

AGENDA
ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 2, 2025

11:00 a.m.

1400 West Third Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

- I. ***Call to Order/Roll Call.** page 1.
- II. ***Motion to Excuse Absences.**
- III. ***Adoption of Agenda.** *Mr. Danny Knight, Board Chair* page 2.
- IV. ***Approval of April 7, 2025, Minutes.** *Mr. Danny Knight, Board Chair* (Attachment No. 1) page 6.
- V. Executive Summary. (Attachment No. 2) page 14.
- VI. Executive Director Report. *Mr. Mark White, Executive Director* (Attachment No. 3) page 21.
- VII. ***2025 Board Election Results.** *Mr. Mark White, Executive Director* (Attachment No. 4) page 24.
 - A. ***Resolution 2025-27.** (Attachment No. 5) page 27.
- VIII. Report of Member Interest Amount Waived Under A.C.A. Sec. 24-7-205.. *Mr. Mark White, Executive Director* (Attachment No. 6) page 28.
- IX. Report of Employer Penalties and Interest Waived Under A.C.A. Sec. 24-7-411. (Attachment No. 7) page 29.
- X. Manifest Injustice Report. *Ms. Jennifer Liwo* (Attachment No. 8) page 30.
- XI. ***Board of Trustees Disability Review.** *Ms. Jennifer Liwo, General Counsel*
 - A. ***In Re: ID#XXX899.** (Attachment No. 9) page 35.

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XII. Audit Committee Report.

- A. ***Internal Audit Report: Membership Maintenance.** (Attachment No. 10) page 38.
- B. Update of the Audit Plan. (Attachment No. 11) page 47.
- C. Introduction of Demetrios Gulley.

XIII. Investment Committee Report.

- A. Arkansas Related and Investment Update.
 - 1. List of Fund Closings.
 - a. Riverside Value Fund II, LP, a private equity fund specializing in underperforming companies in the U.S., the Board authorized commitment of up to \$35 million dollars on December 2, 2024 was accepted and closed on May 14, 2025.
 - b. Peak Rock Capital IV, LP, a private equity fund that seeks investments in consumer, technology, healthcare, and industrial sectors, the Board authorized commitment of up to \$35 million dollars on December 2, 2024 was accepted and closed on March 28, 2025.
 - c. MML Capital Partnership VIII, SCSp, a private equity fund that seeks investments in middle-market companies in Europe and the U.S., the Board authorized commitment of up to \$40 million euros on April 7, 2025 was accepted and closed on May 15, 2025.
 - d. Franklin Park Venture Capital Fund XV, LP, the Board authorized additional commitment of up to \$40 million dollars on April 7, 2025 was accepted and closed on April 18, 2025.
 - e. Franklin Park Venture Capital Opportunity Fund II, LP, the Board authorized additional commitment of up to \$40 million dollars on April 7, 2025 was accepted and closed on April 18, 2025.
 - 2. Board Policies Report. (Attachment No. 12) page 48.
 - 3. Arkansas Related Update. (Attachment No. 13) page 51.
 - 4. ***Update to ATRS Board Policy 4 - Investment Policy.** (Attachment No. 14) page 54.
 - 5. ***Recommendation to approve for Board adoption Resolution 2025-21 authorizing the hiring of Egan-Jones Proxy Services to provide independent proxy vote management and advisory services.** (Attachment No. 15) page 82.

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- a. ***Resolution 2025-21.** (Attachment No. 16) page 147.
6. ***Consideration of an investment of up to \$50 million dollars in Israel Bonds to be managed by Scout Investments Inc., through its Reams Asset Management division (Reams).** (Attachment No. 17) page 149.
 - a. ***Resolution 2025-22.** (Attachment No. 18) page 151.
- B. General Investment Consultant Report.
 1. Preliminary Performance Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2025. (Attachment No. 19) page 153.
 2. Private Debt Informational Presentation. (Attachment No. 20) page 308.
- C. Private Equity Consultant Report.
 1. Private Equity Portfolio Review for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024. (Attachment No. 21) page 329.
 2. ***Recommendation to approve for Board adoption Resolution 2025-23 authorizing an investment of up to \$40 million dollars in Arlington Capital Partners VII, L.P.** (Attachment No. 22) page 376.
 - a. ***Resolution 2025-23.** (Attachment No. 23) page 380.
 3. ***Recommendation to approve for Board adoption Resolution 2025-24 authorizing an investment of up to \$40 million dollars in Great Hill Equity Partners IX, L.P.** (Attachment No. 24) page 381.
 - a. ***Resolution 2025-24.** (Attachment No. 25) page 385.
- D. Real Assets Consultant Report.
 1. Performance Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024. (Attachment No. 26) page 386.
- XIV. Operations Committee Report.
 - A. Open Forum for Potential Rule or Law Changes by Committee Members and Board Members in Attendance.
 1. Open Forum.
 - B. ***Rules Promulgation.** (Attachment No. 27) page 436.
 1. ***Rule 4: Election of Board of Trustees.** (Attachment No. 28) page 439.
 2. ***Rule 6: Membership and Employer Participation.** (Attachment No. 29) page 440.
 3. ***Rule 8: Free Service Credit, Purchasable Service Credit, and Purchase Accounts.** (Attachment No. 30) page 445.

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4. ***Rule 9: Retirement and Benefits.** (Attachment No. 31) page 449.
5. ***Rule 10: Return to Service and Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan.** (Attachment No. 32) page 455.
6. ***Rule 11: Survivors and Domestic Relations Orders.** (Attachment No. 33) page 458.
- C. ***Update to ATRS Board Policy 1 Board Governance.** (Attachment No. 34) page 463.
- D. ***Update to ATRS Board Policy 4 Investment Policy.** (Attachment No. 35) page 474.
- E. **Communications Engagement Strategies.** (Attachment No. 36) page 502.

- XV. ***Staff Report.**
 - A. ***Medical Committee Report. 10 Applicants were approved.** *Mr. Willie Kincade, Director of Operations* (Attachment No. 37) page 515.

- XVI. ***Litigation Update and Settlement Approval.** *Mr. Mark White, Executive Director and Mr. Dylan Potts, Gill, Ragon, Owen PA*

- XVII. ***Executive Session - Appointment for Position #6.** *Mr. Danny Knight, Board Chair*

- XVIII. ***Appointment of Position #6 Trustee.** *Mr. Danny Knight, Board Chair*

- XIX. ***Election of Board Vice Chair.** *Mr. Danny Knight, Board Chair*

- XX. ***Recognition of Mr. Willie Kincade.** *Mr. Mark White, Executive Director*
 - A. ***Resolution 2025-25.** (Attachment No. 38) page 516.

- XXI. ***Recognition of Mr. Curtis Carter.** *Mr. Mark White*
 - A. ***Resolution 2025-26.** (Attachment No. 39) page 517.

- XXII. **Other Business.**

- XXIII. ***Adjourn.**