

**Regular Meeting  
Board of Administration  
Tacoma Employees' Retirement System**

1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022  
The meeting was held online, with dial-in available for the public

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Chair, called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Sam Bencoter, Andy Cherullo, Matthew Hedges, Katie Johnston, Kim Moore, Wayne Reed, Jim Sant, and Jonathan Schlaudraff, and Mayor Victoria Woodards

Members Absent: Gordon Cavanaugh

Others Present: Tim Allen, Retirement Director  
Catherine Marx, Asst. Retirement Director  
Melanie Panui, Recording Secretary  
Charles Lee, Deputy City Attorney

Presenters: None

**Community Comments**

Will be accepted in written form at [TERSretirement@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:TERSretirement@cityoftacoma.org) and will receive written acknowledgement upon receipt. There were none received.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Upon motion by Andy Cherullo, seconded by Sam Bencoter, the Board of Administration accepted and approved the Administrative Consent Agenda to include the drafted minutes of the March 10, 2022, Retirement Board meeting, as amended.

## **Old Business**

### **Investment Update**

Retirement Director Tim Allen presented Wilshire's asset class performance as of March 31, 2022 as a precursor to the in-depth performance review the Board will receive at the upcoming May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. While stocks, bonds and real estate posted negative returns in Q1 2022, TERS has some defensive strategies in place that should offset some (but not all) of the decline. Specifically, he cited the partial currency hedge, the allocation to Minimum Volatility public equities, the strategic value tilt in the public equity mandates and the allocation to Real Assets, one of the few asset classes expected to deliver positive Q1 performance.

## **New Business**

### **Training Update**

Assistant Retirement Director Catherine Marx provided the Board with an overview of recent training history for the Retirement Department staff. There are numerous City-wide mandates that involve required training for City employees and the Retirement Department has largely met or exceeded expectations in this area.

### **Minimum Volatility Public Equity Review**

Retirement Director Tim Allen reviewed TERS' allocation to Minimum Volatility public equity in the investment portfolio, including what it is, the role it plays in the total portfolio and the process that was used to identify the mandate that was ultimately funded. Over the year-to-date and trailing one-year periods, the Min Vol index has outperformed the corresponding traditional cap weighted index; Min Vol has still lagged over longer periods. In addition, actual net-of-fee performance in TERS' Min Vol mandate has exceeded the Min Vol benchmark by approximately 40 basis points since inception in 2015.

## **Retirement Director's Report**

The Retirement Director's report serves as an addendum to the minutes.

## **Good of the Order**

### **Terms of Office**

An updated list of TERS Board Members and committee assignments was presented to the Board.

**Good of the Order - continued**

**Dashboard Report – December 2021**

A semi-annual report summarizing the Tacoma Employees’ Retirement System (TERS) was presented to the Board.

**Retirement Transactions Report – March 2022**

The Retirement Transactions Report for March 2022 were provided electronically to the Board in the Board Packet.

**Additional Topics- None.**

**Adjourn**

Mayor Victoria Woodards, Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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Mayor Victoria Woodards  
Board Chair