

**Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System  
Regular Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006  
8:30 a.m.**

The Board of Trustees of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System convened in the Board Room (Room 100) of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System's Building located at 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Larry Wilmer - Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Roll was called by Ms. Champagne.

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Members Present: Mr. Larry Wilmer – Chairman, Ms. Betty Crain, Mr. Earl Richard, Jr., Ms. Judith McKee, Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Ms. Lori Pierce, designee for Mr. John Kennedy – State Treasurer

Members Absent: Ms. Betty Jacobs, Ms. Sylvia Myers, Representative Pete Schneider, Senator D.A. “Butch” Gautreaux, Mr. Al Ater – Secretary of State

Staff Present: Mr. Charles P. Bujol – Executive Director, Ms. Debra Dudley – Assistant Director, Ms. Julia LeBlanc – Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Warren Ponder – Executive Counsel, Ms. Judy Wright – Public Informations Director 1, Ms. Josie Meche – Investment Manager 1, Ms. Jennifer Champagne – Administrative Assistant 5

Also Present: Mr. Don Saxton and Mr. Greg Moore – Segal Advisors, Inc. Ms. Ruby Jolissaint

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## **INVESTMENTS**

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION ON PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENTS**

Mr. Greg Moore, of Segal Advisors, Inc., provided an educational presentation on private equity investments, which included defining private equity investments, what they represent, advantages of private equity financing, and detailed review of private equity categories and the risk returns on each category. Also reviewed were unique characteristics of private equity investments, cash flows, J-Curve effect, reasons for investing in private equity, concept of over committing, and key terms used in private equity investments. Discussion was held on the overall process and the concept of long term investment in private equity.

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER REPORTS**

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER PRESENTATIONS**

#### **ARK ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., INC**

*M. Elizabeth Fugler, Senior Manager, Client Servicing*  
*James G. Pontone, Managing Director, Product Manager*

Ms. Fugler began the presentation by providing a brief overview of the firm, which included a history of the company and investment strategies, public fund client list, representative client list, and foundation for success. LSERS investment guidelines were reviewed and it was noted that Ark Asset Management was in compliance with the guidelines. Ms. Fugler then provided a review of the portfolio's asset mix, investment performance, investment returns, and large cap growth.

Mr. Pontone continued the presentation by reviewing the investment portfolio, which included performance over the past year and quarter, specific information on stocks, performance compared to the Russell 1000 Growth Index, and the philosophy and process used in selecting stocks.

Ms. Fugler and Mr. Pontone then answered questions from the Board.

## SELECTION OF FINALISTS FOR PRIVATE EQUITY SEARCH

Mr. Moore presented the Private Equity Fund of Funds Manager Search Report, which included an introduction on basic requirements and unique characteristics and review of the manager search process used in selecting six managers for consideration by the Board of Trustees for finalist interviews:

Hamilton Lane, *Bala Cynwyd, PA*  
HarbourVest Partners, *Boston, MA*  
Mesirow Financial Private Equity Partners, *Chicago, IL*  
Pantheon Ventures, *San Francisco, CA*  
Portfolio Advisors, *Darien, CT*  
Wilshire Private Markets Group, *Santa Monica, CA*

Mr. Moore then provided an extensive review of all six managers and answered questions from the Board.

**ON MOTION BY MR. FAULK, SECONDED BY MS. CRAIN AND CARRIED**, the Board selected Hamilton Lane, HarbourVest Partners, Pantheon Ventures, and Wilshire Private Markets Group for finalist interviews to be conducted on July 10, 2006.

Mr. Moore was asked to provide pertinent information on all four managers to Board members prior to the scheduled interviews.


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bujol informed the Board that Ms. Julia LeBlanc would be retiring in November 2006. Board members expressed their sorrow in losing such a valued employee, but at the same time extended their appreciation and gratitude to Ms. LeBlanc for her years of dedicated service to the Board and the System.

Ms. LeBlanc reminisced on her career and expressed her gratitude for the years she has worked with the Board, staff, and members of the System. She assured the Board that her Investment Department staff would be able to handle things going forward.

There was no other business to discuss.

**ON MOTION BY MR. FAULK, SECONDED BY MS. CRAIN AND CARRIED**, the Board adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

  
Charles P. Bujol – Director

  
Larry Wilmer - Chairman