

NEBRASKA INVESTMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
February 9, 2023
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A regular meeting of the Nebraska Investment Council convened at 8:30 a.m. at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Council Board members were notified of this meeting at the September 8, 2022 Council meeting. Public notice was posted on the Investment Council website on December 16, 2022. The meeting agenda and other materials were posted on the Investment Council website on February 3, 2023. Ms. Werner-Robertson chaired the meeting, Mr. Walkowiak prepared the minutes.

COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Gail Werner-Robertson, Chair
Dr. Richard DeFusco
Mr. John Dinkel
Dr. Keith Olson
Mr. Randy Gerke, Director - NPERS
Mr. Tom Henning
Mr. Shane Rhian, Administrator - OSERS
Treasurer John Murante

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Michael Walden-Newman, State Investment Officer
Mr. Justin Walkowiak, Council Secretary
Mrs. JoLynn Winkler, Nebraska Investment Council
Mr. Joe Jurich, Nebraska Investment Council
Mr. Chris Sanders, Nebraska Investment Council
Mr. Joe Spitznagel, Nebraska Investment Council
Mr. Jeremiah Garber, Nebraska Investment Council
Mrs. Joyce Schlautman, Nebraska Investment Council
Mrs. Aathi Rasiah, Nebraska Investment Council
Mr. Chris Heinrich, O'Neill Damkroger Bergmeyer Schultz
Mr. Max Kotary, Aon
Mr. Mike Comstock, Aon
Mr. Bruce Ingram, Aon
Mr. Mike Shay, Analyst - State Farm
Mrs. Stacy Pfeifer, Director of Enable Savings Program - Enable
Mrs. Rachel Biar, Assistant State Treasurer, NEST 529 Program Director
Mr. Jay Steinacher, 529 College Savings Group Manager - UBT
Mr. Rob Noe, CFA, Head of Traditional Manager Research - Wilshire
Mr. Mark McCombe, Senior Managing Director, Chief Client Officer - BlackRock
Mrs. Andrea Picard, Managing Director, Head of U.S. Pensions within BlackRock's U.S. & Canada Institutional Client Business - BlackRock
Mr. Rajeev Ghia, Managing Director, Institutional Client Business- BlackRock
Mr. Alec Castellanos, Director, Investment Stewardship - BlackRock
Mr. Ryan Ewert, VP - BlackRock
Mrs. Sophie Owens, Associate, Institutional Client Business - BlackRock
Mr. John Galloway, Head of Global Fund Investment Stewardship - Vanguard
Mr. Andrey Kotlyarenko, Equity Index Product Manager, Portfolio Review Dept - Vanguard
Mr. Kelly M. Sweppenhiser, Director, Consultant Relations, Vanguard Institutional Investor Group - Vanguard
Mrs. Julia Ward, Senior Relationship Manager, Education Savings, Personal Investor Group - Vanguard

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Mr. Richard Clark, VP - ISS
Mr. John Schembari, Kutak Rock
Ms. Emily Dowdle, Kutak Rock
Mr. Jason Hayes, NSEA
Mr. Neal Erickson, Legislative Retirement Commission

ADVISE THE PUBLIC THAT THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS APPLY: 8:30 a.m. to 8:31 a.m. Ms. Werner-Robertson advised that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act applies and stated that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located at the entrance with a public copy of the meeting materials.

CHAIR'S COMMENT: 8:31 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. Ms. Werner-Robertson welcomed attendees, she introduced Mr. Tom Henning and welcomed him as the newest Board member of the Nebraska Investment Council.

COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW: 8:35 a.m. to 9:38 a.m. Treasurer John Murante was joined by Assistant Treasurer Rachel Biar, Mr. Jay Steinacher, Mr. Rob Noe, and Mr. Mike Shay to present the annual review of the 529 and Enable Savings Plans. Presentation materials were included with the meeting materials. Discussion followed the presentation.

BLACKROCK: 9:39 a.m. to 10:34 a.m. Mr. Mark McCombe was joined by Ms. Andrea Picard, Mr. Rajeev Ghia, Mr. Alec Castellanos, Mr. Ryan Ewert and Ms. Sophie Owens to present on BlackRock's role in Proxy Voting and Investment Stewardship. Presentation materials were included in the meeting materials. Discussion followed the presentation.

The Council Board took a break at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

VANGUARD: 10:44 a.m. to 11:32 a.m. Mr. Kelly Sweppenhiser was joined by Mr. John Galloway and Mr. Andrey Kotlyarenko to present on Vanguard's Index Management and Investment Stewardship. Presentation materials were included in the meeting materials. Discussion followed the presentation.

The Council Board took a break at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

ISS: 11:37 a.m. to 12:19 p.m. Mr. Richard Clark presented to the Council Board on ISS Governance. He discussed the research, voting policies, and proxy voting processes ISS provides its clients. Presentation materials were included in the meeting materials. Discussion followed the presentation.

The Council Board extended discussion of proxy voting and manager diversification through a working lunch. The Board agreed to continue education on both topics at the next Council meeting.

AON: 1:09 p.m. to 1:58 p.m. Mr. Max Kotary was joined by Mr. Mike Comstock and Mr. Bruce Ingram to present Nebraska's asset allocation compared to its peers. Mr. Kotary, Mr. Comstock and Mr. Ingram also discussed the pros and cons of increasing private equity allocations as well as their recommendations. Presentation materials were included in the meeting materials. Discussion followed the presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS: 1:58 p.m. to 2:03 p.m. Mr. Randy Gerke announced his retirement as the Director of NPERS effective June 2, 2023. Ms. Werner-Robertson and the Board thanked him for his many years of service working along side the Nebraska Investment Council.

NEXT MEETING: 2:03 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:30 a.m. Cornhusker Marriott Hotel

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: 2:03 p.m. Ms. Werner-Robertson asked if there were any public comments on the agenda. There were no comments on the agenda.

at 2:05 p.m. Dr. DeFusco moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dinkel seconded the motion. Ms. Werner-Robertson called for a roll call vote.

VOTING AYE: Dr. DeFusco
Mr. Dinkel
Dr. Olson
Ms. Werner-Robertson

The motion carried.

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Justin Walkowiak