



**VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 25, 2020**

*Note all attendees present were connected via video or teleconference*

**VPIC Members Present:**

TOM GOLONKA, CHAIR  
BETH PEARCE, VICE-CHAIR, Vermont State Treasurer  
JOSEPH MACKEY, VSTRS Representative, term expiring June 30, 2023  
MARY ALICE MCKENZIE, Governor's Delegate, term expiring June 30, 2022  
KIMBERLY GLEASON, VMERS Representative, term expiring June 30, 2022  
ROBERT HOOPER, VSERS Representative, term expiring June 30, 2024

**VPIC Members Absent:**

JOHN-HENRY HUBERT, Governor's Delegate, term expiring June 30, 2022

**VPIC Alternate Members Present:**

LINDA DELIDUKA, VSTRS *Alternate*, term expiring June 30, 2023  
JEFF BRIGGS, VSERS *Alternate*, term expiring June 30, 2024  
RON PLANTE, Governor's Delegate *Alternate*, term expiring June 30, 2020

**VPIC Alternate Members Absent:**

PETER AMONS, VMERS *Alternate*, term expiring June 30, 2022

**Also Attending:**

Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer  
Katie Green, Deputy Chief Investment Officer  
Andy Cook, Investment Analyst  
Kevin Leonard, NEPC, LLC  
David Borsykowsky, Vermont Attorney General's Office  
Lindsay Saienni, FIN News

**Meeting Materials:**

[Materials for this meeting can be found at this link](#), which will be supported for at least one year following the meeting date. After that time you can request public information from the Treasurer's office by sending requests to [treasurers.office@vermont.gov](mailto:treasurers.office@vermont.gov).

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair called the Tuesday, August 25th meeting to order at 8:34 AM, which was held via videoconference.

**ITEM 1:      **Agenda Approval and Announcements****

The Chair reviewed the agenda with the Committee.

**On a motion by Treasurer Pearce seconded by Joseph Mackey, the Committee unanimously approved the agenda.**

**ITEM 2:      Consent Agenda**

The Chair indicated the only item on the Consent Agenda was approval of the minutes from the June 28<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> VPIC meetings.

**On a motion by Treasurer Pearce seconded by Joseph Mackey, the Committee approved the consent agenda unanimously.**

**ITEM 3:      Public Comment**

None.

**ITEM 4:      Vermont State Treasurer's Update**

No report.

**ITEM 5:      Chief Investment Officer Report**

Mr. Henry provided a summary of current economic conditions, specifically the various economic risks that the portfolio will be facing in the coming months, and he responded to questions from the Committee. Discussion ensued related to the potential for updating the current 20% asset target allocations ranges to which staff rebalances.

Mr. Henry reviewed a memo he wrote dated August 18, 2020 titled *Investment data warehouse Recommendation*. He presented the RFP process that staff has undertaken to ultimately come to a recommendation that the VPIC authorize the Treasurer's Office to hire Matrix to provide investment data warehouse services for the VPIC.

**On a motion by Mary Alice McKenzie seconded by Kim Gleason, the Committee unanimously instructed Staff to enter into contract negotiations with Matrix to provide investment data warehouse services to the VPIC.**

**ITEM 6:      Investment Staff Report**

Mr. Cook and Ms. Green reviewed the *Staff Report* with the Committee, and responded to questions posed by the Committee.

**On a motion by Jeff Briggs seconded by Kim Gleason, the Committee unanimously approved the *FY2020 VPIC Attendance Report* as presented in the Staff Report.**

**ITEM 7: NEPC Performance Review**

Chair Golonka thanked NEPC for their many years of diligent service to the State of Vermont and the Vermont Pension Investment Committee. Mr. Leonard reviewed the *July 2020 VPIC performance report* as well as current economic conditions with the Committee and responded to questions.

**ITEM 8: Staff Recommendation on Investment Data Warehouse Solution**

This item was addressed in Item 5.

**ITEM 9: Discussion of Potential Fiduciary Duty Educational Session**

The Committee discussed the potential of holding a fiduciary duty educational session. It was the sense of the Committee to engage an external vendor to facilitate such a session, and that it should be scheduled as soon as practicable, and not be delayed until the COVID-19 Pandemic has subsided. Chair Golonka will work with Bob Hooper and Kim Gleason to plan this session. All Committee Members and Alternates are encouraged to submit questions and talking points to be addressed.

**ITEM 10: Deliverables for Upcoming Meetings**

- Staff will work with the Custodian to create a detailed tax reclaim report for the Committee's review for an upcoming meeting.
- Mrs. Gleason requested either an agenda item or a Committee Retreat for the Committee to discuss ESG topics as they relate to the Committee, such as matters of gender equality and diversity.
- Staff will invite Mondrian to present at a future VPIC meeting.
- Staff will transition the assets of the Strategic Global Advisors allocation into the Acadian International Equity Fund.
- Staff will work with PIMCO and the custodian to transition the VPIC Core Plus Fund to a defensive Core Fixed Income Fund.
- Chair Golonka will work with Bob Hooper and Kim Gleason to plan an upcoming Educational Session dedicated to Fiduciary Duty. All members and alternates are encouraged to submit questions or talking points for this session.

**ITEM 11: Future Agenda Topics/New or Other Business**

No action.

**ITEM 12: Executive Session**

No action.

**ITEM 14: Adjournment:**

**Joseph Mackey moved, and Bob Hooper seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The Committee unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Investment Staff**