

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Board of Trustees
OF THE
**Public School Teachers' Pension and
Retirement Fund of Chicago**

**Investment Committee First Friday Meeting – Official Report
Friday, October 6, 2023**

An Investment Committee First Friday meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago was held on Friday, October 6, 2023.

The Chair, Mr. Philip Weiss, called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Presentation by Tina Padilla

Ms. Tina Padilla, a retired member and former Trustee, expressed her appreciation for the Investment Committee and Team. She stated she hopes they can work together to secure retirement savings.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Mr. Jeffery Blackwell, Mr. Victor Ochoa, Ms. Jacquelyn Price Ward, Ms. Mary Sharon Reilly, Ms. Tammie F. Vinson, Mr. Quentin S. Washington, Mr. Philip Weiss – 7

Trustees absent: Ms. Lois Nelson, Ms. Maria J. Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Travlos, Ms. Tanya D. Woods – 4

Also in attendance were Mr. Carlton W. Lenoir, Sr., (*Executive Director*), Mr. Daniel J. Hurtado (*Chief Legal Officer*), Mr. Joseph Miller of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. (*Board Counsel*), Mr. Fernando Vinzons (*Chief Investment Officer, via video conference*), Ms. Brianne Weymouth of Callan Associates (*Investment Consultant*) and various observers and staff members

Motion to Approve August 4, 2023, First Friday Minutes, Approved

Mr. Weiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vinson, to approve the August 4, 2023, First Friday Minutes. The motion passed by the following roll vote:

AYES: Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Ochoa, Ms. Price Ward, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Vinson, Mr. Washington, Mr. Weiss – 7

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Nelson, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Woods, Dr. Travlos – 4

FIRST FRIDAY PRESENTATIONS**Longfellow Investment Management Co., LLC (LIM) – MWDBE (Boston, Mass.)**

Ms. Barbara McKenna presented her organization's Core Fixed Income strategy. Founded in 1986, the Boston-based boutique investment management firm specializes in customized fixed income, equity, and absolute return strategies. As of June 30, 2023, the firm had \$16.8 billion in AUM, with \$3.95 billion in Core Fixed Income. LIM's Core strategy seeks to earn above-average total returns by focusing on attractive, risk-adjusted securities, while seeking to preserve capital and minimize volatility. Portfolios can be customized for specific social screens, quality restrictions, and liquidity needs. The Core Fixed Income strategy has outperformed the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index every year except for two years (2014 and 2022) since inception in 2006. LIM is 100% employee-owned and has been a certified Women-Owned Business Enterprise since 2010. At the end of their presentation, LIM representatives addressed questions from Callan, Fund Staff and members of the Investment Committee.

Loop Capital Asset Management (LCAM)– MWDBE (Chicago, Ill.)

Mr. Jim Reynolds, Mr. Jason Parks, Mr. Adam Phillips, and Mr. Richard Deary presented their firm's Core/ Core Plus Fixed Income strategies. Loop Capital Asset Management (LCAM) is a registered investment advisor and a wholly owned subsidiary of Loop Capital, the nation's largest diverse financial organization. LCAM was originally registered in 1985 as Taplin, Canida & Habacht. The firm is an employee-owned minority business (MBE – African American) employed by public and corporate pension funds, endowments and foundations in the U.S. and Europe and has managed institutional fixed income for 30+ years. LCAM currently manages approximately \$9 billion in 11 fixed income investment strategies. Notably, the Core Plus strategy with \$3.3 billion AUM--which is designed to deliver broad fixed income market exposure with allocation for higher income sectors (i.e., high yield, emerging market debt, securitized credit)--has outperformed its Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index net-of-fees as of June 30, 2023 over each trailing time period as follows: QTD, YTD, 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, 7-year, 10-year and since inception January 1, 2007. At the end of their presentation, Loop Capital Asset Management representatives addressed questions from Callan, Fund Staff and members of the Investment Committee.

Palisade Capital Management, LP – MWDBE (Fort Lee, N.J.)

Ms. Alison Berman, Mr. Dan Veru, and Mr. Don Trivelino presented their firm's U.S. Equity Small Cap Core strategy. Palisade Capital Management is a woman-led and majority-owned independent investment management firm headquartered in Fort Lee, New Jersey, offering a solutions-based approach towards client portfolios. Founded in 1995, Palisade's diversified client base includes corporations, public plans, financial institutions, family offices, and individuals. Led by Senior Portfolio Manager Marc Shapiro, Palisade's experienced four-member Small Cap Core Equity team utilizes a research-intensive, disciplined investment process that integrates bottom-up, fundamental stock research with a conviction-weighted approach to portfolio construction. The goal is to implement a diversified portfolio to generate strong risk-adjusted returns

over a full market cycle. As of June 30, 2023, the firm has \$4.2 billion in AUM, with \$2.4 billion in the Small Cap Core strategy. At the end of their presentation, Palisade Capital representatives addressed questions from Callan, Fund Staff and members of the Investment Committee.

Integrated Quantitative Investments LLC – MWDBE (Latham, N.Y.)

Dr. Artemiza Woodgate presented her firm's U.S. Equity Microcap strategy. IQI is a womenowned firm founded in 2020 by two seasoned systematic investors and headquartered in Latham, New York. The firm is 100% employee owned and over 80% owned by women. Currently, firm AUM stands at \$25 million from their first institutional state-level public fund client in the U.S. Microcap product. IQI implements differentiated quantitative signals and modeling techniques for a dynamic read of business viability of companies, market sentiment, and macro-economic environments to produce high conviction alpha and high active share portfolio. Through August 31, 2023, they have achieved a 15.4% net excess return since inception (i.e., May 1, 2021) over the Russell U.S. Micro-cap iShares ETF for their clients. At the end of her presentation, Dr. Woodgate addressed questions from Callan, Fund Staff and members of the Investment Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting, Approved

Ms. Price Ward made a motion, seconded by Ms. Reilly, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Ochoa, Ms. Price Ward, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Vinson,
Mr. Washington, Mr. Weiss – 7

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Nelson, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Woods, Dr. Travlos – 4

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Weiss
Committee Chairperson

Minutes approved by the Investment Committee at a meeting held on December 1, 2023.

Minutes prepared by Sharena Bennett Bridgmon (Executive Assistant, CTPF).