

Minutes of the January 5, 2023, meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting was called to order at the offices of the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa, 7155 Lake Drive, West Des Moines, IA at 10:00 a.m. by Marty Pottebaum.

Attendees at the meeting were:

Board Members:

Mary Bilden
Laura Schaefer (via telephone)
June Anne Gaeta
Marty Pottebaum
Jennifer Sease

Eric Snyder
Jason Zilk
Nickolas Schaul
Mallory Merritt

Contractual Consultants:

Doug Gross – BrownWinick
Dave Smith – Marquette

Cynthia Boyle Lande – BrownWinick
Doug Oest – Marquette

Administration:

Dan Cassady – Executive Director
Carlton Chin – Chief Investment Officer
James Bybee – Accountant/Investment Officer

BriAnna Nystrom – Deputy Director
Blake Jeffrey – Accountant/Investment Officer
Cody Jans – Investment/Communications Officer

Guests:

Xavier Leonard – LSA Fiscal Analyst
Erin Mullenix – Iowa League of Cities Research Director

Investment Manager Reports:

Cliff Yonce, Managing Director, Kevin Kester, Partner, Christopher Barbier, Managing Director, and Bibhusha Dangol, Vice President, from **Siguler Guff** provided a periodic report to the Board concerning their management of several of MFPRSI's private equity portfolios. The firm's representatives discussed with the Board an organizational update, investment philosophy, performance of the portfolios, as well as an outlook of the market. The representatives indicated there are no legal or regulatory issues affecting the firm. The Board, Investment Consultant, and Administration queried the representatives on various matters.

Paul Stover, Managing Director, Becky Blaalid, Portfolio Analyst, Mark Scholz, Portfolio Manager, and Todd White, Managing Director, from **Principal Global Investors** provided a periodic report to the Board concerning the firm's management of a domestic real estate portfolio on behalf of MFPRSI. The firm's representatives discussed with the Board an organizational update, investment philosophy, performance of the portfolio, as well as an outlook of the market. The representatives indicated there are no legal or regulatory issues affecting the firm. The Board, Investment Consultant, and Administration queried the representatives on various matters.

Michael Ewald, Managing Director, and Andrew Gorgone, Managing Director, from **Bain** provided a periodic report to the Board concerning the firm's management of a private credit portfolio on behalf of MFPRSI. The firm's representatives discussed with the Board an organizational update, investment philosophy, performance of the portfolio, as well as an outlook of the market. The representatives indicated there are no legal or regulatory issues affecting the firm. The Board, Investment Consultant, and Administration queried the representatives on various matters.

Consent Agenda and Informational Topics:

The Board reviewed the following Consent Agenda topics:

Minutes and Schedules:

1. Review & Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
2. Schedules – Calendars – Contract Summary

Benefit Activity Reports:

1. Communication Program Activity
2. DROP Program Activity Update

Development Program Reports:

1. Legislative Report

The Executive Director discussed the Consent Agenda

Mary Bilden moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion was seconded by Nickolas Schaul.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Financial Reports: The Executive Director discussed the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. The Chairperson, Marty Pottebaum, appointed himself, Mary Bilden, and Nickolas Schaul to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Committee.

Board Inquiries & any Misc. Discussion Items: The Executive Director discussed the Fiscal Year 2022 goal of updating the strategic plan. The Executive Director discussed the new 2023 Iowa income tax withholding law. The Executive Director also notified the Board that MFPRSI has sent requests to the state legislature for new legislative Board member appointments due in 2023. He also discussed the passing of Federal legislation, the Omnibus bill, which eliminates the requirement that insurance premiums be withheld by MFPRSI and paid directly to an insurance provider in order for retired public safety officers to receive the income exclusion. Finally, the Executive Director informed the Board of potential state legislation regarding investments related to ESG.

Discussion of Legal Matters & Imminent & Pending Litigation Cases: A representative from MFPRSI's legal counsel, BrownWinick, reported they are still monitoring the Brooke Carter case.

Consideration of & Determination on Appeal Case (None).

Investment Program Update: The Executive Director and the Chief Investment Officer provided an internal investment update.

Investment Performance Report: Representatives from MFPRSI's investment consulting firm, Marquette, reviewed with the Board reports of performance for both the retirement system's portfolio and the investment markets as of November 30, 2022.

2023 Financial Evaluation Report to Legislature: The Executive Director discussed the report draft.

Strategic Planning: The Executive Director discussed the tentative Action Items timeline.

Jason Zilk moved to adopt the 2023 Financial Evaluation Report to the Legislature.

Motion was seconded by Mary Bilden.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:49 pm.