



**INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
IPERS Headquarters  
7401 Register Drive, Des Moines, Iowa  
June 16, 2022

The following people participated in the IPERS Investment Board Meeting held on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

**Members of the Board – Present**

Justin Kirchoff, Chair	Kris Rowley
Bill Bemis	Lisa Stange
Mike Duncan	Representative Mary Mascher
Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald	Representative Brian Lohse
Tami Loge	Senator Pam Jochum

**Members of the Board – Absent**

Senator Tim Goodwin

**Administration and Staff**

Greg Samorajski, CEO	Marcus Dong, Retirement Investment Officer
Sriram Lakshminarayanan, CIO	John Fujiwara, Retirement Investment Officer
Pat Reinhardt, Senior Investment Officer	Melinda McElroy, Executive Assistant
Keith Scholten, Senior Investment Officer	Elizabeth Hennessey, General Counsel
Sheldon Lien, Senior Investment Officer	Shawna Lode, Director of Communications
Kevin Terdal, Retirement Investment Officer	David Martin, Chief Benefits Officer

**Wilshire Associates**

Rose Dean  
John Patterson

**Cavanaugh Macdonald**

Brent Banister  
Bryan Hoge

## **Proceedings**

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

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Kris Rowley made the motion to approve the March 25, 2022, Investment Board meeting minutes. Lisa Stange seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Experience Study – Economic and Demographic Assumption Review**

Brent Banister and Bryan Hoge of Cavanaugh Macdonald presented IPERS' 2017-2021 Experience Study. Tami Loge made the motion to retain the current economic assumption including the 7% investment return assumption. Kris Rowley seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Ayes:** Justin Kirchhoff, Bill Bemis, Mike Duncan, Treasurer Fitzgerald, Tami Loge, Lisa Stange and Kris Rowley

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

Lisa Stange made the motion to adopt the demographic assumption changes recommended by the actuarial consultants as presented in their report to the Board. Treasurer Fitzgerald seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Ayes:** Justin Kirchhoff, Bill Bemis, Mike Duncan, Treasurer Fitzgerald, Tami Loge, Lisa Stange and Kris Rowley

**Nays:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

### **CEO Report**

Greg Samorajski mentioned the National Council on Teacher Retirement annually offers a trustee educational conference and encouraged Board members to attend. He next reported on the increase in staffing turnover due to retirements and the challenges of maintaining IPERS' operations without an increased budget appropriation.

### **IPERS Investment Staff Reports**

#### ***Beta Report***

Sriram Lakshminarayanan reviewed the Fund's asset allocation and stated that all asset classes were within policy ranges as of June 10, 2022. The Total Fund market value estimate on that date was \$40.8 billion.

#### ***Alpha Report***

No concerns were noted for IPERS' active managers.

### *Private Markets Program*

Pat Reinhardt reviewed the four private markets investment management firms currently being monitored: Clarion Partners, Forest Investment Associates and UBS Farmland for performance issues and RREEF for organizational issues.

### *Risk Report*

Sriram Lakshminarayanan presented IPERS' risk monitoring reports noting active risk is reacting to broad market volatility and ticking up. Core plus and international equity managers are the largest contributor to the active risk. Domestic equity misfit risk is on its way down after transitioning to the new policy benchmark.

### *CIO Updates*

Sriram Lakshminarayanan begin his report to the Board by noting that increasing inflation, rising interest rates and geopolitical tension are concerns for institutional investors and will impact the investment performance of the portfolio. He next reported that the domestic equity portfolio restructuring is complete, and two service provider RFPs will be issued shortly: one for an operational due diligence consultant and the other for a managed account platform service provider. He concluded his report by introducing John Fujiwara who was hired recently as a quantitative retirement investment officer.

### **Private Markets Overview and Outlook**

John Patterson of Wilshire Associates provided the Board with a general overview of private markets noting that despite significant volatility to begin calendar year 2022, 1-year trailing returns are still positive for most asset classes.

### **Private Markets Program Annual Review**

Pat Reinhardt presented the annual review of IPERS' private markets program. The program consists of three main portfolios: private equity, private credit and private real assets; no changes were recommended to the portfolios. Significant progress has been made in increasing the allocation to private credit. Two private credit searches have been completed with 17 managers identified for investment. Seven of these managers are actively investing, three managers are on hold and the remaining seven managers are in various states of operational due diligence and contracting.

### **Securities Litigation Report**

Elizabeth Hennessey reported on the status of each case in which IPERS is serving in an active role and provided the total funds recovered from monitored cases from June 1, 2021, through June 1, 2022.

### **Public Comments and Other Business**

None

### **Confirm Next Meeting Dates**

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Investment Board are Wednesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 22, 2022.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to come before the Investment Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.