



December 21, 2023 HPRS Board Meeting Highlights



The Highlights correspondence is aimed at providing timely information to our membership about HPRS meetings, since board minutes cannot be approved and posted until after the next board meeting. Below are the highlights from the December 21, 2023, HPRS Board meeting.

Administrative Budget

The Ohio Retirement Study Council reviewed HPRS's administrative budget for 2024, and the board approved it on December 21st. The total budget is approximately \$2.5 million, which is a 9.75% decrease from 2023. The budget includes but is not limited to salaries and wages; health care; office expenses; information technology; rent; and professional services such as banking, audit, actuarial, legal, and investment consultant services.

Internal Auditor Presented 2023 Report

Our internal auditor, Summit County Internal Audit Department, presented a clean report on internal controls of HPRS. This year the auditors focused on cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), retroactive pay adjustment, and pension payments. A small issue was noted regarding the retroactive pay adjustment and pension payments, and actions were put in place to address the issue during the audit.

Total Fund Update

One of the most important responsibilities of the board is making investment decisions. Investment returns are critical to the viability of our system, as they provide for more than 2/3 of the benefits paid. The board spends a considerable amount of time working with its investment consultant planning, researching, and discussing ways to enhance our portfolio. Year-to-date returns show an estimated gain of 13.0% as of December 19th. HPRS assets are currently at approximately \$1.073 billion. Below is a snapshot of HPRS's portfolio as of December 19, 2023:

HPRS PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT: 12/19/2023

	11/30/2023		Market Adjust. Est. 12/19/23			LT Strategic	
	\$ MM	%	Change	\$1,000s	%	Target	Range
Public Equity	\$490.8	46.8%	4.6%	\$513.3	47.8%	48.0%	
Global Equity	\$220.5	21.0%	4.2%	\$229.8	21.4%	22.0%	
Domestic Equity	\$218.6	20.9%	5.2%	\$230.0	21.4%	20.0%	
International Equity (EM, SC)	\$51.7	4.9%	3.6%	\$53.6	5.0%	6.0%	
Alternatives Investments	\$330.0	31.5%	0.2%	\$330.6	30.8%	25.0%	
Absolute Return	\$62.8	6.0%	1.0%	\$63.4	5.9%	6.0%	
Private Equity	\$215.7	20.6%	0.0%	\$215.7	20.1%	15.0%	
Real Assets	\$51.5	4.9%	0.0%	\$51.5	4.8%	4.0%	
Real Estate	\$85.2	8.1%	0.0%	\$85.2	7.9%	8.0%	
Fixed Income	\$142.3	13.6%	1.4%	\$144.3	13.4%	19.0%	
Core Fixed Income	\$43.3	4.1%	3.0%	\$44.6	4.2%	6.0%	
Opportunistic	\$59.5	5.7%	1.0%	\$60.1	5.6%	9.0%	
Cash	\$39.5	3.8%	0.3%	\$39.6	3.7%	4.0%	
Total Pension	\$1,048.3	100.0%	2.4%	\$1,073.4	100.0%	100.0%	

Estimated Year-to-Date Return (including the above est.): **13.0%**



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Retirement Applications and Survivor Benefits

Since the October 19, 2023 board meeting, the HPRS board approved two active member retirement applications for age and service, zero deferred retirement applications, seven retirements from DROP, and five survivor benefits.

Upcoming Events

For a complete list of upcoming events and information, check the HPRS website at www.ohprs.org.

Future Meeting Dates

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, committee meetings will start at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee, and then the Health Care Funding Committee.

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, immediately followed by the Investment Committee and Board meeting. The board meeting will be streamed on Zoom, and the details to join the meeting will be on the agenda that is be posted to the HPRS website one week prior to the meeting.

Some committee meetings may be canceled from time to time. Please check the HPRS website at www.ohprs.org for the most current meeting dates and times.

If you have questions about HPRS, board meetings, or retirement, please contact Executive Director Carl Roark at 614.430.3557.