

NOTE: These minutes were approved and executed at the December 12, 2023 Independent Investment Committee Meeting

**Independent Investment Committee Meeting
November 14, 2023
Public Minutes**

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

Committee Members:

- Maureen Kelliher, CFA, *Chair*
- Brian Bickford, CFA, CFP®, *Member*
- Christine Clinton, CFA, *Member*
- Mike McMahon, *Non-Voting Member*
- Paul Provost, CFP ®, *Member*

Staff:

- Jan Goodwin, *Executive Director*
- Raynald Leveque, *Chief Investment Officer*
- Gregory Richard, CFA, *Senior Investment Officer*
- Shana Bilech, CFP ®, *Investment Officer*
- Jesse Pasierb, *Investment Operations Analyst*
- Eileen Demers, *Consultant, Robert Half*
- Tim Crutchfield, *Deputy Director, and Chief Legal Counsel (by video conference)*
- Heather Hoffacker, *Internal Auditor (by video conference)*
- Marty Karlon, *Director of Communications (by video conference)*

Guests:

- Angel Haddad, *Senior Vice President, Callan LLC*
- Jay Kloepfer, *Executive Vice President, Callan LLC (by video conference)*

Chair Kelliher called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Provost, seconded by Ms. Clinton, the Independent Investment Committee (Committee) unanimously approved the public minutes of the October 10, 2023, Committee meeting as presented.

Mr. Leveque reviewed investment returns through recent periods and referred to the Callan Monthly Review for periods ending June 30, 2023 and September 30, 2023. He shared an update on holdings within the NHRS portfolio. He confirmed that all allocations are in line with their approved

ranges. Mr. Leveque updated the Committee on total plan liquidity, Russian holdings, and the Work Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Bickford, seconded by Ms. Clinton, the Committee unanimously approved the 2024 Investment Committee meeting schedule, as presented.

On a motion by Mr. Provost, seconded by Mr. Bickford, the Committee unanimously approved the Investment Management Agreement with Wellington Management for a five-year term through November 30, 2028.

Mr. Leveque then presented the “2023 NHRS Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) Review” dated November 2023 to the Committee. Mr. Leveque referenced the efforts of the Investment Team in completing the SAA review, assisted by Callan and led by Senior Investment Officer, Mr. Richard.

Mr. Leveque discussed the goals of the nine-month review and the process undertaken by Staff to conduct it with collaboration from Callan. He reviewed three policy portfolios (A, B, and C) and provided the recommendation for Portfolio B, which reduces public global equity from 50% to 40%, increases private credit from 5 to 10%, and creates a new allocation to private infrastructure of 5%. He discussed potential staffing changes to accommodate the recommendation and advised that Staff is finalizing a Strategic Plan for Investments.

Mr. Provost left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

The Committee then heard from representatives of Callan.

Mr. Kloepfer referenced the “2023 Asset-Liability and Strategic Asset Allocation Study” presentation dated November 2023. He reviewed the current NHRS asset allocation target and discussed Callan’s perspective on the three potential policy portfolios. He reviewed the liquidity analysis and stress testing done on the three potential portfolios for the Committee.

Mr. Leveque read Mr. Provost’s email to him and Chair Kelliher, stating that he supports the development and eventual implementation of Portfolio B.

On a motion by Ms. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Bickford, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the development and eventual implementation of Portfolio B to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Ms. Clinton, seconded by, Mr. Bickford, the Committee unanimously conditionally approved the Comprehensive Annual Investment Report (CAIR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 as presented, subject to the inclusion of the investment section from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Committee directed Staff to

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submit the CAIR to the Board of Trustees at the December Board meeting with a recommendation for approval.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.