MINUTES OF THE
WV CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC RETIREMENT BOARD
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2025

A meeting of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board's Investment Committee was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at the Consolidated Public Retirement Board office at 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Due notice had been posted.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mike McKown, Acting Chair.

Roll call

Committee Members present:
Cabinet Secretary Eric Householder
Mike McKown (*Google meet*)
Beth Morgan (*Google meet*)
Woodrow Brogan *(Google meet)*

Committee Members absent:
Rhonda Bolyard
Jeffrey Vallet

A quorum was present.

Others participating in person were:
Jeffrey E. Fleck, CPRB Executive Director
Terasa Miller, CPRB Deputy Director
Kim Pauley, CPRB Executive Assistant
Paula Van Horn, CPRB, TDC Manager
Tom Sauvageot, Investment Officer, WVIMB
Chris Meadows, Empower *(Google Meet)*
Don Jurgens, Empower *(Google Mee)t*
William Thornton, Empower *(Google Meet)*
Marybeth Daubenspeck, Empower *(Google Meet)*

Item #1: Approval of Minutes

Chairman McKown said that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 with minor administrative changes to the Investment Committee.

Mr. McKown made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting with minor administrative changes to the Investment Committee. Mr. Brogan seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Item #2: TDC Quarterly Plan Investment Review 6/30/25 – William Thornton -Empower

Mr. McKown recognized William Thornton to give the TDC Investment Performance for the period ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Thornton reviewed the US Markets, Global Markets, Historic Stock and Bond Plot, and labor market.

Mr. Thornton reported that markets were volatile at the beginning of the second quarter, especially in equities, kicking off the quarter with the Liberation Day tariff announcements. However, once a 90-day pause was announced markets recovered most of the losses. He explained things are starting to soften and especially on the labor side. He mentioned that US markets finished with positive total returns. Mr. Thornton stated that fixed income yields remain attractive. Mr. Thornton reviewed the fund balance and the fund monitoring report. He informed the Committee that the fund line up has held up relatively well except for the T. Rowe Price Mid Cap fund. Mr. McKown inquired if the fund should be put on the watchlist and Mr. Thornton responded by saying we will see how well it does in the third quarter and then decide. Mr. Thornton also gave an overview of the Investment Policy Statement, and he noted there were a couple of minor changes. He reviewed the changes with the Committee.

Chairman McKown said that he would entertain a motion to approve and amend the Investment Policy Statement to reflect that it is an informal review and to amend the minor changes and modifications.

Mr. Householder made a motion to approve and amend the Investment Policy Statement to adopt and to amend the minor changes and modifications. Mr. Brogan seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Thornton then offered to answer questions from the Committee members. There was a brief discussion.

Item #4: TDC Policy Investment Statement- William Thornton -Empower

Mr. McKown recognized William Thornton of Empower to give an overview of the Investment Policy Statement, and he noted there were a couple of minor changes. He reviewed the changes with the Committee.

Mr. Thornton then offered to answer questions from the Committee members. There was a brief discussion.

Chairman McKown said that he would entertain a motion to approve and amend the Investment Policy Statement to reflect that it is an informal review and to amend the minor changes and modifications. **Mr. Householder made a motion to approve and amend the Investment Policy Statement to adopt and to amend the minor changes and modifications. Mr. Brogan seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.**

Item #3: TDC Plan Performance Insights – June 30, 2024 -Don Jurgens- Empower

Mr. McKown recognized Don Jurgens of Empower, to review the TDC Plan Performance Insights ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Jurgens reported that the plan balance was $740,678,516 with 3,512 participants. He said that the average participant balance was $209,584 and 74.8 percent of participants are doing their own investment strategy. He also reviewed the year-to-date participant activity, the distribution activity, the equity exposure, the rate of return and the plan insights by age. Mr. Jurgens then offered to answer questions from the Committee members. There was a brief discussion.

Item #4: TDC Outreach Update- Chris Meadows- Empower

Mr. McKown recognized Chris Meadows of Empower Retirement. Mr. Meadows gave the Educational Meetings report. He reported that since the last committee meeting, he conducted 568 educational counselling sessions and 255 distribution counseling sessions for a total of 823 sessions for the end of the second quarter. He added that his Net Promoter Score (NPS) was 100. Mr. Meadows also said that 69 percent of his sessions are related to education and 31 percent are related to distribution. Mr. Jurgens praised Mr. Meadows for achieving the 100 percent net promoter score across the board and mentioned that he's very proud the outstanding job that he is doing. Mr. Meadows reviewed the diversification results for the committee.

He then answered questions from the Committee members. There was a brief discussion.

Item #5: Review of IMB Defined Benefit Pension Assets 6-30-25 – Tom Sauvageot

Mr. McKown recognized Tom Sauvageot, Investment Officer of the West Virginia Investment Management Board (WVIMB), who gave a review of the Plan Investments for the period ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Sauvageot commented that the 3.9% investment return was driven by US equity. He added that US large cap equity stocks were up 15% and small cap up 9.3%. He stated that in June

international stocks were up 20.8% for the FY 2025. Mr. Sauvageot noted that the private markets have lower returns and were out preformed. He reviewed the portfolio and informed the committee that across the board everything is looking very good. He stated that we may see a soft landing with the potential for inflation rates to come down and a reduction in interest rates.
He then offered to answer questions from the committee members.

Item #6: TDC-2025 2Q Revenue Sharing & Administrative Account -Paula Van Horn
Mr. McKown recognized Paula Van Horn, CPRB TDC Manager, to review 2025 2nd quarter Admin and Revenue Sharing Account Report. She stated that the report was for the period April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 and the beginning balance was $2,666,730.91 and the Net Administrative Fees were $85,028.63 and the Total Net Reallowances were $48,529.38 She went on to say that the Reconciled Ending Balance was $2,846,796.22.
She then answered questions from the committee members. There was a brief discussion.

Item #7: Fiscal year 2025 TDC Administrative Expense Fund – Paula Van Horn
Chairman McKown recognized Paula Van Horn to give her report. Ms. Van Horn reviewed each of the retirement systems for the period ending June 30, 2025. She noted that the Board would need to take action to move $337.939 from the TDC Administrative expense fund to pay CPRB this amount. Ms. Van Horn updated the Committee on one other item of business, that was the approval that the TDC plan to do a campaign to use $10,000 dollars to do hard mailings to both targeted groups of participants. Ms. Van Horn reviewed the campaign and both mailers for the Committee. She informed the committee that this will begin very soon.
She then offered to answer questions from the Committee.

Chairman McKown stated that he would entertain a motion to accept and to recommend to the Board to approve the report and move $ 337,939 from the TDC Administrative expense fund and pay CPRB this amount.
Mr. Householder made a motion to approve the report and recommend that they approve moving 337, 939 from the TDC Administrative account. Mr. Brogan seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Item #8: TDC Q2 Weighted Average Returns- Paula Van Horn

Mr. McKown recognized Paula Van Horn, TDC Manager, to review the TDC Weighted Average Returns for the quarter ending June 30, 2025. Ms. Van Horn reported that the market value of the fund was $783,667,287 the plan participants were 3,410 and the Weighted Average Return was 29.65%.

She then offered to answered questions from the committee members.

Item #9: Old Business

Mr. McKown inquired as to old business. There was none.

Item #10: New Business

Mr. McKown inquired as to new business. There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McKown

Mike McKown, Acting Chairman

Jeffrey E. Fleck

Jeffrey E. Fleck, Executive Director

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