Louisiana School Employees’ Retirement System
Special Board Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020
11:09 a.m.

The Louisiana School Employees’ Retirement System’s Special Board Meeting convened in the boardroom (Room 100) of the Louisiana School Employees’ Retirement System Building, located at 8660 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Special Board Meeting was conducted in person and via teleconference with some attendees phoning into the meeting. Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Chairman of Board, called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. The roll was called by Ms. Simmons.

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Members Present:  Mr. Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Mr. Eugene Rester, Jr., Ms. Andrea Matte, Ms. Colleen Barber, Mr. Henry J. Yearby, Ms. Penny Brown, Mr. Philip Walther, Mr. Philip Qualls – designee for Mr. John Schroder – State Treasurer, Mr. Joe Salter – designee for Mr. Kyle Ardoin – Secretary of State

Members Absent:  Senator Beth Mizell - Senate Committee on Retirement, Representative Tony Bacala – House Committee on Retirement, Mr. Jay Dardenne – Commissioner of Administration

Staff Present:  Mr. Charles Bujol – Executive Director, Ms. Chenfei Zhou - Assistant Director, Mr. John Strange - Executive Counsel, Mr. Matthew Freedman - Chief Investment Officer, *Ms. Laurie Stark – Administrative Program Specialist A, Ms. Ashley Simmons – Executive Staff Officer, Mr. Kent Caperton – IT Technical Support Specialist 1, *Ms. Melinda Carson – Chief Financial Officer, *Ms. Michelle Bridges – Executive Management Officer


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*Attended via GoTo meeting

Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Butler and Ms. Bridges departed at 11:40 a.m.
Ms. Carson departed at 12:48 p.m.
Mr. Salter, Mr. Curran and Mr. Good departed at 12:50 p.m.
Mr. Qualls departed at 1:23 p.m.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Bujol requested that “Consideration of House Bill 36” be added as Item IV to the agenda.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MR. YEARBY AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board agreed to add” Consideration of House Bill 36” as Item IV to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Faulk called for public comment on any item on the agenda. There were no comments.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Rester requested that the Board approve the following motion:

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT the Board approved committing up to $50 million to Maverick Lien Fund VI and concurrent co-investment opportunities, subject to legal review; and up to $50 million to HighBrook Property Fund IV and concurrent co-investment opportunities, subject to legal review.

ANNUAL REPORT – FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT – DUPLANTIER, HRAPMANN, HOGAN & MAHER

Michelle Cunningham, CPA, Partner
J. Patrick Butler, CPA, Auditor Manager

The independent auditor’s report prepared by Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP was made available at the meeting. Ms. Cunningham and Mr. Butler provided a detailed review and educational presentation of the audit report on the financial statements of the Louisiana School Employees’ Retirement System (LSERS) via an audio/visual presentation titled: Presentation of the Results of the June 30, 2020 Audit. Ms. Cunningham then addressed questions from the Board.

ON MOTION BY MS. MATTE, SECONDED BY MR. WALTHER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the 2020 Independent Auditor’s report.

ACTUARIAL VALUATION – G.S. CURRAN & COMPANY, LTD.

Greg Curran, FCA, MAAA, ASA
The actuarial valuation prepared by G. S. Curran & Company, Ltd. was distributed at the meeting. Mr. Curran provided a detailed report and educational presentation on the actuarial valuation of assets and liabilities, as well as funding requirements, for the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System as of June 30, 2020. Mr. Curran then addressed questions from the Board.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BARBER AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the 2020 Actuarial Valuation report.

LSERS PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FY2021-22

Mr. Bujol and Ms. Zhou provided a review of LSERS' proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 which included a 0.62% decrease from the existing Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget. They then addressed questions from the Board.

ON MOTION BY MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board approved the FY2021-22 LSERS Operating Budget.

DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 36

Mr. Strange provided an overview of HB 36. Mr. Bujol, Mr. John and Ms. Zhou then addressed questions from the Board. The Board requested Executive Staff to continue monitoring the bill and providing updates to the Board.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT EDUCATION

An educational presentation regarding Sexual Harassment was provided pursuant to Act 270 of the 2018 Regular Session. This training included an audio/visual component titled: CPTP Preventing Sexual Harassment 2020 provided by the Louisiana Department of Civil Service.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.
ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. RESTER, SECONDED BY MS. BROWN AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the Board adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Charles P. Bujol, Executive Director

Jeffrey Faulk, Sr., Chairman