



MINUTES

**Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
State Universities Retirement System
Thursday, October 18, 2018, 4:30 p.m.
Northern Trust
Global Conference Center – 1st Floor
50 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60603**

The following trustees were present: Mr. Tom Cross, Mr. Mark Cozzi, Mr. Dennis Cullen, Dr. John Engstrom, Mr. Craig McCrohon, Dr. Steven Rock, Ms. Lisa Schumacher and Mr. Antonio Vasquez (via conference call).

Others present: Mr. Martin Noven, Executive Director; Mr. Albert Lee, Associate General Counsel; Mr. Douglas Wesley, Chief Investment Officer; Ms. Tara Myers, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Alex Ramos, Investment Officer; Ms. Kristen Houch, Legislative Liaison; Ms. Kelly Carson and Ms. Annette Ackerman, Executive Assistants; and Ms. Mary Pat Burns of Burke, Burns & Pinelli.

Board of trustees' roll call attendance was taken. Trustee Ammons, absent; Trustee Cozzi, present; Trustee Cross, present; Trustee Cullen, present; Trustee Engstrom, present; Trustee Giertz, absent; Trustee McCrohon, present; Trustee Rock, present; Trustee Schumacher, present; Trustee Van Meter, absent and Trustee Vasquez, present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Tom Cross presented the minutes from the board meeting of September 14, 2018.

Trustee Steven Rock made the following motion:

- That the minutes from September 14, 2018 board of trustees meeting be approved as presented.

Trustee Tom Cross seconded and the motion carried with all trustees present voting in favor.

Trustee Rock made the following motion:

- That the closed session minutes from the September 14, 2018 board of trustees meeting be approved as presented and remain closed.

Trustee John Engstrom seconded and the motion carried with all trustees present voting in favor.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Cross did not have a chairperson report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Martin Noven did not have an executive director's report.

BOARD TRAVEL

Mr. Noven presented the board with travel and conference opportunities and stated there were no new travel opportunities to be presented during this meeting. Mr. Noven encouraged trustees to continue to make suggestions for future educational opportunities.

A copy of the staff memorandum titled "Board Training Requirements and Travel Approval" which includes the list of upcoming training opportunities as of October 2018 is incorporated as a part of these minutes as [Exhibit 1](#) and [Exhibit 2](#).

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Investment Committee

On behalf of the Investment Committee, Trustee Mark Cozzi presented the committee action.

The Investment Committee recommends to the board:

- That based on the recommendation from staff and PCA, the board approve the selection of transition managers for the transition manager bench and/or interim management services:
 - Black Rock
 - Citigroup
 - Loop Capital
 - Northern Trust
 - Penserra
 - Russell

Trustee Cullen seconded and the motion carried with all trustees present voting in favor.

Administration Committee

On behalf of the Administration Committee, Trustee Cross presented the committee actions.

The Administration Committee recommends to the board:

- That based on the recommendation of Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, the board approve \$1,855,938,000 to be certified for fiscal year 2020 as the proposed state contribution.
- That based on the recommendation of SURS staff, the board approve the amount of \$4,431,113 to be certified for fiscal year 2020 to the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund.

- That based on the recommendation of Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, the board approve the Employer Normal Cost Rate of 13.02 percent for fiscal year 2020.

Trustee Rock seconded and the motions carried with the majority of the trustees present voting in favor.

- That based on the recommendation of SURS staff and outside legal counsel, the board approve the draft vacation policy as presented.

Trustee Cozzi seconded and the motion carried with all trustees present voting in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Dennis Cullen moved that the board of trustees go into closed session pursuant to §2(c)(8) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Engstrom seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote:

Trustee Ammons	-	absent
Trustee Cozzi	-	aye
Trustee Cross	-	aye
Trustee Cullen	-	aye
Trustee Engstrom	-	aye
Trustee Giertz	-	absent
Trustee McCrohon	-	absent
Trustee Rock	-	aye
Trustee Schumacher	-	aye
Trustee Van Meter	-	absent
Trustee Vasquez	-	aye

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon motion by Trustee Rock that was seconded by Trustee Engstrom and carried, the board of trustees resumed the meeting in open session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further business before the board. Trustee Cozzi moved that the meeting be adjourned, Trustee Cullen seconded and the motion carried with all trustees present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Martin Noven
Secretary, SURS Board of Trustees



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Mr. Martin Noven
Executive Director

RE: Board Training Requirements and Travel Approval

DATE: October 5, 2018

In order to assist Trustees in obtaining the 8 hours of annual training required by Public Act 96-0006, staff has developed the attached list of upcoming training opportunities. This list will be updated and provided to the Trustees with the regular meeting materials.

Public Act 96-0006 also requires that all Board travel be approved by a majority of Trustees in order to qualify for reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the Board's Travel Approval and Expense Reimbursement Policy. Each Trustee is eligible to be reimbursed for two out-of-state trips, each fiscal year, for educational purposes. SURS is a voting member of the Council of Institutional Investors ("CII"). In March of 2013, the SURS travel policy was amended, to provide that attendance at the semi-annual meetings of CII not be included in the two-per-year limit for board member attendance at educational conferences, since such conferences are not educational meetings, rather, are working meetings of an organization of which SURS is a member.

Staff Recommends that the following motions be approved at this time:

- **That the Board of Trustees travel to attend conferences or trainings listed on the October 2018 list of Upcoming Training Opportunities be approved and that all resulting allowable expenses consistent with SURS travel policy be reimbursed.**



State Universities Retirement System
Schedule of
Upcoming Training Opportunities
As of October 2018

SURS Board/Committee Meetings for 2018-2019

SURS Board and Committee Meetings	December 6-7, 2018
SURS Board and Committee Meetings	January 31 – February 1, 2019
SURS Board and Committee Meetings	March 7-8, 2019
SURS Board and Committee Meetings	April 18, 2019
SURS Board and Committee Meetings	June 6-7, 2019
SURS Board and Committee Meetings	September 12-13, 2019
SURS Board and Committee Meetings	October 17, 2019
SURS Board and Committee Meetings	December 10-11, 2019

Council of Institutional Investors

Title:	2018 Fall Conference
Subject Matter:	Corporate Governance Issues
Sponsor:	Council of Institutional Investors
Date:	October 24-26, 2018
Location:	Boston, MA
Registration Fee:	Complimentary for members

✳ **Training Opportunities**
New Opportunity

Title:	2018 PIMCO Institute
Subject Matter:	Various Investment Topics
Sponsor:	PIMCO
Date:	October 22-25, 2018
Location:	Newport Beach, CA
Registration Fee:	TBD *** By Invitation Only – please see Kelly if interested***

Title:	NCPERS Accredited Fiduciary Program (NAF)
Subject Matter:	Various Investment Topics
Sponsor:	NCPERS
Date:	October 27-28, 2018
Location:	Las Vegas, NV
Registration Fee:	TBD