



Seattle Retirement

Seattle City Employees' Retirement System

Investment Committee Meeting
Pacific Building, 720 3rd Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle
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Minutes, Thursday, March 27, 2025

IC Members Present: Sherri Crawford (Chair), Judith Blinder, Maria Coe, Joseph Hoffman, Jamie Carnell, Kimberly Loving

SCERS Staff Present: Jeff Davis, Jason Malinowski, Paige Alderete, Leola Ross, George Emerson, Mengfei Cao, Nina Melencio

Others Present: Mike Monaco (MMPL), Gary Smith (City Attorney's Office), Joe Ebisa (With.Intelligence), Rose Dean (NEPC), Dan Hennessy (NEPC), Thao Nguyen (NEPC), Georgi Korovski (With.Intelligence), Lindsay Saienni (Fin News), Andrew Robinson (FAS), Hope Redmond (BlackRock), Chris Beall (NOVA), Allison Kingsley (NOVA)

Call to Order

Sherr Crawford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Approved Minutes from the February 27, 2025 Investment Committee.

Motion: Upon motion by Sherri Crawford, seconded by Jamie Carnell, the Investment Committee approved the minutes from the February 27, 2025 Investment Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Infrastructure Deep Dive

George Emerson and Leola Ross presented the annual deep dive of the Infrastructure asset class and briefly reviewed the market environment and SCERS's infrastructure allocation and activity. Infrastructure is a growing asset class that is a diversifier to Equity, with attractive inflation protection and liability alignment. SCERS will have two manager recommendations at today's meeting.

SCERS has a current and target allocation to Infrastructure of 2.9% and 5.0%, respectively, as of December 31, 2024. Infrastructure performance has modestly exceeded absolute return expectations and been in-line with the

asset class index. SCERS continues to allocate to new funds/managers to achieve the target allocation of 5%. Current managers include Brookfield, Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP), Stonepeak, and Tiger Infrastructure Partners. Recent manager updates include Brookfield Board Chair and Senior Executive, Mark Carney, leaving the firm to become Canadian Prime Minister and GIP being acquired by BlackRock in 2024. There was a discussion on the electrical needs of data centers due to artificial intelligence (AI). There is a big opportunity for private capital to help meet the demand. Coal continues to be retired and replaced by renewable energy.

In the last 12 months staff have evaluated BlackRock's acquisition of GIP and reaffirmed the commitment of \$17.5 million to GIP V; committed \$20 million to Stonepeak Fund V; and performed a comprehensive review of mid-market infrastructure managers. For 2025, staff will continue to monitor the market environment for emerging infrastructure sectors and themes given the dynamic impact of technological innovation and government policy. At today's meeting, staff and NEPC will be recommending two middle market infrastructure funds following a comprehensive search.

Infrastructure Manager Recommitment – Tiger Infrastructure Partners Fund IV LP

Staff recommended a commitment of up to \$20 million to Tiger Infrastructure Partners Fund IV ("Tiger IV"), a North American and European sector-diversified, mid-market infrastructure strategy. Tiger IV is managed by Tiger Infrastructure Partners ("Tiger"). SCERS had previously committed \$20 million to Tiger Infrastructure Partners Fund III.

Ms. Ross briefly reviewed the organization and strategy. NEPC concurred with this recommendation and has selected Tiger IV as a preferred strategy on their Focused Placement List (FPL) with a top rating of 1.

Motion: Upon motion by Sherri Crawford, seconded by Jamie Carnell, the Investment Committee recommended that the Board of Administration commit up to \$20 million to Tiger Infrastructure Partners Fund IV LP, pending satisfactory legal review. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Infrastructure Manager Commitment – NOVA Infrastructure Fund II LP

Staff recommended a commitment of up to \$20 million to NOVA Infrastructure Partners Fund II (NOVA II), a North American, sector diversified, mid-market infrastructure strategy. NOVA II is managed by NOVA Infrastructure Partners (NOVA). NOVA II would be SCERS's first investment with NOVA.

Mr. Emerson reviewed the due diligence process that was conducted, NOVA's organization, and the fund strategy then introduced NOVA co-founders, Chris Beall and Allison Kingsley, who reviewed their target sectors, returns, and fund size.

NEPC concurred with this recommendation and has selected NOVA II as a preferred strategy on their Focused Placement List (FPL) with a top rating of 1.

Motion: Upon motion by Sherri Crawford, seconded by Kimberly Loving, the Investment Committee recommended that the Board of Administration commit up to \$20 million to NOVA Infrastructure Fund II LP, pending satisfactory legal review. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Adjourn Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.