

Laborers' and Retirement Board Employees'
Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago

Special Meeting – Regular Minutes

March 7, 2019
9:07 AM
Office of the Fund

Date of Meeting: March 7, 2019
Start Time: 9:07 a.m.
Location: The Fund Office, 321 N. Clark Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60654

Board Members :

Victor Roa – President
Erin Keane – Vice President
Michael LoVerde – Secretary
Carol Hamburger – Trustee
James Capasso, Jr. – Trustee
James Joiner – Trustee

Staff & Consultants:

Joseph Burns – Jacobs, Burns, Orlove & Hernandez, Fund’s Counsel
James Wesner – Marquette Associates, Fund’s Investment Consultant
Kweku Obed – Marquette Associates, Fund’s Investment Consultant
Neil Capps – Marquette Associates, Fund’s Investment Consultant
Peggy Grabowski – Comptroller
John Carroll – Compliance Administrator
Sheila Jones – Administrative Coordinator
Nadia Oumata – Manager of Accounting and Investments

Absent: Kurt Summers – Trustee
Carole Brown – Trustee

Observer: Jabari Porter, City Treasurer’s Office

A special meeting of the Retirement Board (“Board”) of the Laborers’ and Retirement Board Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (“LABF”) was held at the Fund Office on March 7, 2019. President Roa declared that there was a quorum after Secretary LoVerde took attendance. There was no public participation.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND RFP PRESENTATION

Ms. Oumata reminded the Board that in connection with the infrastructure fund search, the Board had selected Brookfield Asset Management (Brookfield Super-Core Infrastructure Partners Fund), JPMorgan Asset Management (JPMorgan Infrastructure Investments Fund), and Ullico Investment Company (Ullico Infrastructure Fund) to make presentations to the Board, subject to the managers agreeing to adhere to the Illinois Pension Code fiduciary standard. Ms. Oumata reported that only Ullico agreed to the Illinois Pension Code fiduciary standard of care for the Ullico Infrastructure Taxable Fund, L.P. Mr. Wesner gave a brief overview of the Ullico Infrastructure Fund, L.P. and reminded the Board that the RFP was for a mandate of \$30 million. In response to Trustee questions, Ms. Oumata also confirmed that Ullico had assured LABF that it would comply with LABF’s fiduciary requirement for investment managers. The Board heard Ullico’s presentation in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 1

At 9:12 a.m., Trustee LoVerde requested an executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) to discuss the sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. Trustee Capasso seconded the motion.

Roll-call: For -- Trustees Roa, Keane, LoVerde, Hamburger, Capasso, and Joiner.
Against -- None.

At 9:57 a.m., Trustee LoVerde made a motion, seconded by Trustee Capasso, that the executive session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

Roll-call: For -- Trustees Roa, Keane, LoVerde, Hamburger, Capasso, and Joiner.
Against -- None.

It was moved by Trustee LoVerde, seconded by Trustee Capasso, to invest \$30 million in the Ullico Infrastructure Taxable Fund, L.P., subject to contract negotiations.

Roll-call: For -- Trustees Roa, Keane, LoVerde, Hamburger, Capasso, and Joiner.
Against -- None.

INVESTMENT CONTRACT MATTER

This item was discussed in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NO. 2

At 9:59 a.m., Trustee Hamburger requested an executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) to discuss the sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. Trustee Joiner seconded the motion.

Roll-call: For -- Trustees Roa, Keane, LoVerde, Hamburger, Capasso, and Joiner.
Against -- None.

At 10:22 a.m., Trustee Hamburger made a motion, seconded by Trustee LoVerde, that the executive session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

Roll-call: For -- Trustees Roa, Keane, LoVerde, Hamburger, Capasso, and Joiner.
Against -- None.

The Trustees took no action.

UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Ms. Oumata reviewed for the Board the material changes that were incorporated into the draft of the Fund's new Investment Policy Statement (IPS). The Board and staff discussed various current and proposed terms of the IPS. The Trustees asked that staff update the draft for the March 19, 2019 Board meeting.

MANAGER PRESENTATION

Ariel Investments Update

Valarie King and Charles Bobrinsky of Ariel Investments provided a brief update on Ariel Investments' strategy, performance, and philosophy.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 11:15 a.m., Trustee LoVerde made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Capasso seconded the motion.

Roll-call: For -- Trustees Roa, Keane, LoVerde, Hamburger, Capasso, and Joiner.
Against -- None.