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NEW YORK CITY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD MEETING

Held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 55 Water
Street, New York, New York

ATTENDEES:

- DEBRA PENNY, Chairperson, Trustee
- THOMAS BROWN, Trustee
- JOHN ADLER, Trustee
- JOHN DORSA, Trustee
- NATALIE GREEN-GILES, Trustee
- RUSSELL BUCKLEY, Trustee
- VALERIE BUDZIK, Teachers' Retirement System
- THAD McTIGUE, Teachers' Retirement System

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ATTENDEES (Continued):

- KAVITA KANWAR, Teachers' Retirement System
- SUSAN STANG, Teachers' Retirement System
- ANNETTE HANHARAN, Teachers' Retirement System
- LIZ SANCHEZ, Teachers' Retirement System
- ANTHONY MEZZACAPPA, Teachers' Retirement System
- ROBERT BETHELMI, Teachers' Retirement System
- NATARAJAN KRISHNAMOORTHY, Teachers' Retirement
System
- CARMELA CRIVELLI, Teachers' Retirement System
- RENEE PEARCE, Teachers' Retirement System
- ISAAC GLOVINSKY, Teachers' Retirement System
- PAUL RAUCCI, Teachers' Retirement System
- BRYAN BERGE, ESQ., Law Department
- SHERRY CHAN, Office of the Actuary

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2 MS. PENNY: Good afternoon. Welcome to
3 the Teachers' Retirement System board meeting.
4 Today is February 27, 2020.
5 Mr. McTigue, will you call the roll,
6 please?
7 MR. McTIGUE: Thank you.
8 John Adler?
9 MR. ADLER: I am here.
10 MR. McTIGUE: Thomas Brown?
11 MR. BROWN: Here.
12 MR. McTIGUE: Natalie Green-Giles?
13 MS. GREEN-GILES: Here.
14 MR. McTIGUE: David Kazansky? Russell
15 Buckley?
16 MR. BUCKLEY: Here.
17 MR. McTIGUE: Debra Penny?
18 MS. PENNY: Here.
19 MR. McTIGUE: John Dorsa?
20 MR. DORSA: Here.
21 MR. McTIGUE: We have a quorum.
22 MS. PENNY: Thank you so much. Okay,
23 next we will go to the update on TRS
24 operations. Kavita Kanwar?
25 MS. KANWAR: TRS e-mailed eligible

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2 members of UFT, CSA, and PSC and provided them
3 the opportunity to increase their TDA
4 contribution rate ahead of the retroactive
5 payments made under their union contracts.
6 The retroactive payments gave members a rare
7 chance to make a large one-time deposit into
8 their TDA account. Overall, nearly 12,000
9 members or 10 percent of the participants
10 increased their TDA contribution rate ahead of
11 the retroactive payments made under the union
12 contract.
13 TRS Member Education Team has kicked off
14 its outreach efforts for 2020. First, they
15 have scheduled 15 preretirement programs for
16 the spring, and during February over 200
17 members have already attended an inhouse
18 program. Also on February 8th, the Member
19 Education Team represented TRS at the Annual
20 Convention of the Elementary School Principals
21 Association.
22 Outreach for March includes events with
23 the Middle School Principals Association, CUNY
24 staff and campuses, and the annual UFT
25 Paraprofessional Festival on March 16th.

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2 Thank you.
3 MR. BROWN: Will you be able to send us

4 that electronically?

5 MS. PENNY: Thank you so much. Okay,
6 great. Next we have a report from the
7 actuary, Ms. Sherry Chan.

8 MS. CHAN: Thank you, Ms. Chair. There
9 are two fiscal notes and believe it or not,
10 the legislative session is obviously underway
11 and they have moved up the legislative session
12 to accommodate the primaries so the fiscal
13 notes have fallen through. So there is two
14 that pertains to TRS that was issued since the
15 legislative session began.

16 The first one has to do with the basket
17 clause that we had talked about. This board
18 had voted on to increase the foreign equity
19 securities cap from 10 percent to 20 percent.
20 So the bill was drafted and fiscal note was
21 completed. There is no cost for that
22 legislative bill if it was to be passed. And
23 the second fiscal note has to do with the
24 retiree Ms. Cynthia Falletta who is currently
25 a Tier 4 retiree. And the legislative bill

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2 would have her be reclassified as Tier 1 and
3 have her pension benefit recalculated. So the
4 increase is about 16,000 dollars or so on an
5 annual basis, and on the present value it
6 would be 318,000 total and because she is
7 retired, that would be if the legislative bill
8 was passed that 318,000 would be reflected all
9 at one time in one contribution immediately.

10 MS. PENNY: Thank you. Okay. Executive
11 director's report given by Thad McTigue.

12 MR. McTIGUE: Thank you. It has been
13 suggested that the next regular meeting of the
14 Teachers' Retirement Board be held on the
15 third Thursday of the month, March 19, 2020.
16 Please mark your calendars.

17 Item number 2 is the revised asset
18 allocation policy. So "Whereas" --

19 MR. DORSA: Can we please move to the
20 resolved?

21 MR. McTIGUE: Thank you, Mr. Dorsa.
22 "Resolved, that the Board of Trustees adopt
23 the attached asset allocation policy which
24 shall be incorporated into TRS's Investment
25 Policy Statement as Appendix 5; and be it

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2 further resolved, that the Board of Trustees
3 directs its investment advisors to review the
4 asset allocation policy as is necessary and as
5 it is required by the Investment Policy

6 Statement to confirm that the asset allocation
7 continues to be appropriate in the context of
8 changing market conditions and risk
9 tolerances."

10 MS. PENNY: Okay. Do we have a motion?

11 MR. BROWN: So moved.

12 MS. PENNY: Thank you, Mr. Brown. Do we
13 have a second?

14 MR. DORSA: Second.

15 MS. PENNY: All those in favor? Aye.

16 MR. DORSA: Aye.

17 MR. ADLER: Aye.

18 MR. BROWN: Aye.

19 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.

20 MS. GREEN-GILES: Aye.

21 MS. PENNY: Any opposed? Any
22 discussion? Okay. Motion carries.

23 MR. McTIGUE: The third item is
24 attendance at a conference. The following
25 resolution is presented for consideration and

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2 possible adoption: "Resolved that the
3 Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement Board
4 hereby approve the attendance of and
5 participation of the Executive Director and/or
6 her designees and any interested Trustee at
7 the Council of Institutional Investors Spring
8 2020 Conference and 35th Anniversary from
9 March 9 to 11, 2020."

10 MS. PENNY: Is there a motion?

11 MR. BROWN: So moved.

12 MS. PENNY: Is there a second?

13 MR. DORSA: Second.

14 MS. PENNY: Any discussion about this?

15 Great. All those in favor? Aye.

16 MR. DORSA: Aye.

17 MR. ADLER: Aye.

18 MR. BROWN: Aye.

19 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.

20 MS. GREEN GILES: Aye.

21 MS. PENNY: Any opposed? Any

22 abstentions? Okay. Motion carries. All

23 right. Calendar.

24 MR. McTIGUE: For the calendar, first
25 item is the approval of the following minutes.

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2 They are the minutes of the January 6th
3 investment meeting, the January 29th Common
4 Investment Meeting and the January 30th board
5 meeting minutes.

6 MS. PENNY: Is there a motion to approve
7 the minutes?

8 MR. BROWN: So moved.
9 MS. PENNY: Is there a second?
10 MS. GREEN-GILES: Second.
11 MS. PENNY: Any discussion regarding the
12 minutes? All those in favor? Aye.
13 MR. DORSA: Aye.
14 MR. ADLER: Aye.
15 MR. BROWN: Aye.
16 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.
17 MS. GREEN-GILES: Aye.
18 MS. PENNY: All those opposed? Okay.
19 Motion carries. Is there any other business
20 that anybody would like to bring?
21 MR. McTIGUE: We have the items in the
22 calendar. If someone wanted to waive the
23 reading of the calendar, I am sure that would
24 be appreciated.
25 MR. DORSA: Please waive the reading of

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2 the calendar.
3 MR. McTIGUE: Do you want a motion to
4 adopt the calendar?
5 MS. PENNY: Yes, absolutely. Do we have
6 a motion to adopt the calendar?
7 MR. ADLER: Motion.
8 MS. PENNY: Thank you. Do we have a
9 second?
10 MR. BROWN: Second.
11 MS. PENNY: Any discussion? All those
12 in favor? Aye.
13 MR. DORSA: Aye.
14 MR. ADLER: Aye.
15 MR. BROWN: Aye.
16 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.
17 MS. GREEN-GILES: Aye.
18 MS. PENNY: Any opposed? All right.
19 It's adopted. Now we are up to other
20 business. Any other business? Questions or
21 comments from the public? Seeing none, do we
22 have a motion to go into executive session?
23 MR. BROWN: I move pursuant to Public
24 Officers Law Section 105 to go into executive
25 session for discussions regarding specific

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2 contract matters.
3 MS. PENNY: Do we have a second?
4 MR. DORSA: Second.
5 MS. PENNY: All in favor? Aye.
6 MR. DORSA: Aye.
7 MR. ADLER: Aye.
8 MR. BROWN: Aye.
9 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.

10 MS. GREEN GILES: Aye.
11 MS. PENNY: Any opposed? Okay. We are
12 in executive session.
13 (Whereupon, the meeting went into Executive
14 Session.)
15 MS. PENNY: Wow. Thank you. Is there a
16 motion?
17 MR. ADLER: So moved.
18 MS. PENNY: Thank you very much. Is
19 there a second?
20 MR. BROWN: Second.
21 MS. PENNY: Any discussion about this?
22 All those in favor? Aye.
23 MR. DORSA: Aye.
24 MR. ADLER: Aye.
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2 MR. BROWN: Aye.
3 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.
4 MS. GREEN-GILES: Aye.
5 MS. PENNY: Thank you. Any opposed?
6 Okay. That's the only thing.
7 MR. ADLER: Motion to exit executive
8 session and return to public session.
9 MR. BROWN: So moved.
10 MS. PENNY: Thank you so much. All
11 those in favor? Aye.
12 MR. DORSA: Aye.
13 MR. ADLER: Aye.
14 MR. BROWN: Aye.
15 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.
16 MS. GREEN-GILES: Aye.
17 MS. PENNY: Any opposed? Okay. We are
18 back into public session. Welcome back. We
19 are in public session. Is there anything
20 else?
21 MS. STANG: In executive session an
22 investment matter was discussed. Consensus
23 was reached, which will be announced at the
24 appropriate time.
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2 MS. PENNY: Okay, thank you. Okay. Now
3 is there anything else? Okay. Do we have a
4 motion to adjourn?
5 MR. DORSA: So moved.
6 MR. BROWN: And now I can second.
7 MS. PENNY: Thank you so much. All
8 those in favor? Aye.
9 MR. DORSA: Aye.
10 MR. ADLER: Aye.
11 MR. BROWN: Aye.

12 MR. BUCKLEY: Aye.
13 MS. GREEN-GILES: Aye.
14 MS. PENNY: Great. Any opposed? We are
15 adjourned.
16 (Time noted: 3:58 p.m.)
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7 I, YAFFA KAPLAN, a Notary Public
8 within and for the State of New York, do
9 hereby certify that the foregoing record of
10 proceedings is a full and correct
11 transcript of the stenographic notes taken
12 by me therein.

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
14 set my hand this 11th day of March, 2020.
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