prior quarter was -18 participants and for the prior year it was -96 participants.

Item #9 Old or Unfinished Business

Mr. Vallet inquired as to old or unfinished business. He commented that the DFA US Targeted Value R1 had been on watch for over more than a year. He went on to say that he would like to discuss whether to leave on watch or remove based on the fund's performance over

the last year at the next meeting of the Investment Committee. Mr. Jurgens responded that it would be added to the Investment Review report for the next meeting.

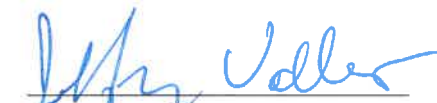
Item #10: New Business

Mr. Vallet inquired as to any new business. None was heard.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey Vallet, Chair



Jeffrey Fleck, Executive Director