

NOTE: These minutes were approved and executed at the December 17, 2021 Independent Investment Committee meeting.

**Independent Investment Committee Meeting
November 19, 2021**

Public Minutes

**New Hampshire Retirement System
54 Regional Drive
Concord, NH 03301**

Committee Members: Maureen Kelliher, *Chair*; Christine Clinton; and Tim Lesko. Mike McMahon; *absent*; and Daniel LaPlante; *absent*.

Staff: Jan Goodwin, *Executive Director*; Tim Crutchfield, *Deputy Director and Chief Legal Counsel (by video conference)*; Larry Johansen, *Director of Investments*; Marty Karlon, *Director of Communication and Legislative Affairs (by video conference)*; Heather Hoffacker, *Internal Auditor (by video conference)*; Greg Richard, *Senior Investment Officer (by video conference)*; Ashley Lloyd, *Investment Officer (by video conference)*; and Shana Bilech, *Junior Investment Officer (by video conference)*.

Callan (by video conference): Angel Haddad, *Senior Vice President*; Britton Murdoch, *Vice President*; and Pete Keliuotis, *Executive Vice President and Head of Alternatives Consulting*.

Guest: Scott Hammond.

Ms. Kelliher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Lesko, seconded by Ms. Clinton, the Committee unanimously approved the public minutes of the October 22, 2021 Investment Committee meeting, as presented.

Ms. Kelliher and Mr. Johansen welcomed newly appointed Independent Investment Committee member Scott Hammond. Mr. Hammond's service on the Committee will begin once administrative documents are processed. Mr. Hammond provided a brief introduction of himself and his professional background. The Committee members then provided brief introductions of themselves and their professional backgrounds to Scott.

Mr. Johansen reviewed investment returns through recent periods and referred to the Callan Monthly Review for periods ending October 31, 2021. Mr. Johansen reviewed the Work Plan and updated the Committee on several initiatives, including the Core Non-U.S. Small-Cap Equity transition. He noted that the SBH International Small Cap Strategy was

fully liquidated. The Wellington International Small Cap Research Equity Strategy will be funded in November and December.

Mr. Johansen referenced the proposed 2022 Investment Committee meeting schedule, originally presented to the Committee in October. On a motion by Ms. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Lesko, the Committee unanimously agreed to approve the 2022 Investment Committee meeting schedule, as presented.

Mr. Pete Keliuotis, Executive Vice President and Head of Alternatives Consulting; of Callan introduced Atalaya and discussed Callan's conviction in Atalaya and the Atalaya Special Opportunities Fund VIII ("ASOF VIII").

Ms. Rebecca Chia, Head of Business Development and Investor Relations; and Mr. Ivan Zinn, Founder & Chief Investment Officer; of Atalaya provided a brief introduction of themselves and their firm. They referred to the "Atalaya Special Opportunities Fund VIII ("ASOF VIII")" presentation dated November 19, 2021. A discussion with the Committee followed.

Ms. Chia provided a thorough overview of the Atalaya investment platform and the firm's history. Mr. Zinn discussed the firm's organizational structure. He then detailed Atalaya's investment philosophy and process. He discussed case studies of investments in prior ASOF funds. Ms. Chia closed by discussing the ASOF series track record and the ASOF VIII key terms.

The Committee discussed the presentation made by Atalaya and the opportunity to invest in ASOF VIII. On a motion by Ms. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Lesko, the Committee unanimously voted to commit \$50 million to Atalaya Special Opportunities Fund VIII, subject to contract and legal review.

Mr. Angel Haddad, Senior Vice President; of Callan provided a brief overview of the System's quarterly investment performance at September 30, 2021. A discussion with the Committee followed.

Mr. Haddad discussed the NHRS asset allocation and portfolio structure, investment performance and notable developments.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Draft Comprehensive Annual Investment Report ("CAIR") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021. On a motion by Mr. Lesko, seconded by Ms. Clinton, the Committee unanimously approved the CAIR for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021, as presented. The Committee directed Staff to submit the CAIR to the Board at its December meeting, with a recommendation for approval.

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Mr. Johansen noted that three economists will present their macroeconomic views at the January Committee meeting. He asked that Committee members submit any questions for the presenters to him ahead of the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Lesko, seconded by Ms. Clinton, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.