

**PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

June 17 and 18, 2019  
Victoria, British Columbia

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The Meeting Highlights is a summary of issues that were considered, or decisions that were made, by the Public Service Pension Board of Trustees [Board] at its latest meeting.

Please note that the official Board Minutes record the business conducted by the Public Service Pension Board of Trustees and their decisions. If there are any discrepancies between the Meeting Highlights and the official Board Minutes, the official Board Minutes shall govern. Disclosure of any documents referred to in the Meeting Highlights or the official Board Minutes is subject to applicable Board policy and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**Pension Board Matters**

The Board approved the renewal of the service fee agreement with Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. for brokerage service fees pertaining to fiduciary liability insurance, for a three year term. The Board also approved the purchase of fiduciary liability insurance for the year to June 30, 2020.

The Board appointed a representative to the Canadian Public Pension Leadership Council (CPPLC). The Public Service Pension Plan is a founding member of the CPPLC, which is a non-partisan group of public sector pension plan senior administrators from across Canada formed in November 2013. The CPPLC works to inform the debate about retirement income security using evidence-based research. At its June 17 and 18, 2019 meeting, the Board appointed Bitu Jenab, Director of Research and Analysis, as the Public Service Pension Plan representative to the CPPLC. Bitu Jenab also chairs the Research Committee of the CPPLC.

The Board agreed to participate in the 2019 UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) Conference in Paris, France. The PRI is an international network of investors working together to implement [six principles of responsible investment](#). The Board recently joined the PRI as an asset owner signatory. More details about the Board's participation with the PRI will be provided in the coming months.

## Reports from Service Providers

Administration services are provided by the BC Pension Corporation and investment management services are provided by the BC Investment Management Corporation [BCI]. The provider of post-retirement group health and dental benefits administration is Green Shield Canada [GSC].

### A. Plan Administration – Report from the Pension Corporation

The Board received a financial summary report for the year ended March 31, 2019 and other reports including service activity, client satisfaction, and post-retirement group benefit costs and forecasts. The report also included an update on implementation of the [plan changes announced in 2018](#).

### B. Plan Investment – Report from BCI

The Board received the pension fund performance report and attribution report. The rate of return for the total pension fund for the year ended March 31, 2019 was 6.0 per cent and the five year annualized return was 8.5 per cent. The annualized 20-year total fund return was 7.3 per cent.

The Board also received BCI's [2018 Responsible Investing Annual Report](#). The report demonstrates BCI's commitment to environmental, social and governance matters. The 2018 report includes BCI's Climate Action Plan and approach to the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure, as well as collaborative initiatives, shareholder proposals and company engagement in the year.

## Committee Reports

### A. Audit Committee

The Board received the audit plan for the audit of the Public Service Pension Plan for the year ended March 31, 2019.

### B. Benefits Committee

The Board designated BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc. as a plan employer with respect to all headquarter employees, effective April 16, 2019, with conditions.

The Board approved Plan Rule Amendment No. 50. The amendment repeals provisions for members who are exempt from the provisions of the Canada Pension Plan so that the 1.85 per cent accrual rate will apply to them as it does to other plan members.

The Board approved Plan Rule Amendment No. 51 to implement the Partners' Agreement regarding Ambulance Paramedics. Information about the plan changes, which affect full-time and regular part-time Ambulance Paramedics, can be found [here](#).

The Board approved amendments to the criteria for recognition of group disability plans. The amendments require a group disability plan to replace either 50 per cent of the member's monthly salary, or \$3,000, whichever is less. An approved group disability plan allows the member to accrue service for the period of the disability, rather than receiving a disability pension.

C. Communications Committee

The Board approved the 2019 Report to Members. The report will be distributed to active members with the annual Member's Benefit Statement in September, and will also be available on the website.

The Board approved the trustees' message for the summer 2019 edition of the Pension Life newsletter for retired members.

D. Governance Committee

The Board approved revisions to operational policies related to expense reimbursement, trustee education and meeting procedures. The Board also updated its Code of Conduct. The Board's operational policies are available [here](#).

E. Investment Committee

The Board approved participation in BCI's Global Quantitative ESG Equity Fund and related changes to the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures. The new fund is expected to be launched in September 2019. The new fund replaces the Indexed Global ESG Equity Fund, which was created over five years ago, and takes advantage of the increased options for ESG integration strategies that have developed since that time. Information on the pooled fund structure can be found [here](#).

F. Trustee Education Committee

The Trustee Education Committee organizes the annual BC Public Sector Pension Conference, an initiative of the College, Municipal, Public Service and Teachers' Pension Boards of Trustees. The Board approved a preliminary budget for the 2020 conference.

## Website

The [Public Service Pension Plan website](#) contains valuable information about the Plan.

You can also find many of the Board's governance documents and operational policies in the website under [About us > Who we are > Public Service Pension Plan](#). The web content is updated regularly.

## Future Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Public Service Pension Board of Trustees will take place on September 23 and 24, 2019 in Victoria.

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