



INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
IPERS Headquarters
7401 Register Drive, Des Moines, Iowa
March 22, 2024

The following people participated in the IPERS Investment Board meeting held on Friday, March 22, 2024.

Members of the Board – Present

Justin Kirchhoff, Chair
Bill Bemis, Vice Chair
Tami Loge
Treasurer Roby Smith

Kris Rowley
Matt Watters
Representative Martin Graber

Members of the Board – Absent

Representative Amy Nielsen
Senator Mark Lofgren
Senator Molly Donahue

Administration

Greg Samorajski, CEO
Sriram Lakshminarayanan, CIO
John Fujiwara, Head of Strategy
Sheldon Lien, Senior Investment Officer
Pat Reinhardt, Senior Investment Officer
Keith Scholten, Senior Investment Officer
Marcus Dong, Investment Officer
Kate Fishman, Investment Officer
Ankit Saw, Investment Officer

Melinda McElroy, Executive Assistant
Elizabeth Hennessy, General Counsel
David Martin, Chief Benefits Officer
Tara Hagan, Chief Financial Officer
Rick Hindman, Chief Information Officer
Shawna Lode, Director of Communications

Consultants

Thomas Toth, Wilshire
Ali Kazemi, Wilshire

Call to Order

Chair Justin Kirchhoff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Kris Rowley moved to approve the December 7, 2023, and December 20, 2023, Investment Board meeting minutes. Treasurer Smith seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

CEO Report – Greg Samorajski

Greg Samorajski reported that recent staff turnover in the Benefits Division is creating slower call processing times and longer wait times. Length of calls is also increasing with staff assisting members on how to log into their IPERS account. Because IPERS will not receive a budget increase for office improvements, renovations to the IPERS building will be completed as the current budget allows.

Legislative Session Update

Shawna Lode reported on the 2024 legislative session and bills impacting IPERS.

Calendar Year 2023 Investment Performance Review

Thomas Toth and Ali Kazemi of Wilshire reported the total fund performance for the calendar year December 31, 2023, was 10.5%, outperforming the policy benchmark return of 10.4%. The presentation also included a return/risk ranking, sources of risk and a performance review of each publicly traded asset class and the managers within each class.

Investment Policy and Goal Statement – Securities Litigation Policy

Elizabeth Hennessey reviewed the recommended change to the Securities Litigation Policy. The proposed revision gives IPERS the ability to file claims in foreign actions without Board approval if the action is fully funded and there are no material adverse costs to IPERS. Kris Rowley moved to approve the recommendation. Treasurer Smith seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Justin Kirchhoff, Bill Bemis, Treasurer Smith, Tami Loge, Kris Rowley and Matt Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED

Closed Session for CIO Performance Evaluation and CEO Compensation

Matt Watters moved that the IPERS Investment Board go into a closed session of this public meeting to discuss the CIO's annual performance evaluation and the CEO's compensation as authorized by Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i). Kris Rowley seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes: Justin Kirchhoff, Bill Bemis, Treasurer Smith, Tami Loge, Kris Rowley and Matt Watters

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Matt Watters moved that the IPERS Investment Board end its closed session and resume the open session of this meeting. Kris Rowley seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Board took no action during its closed session.

Ayes: Justin Kirchhoff, Bill Bemis, Treasurer Smith, Tami Loge, Kris Rowley and Matt Watters
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Bill Bemis moved that the IPERS CEO compensation receive a merit increase of 2% and allow that compensation to participate in any COLA adjustments that are provided by the Governor this year as well. The Board's assumption is that will be 3% on July 1, 2024. If that increase is not implemented the Board will revisit the CEO's compensation. Kris Rowley seconded. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Justin Kirchhoff, Bill Bemis, Treasurer Smith, Tami Loge, Kris Rowley and Matt Watters
Nays: Treasurer Smith

MOTION PASSED

Securities Lending Program Review

Jina Bresson of the State Treasurer's Office provided an overview of the securities lending program and the earnings received for fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year to date 2024.

IPERS Investment Staff Reports

Beta Report

Sriram Lakshminarayanan reviewed the beta report, noting the fund's estimated market value of \$42.836 billion as of March 15, 2024, the date of the report. All asset classes were within policy ranges.

Alpha Report

The investment staff reviewed the alpha report noting organizational concerns with PGIM Wadhwani, a LARS manager.

Private Markets Program

Pat Reinhardt reviewed the investment managers in IPERS' private markets program noting material concerns with Clarion Partners and minor concerns with Forest Investment Associates and UBS Farmland.

Risk Report

Sriram Lakshminarayanan presented IPERS' risk monitoring report noting active risk remains stable and well below the 1.5% target.

CIO Updates

Sriram Lakshminarayanan reported that he made comments and shared his thoughts throughout the meeting and had no additional updates for this agenda item.

Public Comments

None

Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Investment Board meeting is Thursday, June 20, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before the Investment Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.