

BRISTOL COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD

At a meeting of the Bristol County Retirement Board held on the 26th day of April, 2023 at the Bristol County Retirement Board Office, 645 County Street, Taunton, Massachusetts at 9:10 A.M.

Present: Christopher T. Saunders, Chairman
 Stephen J. Rivard, Board Member
 William M. Downey, Board Member
 John T. Saunders, Board Member
 Christine N. DeFontes, Board Member
 Roxanne L. Donovan, Executive Director

INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

On a motion by Member Downey and second by Member J. Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the most current bank reconciliations for March 2023 and the expense, refund and transfer vouchers as follows:

Accounts Payable Summary of Approval

For the Month of: **April, 2023**

| Tab No | Check Date | Warrant No | Reference | Warrant Total | Overall Total |
|--------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1.) | 4/4/2023 | CD2023-38 | Staff Salaries | \$ 10,219.02 | |
| 1.) | 4/11/2023 | CD2023-41 | Staff Salaries | \$ 10,219.49 | |
| 1.) | 4/18/2023 | CD2023-42 | Staff Salaries | \$ 10,219.49 | |
| 1.) | 4/25/2023 | CD2023-43 | Staff Salaries | \$ 10,219.49 | |
| 1.) | 4/28/2023 | CD2023-44 | Board Salaries | \$ 1,940.79 | \$ 42,818.28 |
| | | | Staff & Board Payroll: | \$ 42,818.28 | |
| 2.) | 4/3/2023 | CD2023-40 | Prepaid Expense | \$ 212.06 | |
| 2.) | 4/26/2023 | CD2023-49 | Expense | \$ 18,856.64 | \$ 19,068.70 |
| 2.) | 4/26/2023 | CD2023-50 | 3 (8)(c) Expense | \$ 479,016.95 | \$ 479,016.95 |
| | | | Expense Warrants: | \$ 498,085.65 | |
| 3.) | 4/26/2023 | CD2023-45 | Refund of Member Contributions | \$ 5,651.66 | |
| 3.) | 4/26/2023 | CD2023-46 | Refund of Member Accounts | \$ 92,071.75 | |
| | 4/26/2023 | CD2023-48 | Death Refund of Account | \$ 146.76 | \$ 97,870.17 |
| 3.) | 4/26/2023 | CD2023-47 | Transfer of Member Accounts | \$ 153,666.02 | \$ 153,666.02 |

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|-----|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | | Refund and Transfer Warrants: | \$ | |
| | | | | 251,536.19 | |
| 4.) | 4/3/2023 | CD2023-39 | Pension Payroll | \$ | |
| | | | | 678.65 | |
| 4.) | 4/3/2023 | CD2023-39 | Pension Payroll - Void | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | (678.65) | - |
| 4.) | 4/28/2023 | CD2023-51 | Pension Payroll | \$ | |
| | | | | 6,925,176.29 | |
| 4.) | 4/28/2023 | CD2023-51 | Pension Payroll - Void | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | (292.20) | 6,924,884.09 |
| | | | Pension Payroll | \$ | |
| | | | | 6,924,884.09 | |
| 5.) | 4/20/2023 | 2303 | County Crossing | \$ | |
| | | | | 2,100.44 | |
| | | | County Crossing | \$ | |
| | | | | 2,100.44 | |
| | | | | \$ | |
| | | | | 7,719,424.65 | |

Segal Marco Advisors Financial Consultants
On the call: Kevin Roundtree-Segal Marco Advisors

1. On a motion by Member Downey and second by Member J. Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the investment transactions that were executed by Income Research and Management, Inc. (Fixed Income) and Earnest Partners, LSV, Lyrical Partners and Clearbridge (Equities) for the month ending March 2023.
2. On a motion by Member Downey and second by Member J. Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve all other investment transactions executed in-house thus far for April 2023.
3. On a motion by Member Downey and second by Member J. Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the Investment Summary Statement for month ending March 2023 as reported to the BCRB by our custodial bank (Wilmington Trust); and a year-to-date performance.
4. On a motion by Member Downey and second by Member J. Saunders, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file the Notice of Redemption queue from Intercontinental.
5. Segal Marco Advisors provided an asset allocation summary and benchmark performance as of 4/19/23. Total assets are up just shy of \$10 million since last month and now stand at \$846.5 million. The increase in value is entirely attributable to equities. Fixed income and real estate values are down slightly and there is little change in value across the other asset classes. In summary:
 - Equity is now underweight (-3.2%) and private equity is overweight (+1.7%)
 - Fixed income and hedge funds are underweight (-2.1% and -0.9%, respectively) and real estate/hard assets are overweight (+3.0%)
 - Cash for payroll stands at 1.5%

Since last month's meeting the BCRS received \$975,000 from Intercontinental real estate leaving an outstanding redemption of ~\$18.5 million. RREEF's Board meets next week to finalize the amount to be distributed for the first quarter but based on preliminary estimates the BCRS will receive \$350,000-\$400,000. That will leave ~\$3 million outstanding. Intercontinental and RREEF received additional redemption requests of \$281 million and \$613 million during the quarter, respectively. This increases Intercontinental's redemption queue to about \$730 million and

RREEF's to \$1.9 billion, which is ~8% and ~15% of NAV, respectively. Absent an increase in transaction activity, they are estimating redemption proceeds will remain limited for several quarters.

Segal Marco noted that the BCRS will need to redeem from the traditional portfolio to fund cash flow needs for the next couple of months until appropriation money starts coming in. Upon closer review, the portfolio's current allocation is relatively consistent with where it has been and where the Segal Marco has advised to keep it after providing for capital call and cash needs in recent months. The fixed income allocation is down 0.7% from last month and equity is up 0.8%. Within equity, domestic and emerging markets remain underweight vs. target while international equity is slightly overweight. Similarly, core fixed is underweight and emerging fixed is slightly overweight. At this time, Segal Marco recommends rebalancing slightly from international equity and emerging debt to add to core fixed income as follows:

- \$3 million Arrowstreet International
- \$3 million RBC (Freedom) International
- \$2 million Stone Harbor EMD
- + \$8 million Northern Trust Aggregate Bond Index

This recommendation seeks to capitalize on recent developed international gains and replenish core fixed income for future cash flow needs. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

As in recent month, Segal Marco Advisors recommend funding next month's payroll 50/50 from the Northern Trust S&P 500 and U.S. Aggregate Bond Funds. For capital calls, they continue to recommend drawing from the Northern Trust S&P 500, redeeming in \$1 million increments with any residual amount added to cash. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Mr. Roundtree updated the BCRB that the RFP for International/Global Fixed Income has been issued. The due date is May 19th. Segal Marco will update the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Roundtree also noted that the Northern Trust Russell 1000 fund is ready to be funded. Segal Marco Advisors recommends a full liquidation of Clearbridge to fund this mandate. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

INVESTMENT MANAGER INTERVIEWS:

WILLIAM BLAIR

Presenter: Cliff Kalish

Mr. Kalish provided a firm overview and review their investment philosophy that they believe an integrated investment platform directed towards identifying companies with strong corporate performance will drive superior long-term investment returns. The performance since inception (3/17/22) has been -19.66%. The 1st Q 2023 return was 3.85%. The top five contributors and detractors were reviewed, along with fund positioning. Mr. Kalish reviewed the top portfolio changes during the quarter.

EASTERN TIMBERLAND

Presenter: Tim Hartigan

Mr. Hartigan reviewed the current portfolio. The fund is fully invested with a November 2025 termination date. The returns since inception have been 7.78%. In 2022, the returns were 11.79%. He reviewed the sales that have resulted in distributions since 2022. Further distributions are expected in 2023.

COLUMBIA

Presenters Paul Shelton, VP Client Portfolio Manager and Joe Dougherty, Senior Relationship Manager

Mr. Shelton provided a firm overview. Since inception (10/3/2011), the returns have been 13.88%. The 1 Year return was -9.54%. Portfolio characteristics were reviewed, including the sector allocation. The largest detractors were comm services, energy and utilities. Top company contributors and detractors were also discussed.

POMONA

Presenters: Alex Gerson, Senior Principal and Vivian Flynn, Head of Investor Relations

Pomona was a targeted approach with emphasis on quality, liquidity and lower risk. The fund is positioned for multiple market outcomes focusing on growth and value. The fund net IRR since inception (3/25/2022) has been 95%. This is expected to decrease with the life of the fund. Pomona Capital is positioned to capitalize on current market opportunities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the Bristol County Retirement Board voted by roll call vote (Rivard-aye, Downey-aye, J. Sanders-aye, DeFontes-aye and C. Saunders-aye) to go into Executive Session at 10:31 a.m., in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 to act on Strategy with respect to litigation. Chairman Saunders indicated that the Board would resume in open session.

The Board entered executive session at 10:31 a.m.

The Board ended executive session at 10:42 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS-LEGAL

1.

**MICHELLE D. DETERRA
TOWN OF ACUSHNET-SCHOOL ADMIN
ORDINARY DISABILITY APPLICATION
ATTORNEY: NONE**

On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to ratify the vote to approve the Ordinary Disability Retirement of Ms. DeTerra, subject to PERAC approval.

2.

**JAMES PIETERSEN
TOWN OF NORTON-FIREFIGHTER
ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION
Attorney: None**

The BCRB reviewed the Regional Medical Panel certificates in which all three physicians have answered yes to all three questions relative to Mr. Pietersen's accidental disability. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the accidental disability of Mr. Pietersen, subject to PERAC approval.

3.

**ANDREW SOUSA V BCRS
CR-19-0445**

On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file DALA's decision in the Board's favor and a letter from Attorney Sacco on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS – REGULAR

1. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the first payment to newly retired members of the Bristol County Retirement System for the month of April 2023.

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| Lynne Antunes | Town of Dartmouth | March 1, 2023 |
| Andrew V Burgess | Town of Norton | March 1, 2023 |
| Barbara A Place | Town of Freetown | March 2, 2023 |
| Gayle A Sircello | Town of Swansea | March 1, 2023 |
| Patricia A Sulyma | Town of Westport | February 4, 2023 |

2. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the make-up payments for the purchase of previous creditable service regarding the following members of the retirement system for the month of April 2023.

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| Barrett Johnson | Town of Raynham | 2 years 11 months Call Fire |
| Kyle Medeiros | Dighton Rehoboth | 4 year 5 months Pro-rated Service |

3. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the Bristol County Retirement System fund budget sheet for period ending April 2023.

4. The Executive Director updated the BCRB that the required number of Selectboard's have notified the BCRB of their vote to increase the FY 2023 COLA for retirees. The Board's that approved the increase are Town of Acushnet, Town of Berkley, Town of Dighton, Town of Freetown, Town of Norton, Town of Rehoboth, Town of Seekonk, Town of Somerset, Town of Swansea and the Town of Westport. The intent is to issue the retroactive payment to retirees in the May 31, 2023 retirement allowance.

5. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file memorandum (#10-2023) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated March 28, 2023, to the BCRB regarding Mandatory Retirement Board Training-2nd Quarter 2023.

6. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file memorandum (#11-2023) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated March 31, 2023, to the BCRB regarding Extension of Open Meeting Law Waivers.

7. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file memorandum (#12-2023) from John W Parsons, Esq, Executive Director of PERAC, dated April 7, 2023, to the BCRB regarding Forfeiture of Retirement Allowance for Dereliction of Duty by Member listing.

8. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to receive and place on file the CY 2022 Annual Statement of the Bristol County Retirement System to be filed with PERAC

9. On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for the following month:

March 29, 2023 Regular Meeting
March 29, 2023 Executive Session

On a motion by Member Rivard and second by Member Downey, the BCRB voted unanimously) to adjourn their regular meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Bristol County Retirement Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Bristol County Retirement Board.

SIGNATORIES:

Prepared by: _____
Roxanne L. Donovan

Christopher T. Saunders, Chairman of the Board

Stephen J. Rivard, Board Member

William M. Downey, Board Member

John T. Saunders, Board Member

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