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Board of Pension Trustees
Audit Committee Public Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2026

Time: 9:05 a.m.

Location: 860 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 1, Dover, Delaware 19904.

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

- Joseph Seibert, Chair
- Gigi Maniyatte
- Tom Vermeer

Absent:

- Timothy Snyder
- Maria Hurd

Others Present:

- Stephenie Tatman, Deputy Pension Administrator
- Tammy LeCates, Pension Office
- Josh Hitchens, Pension Office
- William Tate, Attorney General's Office
- Sophia Smith, Windmark Investment Partners
- Morgan Chako, BDO USA, P.C.
- Billy Kim, BDO USA, P.C.
- Michael Devitis, KPMG
- Eric Carlson, KPMG

AGENDA ITEMS

1. OPENING COMMENTS

J. Seibert welcomed everyone to the second Audit Committee meeting of 2026 and conducted roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2026.

- ❖ Discussion: The Public Minutes of the February 13, 2026, meeting were reviewed.
- ❖ Discussion: The Executive Minutes of the February 13, 2026, meeting were reviewed in Executive Session.
 - ❖ Decisions Made: Motion was made by T. Vermeer and seconded by G. Maniyatte to approve the Audit Committee Public and Executive Minutes of the February 13, 2026, Board of Pension Trustees meeting with no changes. Motion adopted.

4. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

- ❖ Discussion: The GASB 68 and 75 schedules were presented by BDO in executive session.
- ❖ Decisions Made: Motion to approve the GASB 68 and 75 schedules was made by G. Maniyatte and seconded by T. Vermeer. Motion adopted.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

S. Tatman shared the vacant Internal Audit position has been posted.

6. STATE PENSION ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **Legislative Update:**

S. Tatman shared the Office of Pensions received an inquiry about a post-retirement increase. House Substitute 1 for House Bill 2 seeks to increase the burial benefit from \$7,000 to \$8,000. The actuary estimated the cost impact at \$14.5 million or amortization over five years for a total cost of \$17.2 million. House Bill 236 mandates paid emergency medical technicians join the County and Municipal Police and Firefighters' Pension Plan instead of the County and Municipal General Pension Plan. House Bill 257 provides for forfeiture of the state's contribution if an employee is convicted of a sexual offense against a child and the offense was in connection

with or aided by the employee's position. This bill has not made traction on the floor yet.

- **ERP Modernization:**

Project workshops with TELUS Health are progressing well, with 25 of 30 fit-gap sessions completed, while Organizational Change Management has secured change champions from most participating organizations. A key issue around IRS Publication 1075 compliance for testing environments remains under review, involving multiple stakeholders including Computer Aid, Inc., state leadership, and legal counsel. Although initial guidance suggested compliance requirements could add cost and delay, external legal opinions indicate the pension system may not be subject to Publication 1075, and discussions are ongoing to confirm requirements and determine the most practical, compliant path forward.

- **Board of Pension Trustees Update:**

S. Tatman shared in February the Board acknowledged the Office of Pensions for their efforts by successfully meeting year-end deadlines and distribution of tax documents and the high volume of calls associated with these events. In addition to a legislative update and an ERP project update, the Board received an update on the Board of Pension Trustees Code of Conduct and approved the proposed changes. Windmark recapped on the manager research process that was presented in the Investment Committee meeting. Also, the Investment Committee approved a secondary selection strategy presentation, a quarterly investments review and other business.

In March, the Board recognized Janet Krauss for receiving the 2026 William "Ray J" Johnson Award for delivering exemplary customer service and rising to the many challenges of her position while diligently meeting strict deadlines, demonstrating a positive and professional attitude, earning the trust and respect of peers across the office, and adapting seamlessly as priorities evolve. It was reported to the Board that TELUS experienced a data breach with a subsidiary company, TELUS Digital. TELUS Health is a separate division from TELUS Digital. As far as we know, there is no shared infrastructure and a breach of TELUS Digital is not synonymous with a breach of TELUS Health. They do not currently have any DPERS data. However, the State of Delaware has issued a formal letter requesting more detailed information regarding the breach and its infrastructure impact. Additionally, we want to feel comfortable with the remedial measures that have been put into place. The Board reviewed the Board of Pension Trustees' Handbook Reporting Schedule and a History of the

System, which was included in the handbook. Board education was also a topic of discussion and will be revisited after additional research is conducted.

In April, the Board recognized Tammy LeCates for Administrative Professionals' Day, a resolution was approved honoring former Senator Nancy Cook to highlight her dedication to the State and her advocacy for the pension system. The Board also received a cybersecurity presentation from Department of Technology's Chief Security Officer and an educational presentation from the Delaware Public Integrity Commission. The Investment Committee approved terminating the T. Rowe Price Global Growth account valued at approximately \$1 billion and hiring Northern Trust to oversee its liquidation, pending legal review. The first \$200 million in proceeds will be allocated to index funds managed by BlackRock, with the remaining assets primarily transitioned into portfolios tracking the Russell 1000 Growth Index and the MSCI ACWI ex US Index.

7. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT

- **Update on DPERS Group Trust:**

W. Tate gave an update on DPERS Group Trust in executive session.

- ❖ Decisions Made: Motion was made at 9:07 a.m. by T. Vermeer and seconded by G. Maniyatte to enter into Executive Session to consider pension personnel matters, confidential medical records, legal matters, sensitive commercial trade secrets, and confidential financial information. Motion adopted.
- ❖ Decisions Made: Motion was made at 10:25 a.m. by G. Maniyatte and seconded by T. Vermeer to return to Public Session. Motion adopted.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:44 a.m., there being no further business.

- ❖ Decisions made: Motion was made by G. Maniyatte and seconded by T. Vermeer to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Tatman

[Stephenie Tatman \(Sep 25, 2026 16:03:05 EDT\)](#)

Stephenie Tatman

Deputy Pension Administrator

Joseph Seibert

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Joseph Seibert, Chair

Audit Committee