



CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

**Special Meeting of the Investment Committee of the
State Universities Retirement System
Thursday, February 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
State Universities Retirement System
Northern Trust – Global Conference Center – 1st Floor
50 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL**

Upon motion by Trustee Paul Johnson, second by Trustee Aaron Ammons, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Investment Committee went into closed session under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to §2(c)(7).

The following trustees were present: Mr. Mark Cozzi, Chair, Mr. Aaron Ammons, Mr. Tom Cross, Dr. John Engstrom, Mr. Paul R. T. Johnson Jr., Mr. Craig McCrohon, Dr. Steven Rock and Mr. Antonio Vasquez.

Others present: Mr. Martin Noven, Executive Director; Mr. Doug Wesley, Chief Investment Officer; Ms. Ellen Hung, Deputy CIO; Ms. Bianca Green, General Counsel; Ms. Kim Pollitt, Mr. Joe Duncan and Mr. Shane Willoughby, Senior Investment Officers; Mr. Brian DeLorica, Investment Officer; Ms. Kelly Valle, Investment Analyst, Mr. Steve Hayward, Director of Internal Audit; Ms. Kristen Houch, Legislative Liaison; Ms. Kelly Carson and Ms. Annette Ackerman, Executive Assistants; Ms. Mary Pat Burns of Burke, Burns and Pinelli; Mr. Kevin Leonard, Mr. Tim Bruce and Ms. Kristin Finney-Cooke of NEPC.

Investment Committee roll call attendance was taken. Trustee Cozzi, present; Trustee Cross, present; Trustee Cullen, present via conference call; Trustee Giertz, absent; Trustee Johnson, present; Trustee McCrohon, present; and Trustee Rock, present.

CONSIDERATION OF EQUITY INDEX OPTION RISK PREMIA CAPTURE STRATEGIES

Presentations were made by the following representatives of the four finalist candidate firms under consideration for the role of options manager:

- Gladius – Mr. Pav Sethi and Mr. Eric Magac
- AQR – Mr. Roni Israelov, Mr. Harsha Tummala and Mr. Greg Habay
- Neuberger Berman – Mr. Doug Kramer, Mr. Derek Devans, Mr. Julian Bostic and Ms. Cheryl Cannistra
- Rampart – Mr. Warun Kumar and Mr. Brendan Finneran

Following the interviews, discussion occurred regarding the consideration of candidates and allocation of investment amounts to be distributed to each of the selected managers.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Trustee Mark Cozzi, seconded by Trustee Paul Johnson, the motion carried and the Investment Committee resumed its meeting in open session.

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FIXED INCOME ASSET CLASS REVIEW

At the conclusion of the Fixed Income Asset Class Review, Mr. Joe Duncan and Mr. Brian DeLoriea presented a memo which recommended the termination of BlueBay Asset Management as an EMD manager. Reasons for the termination were provided along with a proposal for allocating the assets.

COURTLAND PARTNERS CONSENT TO MERGER

Mr. Shane Willoughby provided an overview of the proposed Courtland/StepStone merger. Mr. Willoughby stated that SURS consent is required in order to continue the relationship with the firm. After discussion it was determined that staff had the authority necessary to approve the request for consent and that no official action by the board was required.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Steven Rock, the motion carried and the Investment Committee resumed its meeting in open session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Noven", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Martin Noven
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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