

Worcester Retirement Financial Board Meeting Minutes
December 10th 2020

The Worcester Retirement Board met at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday December 10th 2020 for their financial meeting through teleconference. Board members S.Wentzell, B. Stearns, E. Early, and J. Mahan were present. S. Wentzell acted as Chair for the meeting. S. MacLellan and D. Dynan, Meketa representatives were present.

One anonymous caller had joined the meeting.

Due to recent Covid-19 vaccine developments and stimulus check discussions, markets have been performing positively.

Novembers estimated aggregate performance is 6.1%. When 3rd quarter valuations for Private Equity, Infrastructure, and Real Estate are reflected in December valuations, there is an expectation of positive gain for the portfolio.

There was discussion of adjusting the benchmark. This will be re-evaluated in 2021.

Natural Resources is out of IPS Range by .5% due to The Boards recent vote to liquidate Public Natural Resources. Value-Added Fixed Income is out of rage due to being slightly over 6% which is not a concern at this time. Lazard is in the final stages of liquidation; it is recommended to use the remainder of the funds to fund the monthly retiree payroll and any excess move to the PRIT Core Fund to get rid of any overweight.

October 14th 2020 Meketa issued an RFP on behalf of the Board for Co-Investment Opportunistic Hedge funds. There were six managers who responded. Out of the six respondents three of them were rated highly-advantageous: En-Trust Global, Grosvenor Capital Management, and Old Farm Partners.

After discussion and review of the respondents The Board decided to interview the three highly-advantageous respondents at a future financial meeting to explore the options in more detail.

The portfolio currently has a 7% target allocation to Private Equity. The portfolio is currently at a Market Value of \$94.6 million being 9%, the portfolio is currently overweight. As of September 30th 2020 the portfolio requires additional commitments to Private Equity to maintain its target allocation going forward. Meketa recommends requesting to commit \$22 million to the PRIM PEVY 2021 sleeve.

VOTED: Commit \$22 Million to the PRIM PEVY 2021. (3-0)

VOTED: Liquidate remaining Lazard portfolio to fund December 2020 Retiree Payroll and any remaining funds allocate to the PRIT Core Fund. (3-0)

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Poske, Executive Secretary

Stephen F. Wentzell, Appointed Member, Acting Chair

Elizabeth A. Early, Elected Member

John F. Mahan, Elected Member

Robert V. Stearns, Ex Officio Member

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Tamara Cullen, Fifth Member