

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES

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

December 3, 2021
(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
Josh Beers, NEPC
Margaret Belmondo, NEPC
Will Forde, NEPC
Seth Goldman, NEPC
Brendan Heaney, NEPC

Call to Order

The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the September 20, 2021, meeting. A motion was made for approval of the minutes, and it was seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Market Update and Investment Performance Analysis

Margaret Belmondo reviewed the performance of the Trust portfolio for the quarter ending September 30, 2021. The total portfolio was flat for the quarter. The return was in line with the 0.1% return of the policy index and outperformed the -0.04% return of the allocation index. 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.

Annual Actuarial Valuation

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, 2021, 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, as well as an increase in funded ratio from 84.6% (July 1, 2020) to 88.4% (July 1, 2021) based on the actuarial valuation. Considering the funded ratio is less than 100%, GRS recommended the Board of Education consider keeping the contribution rate the same in Fiscal Year 2023.

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 8:36 a.m.

Return to Open Meeting

The meeting returned to open session at 11:24 a.m.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan