



MINUTES REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2024
Kendall Thomas, Chesley Wood Building
2520 South IH 35, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78704

Board Members Present

Sheldon Askew, Chair
Keith Harrison, Vice Chair
Michael Burgeson
Michael Cowden
Shelly Holmstrom
Kerri Lang
Christopher Salacki
Diana Thomas
Chesley Wood

Consultants Present

Alyca Garrison
Mark Harkrider
Jon Breth
Pete Brown

Staff Present

Pattie Featherston
Tyler Link
Stephanie Willie
John Poth
Michelle Ruland
Deborah Esparza
Amethyst Cosson
Aaron Emma

Board Members Absent

Michael Granof
Mackenzie Kelly

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Sheldon Askew called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and roll call was taken.

II. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Trustee

- A. Michael Burgeson, Active Member
- B. Shelly Holmstrom, Active Member

Chair Sheldon Askew administered the Oath of Office to Michael Burgeson and Shelly Holmstrom.

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 17, 2024
- B. Approval of Member Transactions for January 2024
- C. CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
 - 1. New Retired Members
 - 2. Forward DROP Activity

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- 3. PROP Disbursements
- 4. Service Credit Purchases
- 5. Retiree Survivor & Death Benefit Payments
- D. Treasury Report for December 2023

Motion was made by Christopher Salacki to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Kerri Lang. Motion passed.

- V. Report of the Investment Committee (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - A. Consideration of Managers in the Fixed Income Asset Class
 - B. Fourth Quarter Investment Performance Review
 - C. January Monthly Flash Report
 - D. Educational Briefing on Domestic Equity Active and Passive Management
 - E. Annual Review of the Investment Policy Statement
 - F. Report on Interim Investment Decisions Between Board Meetings
 - G. Update from AndCo Consulting

Motion was made by Vice Chair Keith Harrison to liquidate the fixed income position in the APRS portfolio managed by Orleans Capital, and to split the proceeds evenly between the Baird Aggregate Core Fund and the Dodge and Cox Income Fund I. Motion was seconded by Christopher Salacki. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Keith Harrison to liquidate the small cap value equity position managed by Kennedy Capital in the APRS portfolio and move the proceeds into the Russell 3000 Index Fund. Motion was seconded by Diana Thomas. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Keith Harrison to invite Baird Equity Asset Management & Westfield Capital Management Company, LP to present to the Board about their Mid Cap Growth equity strategy, and to invite Nuance Investments and MFS Investment Management to present on their Mid Cap Value equity strategies. Motion was seconded by Michael Cowden. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Keith Harrison to adopt the Investment Policy Statement as presented. Motion was seconded by Kerri Lang. Motion passed.

- VI. Actuarial Experience Study Overview – Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (Discussion Only)

System actuaries, Lewis Ward and Paul Wood with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, gave an educational presentation on actuarial experience studies and discussed the current APRS experience study that is underway. No action was taken.

VII. Briefing on City of Austin Actuarial Audit Report of City of Austin Pension Plans (Discussion Only)

APRS Executive Director gave an update on the City of Austin Actuarial Audit Report of the Austin Pension Plans. System actuaries, Lewis Ward and Paul Wood with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, gave an overview of their response to the draft report. No action was taken.

VIII. Certificate of Authorized Signatories (Discussion and Possible Action)

Motion was made by Vice Chair Keith Harrison to adopt the Certificate of Authorized Signatories as presented. Motion was seconded by Chesley Wood. Motion passed.

IX. Legal Briefing on the Texas Department of Transportation IH-35 Expansion Project (Discussion Only)

The Board meeting was closed at 2:49 p.m. after a statement read by the Chair which stated, *The Austin Police Retirement System Board of Trustees is now in Executive Session on February 21, 2024, at 2:49 p.m., pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 regarding legal matters.*

The Board meeting re-opened at 2:56 p.m., and the Chair read the following statement, *The Executive Session of the Board of Trustees ended on February 21, 2024, at 2:56 p.m. No action was taken in closed session.*

X. Executive Director Report (Discussion)

The Executive Director reported that APRS held an in-person seminar on February 7, 2024 and a virtual retirement seminar on February 8, 2024. The Executive Director advised Trustees on the upcoming NCPERS Annual Conference and informed the Trustees that the March board meeting would include the experience study results as well as a presentation on Ethics by System legal counsel.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Askew adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Sheldon Askew
Chair, Board of Trustees