



Special Board Meeting Summary 2:00 p.m. on July 30, 2020 (held via webinar)

Value of Assets
(as of 3/31/20)
\$2.28 billion

Funded Status
(as of 6/30/19)
59.82%

Board of Trustees

Bill Seibert
Board Chair
MSHP Retiree
Representative

Todd Tyler
Board Vice Chair
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Representative

Senator Mike Bernskoetter
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Commissioner

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Highways & Transportation
Commissioner

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Representative

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MoDOT Retiree
Representative

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Director of MoDOT
Ex-Officio Member

Col. Eric Olson
Superintendent
of MSHP
Ex-Officio Member

Gregg Smith
Highways & Transportation
Commissioner

Rep. Sara Walsh
Appointed by the
Speaker of the House

Investment Update

Presenter: Larry Krummen, Chief Investment Officer (MPERS)

Mr. Krummen provided an update on staff's use of the leverage facility adopted by the Board in June. To date, staff has not applied leverage to the portfolio under the new provisions.

Motion to Rescind Leverage

Presenter: Trustee McKenna, Director (MoDOT)

Trustees Brinkmann, Briscoe, McKenna, and Smith requested a special board meeting to discuss the rescission of the leverage facility adopted by the Board in June. Following a vote along the same lines as the original vote in June, the Board reaffirmed the authority for staff to utilize leverage within the investment portfolio. The purpose of the leverage facility is to provide greater liquidity and improved flexibility for investing during periods of market volatility. The adoption of leverage provides MPERS' staff with more tools to manage the portfolio and maintain the path of progress MPERS has experienced over the past decade.

It has been noted that several trustees have concerns over this newly granted authority, but staff are developing additional internal policies for effectively and mindfully implementing leverage, and at the request of the Board, will expand reporting to the Board and the Investment Committee such that each step is well documented and understood by all trustees.

For additional information on MPERS' leverage initiative, please see the following links:

1. [Leverage FAQ](#)
2. [Asset/Liability Study](#)
3. [Asset Allocation Memo \(June Board Meeting\)](#)

2020 Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, September 24, 2020
Thursday, November 19, 2020