



PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF IDAHO  
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MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF RETIREMENT BOARD

The Board of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho met in-person at 8:30 a.m., January 11, 2023. The following members were present:

Jeff Cilek  
Joy Fisher  
Darin DeAngeli  
Park Price  
Celia Gould

Executive Director Don Drum, Deputy Director Michael Hampton, Deputy Attorney General Cheryl George, Chief Investment Officer Richelle Sugiyama, and Management Assistant Eliza Storms were also in attendance.

Along with members of the public, some PERSI staff, and other persons attending all or portions of the meeting in person or via zoom were:

Ann O'Bradovich	Callan Associates	Alex Simpson	PERSI
Gary Nussbaum	Peregrine		
Andrew Flis	Peregrine		

At 8:34 a.m., Chairman Cilek called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, reviewed the objectives and agenda of the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes Trustee Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> meetings. Trustee Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PORTFOLIO

Monthly Portfolio Update

Chief Investment Officer, Richelle Sugiyama, provided a review of the PERSI portfolio as of January 9, 2023.

Ms. Sugiyama provided a brief update on the data aggregator project. Both Chief Financial Officer, Alex Simpson, and Ms. Sugiyama, stated the reconciliation process is going well.

Ms. Sugiyama introduced Gary Nussbaum and Andrew Flis with Peregrine.

Investment Manager Market Overview

Mr. Nussbaum provided a brief summary of their management style and market overview, with a focus on portfolio performance, sectors performance, inflation, and growth stocks.

Mr. Nussbaum stated he believes we are headed into a recessionary period, but that the portfolio is well-positioned to produce strong long-term returns.

Chairman Cilek thanked both Mr. Nussbaum and Mr. Flis for their time. Mr. Nussbaum stated he appreciates PERSI as a client and their long-term relationship.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Status

Director Drum discussed the COLA webinar and presentation that was provided to all members and employers. The webinar and presentation were also posted to the PERSI website to make it available to the public. He briefly discussed some of the feedback received as well as the possibility of additional webinars in the future based on that feedback. Director Drum explained the focus on educating members on how PERSI and the Board are working to protect the benefit and prevent the benefit from eroding.

Chairmen Cilek stated he appreciated PERSI staff being proactive on COLA education.

Director Drum will continue to educate about the increasing cost of a COLA, protecting the Fund, and will inquire about what other systems may be doing regarding COLAs in comparison to PERSI.

## DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Contested Case – DeLisa Jones Deputy Director Hampton presented to the Board its options in this case which include: schedule oral arguments by the parties before the Board prior to issuing final order, remand the matter for further evidentiary hearings or vocational assessment if further factual development is needed, or issue a final order accepting, rejecting or modifying the Recommended Order from the Hearing Officer.

Trustee DeAngeli made a motion to issue a Final Order accepting the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order, that the application for disability retirement be denied. Trustee Gould seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## Long Range Plan

Deputy Director Hampton provided an update on the Long-Range Plan's four areas of organizational performance: Financial, Customer, Internal Staff and Technology and recent progress. He explained the implementation of the "GovDelivery" product that targets membership to relay relevant information to specific groups, such as active members. Deputy Director Hampton was grateful for the Board and Governor's support of staffing and compensation budget line items for FY 23/24 which will help address a component of the customer and internal staff portions of the long-range plan. He also explained ITS and PERSI's partnership in obtaining 24/7/365 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitoring and industry tools to address a component of the technology portion of the long-range plan. He stated that they are expecting the monitoring to be in place by end of January.

Director Drum gave a brief update on the new DHR modernization process. He stated the process has been fast-paced, and response has been great.

## FISCAL

### Budget Review

Chief Financial Officer, Alex Simpson presented the FY2024 Executive Budget to the Board. He informed the Board PERSI staff will be meeting with DFM at the end of week.

Fiscal Update/Travel/Expense Report

Chief Financial Officer, Alex Simpson provided the Fiscal Reports and Fiscal Charts. There were no additional discussions or questions.

BOARD

February Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda for February Board Meeting. The Board would like an update on the internal audit. The Board discussed conflicts with August Board meeting dates. No decision was made.



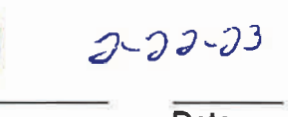
Executive Session: At 10:24 a.m. Chairman Cilek stated the Board intended to move to executive session in accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a).

Trustee Gould made a motion to go into executive session in accordance Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) to convene in executive session to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. Trustee Fisher seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote.

Upon conclusion of the executive session, Trustee Fisher made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Price seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regular Session: The Board returned to regular session at 11:13 a.m. No decisions were made.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

		
Donald Drum	Jeff Cilek	
Executive Director	Chairman	
Date	Date	Date