

MEETING MINUTES

LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
1:30 P.M.

LOUISIANA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION, SUITE C
3060 VALLEY CREEK DRIVE, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70808

A meeting of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Board was held Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Louisiana Assessors' Association Office, located at 3060 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70808. The following members were present: President Jeffrey Gardner, Vice President Gabe Marceaux, Treasurer Lucien Gauff and Members Michael Bealer, Richard Earl, Irby Gamble, Glenda Gaspard, Louis Hebert, Charlie Henington, Phyllis Mendoza, Jimbo Stevenson, Glenn Waguespack and Erroll Williams. Absent were members Lee Brown, Conrad Comeaux, and Representative Aimee Freeman and Senator Ed Price.

Following the roll call, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and the Public Comment period, wherein no members of the public spoke, the first item for discussion on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Michael Bealer and seconded by Glenn Waguespack, all approved, and the motion to approve the minutes, passed.

The November 2022 Financial Report was delivered by Staff Accountant, Anna Wessman. The Balance Sheet and Income Statement were provided. Following is a summary:

	As of November 30, 2022	Current Month this Year	Year to Date this FY
Total Assets	\$ 487,362,474.42		
Total Liabilities	\$ 24,748.27		
Total Capital	\$ 487,337,726.15		
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$ 487,362,474.42		
Total Revenue		\$ 22,517,798.58	\$ 38,353,112.63
Total Expenses		\$ 2,183,392.72	\$ 4,394,898.64
Net Income		\$ 20,334,405.86	\$ 33,958,213.99

The Financials were approved with a motion by Irby Gamble and a second by Charlie Henington. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A report on the 4th Quarter 2022 Retirement System Refunds, Transfers, Reciprocal, Retirements and Deaths was provided by the Executive Director. A motion to approve the report was provided by Richard Earl. The motion was seconded by Louis Hebert and all were in favor and the motion carried.

The next item on the Agenda was a presentation by the AndCo, Investment Consultant, Jon Breth. Mr. Breth provided a market overview of the fourth quarter 2022 and reviewed the Preliminary Portfolio Performance through December 31, 2022. The Total Fund

return for the fourth quarter 2022 and the Fiscal Year to Date return was 4.86%, and the 1 year, 2022, return was -14.86%. As a recap of the Fiscal Year to Date Market Value of the fund, the current Preliminary December 31, 2022, total fund is \$464,901,287. Mr. Breth provided a review of GAMCO, our All Cap Value/US Value Asset manager. A report on US All Cap Manager Review was provided with three companies; Boston Partners, Nuance and Clifford Capital. After some discussion with the Board, a motion was provided by Irby Gamble to authorize AndCo to bring in two money managers, Boston Partners, a Premium Equity, and Clifford Capital, an All Cap Value to our April 2023 Quarterly meeting for interview as a potential new money manager. A second to the motion was provided by Charlie Henington and all were in favor. The motion passed.

An Asset Allocation Study was provided to the committee. Mr. Breth recommended, migrating toward Mix 3, as illustrated in the report provided, by adopting some changes in our Targeted Asset Allocation by eliminating BlackRock and JP Morgan, and moving funds to Orleans Capital as Aggregate Fixed Income and over time bringing Real Estate down from 10% Target to 5% with proceeds into high yield bonds, Loomis Sayles. Mr. Breth mentioned that the changes in the Market recently offer us opportunity to reduce Expected Risk. Additional information and suggested changes to the Investment Policy will be delivered to the Board in the April 2023 meeting. To address a question from the audience, Mr. Breth provided assurance that the BlackRock Multi Asset Income Fund in the LARF portfolio, is not an ESG product.

The next item on the agenda, was a presentation and discussion by Greg Curran, with Curran Actuarial. Mr. Curran provided the September 30, 2022 LARF Valuation Report and the GASB Report. The Actuarial Value of Assets is \$502,658,527 Market Value of Assets is \$ 453,406,301. The fund is 96.73% funded. The valuation interest rate remained at 5.5%. The Valuation Report and the GASB report were approved with a motion by Michael Bealer and a second by Louis Hebert. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Retirement System Attorney, Ms. Denise Akers addressed the Board and provided a Resolution for Demand to the LA State Treasurer's Office for Orleans Ad Valorem funds, if not received by March 2023. Charlie Henington offered a motion to authorize the Association President and the Executive Director, with general counsel, to execute the Resolution, only if the Ad Valorem funds are not received timely. The motion was seconded by Erroll Williams and the motion passed, as all were in favor.

The next item on the Agenda was an update by Attorney, Denise Akers on the current BREC v. Sid Gautreaux, as Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish litigation. Louis Hebert provided a motion to enter into Executive Session, with a second by Michael Bealer, with unanimous approval, the board entered into Executive Session. A motion was provided to exit Executive Session, by Glenn Waguespack and a second by Jimbo Stevenson, with unanimous approval the board exited Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Retirement Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Henington, seconded by Glenn Waguespack and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned.