

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

June 2, 2023
(via videoconference)

OPEN SESSION

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

Others Present: Cathy Jewell
Phoebe Kuan
Sean Meng
Mangala Murthy
Oleg Peltsman
Cristina Vidal
Leslie Turner Percival
Margaret Belmondo, NEPC
Alexandra Sollers, NEPC
Lisa Bacon, Meketa
Mary Bates, Meketa
Colin Hill, Meketa
Molly LeStage, Meketa
Harrison Page, Meketa
Craig Bitman, Morgan Lewis
Edwina Easton, Amaces

Call to Order

The open session of the meeting of the Board of Investment Trustees (the “Board” or “Trustees”) was called to order at 8:04 a.m. The Board welcomed Gena Lai as a newly appointed Trustee and Sean Meng as Senior Analyst, Investments.

Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed draft open session minutes for the February 24, 2023, 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 8:05 a.m.

Return to Open Session

The meeting returned to open session at 11:45 a.m.

Market Update and Quarterly Performance Report

Margaret Belmondo reviewed the market update and quarterly performance report through March 31, 2023. Overall, equity and credit had positive returns in the first quarter of 2023, while real assets had negative to flat returns in the same period. The labor market continues to be resilient, which could lead to further rate increases from the Fed. However, the S&P 500 performance (over 7% return) belies the market optimism; excluding the Mega-Cap companies' outperformance in the quarter, the index would have posted a sub-2% return for the quarter. Overall, the portfolio's allocation is within the policy. The total portfolio return was -3.9% in the quarter, which exceeded the -4.7% policy index and -4.8% allocation index. The policy benchmark 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.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Kuan