

**MINUTES OF THE  
WV CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC RETIREMENT BOARD  
INVESTMENT & TDC COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF May 13, 2024**

A meeting of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board's Investment Committee was held on Tuesday May 13, 2024, at the Consolidated Public Retirement Board office at 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Due notice has been posted.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Jeffrey Vallet, Chair.

**Roll Call**

**Committee Members present:**

Jeffrey Vallet, Chair  
Mike McKown (*via telephone*)  
Beth Morgan (*via telephone*)

**Committee Members absent:**

Cabinet Secretary, Mark D. Scott  
Woodrow Brogan  
Rhonda Bolyard

**A quorum was present.**

**Others attending in person were:**

Jeffrey E. Fleck, CPRB Executive Director  
Terasa Miller, CPRB Deputy Director  
Kim Pauley, CPRB Executive Assistant  
Paula Van Horn, CPRB TDC Manager  
Chris Meadows, Empower  
Don Jurgens, Empower  
William Thornton, Empower  
Craig Slaughter, WVIMB

**Item #1: Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Vallet said that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Investment Committee.

**Mike McKown made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting of the Investment Committee. Beth Morgan seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.**

**Item #2: TDC Plan Investment Review – March 31, 2024- (Bill Thornton-Empower)**

Mr. Vallet recognized Bill Thornton of Empower to present the TDC Investment Performance report for the period ending March 31, 2024. He reviewed the US Markets, Global Markets, and labor markets.

Mr. Thornton stated that it's been a good quarter and a change compared to the last quarter of 2023. He reported that the first quarter GDP estimate was 1.6%. Mr. Thornton stated that inflation picked up in January and February there was a bit of volatility in the market. He noted labor numbers are still relatively strong. Mr. Thornton reported that the S&P 500 had a solid quarter up 10%. He explained that growth outperformed value. Next Mr. Thornton reviewed the fund's performance. He said that most of the funds performed very well as expected. Mr. Thornton also noted that the line-up looks good.

He offered to answer questions from the Committee.

**Item #3: Target date funds/ Five-year increments– March 31, 2024 (Bill Thornton-Empower)**

Jeffrey Vallet recognized Bill Thornton of Empower, to review the Target Date funds/ five-year increments as of March 31, 2024.

Mr. Thornton reported that there is a possibility of adding the five-year increments to target date funds and five additional investment options. He said Empower will be bringing more information to the Investment meetings in the future for the committee to review and take to the Board for approval.

He then answered questions from the committee members.

**Item #4: TDC Q1 Plan Investment Review – March 31, 2024- (Don Jurgens-Empower)**

Mr. Jurgens reported that the total plan assets were \$730,383,310 and it had 3,551 participants. He said that the average participant balance was \$204,432. Mr. Jurgens reviewed investment strategy utilization and explained that 75.3% of participants are using the do-it yourself strategy. He also reviewed cash flow, distribution activity, equity exposure, and the rate of return.

He then answered questions from the committee members.

**Item #5: TDC Outreach Update- Chris Meadows- Empower**

Chairman Bunn recognized Chris Meadows of Empower Retirement who gave an update on the TDC Plan.

Mr. Meadows updated the Board on the TDC outreach. He reported that he had conducted 294 educational counseling sessions and 86 distribution counseling sessions since the beginning of the year for a total of 380 sessions year to date. Mr. Meadows mentioned financial education, strategic/direct campaigns and Retirement Readiness Reviews all help drive participant meetings, engagement, and preparedness for retirement. He reviewed the Spring newsletter and the MTR Fee Holiday. Mr. Meadows reviewed the economic overview as of March 28, 2024. He noted that growth continued to outperform value. He reviewed the plans investment line up saying they continue to perform well with most funds outperforming their peers.

Mr. Meadows then asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**Item #6: TDC Q4 2023 & Q1 2024 Revenue Sharing Reports - (Paula Vanhorn)**

Mr. Waybright recognized Paula VanHorn, CPRB TDC Manager, to review 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023 Administrative and Revenue Sharing Account Report. She stated that the report was for the period October 31, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and the beginning balance was \$1,679,410.82, the net administrative fees were \$90,525.02 and the total net reallowances was \$124,434,98. She went on to say that the reconciled ending balance was \$2,059,318.03.

Ms. Vanhorn then reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 Administrative and Revenue Sharing Account Report. She stated that the report was for the period January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 and the beginning balance was \$2,059,318.03, the net administrative fees were \$89,681.19 and the total net reallowances were \$92,605.79. She went on to say that the reconciled ending balance was \$2,216,094.06. Ms. Vanhorn and Chairman Vallet had a brief discussion regarding the fee holiday and bringing ideas to the next meeting on how to reallocate the funds.

**Item #7: TDC Q1 Weighted Average Returns- (Paula Vanhorn)**

Mr. Vallet recognized Paula Vanhorn, TDC Plan Manager, to review the TDC weighted average returns for the quarter ending March 31, 2024.

Ms. Vanhorn reported that for the first quarter the market value of the fund was \$730,568,327 and the weighted average return was 28.15 percent. She stated that there are 3,630 participants, which is down 47 participants for the quarter and 147 for the year.

Ms. Vanhorn offered to answer questions from the committee members. There was a brief discussion.

**Item #8: Defined Benefit Pension Assets – March 31, 2024- (Craig Slaughter-WVIMB)**

Mr. Vallet recognized Craig Slaughter, Executive Director for the West Virginia Investment Management Board (WVIMB) to review the defined benefit plans investment performance.

Mr. Slaughter reported that the month of March looked great at a 2% return and stated the numbers were up 10% for the fiscal year to date. He informed the Committee that he had some concerns with the month of April with fixed income being down over 2% with the US stocks being down over 4% as well as international stocks being down 2%, he then reviewed various asset classes in all the major markets. Mr. Slaughter noted that inflation has peaked and should be falling.

Mr. Slaughter offered to answer questions from the committee members. There was a brief discussion.

**Item #9: Old Business**

Mr. Vallet inquired as to old business. There was none.

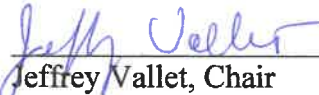
**Item #10: New Business**

Mr. Vallet inquired as to new business. There was none.

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeffrey Vallet, Chair

  
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Jeffrey Fleck, Executive Director