# STATE INVESTMENT BOARD INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2024, 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 Dr. Ruilin Tian, External Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:** Derek Dukart, Investment Officer

Jennifer Ferderer, Fiscal Investment Admin George Moss, Senior Investment Officer

Jan Murtha, Executive Director

Matt Posch, Senior Investment Officer

Emmalee Riegler, Procurement/Records Mgmt. Coordinator Chad Roberts, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Retirement Officer

Ryan Skor, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer

Jason Yu, Risk Officer

Lance Ziettlow, Senior Investment Officer

GUESTS: Alexander Browning, Callan

Jay Kloepfer, Callan Members of the public

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Treasurer Beadle called the State Investment Board (SIB) Investment Committee (IC) meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024. The meeting was held virtually.

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

# **AGENDA:**

The agenda was considered for the April 12, 2024 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DR. TIAN AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 12, 2024, MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED.

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

**NAYS: NONE** 

**MOTION CARRIED** 

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes were considered for the March 15, 2024, meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HERINGER AND SECONDED BY DR. TIAN AND CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 15, 2024, MEETINGS AS DISTRIBUTED.

AYES: MR. ANDERSON, MR. CHIN, COMMISSIONER HERINGER, DR. SIMLAI, DR. TIAN,

AND TREASURER BEADLE

**NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED** 

## **ASSET ALLOCATION EXPECTATIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Browning and Mr. Kloepfler of Callan presented an asset allocation expectations update. Mr. Kloepfler noted current market conditions, capital market projections, fixed income return projections, and equity forecasts. Mr. Kloepfler presented North Dakota Investment Trust Projections for PERS, TFFR, Legacy Fund, and Insurance. Committee discussion followed.

The Committee recessed at 2:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

## **INVESTMENT STRATEGY REVIEW**

Mr. Anderson provided information on the market, including benchmark indices and inflation expectations. A detailed review of the investment performance was provided, and included performance for PERS, TFFR, the Legacy Fund, and WSI. Mr. Anderson discussed the agency's roadmap for success and near-term timeline of activities and provided an update on the Internal Investment Management Initiative. Committee discussion followed.

# **MANAGER RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Moss and Mr. Ziettlow presented the committee with a manager recommendation. The update was received in executive session.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. CHIN AND SECONDED BY DR. TIAN 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: MR. ANDERSON, DR. TIAN, MR. CHIN, COMMISIONER HERINGER, DR. SIMLAI,

AND TREASURER BEADLE

**NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED** 

The executive session began at 3:11 p.m. and ended at 3:47 p.m. The session was attended by Committee members, Mr. Dukart, Ms. Ferderer, Mr. Moss, Ms. Murtha, Mr. Posch, Mr. Skor, Mr. Yu. and Mr. Ziettlow

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

AYES: MR. CHIN, MR. ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER HERINGER, DR. TIAN, AND

TREASURER BEADLE ABSTAINED: DR. SIMLAI

**NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED** 

**MANAGER UPDATES** 

Mr. Chin provided the committee with a verbal announcement that PineBridge, one of the newly approved high yield mandate managers, has been contracted and is on track for funding. The committee can expect an update for the second high yield manager at the next meeting.

## **LEGACY FUND IN-STATE STRATEGY**

Mr. Moss and Mr. Ziettlow presented a legacy fund in-state strategy, providing details on commitment pacing analysis, addressable markets, representative managers, example projects, and a representative timeline. The strategy was approved by the investment committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. CHIN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERINGER AND CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE STAFF MOVING FORWARD WITH RVK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCOPE OF WORK.

AYES: COMMISSIONER HERINGER, MR. ANDERSON, MR. CHIN, DR. TIAN, AND

TREASURER BEADLE ABSENT: DR. SIMLAI

NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

## **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Anderson provided the committee with plans of reaching out to legal counsel to start discussions of procuring a futures commission merchant.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Investment Committee, Treasurer Beadle adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

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