
Minutes

A meeting of the Investment Advisory Committee of the Virginia Retirement System was held on November 6, 2024 with the following members present:

Larry Kochard, joined remotely under § 2.2-3708.3(B)(4)
Michael Beasley, joined remotely under § 2.2-3708.3(B)(4)
Theodore Economou
Palmer Garson
Nancy Leake
Bryan Lewis, joined remotely under § 2.2-3708.3(B)(4)
Rod Smyth, joined remotely under § 2.2-3708.3(B)(4)
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The following Board members were present:

A. Scott Andrews (remote)
John Bennett (remote)
Lawrence Bernert
Michael Disharoon (remote)
Matthew James

The following staff members were in attendance:

Trish Bishop, Andrew Junkin, Stephen Adelaar, John Alouf, Advait Apte, Rory Badura, Parham Behrooz, Brock Bell, Matt Bennett, Erica Billingslea, Jeanne Chenault, Tom Coleman, Perry Corsello, Sara Denson, Laurie Fennell, Laura Fields, Antonio Fisher, Kenneth Fleming, Jay Gentry, Katherine Grawe, JT Grier, Greg Hines, Dane Honrado, K.C. Howell, Sandy Jack, Cecilia Jones, DeVon Jones, Ross Kasarda, Jeannie Kim, Kristina Koutrakos, Matt Lacy, Chung Ma, Jennifer MacKnight, Curt Mattson, Scott Mootz, Teresa Nguyen, Walker Noland, Greg Oliff, Laura Pugliese, Shawn Rabalais, Jummai Sarki-Hurd, Daniel Schlussler, Jenny Schoeller, Michael Scott, Viet Tran, Korey Turner, Daniel Whitlock, and Steve Woodall.

Also in attendance were Lauren Albanese with Financial Investment News; Muskan Arora with Markets Group; Harrison Bader, Taylor Benson, Julia Dutton, Mitchell King, and Brigid Schutsky with BlackRock; Thomas Cosmer with Pinebridge Investments; Cyril Espanol of Pageant Media; Justin Ferrell with the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts; and Katharine Smith with Financial Times.

Mr. West called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. West announced that Mr. Kochard, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Smyth would be participating remotely in accordance with § 2.2-3708.3 (B)(4) of the Code of Virginia.

Mr. West took a roll call of each Committee member for attendance purposes:

Mr. Beasley – present
Mr. Economou – present
Ms. Garson – present
Mr. Gayner – not present
Ms. Leake – present
Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. Smyth – not present (joined remotely at 10:00am)
Mr. West – present
Mr. Kochard – present

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Mr. West noted that there is no physical quorum of Investment Advisory Committee members so the minutes from the August 14, 2024, Committee meeting will not be approved during this meeting.

CIO Report

Mr. Junkin began his report with a market overview. Mr. Junkin then discussed total fund performance and asset allocation. Last, Mr. Junkin reviewed the New Investments and Terminations Report.

**Global Equity
Benchmarking**

Mr. Junkin provided an overview of global equity benchmarks. He discussed foreign adversaries, existing exposure, and forward-looking returns.

**Asset Allocation Scenario
Analysis**

Mr. Ma provided scenario analysis for the following possible scenarios: baseline, global recession, stagflation, and productivity boost. Mr. Badura then provided a comparison of valuation measures under the different economic scenarios for the State Plan. Last, Mr. Lacy presented a case study regarding the impacts of leverage in a market drawdown situation.

**Asset Allocation Glide
Path Update**

Mr. Ma provided an asset allocation update. Review topics included a roadmap, expected glide path, and looking forward information.

**Private Market Program
Reviews**

Mr. Howell provided a program overview of Private Assets. Review topics included classification of private assets, reason for investments, and growth opportunities.

Mr. Noland provided a review of the Real Assets Program. Review topics included markets, exposures, managers, co-investments, and looking forward information.

Mr. Alouf provided a review of the Private Equity Program. Review topics included markets, exposures, managers, co-investments, and looking forward information.


Mr. Woodall provided a review of the Credit Strategies Program. Review topics included markets, exposures, managers, co-investments, and looking forward information.

The Committee members engaged in general discussion throughout the presentation.

Adjournment

Because there was no physical quorum, a motion was not necessary to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



Larry Kochard, Chairperson