



Board Meeting Summary February 25, 2016

MPERS Update

Value of Assets
(as of 12/31/2015)
\$1.96 billion

Funded Status
52.9%

Board of Trustees

Colonel J. Bret Johnson
Board Chair
Superintendent of MSHP
Ex-Officio Member

Sue Cox
Board Vice-Chair
MoDOT Retiree
Representative

John Briscoe
Highways & Transportation
Commissioner

Patrick McKenna
Director of MoDOT
Ex-Officio Member

Michael Pace
Highways & Transportation
Commissioner

Rep. Shawn Rhoads
Appointed by the
Speaker of the House

Senator Dave Schatz
Appointed by the President
Pro Tem of the Senate

Bill Seibert
MSHP Retiree
Representative

Major Kemp Shoun
MSHP Employee
Representative

Gregg Smith
Highways & Transportation
Commissioner

Todd Tyler
MoDOT Employee
Representative

Board Elects New Chair and Vice Chair

The Board has elected a new Chair and Vice Chair for the 2016 calendar year. Colonel J. Bret Johnson was elected Chair and Ms. Sue Cox will serve as Vice Chair. Colonel Johnson and Ms. Cox are both long-time members of the MPERS Board. Colonel Johnson has served on the Board for more than five years. Prior to his appointment to Superintendent of the Highway Patrol (where he now serves the Board as an *ex-officio* member), he served as the active elected Highway Patrol representative. Ms. Cox has served on the MPERS Board for more than seven years over two separate terms. Her first term was as the elected MoDOT active employee representative and now she is serving as the elected MoDOT retiree representative.

Introduction of New Trustees: Patrick McKenna, John Briscoe and Gregg Smith

The MPERS Board welcomes new trustees, Patrick McKenna (Director of MoDOT), John Briscoe (Highways & Transportation Commissioner) and Gregg Smith (Highways & Transportation Commissioner).

Investment Performance

Presenters: Larry Krummen (MPERS) & Kevin Leonard (NEPC)

As of December 31, 2015, MPERS' net asset value was \$1.96 billion. For calendar year 2015, MPERS' investment return of 3.28% more than doubled the policy benchmark return of 1.55% and ranked in the top 1% of the public fund peer universe. The fund continues to perform well relative to policy benchmarks and the peer universe over longer periods as well.

Governance Committee Report

Presenter: Sue Cox (Governance Committee Chair)

The Governance Committee recommended and the Board approved several updates, primarily minor in nature, to eight separate Governance Policies. The updated policies can be viewed online at www.mpers.org.

Legislative Update

Presenter: Scott Simon (MPERS)

The legislative session is in full swing, but thus far, it has been fairly quiet from MPERS' perspective. A few highlights include: HB 1472, the "pension forfeiture bill", which was first passed in 2014. MPERS has supported the sponsor of the bill in getting changes applied to the bill that will make administration of the provisions more practical. SB 1065, if passed, would raise the mandatory retirement age for uniformed members of the Highway Patrol from 60 to 65. SB 573, the "defund Iran initiative," if passed, would be placed on the ballot for voters to consider in the fall. It proposes to have public retirement funds divest investments that support terrorist activities in specific countries. Staff will continue to monitor bills throughout session and report back to stakeholders accordingly.

Disability Program

Presenter: Scott Simon (MPERS)

Standard Insurance has agreed to continue the present premium for disability coverage through June 30, 2020. The stability of a four-year rate guarantee is an attractive option in an environment that is often seeing cost on the rise.

2016 Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, April 28 (*if needed*)
Thursday, June 23

Thursday, September 29
Thursday, November 17