



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
1:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order** (*Mr. Kelly Breland*)
 - A. **Invocation**
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - C. **Approval of Agenda**
 - D. **Approval of Minutes** – *December 18, 2018 & Special Called February 12, 2019*
 - E. **Employee of the Quarter** (*April – June 2019*)

- II. **Report of Administrative Committee** (*Dr. Lee Childress*)
 - A. **Approval of Retiree Representative Election Ballot**
 - B. **Approval of Interest Rate for Crediting Member Accounts**
 - C. **Board SOP Revision – Public Comment Process & Procedure**
 - D. **Regions Bank Contract Renewal**
 - E. **Other**

- III. **Report of Claims Committee** (*Dr. Randy McCoy*)
 - A. **Certification of Delinquent Contributions**
 - Southwest Mississippi Mental Health & Retardation Commission Region XI
 - Town of Jonestown
 - B. **Other**

- IV. **Report of Legislative Committee** (*Mr. Drew Snyder*)
 - A. **Other**

- V. **Report of Defined Contribution Committee** (*Dr. Brian Rutledge*)
 - A. **Other**

- VI. **Report of Investment Committee** (*State Treasurer Lynn Fitch*)
 - A. **Value-Add Real Estate Fund Commitment**
 - B. **Other**

- VII. **Disability Appeals Committee**

- VIII. **Staff Reports**
 - A. **Executive Director's Update**
 - B. **Litigation Report**
 - C. **Retiree Report**
 - D. **Investment Report**

- IX. **Staff and Trustee Continuing Education**
 - A. **Board Retreat – Alluvian Hotel, Greenwood, May 9-10, 2019**
 - B. **Conferences and Training**
 - **IFEBC CAPPP**
 - Pension Part I (Boston, MA, June 18-19, 2019)
 - Pension Part II (Boston, MA, June 20-21, 2019)
 - **NCTR 19th Annual Trustee Workshop, July 21-24, 2019, Berkeley, CA**
 - **NASRA 2019 Annual Conference, August 3-7, 2019, Williamsburg, VA**
 - **NCTR 2019 Annual Conference, October 12-15, 2019, Nashville, TN**

- X. **Economic Interest Disclosures (Due May 1)**

- XI. **Adjourn**

The Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System met in the fourth floor board room of the PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2019, with members present as follows: Board Chair Kelly Breland; Mr. Bill Benson; Mr. George Dale; Deputy State Treasurer Jesse Graham, representing State Treasurer Lynn Fitch; Ms. Kimberly Hanna; Mr. Chris Howard; Dr. Randy McCoy; and Dr. Brian Rutledge. Absent: Dr. Lee Childress and Mr. Drew Snyder.

Staff members present: Ray Higgins, Lorrie Tingle, Shirley Sessoms, Davetta Lee, Kenny Grissett, Andrew Hoeniges, Terri Hudson, Ran Jones, Cindy Ogletree, Tony Williamson, Billy Means, Terri Bennett, Amy Marquez, LaCarole Smith, Mason Frantom, Shelley Powers, and Mary Jones. Also attending was Special Assistant Attorney General, Martin Millette.

Guest attendees were: Ray Wright, Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review; Terrell and Martha Tisdale, Retired Education Personnel of Mississippi; and Joshua Tillman, Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration.

Chairman Breland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mr. George Dale gave the invocation and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

Agenda | Chairman Breland called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was made by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. Graham, which motion duly passed, to approve the meeting agenda. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder.

Minutes | Chairman Breland called for a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting of December 18, 2018, and the Special Called board meeting of February 12, 2019.

The motion was made by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Ms. Hanna, which motion duly passed, to approve the minutes of the board meeting of December 18, 2018, and the Special Called board meeting of February 12, 2019. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder.

Employee of the Quarter | Chairman Breland announced that the April through June 2019 PERS Employee of the Quarter recipient was unable to attend today's meeting. He stated that the award would be presented to Renee Brown, PERS Benefit Analyst in the Service Retirement Division. Chairman Breland stated that Ms. Brown was being recognized for having developed a highly successful method of auditing PERS accounts, a method which is currently being taught to new employees, and for her excellence in performing expedited processing of retirement caseloads. Chairman Breland advised that Ms. Brown was being recognized further for the assistance she provides to senior staff and for providing training to staff on the processing of unusual cases.

Administrative Committee | Chairman Breland, acting Administrative Committee Chair, reported that the committee met Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Approval of Retiree Rep Election Ballot | Chairman Breland reported that the committee reviewed the Retiree Representative Election Ballot presented by staff. He reported that there are 27 candidates on the

ballot. He advised that the committee directed staff to make a revision to the ballot and change the order in which the candidates' names are listed, from horizontal alphabetical order to vertical alphabetical order.

*The motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. Hanna, which motion duly passed, to approve the Retiree Representative Election Ballot presented by staff, with the revision requested by the committee, to change the order in which the candidates' names are listed on the ballot, from horizontal alphabetical order to vertical alphabetical order. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder.

*This motion was amended on page ten, under the heading Approval of Retiree Rep Election Amended Ballot.

**Approval of Interest
Rate for Crediting
Member Accounts**

Chairman Breland reported that the committee reviewed and approved the 2019 Interest Rate for Crediting Member Accounts report presented by staff.

2019 Interest Rate for Member Accounts

In 2016, the PERS Board of Trustees approved the amendment of Regulation 62 to adjust the interest rate for member accumulation accounts. The interest rate is now calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 each year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

On December 31, 2018, the Money Market rate published in the Wall Street Journal was 0.56 percent; therefore, the interest rate paid shall remain set at the minimum rate of one percent as of July 1, 2019.

The motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Dr. McCoy, which motion duly passed, to approve the 2019 Interest Rate for Crediting Member Accounts report presented by staff; thereby, approving the interest rate for member accumulation accounts to remain set at the minimum rate of one percent as of July 1, 2019. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder. (*Addendum A – Wall Street Journal 2019 Interest Rate*)

**Board SOP Revision
– Public Comment
Process & Procedure**

Chairman Breland advised that the committee reviewed and approved staff's recommendations of the revisions to the Board's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) governing Public Comments.

The motion was made by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. Benson, which motion duly passed, to approve staff's recommendations of the revisions to the Board SOP governing Public Comments. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder. (*Addendum B – Public Comment Policy revised*)

**Eligibility Question:
Retiree Rep Election Ballot**

Mr. Graham raised a question regarding agenda item II.A., Approval of Retiree Representative Election Ballot. Mr. Graham asked staff whether a member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol is eligible to participate as a candidate for the retiree representative position on the PERS Board. He stated that he noticed the name of a retired highway safety patrolman included on the list of eligible candidates on the ballot.

Chairman Breland asked staff to research the Mississippi Code Section and report to the board, during this meeting, whether a retired member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol is eligible to participate as a candidate for the retiree representative position on the PERS Board.

**Regions Bank
Contract Renewal**

Chairman Breland advised that the committee reviewed and approved staff's recommendation to exercise the two-year renewal option of the current Regions Bank contract.

The motion was made by Mr. Graham, seconded by Dr. Rutledge, which motion duly passed, to approve the recommendation of staff to exercise the two-year renewal option of the current Regions Bank contract. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder. (*Addendum C – Regions Bank Contract Renewal*)

**Claims
Committee**

Dr. Randy McCoy, Claims Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Certification of Delinquent Contributions
- Southwest MS Mental Health &
Retardation Commission Region XI
- Town of Jonestown

Dr. McCoy reported that the Committee reviewed and certified the Delinquent Contributions of the Southwest Mississippi Mental Health & Retardation Commission Region XI and the Town of Jonestown. Staff reported that these entities will be notified that if the delinquent amounts are not fully paid within thirty days, PERS will pursue legal steps to recover such amounts from any state funds due the employer from the Department of Revenue, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, or any other department or agency of the State of Mississippi.

The motion was made by Dr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Benson, which motion duly passed, to certify the Delinquent Contributions status of the Southwest Mississippi Mental Health & Retardation Commission Region XI and the Town of Jonestown. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder. (*Addendum D – Certification of Delinquent Contributions*)

**Legislative
Committee**

Chairman Breland reported that the Legislative Committee met Tuesday, February 26, 2019. He advised that the committee briefly discussed PERS legislation, however, no actions were taken by the committee.

**Defined Contribution
Committee**

Dr. Rutledge, Defined Contribution Committee Chair, reported that the committee met Monday, February 25, 2019. He advised that no action was taken by the committee.

**Investment
Committee**

Mr. Graham, acting Investment Committee Chair, reported that the committee met Monday, February 25, 2019.

**Value-Add Real Estate Fund
Commitment Recommendation**

Mr. Graham advised that the committee reviewed and approved the Value Added Real Estate Fund recommendation of staff for a \$75 million commitment to the Westbrook Real Estate Fund XI.

The motion was made by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Howard, which motion duly passed, to approve a \$75 million commitment to the Westbrook Real Estate Fund XI, as recommended by staff. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder. (*Addendum E – Value Add Real Estate Recommendation*)

**Disability Appeals
Committee**

Ms. Bennett presented the recommendations of the Disability Appeals Committee (DAC). She reported that the board members were provided with the recommendations of the DAC prior to the board meeting. She advised that board members were given an opportunity to state by case number any exceptions any board member had to these recommendations of the DAC.

Mr. Breland asked for a motion concerning the following recommendations of the DAC:

PERS No. 19-02: This matter came on for hearing before the Disability Appeals Committee of the Board of Trustees January 7, 2019. The Disability Appeals Committee heard sworn testimony, received evidence, and gave due consideration to the applicable laws and regulations. The Disability Appeals Committee submits to the Board of Trustees this Statement of Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that the claimant was not disabled as a direct result of an accident or traumatic event resulting in a physical injury that occurred during the performance of duty, as required for duty related disability benefits under Section 25-11-114 of the Mississippi Code. The Disability Appeals Committee recommends that the claimant's request for duty-related and non-duty-related disability benefits be denied.

PERS No. 19-03: This matter came on for hearing before the Disability Appeals Committee of the Board of Trustees January 7, 2019. The Disability Appeals Committee heard sworn testimony, received evidence, and gave due consideration to the applicable laws and regulations. The Disability Appeals Committee submits to the Board of Trustees this Statement of Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that the claimant was not disabled as a direct result of an accident or traumatic event resulting in a physical injury that occurred during the performance of duty, as required for duty related disability benefits under Section 25-11-114 of the Mississippi Code. The Disability Appeals Committee recommends that the claimant's request for duty-related and non-duty-related disability benefits be denied.

The motion was made by Dr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. Benson, which motion duly passed, to accept the findings of the DAC and approve the DAC recommendations. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder.

**PERS Executive
Director's Update**

PERS Executive Director Higgins gave a brief update of several informational items, including the newly installed technology system in the PERS board room, the Ice Miller tax counsel Update and Overview, and the proposed electronic board meeting platform. Director Higgins presented a brief video to the board members detailing the proposed electronic board meeting platform.

Litigation Report

Director Higgins presented the summary of the statuses of PERS litigation cases since the December 18, 2018, board meeting. He advised that Mr. Millette reported that there are no major changes or actions to report to the Board at this time.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE HEARINGS:

CIRCUIT COURT:

COLEMAN v. PERS: The Disability Appeals Committee of the PERS Board of Trustees entered an Order dated February 27, 2018, denying claimant's application for disability benefits. Coleman timely filed a notice of appeal with the Hinds County Circuit Clerk's office on March 21, 2018. The Administrative Record has been filed with the Court.

SMITH v. PERS: The Disability Appeals Committee of the PERS Board of Trustees entered an Order dated February 27, 2018, denying claimant's application for disability benefits. Smith timely filed a notice of appeal with the Hinds County Circuit Clerk's office on March 21, 2018. PERS has filed a certified copy of the transcript of administrative record with the Circuit Clerk. Briefing has been completed.

THOMAS v. PERS: The Disability Appeals Committee of the PERS Board of Trustees entered an Order dated February 27, 2018, denying claimant's application for disability benefits. Thomas timely filed a notice of appeal with the Hinds County Circuit Clerk's office on March 27, 2018. PERS has filed a certified copy of the transcript of administrative record with the Circuit Clerk. Briefing has been completed.

CIRCUIT COURT OPINIONS ISSUED:

SUPREME COURT/COURT OF APPEALS:

STAKELUM v. PERS: The PERS Board entered an Order dated February 24, 2015, upholding the Medical Board's decision to deny Stakelum's request for disability benefits. Stakelum appealed the decision to the Circuit Court of Hinds County. Stakelum filed her Brief of Appellant on April 25, 2017, and PERS filed its Brief of Appellee on August 17, 2017. On September 30, 2017, Stakelum filed a Motion to Remand to PERS to Consider Award of Social Security Disability or to take Judicial Notice Thereof. PERS filed its Response in Opposition to the motion on October 5, 2017. Briefing is now complete, and parties await the Court's decision. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on July 25, 2018. Stakelum timely filed a Notice of Appeal with the Supreme Court on August 24, 2018. Briefing is underway.

BRADLEY v. PERS: On December 18, 2012, the PERS Board of Trustees entered an order adopting the recommendation of the Disability Appeals Committee that Bradley's application for duty-related disability benefits be denied. Bradley appealed the decision to the Circuit Court. On March 21, 2018, the Court entered its Order Affirming the Decision of the PERS Board of Trustees. Bradley filed a Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on April 17, 2018. Briefing is underway.

LANG v. PERS: The case was remanded to PERS by the Court of Appeals for further determination on October 23, 2012. The Board approved the recommendation of the Disability Appeals Committee and issued its Order February 25, 2014, to deny the claimant non-duty disability benefits. Following briefing by both parties, the Court entered its Order Affirming the Decision of the PERS Board of Trustees on April 3, 2018. Lang filed a Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on April 17, 2018. Briefing is underway.

ULRICH v. PERS: The PERS Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Disability Appeals Committee, held in an Order dated April 19, 2016, that claimant's application for duty related disability should be denied. On February 2, 2018, the Circuit Court issued its Opinion and Order affirming the decision of the PERS Board of Trustees. Ulrich filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on February 26, 2018. Briefing has been completed.

HICKS v. PERS: On October 24, 2017, the PERS Board of Trustees entered an order adopting the recommendation of the Claims Committee to deny Hicks claim regarding survivor benefits. Ms. Hicks appealed the decision to the Circuit Court of Hinds County on October 31, 2017. PERS filed the certified

administrative record with the circuit clerk on January 2, 2018. Brief of Appellant filed with Circuit Court on February 7, 2018. Brief of Appellee filed. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on June 13, 2018. Hicks filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 9, 2018. Briefing is underway.

THOMPSON v. PERS: The PERS Board entered an Order dated December 15, 2015, upholding the Medical Board's decision to deny Thompson's request for disability benefits. Thompson has appealed the decision to the Circuit Court of Hinds County. The Administrative Record was filed with the Clerk of the Court on March 23, 2016. Thompson filed her Brief of Appellant on April 25, 2017, and PERS filed its Brief of Appellee on June 23, 2017. On September 14, 2017, Thompson filed a Motion to Remand for a New Hearing, alleging PERS violated due process right to a fair hearing. PERS filed Response in Opposition to the motion on September 15, 2017. On March 26, 2018, Thompson filed a second Motion to Remand to Consider Social Security Determination or to take Judicial Notice Thereof. PERS filed its Response in Opposition to the motion on March 27, 2018. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on June 12, 2018. Thompson filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 9, 2018. Briefing is underway.

PINION v. PERS: The PERS Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Disability Appeals Committee, held in an Order dated February 26, 2013, that claimant's request for non-duty related disability should be denied. A notice of appeal was timely filed, but due to the death of the Court Reporter in attendance at the hearing, no transcript was available. The parties agreed to submit a Statement of Testimony in lieu of a transcript and the available administrative record was filed with the Clerk on April 26, 2016. The Brief of Appellant was filed July 24, 2016 and PERS' Appellee's Brief was filed September 22, 2016. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on June 22, 2018. Pinion filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 19, 2018. Briefing is underway.

PHILLIPS v. PERS: The Disability Appeals Committee of the PERS Board of Trustees determined that the claimant's request for duty-related disability should be denied. A notice of appeal was timely filed July 26, 2011. Due to the death of the Court Reporter in attendance at the hearing, no transcript was available. The parties agreed to submit a Statement of Testimony in lieu of a transcript and the available administrative record was filed with the Clerk on April 14, 2016. The Brief of Appellant was filed May 27, 2016 and PERS' Appellee's Brief was filed July 8, 2016. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on June 20, 2018. Richardson, the mother of Kari Phillips, who is deceased, filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 19, 2018. Briefing is underway.

DAVIS v. PERS: On August 25, 2015, the Board of Trustees denied the claimant's application for disability benefits, both duty and non-duty. Davis appealed the decision to the Circuit Court of Hinds County on September 18, 2015. On September 29, 2015, the Circuit Court entered an Order granting PERS thirty days following receipt of a certified copy of the transcript in which to file the Administrative Record. PERS filed the Administrative Record with the Circuit Court on December 11, 2015. The Brief of Appellant was filed January 20, 2017, and PERS' Brief was filed March 20, 2017. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on June 12, 2018. Davis filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 9, 2018. Briefing is underway.

BUCKHAULTS v. PERS: On September 26, 2012, the Appellant, Buckhaults, an unvested member of the PERS, filed an application for PERS duty-related disability benefits. On June 24, 2014, the Board of

Trustees denied the claimant's application for disability benefits. Buckhaults appealed the decision to the Circuit Court of Hinds County. PERS filed the Administrative Record with the Circuit Court on August 24, 2015. The Brief of Appellant was filed March 1, 2017, and PERS' Brief was filed April 26, 2017. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on June 26, 2018. Buckhaults filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 19, 2018. Briefing is underway.

CARVER v. PERS: The Medical Board approved the claimant for non-duty related disability. The PERS Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Disability Appeals Committee, held in an Order dated August 28, 2012, that his claim for duty-related disability should be denied. A notice of appeal was timely filed, but due to the death of the Court Reporter in attendance at the hearing, only a partial transcript was available. The parties agreed to submit a Statement of Testimony in lieu of a complete transcript and the available administrative record was filed with the Clerk on April 18, 2016. The Brief of Appellant was filed July 28, 2016 and PERS' Appellee's Brief was filed August 26, 2016. The Circuit Court affirmed the Decision of the Board on July 13, 2018. Carver filed a timely Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court on July 3, 2018. Briefing is underway.

PERS Securities Litigation:

- Amedisys, Inc.
- Satyam Computer Services Limited
- Merck & Co., Inc. (VIOXX)
- Green Mountain Coffee Roasters
- IN RE: Canada, Inc. v. Qualcomm *et al.*
- Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.
- Banco Bradesco S.A.
- Stericycle, Inc. *et al.*
- TreeHouse Foods, Inc.
- Roadrunner Transportation Systems, Inc.
- Endo International, PLC
- Signet Jewelers Limited
- Valeant Pharmaceuticals International
- Volkswagen AG (Germany)
- Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd.
- Acuity Brands, Inc.
- Advance Auto Parts, Inc.
- WageWorks, Inc.
- Facebook, Inc.
- Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc.
- Mednax, Inc.
- Nielsen Holdings plc.

Securities-Related Cases in Which PERS Is a Defendant:

- In Re: Tribune Company

Retiree
Report

Mr. Frantom reported that, as of the February 2019 payroll, all systems (PERS, SLRP, MHSPRS, and MRS) had a total of 109,924 retirees and survivors receiving monthly benefit

payments, with a total monthly payroll of more than \$173.6 million, and a year-to-date total of more than \$2 billion. He provided additional breakdown information including the total number of recipients per plan, and the total number of recipients added or removed from payroll for each plan. Mr. Frantom provided the following breakdown of retirees and survivors by system and amounts paid per plan:

<u>System</u>	January 2019		February 2019	
	<u>Retirees</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Retirees</u>	<u>Payments</u>
PERS	107,243	\$168,879,563.42	107,309	\$169,125,633.81
SLRP	209	\$86,957.29	209	\$86,948.81
MHSPRS	744	\$1,999,854.25	742	\$1,993,780.30
MRS	1,674	\$2,462,949.95	1,664	\$2,453,660.22
TOTAL	109,924	\$173,429,324.91	109,924	\$173,660,023.14

ALL SYSTEMS		COMBINED DAILY AND MONTHLY RETIREE PAYROLL TOTALS		
		DAILY PAYROLL**	MONTHLY PAYROLL	PAYROLL TOTALS
MONTH	YEAR	\$	\$	\$
JULY	2018	\$53,320,192.64	\$170,259,902.34	\$223,580,094.98
AUGUST	2018	\$5,536,639.64	\$171,846,546.90	\$177,383,186.54
SEPTEMBER	2018	\$2,533,120.87	\$172,341,530.78	\$174,874,651.65
OCTOBER	2018	\$4,028,253.51	\$172,496,180.83	\$176,524,434.34
NOVEMBER	2018	\$2,870,955.55	\$172,544,243.83	\$175,415,199.38
DECEMBER	2018	\$1,278,741.13	\$172,651,591.75	\$173,930,332.88
DECEMBER 15th	2018	\$0.00	\$609,508,147.46	\$609,508,147.46
JANUARY	2019	\$17,335,807.05	\$173,429,324.91	\$190,765,131.96
FEBRUARY	2019	\$0.00	\$173,660,023.14	\$173,660,023.14
MARCH	2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
APRIL	2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MAY	2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JUNE	2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
YTD		\$86,903,710.39	\$1,988,737,491.94	\$2,075,641,202.33

Dr. McCoy asked staff whether it is possible to provide the number of different states or countries PERS currently sends retirement benefits to and how many different banks or financial institutions does PERS have to communicate with when administering payroll.

Director Higgins stated that staff would research Dr. McCoy's inquiry and provide the answers as soon as possible.

The motion was made by Dr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Howard, which motion duly passed, to approve the Retiree Report. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder.

Investment Report | Mr. Hoeniges presented the Report of Investments for the period ending January 31, 2019. He reported that as of January 31, 2019, the market value of the PERS investment portfolio was \$27.1 billion. He reported that as of close of business February 25, 2019, the PERS investment portfolio market value was \$27.7 billion.

Mr. Hoeniges reported that PERS currently has 38 investment managers, managing 58 different portfolios. He reported that the total Securities Lending earnings amount for FY 2019 totals more than \$10.2 million.

Mr. Hoeniges presented the Consolidated Portfolio Summary:

Consolidated Portfolio Summary

As of: 01/31/2019

Asset Class	Book Value	% of Total Book Value	Market Value	% of Total Market Value
Domestic Equity	4,759,004,960.62	21.23%	7,153,653,535.76	26.31%
Fixed Income	5,530,568,650.85	24.67%	5,535,264,160.61	20.36%
International Equity	7,912,746,201.07	35.30%	8,774,988,064.41	32.27%
Real Estate	1,758,672,720.24	7.84%	2,830,187,126.62	10.41%
Private Equity	1,723,594,539.36	7.69%	2,207,271,469.84	8.12%
Cash & Cash Equivalent In-House	362,972,748.91	1.62%	362,972,748.91	1.34%
Cash & Cash Equivalent Manager	371,238,722.31	1.66%	324,374,087.66	1.19%
Total	22,418,798,543.36	100.00%	27,188,711,193.81	100.00%

The motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Dr. Rutledge, which motion duly passed, to approve the Investment Report presented by staff and to approve and certify the investment transactions and fund transfers since the last board meeting of December 18, 2018. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder.

**Approval of Retiree Rep
Election Amended Ballot**

Chairman Breland called for staff to present the research previously requested by the Board in this meeting regarding the eligibility of one of the candidates included on the Retiree Representative Election Ballot.

Ms. Lee presented an excerpt from PERS Board Regulation 17, Election of Members of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi. She reported that section 103, part 5, of the regulation states:

“Employees who are active members of a public retirement system administered by PERS and retirees and beneficiaries, regardless of age, who are receiving a monthly retirement allowance from a public retirement system administered by PERS shall be entitled to vote in the appropriate election of the member of the Board of Trustees, as provided in Miss. Code Ann. § 25-11-15 (1972, as amended); however, only an eligible active member of PERS who has at least 10 years of creditable service or a retired member receiving a monthly retirement allowance from PERS may seek election to and, if elected, serve on the Board of Trustees.”

Ms. Lee advised that the recommendation of staff and Special Assistant Attorney General Martin Millette is to strike the name of candidate Keith Hollins from the Retiree Representative Election Ballot, as this candidate is a retired highway safety patrolman, receiving retirement benefits from the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System, not from PERS. Ms. Lee advised that the regulation specifically states that a candidate must be a retired member receiving a monthly retirement allowance from PERS, in order to seek election to and, if elected, serve on the PERS Board.

Mr. Benson stated that he would amend his original motion. He advised that he would make a motion to approve the Retiree Representative Election Ballot, with the name of Keith Hollins removed from it, as recommended by staff, to be consistent with and to conform to Board Regulation 17.

*The amended motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Dr. Rutledge, which motion duly passed, to approve the amended Retiree Representative Election Ballot, with the name of the ineligible candidate removed. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Abstaining: McCoy. Absent: Childress and Snyder. (*Addendum F – Retiree Rep Election Ballot 2019 (amended)*) (*Addendum G – Retiree Rep Candidates Bios (revised)*)

Mr. Higgins stated that more information would be distributed soon about the Board of Trustees' Retreat, scheduled for May 9-10, 2019, in Greenwood, Mississippi. He asked the board members to send him any agenda topics they would like to submit for this retreat.

Mr. Higgins stated that the pre-approved conferences and trainings were listed on the agenda. He added that the Callan College investment events are also pre-approved and are scheduled to be held in April, July, and October 2019, for any board member who might be interested.

Mr. Higgins reminded the Board members that their Economic Interest Disclosure statements with the Mississippi Ethics Commission are currently available for online update and are to be completed by May 1, 2019.

There being no additional business, Chairman Breland called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was made by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Benson, which motion duly passed, to adjourn the meeting. Voting for: Benson, Breland, Dale, Graham, Hanna, Howard, McCoy, and Rutledge. Voting against: none. Absent: Childress and Snyder.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



H. Ray Higgins, Jr.
Executive Director
Public Employees' Retirement System



Kelly Breland
Chair
PERS Board of Trustees

HRH: maj