

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirement System Trust (“Trust”)

February 25, 2022
(via videoconference)

OPEN SESSION

Board Members Present: Susan Chen
Robert Doody
Robert Kohn
Lis Lang
Craig Pernick
Robert Reilly
David Schick, Vice Chair
Ted Urban, Chair

Others Present: Cathy Jewell
Phoebe Kuan
Mangala Murthy
Cristina Vidal
Margaret Belmondo, NEPC
Brendan Heaney, NEPC
Stephanie McMurray, NEPC
Kadmiel Onodje, NEPC
Dulari Pancholi, NEPC
Corey Snow, Invesco

Call to Order

The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the December 3, 2021, meeting. A motion was made for approval of the minutes, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Market Update and Quarterly Performance Report

Margaret Belmondo reviewed the performance of the Trust portfolio for the quarter ending December 31, 2021. The 2021 S&P 500 annual return of 28.7% landed in the top 15 annual returns of all time. However, it was coupled with rising inflation, ongoing supply chain issues, and geopolitical tension in Russia and Ukraine. The safe haven fixed-income assets were flat to negative as yields rose and prices fell. The total portfolio produced 4.4% for the quarter, outperforming the allocation index at 4.3% but slightly trailing the policy benchmark at 4.5%. The policy index incorporates the target weights for the strategies in the portfolio. The allocation index reflects the weights of the asset classes to which the portfolio has exposure.

Move to Closed Session

A motion was made to go into closed session, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 8:24 a.m.

Corey Snow exited the meeting.

Return to Open Meeting

The meeting returned to open session at 10:40 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirement System Trust (“Trust”)

May 9, 2022
(via videoconference)

OPEN SESSION

Board Members Present: Susan Chen
Robert Doody
Robert Kohn
Lis Lang
Craig Pernick
Robert Reilly
David Schick, Vice Chair
Steve Sleigh
Ted Urban, Chair

Others Present: Cathy Jewell
Phoebe Kuan
Mangala Murthy
Oleg Peltsman
Cristina Vidal
Margaret Belmondo, NEPC
William Forde, NEPC
Rosann Halleran, NEPC
Stephanie McMurray, NEPC

Call to Order

The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees was called to order at 8:03 a.m. Phoebe Kuan introduced Oleg Peltsman as Senior Manager, Investments.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the February 25, 2022, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Move to Closed Session

A motion was made to go into closed session, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 8:04 a.m.

Return to Open Meeting

The meeting returned to open session at 9:20 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirement System Trust (“Trust”)

June 3, 2022
(via videoconference)

OPEN SESSION

Board Members Present: Susan Chen
Robert Doody
Robert Kohn
Lis Lang
Craig Pernick, Chair Pro Tem
Robert Reilly
Steve Sleigh

Others Present: Cathy Jewell
Phoebe Kuan
Mangala Murthy
Oleg Peltsman
Cristina Vidal
Margaret Belmondo, NEPC
William Forde, NEPC
Brendan Heaney, NEPC

Call to Order

Craig Pernick was elected as the Chair Pro Tem by the assembly for the meeting. The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the May 9, 2022, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Officer Elections

Due to the absence of Ted Urban, Chair, and David Schick, Vice Chair, the Board agreed to table the officer elections until the next Board meeting.

Market Update and Quarterly Performance Report

Margaret Belmondo reviewed the performance of the Trust portfolio for the quarter ending March 31, 2022. The 2022 S&P 500 first-quarter return of -4.6% was comparable to the quarterly total return among the rest of the indices as global markets broadly declined. Macro and geopolitical events—persistent inflation, ongoing supply chain issues, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine—haunted the equity and fixed income markets as higher commodity prices fueled inflationary pressure. The fixed income assets were down as the market adjusted expectations for nine rate hikes, or 150 bps increase,

in 2022. The total portfolio produced -3.7% for the quarter, outperforming the allocation index at -4.3% and the policy benchmark at -3.8%. The policy index incorporates the target weights for the strategies in the portfolio. The allocation index reflects the weights of the asset classes to which the portfolio has exposure.

Move to Closed Session

A motion was made to go into closed session, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 8:23 a.m.

Return to Open Meeting

The meeting returned to open session at 10:32 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES
Montgomery County Public Schools Retirement System Trust (“Trust”)

July 29, 2022
(via videoconference)

OPEN SESSION

Board Members Present: Susan Chen
Robert Doody
Robert Kohn
Craig Pernick
Robert Reilly
David Schick, Vice Chair
Steve Sleigh
Ted Urban, Chair

Others Present: Cathy Jewell
Phoebe Kuan
Mangala Murthy
Oleg Peltsman
Cristina Vidal
Margaret Belmondo, NEPC
Kevin Leonard, NEPC
Alexandra Sollers, NEPC

Call to Order

The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the June 3, 2022, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Board/Staff Discussion

Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to elect Ted Urban as Chair, David Schick as Vice Chair, and Phoebe Kuan as Secretary. After a motion was made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board elects Ted Urban as Chair, David Schick as Vice Chair, and Phoebe Kuan as Secretary of the Board of Investment Trustees for a one-year term ending July 29, 2023.

Market Update

Margaret Belmondo provided the market update through June 2022, concluding that it was a difficult period for capital markets across all asset classes. Year-to-date, all benchmarks posted losses, except for a commodity index. The Federal Reserve raised the target range for the fed funds rate by 75bps to 2.25%–2.50%, the fourth consecutive rate hike. 2022 YTD S&P 500 return of -20.0% was the fourth largest loss in history. Inflation continues to trend higher, reaching 9.1% in June and is expected to remain at elevated levels through at least 2023. Rising real yields further cast uncertainty over economic growth and increased recession risks. Global yields shifted higher, and corporate credit spreads widened. Finally, Chinese equities had positive performance in the second quarter.

Move to Closed Session

A motion was made to go into closed session, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 8:23 a.m.

Return to Open Meeting

The meeting returned to open session at 10:28 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES

Montgomery County Public Schools Retirement System Trust (“Trust”)

September 23, 2022
(via videoconference)

OPEN SESSION

Board Members Present: Susan Chen
Robert Doody
Robert Kohn
Lis Lang
Craig Pernick
David Schick, Vice Chair
Steve Sleigh
Ted Urban, Chair

Others Present: Cathy Jewell
Phoebe Kuan
Mangala Murthy
Oleg Peltsman
Cristina Vidal
Kevin Leonard, NEPC
Alexandra Sollers, NEPC

Call to Order

The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees (the “Board” or “Trustees”) was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the July 29, 2022, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Market Update and Quarterly Performance Report

Kevin Leonard provided the market update through August 2022. Volatility continued to affect all asset classes negatively. Year-to-date, all benchmarks posted losses, except for the energy and commodity indices. The S&P 500 return of -16.1% was a 400 bps improvement from the June reading as global markets staged a major rebound. Commodity and energy sectors outperformed other asset classes, posting nearly a 24% gain for the year. The Federal Reserve has maintained its restrictive monetary policy, issuing a fifth rate hike for another 75 bps on September 21. Inflation moderately retracted in July, showing marginal signs of improvement, although continuing to remain at an elevated level. U.S. unemployment numbers continued a downward trend. Real global GDP growth is expected to slow globally, but contraction is estimated to be more pronounced in the U.S. and China markets. The total portfolio produced -9.4% for the second quarter, outperforming the allocation index at -10.9% and the policy benchmark at -10.3%. The policy index incorporates the

target weights for the strategies in the portfolio. The allocation index reflects the weights of the asset classes to which the portfolio has exposure.

Move to Closed Session

A motion was made to go into closed session, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 8:29 a.m.

Return to Open Meeting

The meeting returned to open session at 10:19 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES

Montgomery County Public Schools Retirement System Trust (“Trust”)

December 2, 2022
(via videoconference)

OPEN SESSION

Board Members Present: Susan Chen
Robert Doody
Robert Kohn
Lis Lang
Craig Pernick
Robert Reilly
David Schick, Vice Chair
Steve Sleigh
Ted Urban, Chair

Others Present: Cathy Jewell
Phoebe Kuan
Mangala Murthy
Cristina Vidal
Cassie Rapoport, GRS
Lance Weiss, GRS
Amy Williams, GRS
Margaret Belmondo, NEPC
Kevin Leonard, NEPC
Matt Ritter, NEPC
Lisa Bacon, Meketa
Colin Hill, Meketa
Molly LeStage, Meketa
Harrison Page, Meketa
Craig Bitman, Morgan Lewis

Call to Order

The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees (the “Board” or “Trustees”) was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the September 23, 2022, meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Annual Actuarial Valuation Presentation

Amy Williams reviewed GRS’s methodology and approach in evaluating the annual actuarial valuation of the Trust. Next, Cassie Rapoport reviewed the Trust’s actuarial valuation results of July 1, 2022, noting no changes to actuarial assumptions or plan provisions from the previous year’s

valuation based on the current investment return assumption. Ms. Rapoport stated there was a slight increase in membership and a decrease in the funded ratio from 85.9% (July 1, 2021) to 85.8% (July 1, 2022) based on the actuarial valuation. GRS recommended conducting an experience study for the 2018–2022 period. GRS noted that this study would be completed prior to next year’s valuation report. GRS addressed the Board’s questions on the year-over-year changes of normal costs and inactive members, as well as the impact of Covid-19 on valuation.

Market Update and Quarterly Performance Report

Margaret Belmondo reviewed the market update and quarterly performance report through September 2022. Markets continued their downward trajectory, with all asset classes posting negative results for the quarter. The S&P 500 returned -9.2% for the quarter and -23.9% year-to-date. Global markets continued to be challenged, posting -9.4% returns for the quarter, and emerging markets were down -11.7%. Given inflationary pressures, restrictive monetary policy, and interest rate hikes, credit markets posted significant negative returns, with the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate down -4.3% for the quarter and -14.6% year-to-date. The Federal Reserve has maintained its restrictive monetary policy, issuing a sixth rate hike of 75 bps on November 2, 2022. This was the fourth +75 bps hike this year, ranking 2022 as second in history for the number of rate hikes of 75 bps or higher. The total portfolio produced -4.6% in the third quarter, underperforming the allocation index at -4.5% and the policy benchmark at -4.4%. The policy index incorporates the target weights for the strategies in the portfolio. The allocation index reflects the weights of the asset classes to which the portfolio has exposure.

Move to Closed Session

A motion was made to go into closed session, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 9:00 a.m.

Return to Open Meeting

The meeting returned to open session at 12:12 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan