

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana
Board of Trustees
8401 United Plaza Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Upon Adjournment of Investment Committee - Thursday
May 6, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Gildig, David Hennigan, Ryan Gremillion (State Superintendent's Designee), Ricky Julien, Sr., Rick McGimsey (Commissioner's Designee), Dr. Tia Mills, Jim Napper (Treasurer's Designee), Neshelle Nogess, Dr. Tom Stafford, and Dr. James Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jerry Baudin, Lotte Delaney, Senator Cleo Fields, Representative Lance Harris, and Dr. Paul Nelson

STAFF PRESENT: Katherine Whitney, Douglas Swenson, Phil Griffith, Kenneth L. "Trey" Roche, III, Jeff LaCour, Lisa Honore', Maurice Coleman, Dana Brown, and Robyn Jenkins-King

OTHERS PRESENT: Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants

Each member of the Board received the following:

1. May 2021 Board Book
2. Investment Committee Meeting May 2021, Performance Report – March 31, 2021
3. Investment Committee Evaluation of Investment Services Candidates May 2021
4. Investment Committee Presentations from Aon Investments; Asterion Industrial; William Blair; Columbia Threadneedle Investments, Franklin Templeton; and Wells Fargo Asset Management
5. *2021 Regular Legislative Session Legislation Affecting TRSL as of May 5, 2021 and 2021 Regular Legislative Session Legislation Monitored by TRSL as of May 5, 2021 – TRSL Staff*
6. *2021 TRSL Public Service Recognition Week Service Awards Program – TRSL Staff*

Mrs. Gildig called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Mr. McGimsey led the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the TRSL Board of Trustees Held April 9, 2021 (Including Minutes of Committee Meetings held April 8 and 9, 2021)

ON MOTION OF DR. MILLS, SECONDED BY DR. TAYLOR, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the TRSL Board of Trustees Held April 9, 2021 (Including Minutes of Committee Meetings held April 8 and 9, 2021).

Legislative Committee Report

ON MOTION OF MS. NOGESS, SECONDED BY MR. HENNIGAN, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to accept the report of the Legislative Committee in globo, and to approve the recommendation therein.

Executive Committee Report

ON MOTION OF MRS. GILDIG, SECONDED BY DR. TAYLOR, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to accept the report of the Executive Committee in globo, and to approve the recommendations contained therein.

Investment Committee Report

ON MOTION OF MR. HENNIGAN, SECONDED BY DR. STAFFORD, AND CARRIED, the Board voted to accept the report of the Investment Committee in globo, and to approve the recommendations contained therein.

Director's Update

Ms. Whitney updated the Committee on the following items:

- COVID 19 – TRSL: The Retirement Systems Building is now open to the public. Staff is expected to resume full on-site capacity by June 1.
- School Food Service Personnel Vacancy - Mrs. Kelly Thompson has resigned from the TRSL Board of Trustees, effective immediately. Her term would have ended in December 2021. With less than a year left on the term, the vacancy does not qualify for a special election.
- Board of Trustees Elections:
 - School Food Service
 - **Sommer Purvis**, Supervisor of Child Nutrition, Livingston Parish Public Schools ran unopposed and has been elected to this position on the Board of Trustees. Her term begins in January 2022.

- Retirees (18 Candidates)
 - **John Angelos**, Baton Rouge
 - **Nita Chambers**, Alexandria
 - **Linda F. Clarke, Ph.D.**, Austin, TX
 - **Darleen Maumus Cockfield**, Paoli, PA
 - **Jennifer L. Gary**, Lafayette
 - **Kevin J. Gutterrez**, Kenner
 - **Clyde F. Hamner**, Houma
 - **Gloria Williams Hearn**, Pineville
 - **Scott Herrington**, Heflin
 - **Jerald J. Juneau**, Baton Rouge (withdrew after qualifying)
 - **Robert Lawyer**, New Orleans
 - **Jaqualine Re’Nee McGee**, Bossier City
 - **Debbie Meaux**, Lafayette
 - **Sharon Parsons, Ph.D.**, West Palm Beach, FL
 - **Vickey Range, Ed.S.**, Bossier City
 - **John H. Ristroph**, Lafayette
 - **Donald Songy**, Prairieville
 - **Irvin R. West, Ed.S.**, Hammond
 - **Terry Young**, Metairie
- Public Service Recognition Week

Adjournment

ON MOTION OF MR. NAPPER, SECONDED BY DR. MILLS, AND CARRIED,
the Board voted to adjourn at 3:16 p.m.

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana
Legislative Committee
8401 United Plaza Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
8:30 a.m. – Thursday
May 6, 2021

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Neshelle Nogess, Dr. Paul Nelson, Jim Napper (Treasurer's Designee), David Hennigan, Ricky Julien, Sr., Rick McGimsey (Commissioner's Designee), Holly Gildig, Dr. Tom Stafford, and Dr. James Taylor
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Jerry Baudin, Lotte Delaney, Senator Cleo Fields, and Representative Lance Harris.
- OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ryan Gremillion (State Superintendent's Designee) and Dr. Tia Mills
- STAFF PRESENT:** Katherine Whitney, Phil Griffith, Kenneth L. "Trey" Roche, III, Jeff LaCour, Lisa Honore', Maurice Coleman, Dana Brown, and Robyn Jenkins-King
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants; Tina Grant, LASERS

Roll Call

Ms. Nogess called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established. Dr. Taylor and Dr. Stafford served on the Committee as alternates for Senator Fields and Representative Harris.

Update and Discussion of 2021 Legislative Session

Ms. Whitney presented an update on legislative meetings and legislation affecting TRSL:

- Senate Retirement Committee – 4/13/21 and 4/19/21
- Senate Finance Committee – 4/26/21
- House Retirement Committee – 4/29/21 and 5/8/21

The Committee took a position on HCR 7 as follows:

ON MOTION OF MR. HENNIGAN, SECONDED BY MR. JULIEN, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to SUPPORT HCR 7 by Representative M. Johnson.

Mr. Roche presented an update on legislation monitored by TRSL.

Adjournment

ON MOTION OF MR. HENNIGAN, SECONDED BY MR. JULIEN, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to adjourn at 8:56 a.m.

**Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana
Executive Committee
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Upon Adjournment of Legislative Committee – Thursday
May 6, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Gildig, David Hennigan, Neshelle Nogess, Ricky Julien, Sr., Dr. Tia Mills, and Jim Napper (Treasurer's Designee)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jerry Baudin

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Gremillion (State Superintendent's Designee), Rick McGimsey (Commissioner's Designee), Dr. Paul Nelson, Dr. Tom Stafford, and Dr. James Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Katherine Whitney, Phil Griffith, Kenneth L. "Trey" Roche, III, Jeff LaCour, Lisa Honore', Maurice Coleman, Dana Brown, and Robyn Jenkins-King

OTHERS PRESENT: Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants; Renee Siccone, Louisiana Retired Teachers' Association

Roll Call

Mrs. Gildig called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established.

Presentation and Approval of Proposed Meeting Dates for 2022

Ms. Whitney presented the proposed meeting dates for 2022.

ON MOTION OF MR. HENNIGAN, SECONDED BY MR. JULIEN, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to adopt the following dates for the Board of Trustees' 2022 meetings: January 6 & 7, February 3 & 4, March 10 & 11, April 7 & 8, May 5 & 6, June 2 & 3, July 7 & 8, August 11 & 12, September 8 & 9, October 6 & 7, November 3 & 4, and December 1 & 2.

Presentation and Approval of Administrative Rules Regarding Chapter 15 (Optional Retirement Plan (ORP))

Mr. Roche reviewed proposed changes to Administrative Rules Regarding Chapter 15 (Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)).

ON MOTION OF MR. NAPPER, SECONDED BY MS. NOGESS, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to approve the Administrative Rules Regarding Chapter 15 as a Notice of Intent.

Presentation and Approval of Administrative Rules Regarding Chapter 11 (Voluntary Deductions from Retiree Benefits Payroll)

Mr. Roche reviewed proposed changes to Administrative Rules Regarding Chapter 11 (Voluntary Deductions from Retiree Benefits Payroll).

ON MOTION OF MR. HENNIGAN, SECONDED BY MS. NOGESS, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to approve the Administrative Rules Regarding Chapter 11 as a Notice of Intent.

Reminder - Tier 2.1 Disclosure Form Due May 15, 2021

Mr. Roche presented an overview of the Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Form which must be filed by Trustees with the Louisiana Board of Ethics on or before May 15, 2021.

Adjournment

ON MOTION OF MR. JULIEN, SECONDED BY MR. HENNIGAN, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to adjourn at 9:05 a.m.

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana
Subcommittee to Review Responses to SFP for Consultant
8401 United Plaza Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Upon Adjournment of Executive Committee Thursday
May 6, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Hennigan, Holly Gildig, Jim Napper (Treasurer's Designee), and Neshelle Nogess,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jerry Baudin

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Gremillion (State Superintendent's Designee), Ricky Julien, Sr., Rick McGimsey (Commissioner's Designee), Dr. Tia Mills, Dr. Paul Nelson, Dr. Tom Stafford, and Dr. James Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Katherine Whitney, Phil Griffith, Kenneth L. "Trey" Roche, III, Jeff LaCour, Lisa Honore', Maurice Coleman, Dana Brown, and Robyn Jenkins-King

OTHERS PRESENT: Shelley Johnson, Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants; and Renee Siccone, Louisiana Retired Teachers' Association

Roll Call

Mr. Hennigan called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established.

Review Responses to Solicitation for Proposals for Consultant and Recommend Finalists to be Interviewed

Mr. Griffith presented an overview of the responses to the Solicitation for Proposals for Consultant candidates: Aon Investments USA, Inc., Meketa Investment Group, and Callan, LLC.

ON MOTION OF MR. NAPPER, SECONDED BY MRS. GILDIG, AND CARRIED, the Subcommittee voted to recommend to the Investment Committee that Aon Investments USA, Inc. be retained as the defined benefit consultant, without interview, subject to fee negotiations and that the defined contribution (Optional Retirement Plan) consultant contract be re-advertised.

Adjournment

ON MOTION OF MR. NAPPER, SECONDED BY MS. NOGESS, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to adjourn at 10:01 a.m.

**Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana
Investment Committee
8401 United Plaza Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Upon Adjournment of Subcommittee to Review Responses to
Solicitation for Proposals for Consultant – Thursday
May 6, 2021**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Hennigan, Neshelle Nogess, Dr. Paul Nelson, Jim Napper (Treasurer's Designee), Rick McGimsey (Commissioner's Designee), Dr. James Taylor, Dr. Tom Stafford, Ricky Julien, Sr., Dr. Tia Mills, Holly Gildig, and
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Jerry Baudin, Senator Cleo Fields, and Representative Lance Harris.
- OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ryan Gremillion (State Superintendent's Designee)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Katherine Whitney, Douglas Swenson, Phil Griffith, Kenneth L. "Trey" Roche, III, Jeff LaCour, Lisa Honore', Maurice Coleman, Dana Brown, Edward Branagan, and Robyn Jenkins-King
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Coopridier, Rishi Delvadia, and Russ Ivinjack, Aon Investments; Matt Silverio and Ben Eckroth, Hamilton Lane Advisors, LLC; Jesús Olmos, Guido Mitrani, and Winnie Wutte of Asterion Industrial Infrastructure Fund II, FCR; Dara White and Suzanne Sanchez, Columbia Threadneedle Investments; Todd McClone and Stephen Weeks, William Blair Growth; Manraj Sekhon, Andrew Ness, and Joel Brous, Franklin Templeton; Derick Irwin and Dann Smith, Wells Fargo Asset Management; and Renee Siccone, Louisiana Retired Teachers' Association

Roll Call

Mr. Hennigan called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established. Dr. Mills and Mr. Julien served as alternates for Senator Fields and Representative Harris.

Report of Subcommittee to Review Responses to Solicitation for Proposals for Consultant

Mr. Hennigan presented the report of the Subcommittee to Review Responses to Solicitation for Proposals for Consultant, including the following actions.

“ON MOTION OF MR. NAPPER, SECONDED BY MRS. GILDIG, AND CARRIED, the Subcommittee voted to recommend to the Investment Committee that Aon Investments USA, Inc. be retained as the defined benefit consultant, without interview, subject to fee negotiations, and that the defined contribution (Optional Retirement Plan) consultant contract be re-advertised.”

ON MOTION OF MR. HENNIGAN, SECONDED BY MR. JULIEN, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to approve the report of the Subcommittee to Review Responses to Solicitation for Proposals for Consultant and the recommendations contained therein.

Private Market Update and Review

Matt Silverio and Ben Eckroth of Hamilton Lane Advisors, L.L.C., appeared before the Committee to present private market items.

Mr. Silverio presented the private market update.

Potential Private Market Investments

Ben Eckroth reviewed Asterion Industrial Infrastructure Fund II, FCR.

Jesús Olmos, Guido Mitrani, and Winnie Wutte of Asterion appeared before the Committee to give a presentation on the fund.

ON MOTION OF MRS. GILDIG, SECONDED BY DR. NELSON, AND CARRIED, consistent with the alternative investment guidelines, the Committee voted to receive the Hamilton Lane report including the due-diligence process dated May 6, 2021, pertaining to investments in Asterion Industrial Infrastructure Fund II, FCR (up to \$25 million) subject to final term negotiations completed within the timeline established by the Hamilton Lane contract.

Matt Silverio reviewed ICG Europe Fund VIII, SCSp

ON MOTION OF MRS. GILDIG, SECONDED BY DR. NELSON, AND CARRIED, consistent with the alternative investment guidelines, the Committee voted to receive the Hamilton Lane report including the due-diligence process dated May 6, 2021, pertaining to investments in ICG Europe Fund VIII, SCSp (up to \$75 million) subject to final term negotiations completed within the timeline established by the Hamilton Lane contract.

Matt Silverio reviewed Summit Partners Credit Fund IV, L.P

ON MOTION OF MRS. GILDIG, SECONDED BY DR. TAYLOR, AND CARRIED, consistent with the alternative investment guidelines, the Committee voted to receive the Hamilton Lane report including the due-diligence process dated May 6, 2021, pertaining to investments in Summit Partners Credit Fund IV, L.P (up to \$75 million) subject to final term negotiations completed within the timeline established by the Hamilton Lane contract.

Appointment of Subcommittee to Review Responses to Solicitation for Proposals for Emerging Markets Debt Manager

Mr. Hennigan appointed the following members to serve on the Subcommittee to Review Responses to the SFP for Emerging Markets Debt Manager: Ms. Nogess as Chair, Mr. Hennigan, Dr. Baudin, Mr. Napper, and Dr. Taylor.

Interview Finalists and Recommend Successful Candidate Firms for Emerging Markets Equity Manager

Mr. Griffith, Mr. Coopriker, and Mr. Delvadia presented an overview of the candidate firms for Emerging Markets Equity Manager.

Representatives from each firm appeared before the Committee to be interviewed:

- Growth
 1. Columbia Threadneedle Investments – Dara White and Suzanna Sanchez
 2. William Blair Investment Management, LLC – Todd McClone and Stephen Weeks

The Committee ranked firms from 1 to 2, with 1 ranking the highest.

| | Growth | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Columbia | William Blair |
| Ms. Nogess | 2 | 1 |
| Dr. Nelson | 2 | 1 |
| Mr. Napper | 2 | 1 |
| Mr. McGimsey | 2 | 1 |
| Dr. Taylor | 2 | 1 |
| Dr. Stafford | 2 | 1 |
| Mr. Julien (A) | 2 | 1 |
| Dr. Mills (A) | 2 | 1 |
| Mrs. Gildig | 2 | 1 |
| Mr. Hennigan | 2 | 1 |
| Total | 20 | 10 |

William Blair Investment Management, LLC ranked highest (with a total of 10), followed by Columbia Threadneedle Investments, whose ranking totaled 20.

ON MOTION OF MS. NOGESS. SECONDED BY MR. JULIEN, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to hire William Blair Investment Management, LLC as Emerging Markets Equity Growth Manager, subject to fee negotiation.

- Value
 1. Franklin Templeton – Manraj Sekhon, Andrew Ness, and Joel Brous
 2. Wells Fargo Asset Management– Derrick Irwin and Dann Smith

The Committee ranked firms from 1 to 2, with 1 ranking the highest.

| | Value | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Franklin Templeton | Wells Fargo |
| Ms. Nogess | 1 | 2 |
| Mr. Napper | 1 | 2 |
| Mr. McGimsey | 1 | 2 |
| Dr. Taylor | 1 | 2 |
| Dr. Stafford | 1 | 2 |
| Mr. Julien (A) | 1 | 2 |
| Dr. Mills (A) | 1 | 2 |
| Mrs. Gildig | 1 | 2 |
| Mr. Hennigan | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 9 | 18 |

Franklin Templeton ranked highest (with a total of nine), followed by Wells Fargo Asset Management, whose ranking totaled 18.

ON MOTION OF MRS. GILDIG, SECONDED BY MR. NAPPER, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to hire Franklin Templeton as Emerging Markets Equity Value Manager, subject to fee negotiation.

Capital Market Update and Review of TRSL Investments (Consultant and Staff)

Mr. Griffith presented an overview of TRSL's total plan and public and private market investments. Mr. Ivinjack, and Mr. Coopriider presented Aon's Monthly Investment Review. Staff and Consultant reviewed performance of TRSL investments through March 31, 2021.

Investment Policy Update: Venture Capital

Mr. Coopriider of Aon Investments presented a recommendation to increase the increase the maximum allowable allocation for Venture Capital to 9.0%.

ON MOTION OF MR. NAPPER, SECONDED BY MRS. GILDIG, AND CARRIED, the committee voted to amend the Investment Policy Statement to increase the maximum allowable allocation for Venture Capital to 9.0%.

Portfolio Review

Mr. Delvadia of Aon Investments and Mr. Dana Brown reviewed the following Fixed Income managers:

- JP Morgan Asset Management Company (Core)
- PGIM Fixed Income (Core)
- Loomis Sayles (Core+)

Adjournment

ON MOTION OF MS. NOGESS, SECONDED BY DR. MILLS, AND CARRIED, the Committee voted to adjourn at 3:04 p.m.