



PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 23 and 24, 2019
Victoria, British Columbia

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 a transfer agreement with the RCMP to allow eligible members to transfer their pension credits between the RCMP pension plan and the Public Service Pension Plan. The agreement will be effective upon the approval of the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

The Board took a number of steps related to its responsibilities as an asset-owner signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). The Board created a Responsible Investment (RI) Committee, identified PRI-sponsored courses for the trustees and agreed to publish an [announcement](#), [asset owner signatory declaration](#) and related information on the plan website. The Board also authorized two trustees to attend the Western North American PRI Symposium on October 24, 2019 in Los Angeles, California.

The Board received a report on the participation of BC Financial Services Authority (FSA) in the plan. FSA is a Crown corporation that will replace the Financial Institutions Commission effective November 1, 2019.

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 is Green Shield Canada [GSC].

A. Plan Administration – Report from the Pension Corporation

The Board received a financial report summary for the three months ended June 30, 2019, a report on post-retirement group benefit costs and summary of milestones to implement the pension plan changes that were announced in March 2018. The Board also received reports on a new electronic pension payment option for members who live outside Canada and the US and the results of the Pension Corporation's annual benchmarking exercise.

The Board also received an annual report on the Pension Corporation's Enterprise Risk Management program and the updated Inflation Adjustment Account (IAA) sensitivity model illustrating the effect on the IAA of different economic scenarios.

B. Plan Investment – Report from BCI

The Board received the pension fund performance report and attribution report. The market value of the Public Service Pension Fund at June 30, 2019 was \$ 33.4 billion. The one year total fund return was 6.1 per cent compared to the benchmark return of 5.6 per cent. The five year annualized return was 8.4 per cent compared to the benchmark return of 7.4 per cent. The annualized 20 year total fund return was 7.2 per cent.

The Board received a report on the long-term vision of BCI and business plan for the period 2020 to 2022. The Board also reviewed BCI's key performance indicators and reports on investment risk, strategy, trends and issues. The Board received summaries of the 2018 asset class annual reports for private equity, real estate and infrastructure and renewable resource investments.

Committee Reports

A. Audit Committee

The Board approved the Financial Statements of the Public Service Pension Plan for the year ended March 31, 2019. Information about the Financial Statements is distributed to active plan members in the Report to Members and to retired plan members in the Winter edition of the *Pension Life* newsletter. The full Financial Statements will be available in the 2019 Annual Report of the Public Service Pension Plan, which is posted to the plan website in November.

The Board approved the Audit Committee's annual request for funding for professional and other expert resources and Committee education. The cost of the request is shared equally between the College, Municipal, Public Service and Teachers' Pension Boards of Trustees.

B. Benefits Committee – No report.

C. Communications Committee

The Board approved the Public Service Pension Plan Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2019. The [Annual Report](#) with Financial Statements is posted on the website in November.

D. Governance Committee – No report.

E. Investment Committee

The Board approved amending the Committee’s mandate to allow the participation of a non-voting member from the Insurance Corporation of BC.

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 the dates and venue for the 2021 BC Public Sector Pension Conference and delegated the decision for dates and venues for future conferences to the Committee.

Website

The [Public Service Pension Plan website](#) contains valuable information about the Plan. You can 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 December 16 and 17, 2019 in Victoria.

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