



**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

1145 Market Street, 6th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103  
1:00 PM

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Leona Bridges  
Joseph Driscoll  
Shruti Gandhi, Vice Chair  
Scott Heldfond, Chair  
Ahsha Safaí  
Brian Stansbury  
A.J. Thomas

Jay Huish, Executive Director

## Investment Committee Meeting

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**OPENING CALENDAR**

<b>1. Roll Call</b>	Commissioner Leona Bridges	1:17 PM
	Commissioner Joseph Driscoll	1:17 PM
	Commissioner Shruti Gandhi	1:25 PM
	Commissioner Scott Heldfond	1:17 PM
	President Ahsha Safai	Absent
	Commissioner Brian Stansbury	Absent
	Commissioner A.J. Thomas	1:17 PM

**2. Communications**

Chair Heldfond called for In-Person public comment.

No public present, and In-Person public comment was closed.

Chair Heldfond called for public comment Callers.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**3. 042022-03 General Public Comment**

Chair Heldfond called for In-Person public comment.

No public present, and In-Person public comment was closed.

Chair Heldfond called for public comment Callers.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**4. 042022-04 Action Item Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Investment Committee Meeting**

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Draft Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Investment Committee Meeting.

Chair Heldfond called for In-Person public comment.

No public present, and In-Person public comment was closed.

Chair Heldfond called for public comment Callers.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** Moved by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Driscoll, to approve Minutes of the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Investment Committee Meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Gandhi, Heldfond, Thomas

Absent: Commissioners Safaí, Stansbury

**5. 042022-05 Discussion Item SFERS Annual Fixed Income Update**

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, NEPC's materials for SFERS Annual Fixed Income Update.

Kurt Braitberg, Interim Chief Investment Officer; Alo Martins, Senior Portfolio Manager; Allan Martin and Alec Rapaport, NEPC, provided an oral and written report on this item.

Staff, in collaboration with NEPC, presented to the Committee an annual update for the Public Fixed Income portfolio which provided an overview of the portfolio's strategic plan, performance, activity, and initiatives.

For the year ending December 31, 2021, the Public Fixed Income portfolio was valued at \$2.9 billion and accounted for 7.8% of the Retirement Trust.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

Chair Heldfond called for In-Person public comment.

No public present, and In-Person public comment was closed.

Chair Heldfond called for public comment Callers.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

**6. 042022-06 Discussion Item SFERS Annual Public Equity Update**

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, NEPC materials for SFERS' Public Equity Update.

Han Pham, Director, Public Equity, provided an oral and written report on this item.

Staff, in collaboration with NEPC, presented to the Committee an annual update for the Public Equity portfolio which provided an overview of the portfolio's strategic plan, performance, activity, and initiatives.

For the year ending December 31, 2021, the Public Equity portfolio was valued at \$13.3 billion and accounted for 35.9% of the Retirement Trust.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

Chair Heldfond commented that the purpose of the Investment Committee is educational for the Board members as well as staff and suggested adding to the discussion the subject of energy investing at another time.

Chair Heldfond called for In-Person public comment.

No public present, and In-Person public comment was closed.

Chair Heldfond called for public comment Callers.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

**7. 042022-07 Discussion Item SFERS Annual Absolute Return Update**

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Blackstone's materials for SFERS' Absolute Return Update.

David Francl, Managing Director, Absolute Return, provided an oral and written report on this item.

Staff, in collaboration with Blackstone Alternative Asset Management, presented to the Committee an annual update for the Absolute Return portfolio which provided an overview of the portfolio's strategic plan, performance, activity and initiatives.

The following presenters provided an update of the Absolute Return portfolio:

- Mr. David Francl, Managing Director of Absolute Return at the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System
- Mr. Joe Dowling, Senior Managing Director & Global Head, Blackstone Alternative Asset Management
- Mr. David Ben-Ur, Senior Managing Director & Chief Investment Officer of Blackstone Portfolio Solutions
- Mrs. Roberta Osborne, Managing Director – Investor Relations, Blackstone Alternative Asset Management

The Committee reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

Chair Heldfond called for In-Person public comment.

No public present, and In-Person public comment was closed.

Chair Heldfond called for public comment Callers.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

**8. 042022-08      Discussion Item      Investment Committee Member Good of the Order**

Committee members may request that any matter be calendared at a future meeting. All such requests shall be calendared in a reasonable time. (Board Operations Policy ¶124.) The Committee will not discuss any items requested to be calendared until a subsequent meeting when the matter is included on the agenda with the required public notice.

Commissioner Bridges acknowledge Kurt Braitberg as Interim CIO for his extraordinary work and to Staff for their hard work during these challenging times.

Chair Heldfond called for In-Person public comment.

No public present, and In-Person public comment was closed.

Chair Heldfond called for public comment Callers.

There were no callers and public comment was closed.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

9. 042022-09

**Adjournment**

Having no further business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM