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- 4 JOHN DORSA, OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER, TRUSTEE
- 5 VICTORIA LEE, TRUSTEE
- 6 CHRISTINA MCGRATH, TRUSTEE
- 7 ANTHONY GIORDANO, PANEL ON EDUCATION POLICY
- 8 PATRICIA REILLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- 9 THAD MCTIGUE, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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11 Also Present:

- 12 VALERIE BUDZIK, TRS
- 13 LIZ SANCHEZ, TRS
- 14 KAVITA KANWAR, DIRECTOR, TRS
- 15 PRISCILLA BAILEY, DIRECTOR, TRS
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- 24 PAUL J. RAUCCI, CHIEF ACCOUNTANT
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1 (The proceedings commenced at 3:35 p.m.)

2 MS. REILLY: Good afternoon. Welcome to the  
3 Board Meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board for May  
4 15th, 2025. I'll call -- I'll start by calling the  
5 roll.

6 Bryan Berge?

7 MR. BERGE: Bryan Berge representing Mayor  
8 Eric Adams. Present.

9 MS. REILLY: Thomas Brown?

10 CHAIR BROWN: Good afternoon, Patricia.  
11 Present. Thank you.

12 MS. REILLY: Anthony Giordano?

13 MR. GIORDANO: Present, representing PEP Chair  
14 Gregory Faulkner.

15 MS. REILLY: John Dorsa?

16 MR. DORSA: John Dorsa, designee for  
17 Comptroller Brad Lander. Present.

18 MS. REILLY: Victoria Lee?

19 MS. LEE: Present.

20 MS. REILLY: Christina McGrath?

21 MS. MCGRATH: Good afternoon, Patricia.  
22 Present.

23 MS. REILLY: We have a quorum.

24 Next is the update on TRS Operations, which  
25 will be given to us by Kavita Kanwar.

1 MS. KANWAR: Thank you, Patricia.

2 Good afternoon, everyone. Regarding our RMD,  
3 TRS recently concluded a mailing to approximately 38,000  
4 participants in the TDA program who are due a required  
5 minimum distribution for 2025. To date, over 8,000 of  
6 these members, which is almost like 22 percent, have  
7 already filed their RMD election for the year.

8 For our member newsletters, TRS has published  
9 the spring edition of our member newsletters, benefit  
10 reports for retirees and in-service news for non-retired  
11 members. Members will receive copies in the mail  
12 shortly.

13 And finally, TRS has received almost 700  
14 applications for retirement after the school year.  
15 These are preliminary figures because applications can  
16 be withdrawn up until one day before the chosen  
17 retirement date. We will continue to report on summer  
18 retirement filings. Thank you.

19 MS. REILLY: Thank you.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Kavita. You'll send  
21 that electronically as always?

22 MS. KANWAR: Yes.

23 CHAIR BROWN: Thanks, Kavita.

24 MS. REILLY: Next on the agenda is an Update  
25 from the Actuary.

1                   MR. TYSZKIEWICZ: Good afternoon. So for my  
2 fiscal note update, I included two fiscal notes for the  
3 agenda. One is simply for a bill to extend the various  
4 interest rates impacting TRS, including the 7 percent  
5 actuarial interest rate for another four years. This  
6 was already discussed and supported by the Board at a  
7 previous meeting, but now we release the official fiscal  
8 note for that.

9                   The other fiscal note that was released since  
10 the last board meeting accelerates the eligibility  
11 requirements for copayments, so copayments would  
12 commence earlier.

13                   One other thing to mention, at the last board  
14 meeting, we discussed a fiscal note for legislation  
15 which extended the waiver for retiree income limits from  
16 reemployment in public schools. That legislation was  
17 enacted last week as part of the state budget.

18                   So happy to answer any questions on the fiscal  
19 notes before I move on.

20                   MS. MCGRATH: Another year?

21                   MR. TYSZKIEWICZ: Another two years.

22                   MS. MCGRATH: Two years, okay. Very good.

23 Thank you. They've been asking.

24                   CHAIR BROWN: Great. Thank you, Marek.

25                   Any questions for Marek?

1           MR. TYSZKIEWICZ: So now, for the next  
2 section, it's for the final Fiscal Year of 2025 Employer  
3 Contribution. So you have my letter with the final  
4 amount for Fiscal Year '25, which is ending next month.

5           Prior to the start of the fiscal year, the  
6 Office of the Actuary performed a preliminary  
7 calculation of this amount. Both the preliminary and  
8 the final are on Page A-1 in my letter. The final  
9 amount is approximately \$3.5 billion, and that increased  
10 \$55 million from the preliminary amount, and that was  
11 mostly due to the enactment of the three-year averaging  
12 period for final average salary instead of five years  
13 for Tier 6.

14           Happy to answer any questions on that before  
15 we -- before I talk about the rebalancing.

16           CHAIR BROWN: Any questions for Marek? Thank  
17 you.

18           MR. TYSZKIEWICZ: So the last item I have for  
19 you is a request for the Board to approve the annual  
20 rebalancing of certain TRS internal funds. By statute,  
21 the OA is required to perform this rebalancing  
22 calculation once a year.

23           This is a rebalancing that occurs on paper  
24 only. There is no physical buying or selling of assets.  
25 These internal accounts get out of balance for a variety

1 of reasons, including actuarial gains and losses related  
2 to the annuitization of account balances.

3 The end result of our analysis of the Variable  
4 Fund within the QPP was overfunded by about \$49 million,  
5 which requires a transfer to the Contingent Reserve  
6 Fund.

7 The TDA was underfunded by about \$417 million,  
8 and that requires a transfer from the Contingent Reserve  
9 Fund.

10 Happy to answer questions, but if not, we've  
11 got a few resolutions later on for you to look at.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Great, thank you, Marek.

13 MS. REILLY: Thank you.

14 Next on the agenda is the Executive Director's  
15 Report, and the first item is the matter of the next  
16 meeting. It has been suggested the next Regular Meeting  
17 of the Teachers' Retirement Board to be on the fourth  
18 Thursday of the month, June 26th, 2025.

19 Next is a resolution for the Annual Meeting of  
20 the Teachers' Retirement Board. In accordance with  
21 Section 13-509 of the Administrative Code of the City of  
22 New York as well as Article 2 of the Bylaws, the  
23 Teachers' Retirement Board shall elect a chairperson for  
24 its membership at the annual meeting to be held in May  
25 of each year. We therefore open floor for nominations.

1 MS. MCGRATH: I nominate Tom Brown.

2 MS. REILLY: Do we have a second?

3 MR. DORSA: Second.

4 MS. REILLY: Okay. All those in favor, say  
5 aye?

6 (Ayes were heard.)

7 MS. REILLY: All those opposed, say nay? Any  
8 abstentions? Thank you.

9 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

10 MS. REILLY: You are the Chair.

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

12 MS. REILLY: Great. So next is the adoption  
13 of the Actuary's determination for the final Fiscal Year  
14 2025 Employer Contributions to the New York City  
15 Teachers' Retirement System.

16 CHAIR BROWN: And is there a motion to --

17 MS. REILLY: No, I have to read the resolved.

18 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Please skip to the  
19 resolved.

20 MS. REILLY: Thank you.

21 Resolved that the Employer Contribution to the  
22 New York City Teachers' Retirement System for Fiscal  
23 Year 2025 in the amount of \$3,483,426,000 -- no, did I  
24 say that wrong? \$3,483,426,947 is hereby approved by  
25 the Board of Trustees.

1                   CHAIR BROWN: And is there a motion to adopt  
2 the Actuary's determination for Fiscal Year 2025  
3 Employer Contributions to TRS New York City?

4                   MS. MCGRATH: So moved.

5                   CHAIR BROWN: It's been moved. Is there a  
6 second?

7                   MR. DORSA: Second.

8                   CHAIR BROWN: It has been seconded. We'll  
9 take a vote.

10                   All those in favor of this resolution, please  
11 say aye?

12                   (Ayes were heard.)

13                   CHAIR BROWN: Those opposed, say nay?  
14 Abstentions? This resolution is adopted. Thank you.

15                   MS. REILLY: Next resolution is to adopt the  
16 authorization of rebalancing of funds for New York City  
17 Teachers' Retirement System.

18                   CHAIR BROWN: Please skip to the resolved.

19                   MS. REILLY: Resolved that the Board adopts  
20 the Actuary's recommendation and authorizes TRS staff to  
21 effectuate the internal rebalancing described above, in  
22 accordance with such recommendation.

23                   CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

24                   Is there a motion to adopt the authorization  
25 of rebalancing of funds for TRS New York City?

1 MS. MCGRATH: So moved.

2 CHAIR BROWN: It's been moved. Is there a  
3 second?

4 MS. LEE: Second.

5 CHAIR BROWN: It's been seconded. Any  
6 questions, comments?

7 All those in favor of this resolution, please  
8 say aye?

9 (Ayes were heard.)

10 CHAIR BROWN: Those opposed, say nay? Any  
11 abstentions? And this resolution has passed.

12 MS. REILLY: The next resolution is the  
13 Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

14 MS. LEE: Please skip to the resolved.

15 MS. REILLY: Resolved that the TRS Agency  
16 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, excluding SECURE Act and  
17 Roth amortization, shall include an amount \$26,060,752  
18 attributable to the Variable Employer -- I mean, excuse  
19 me, the Variable Annuity Program and Loan Expense Funds,  
20 and \$55,912,300 -- excuse me, \$50,912,363 attributable  
21 to the employer, for a total agency budget, excluding  
22 SECURE Act and Roth amortization of \$81,973,115; and be  
23 it further resolved that TRS Agency Budget for Fiscal  
24 Year 2026 shall include the SECURE Act law project in  
25 the amount of \$3,500,000, to be provided by the TDA

1 Variable Annuity Expense Fund; and be it further  
2 resolved that the amortization budget for Fiscal Year  
3 2026 shall include an amount of \$15,205,680 to be  
4 provided by the Variable Annuity Expense Fund and  
5 \$5,913,320 to be provided as an administrative expense  
6 contribution, for a total amortization budget of  
7 \$21,119,000; and be it further resolved that the  
8 Trustees hereby authorize the Executive Director, or her  
9 designee, to expend monies out of such budget to some  
10 necessary operations, in accordance with approved budget  
11 and governing law.

12 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

13 Is there a motion to accept the budget  
14 resolution for Fiscal Year '26?

15 MR. BERGE: I'd like to make that motion with  
16 some comments, if I may, Mr. Chair?

17 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. I ask for comments after  
18 the motion.

19 MR. BERGE: Of course, of course.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Okay. So is there a motion to  
21 accept the budget resolution for Fiscal Year '26?

22 MR. BERGE: So moved.

23 CHAIR BROWN: And is it seconded?

24 MS. MCGRATH: Second.

25 CHAIR BROWN: So it's been moved, it's been

1 seconded. Now, are there any questions or comments  
2 before we take a vote?

3 MR. BERGE: Mr. chair?

4 CHAIR BROWN: Yes, Bryan, thank you.

5 MR. BERGE: So I wanted to make the motion on  
6 this budget because I wanted to thank Rosa, Patricia,  
7 and this Board, as always, for engaging in what is not  
8 always a fun process of examining this budget in  
9 consultation with some of our colleagues at OMB. That  
10 is difficult because I think they apply a standard of  
11 fiscal probity that is serious and sometimes can be even  
12 somewhat intrusive.

13 And I think despite that, despite the sort of  
14 x-ray specs they want to apply whenever they can, in  
15 this case, we found the budget, in all respects, to be  
16 quite reasonable. TRS is doing the best that it can,  
17 even with new legislative mandates, in an extremely  
18 respectful way to the members, in an extremely frugal  
19 way with respect to the City fisc, which ultimately  
20 reimburses the corpus budget -- well, I guess -- but you  
21 know -- and I just wanted to extend my sincere thanks to  
22 TRS, Rosa, and team, for a process that was unusually  
23 smooth this year.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Bryan, for your  
25 comments.

1 Thank you, everybody on the team.

2 And John has a comment?

3 MR. DORSA: Yeah, if I could just comment as  
4 well. And I know that the statute requires either the  
5 Mayor or the Comptroller to agree with this budget. You  
6 have concurrence that we both agree that this budget is  
7 appropriate for this year, and we'd like to also thank  
8 the team for a lot of hard work, a lot of materials.

9 We particularly find helpful the meetings and  
10 the budget briefings we had between meetings to really  
11 hone in on a lot of the specific line items that we had  
12 questions on.

13 So we are very appreciative to that, and we  
14 are appreciative of the staff here, throughout the year,  
15 not just budget season.

16 MS. REILLY: Thank you.

17 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, John.

18 Any more comments, questions? We're ready to  
19 take a vote. All those in favor of this resolution to  
20 pass the budget for Fiscal Year 2026, please say aye?

21 (Ayes were heard.)

22 CHAIR BROWN: Those opposed, say nay? And  
23 abstentions? And the budget resolution has passed.  
24 Thank you.

25 MS. REILLY: Next on the agenda is the matter

1 of the Calendar, and the first item is the approval of  
2 the following minutes: The April 3rd, 2025 Investment  
3 Meeting minutes, and the April 24th, 2025 Board Meeting  
4 minutes.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Patricia.

6 We will ask for a motion to accept the April  
7 3rd Investment Meeting minutes, and at the same time,  
8 the April 24th, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Do I have a  
9 motion to accept?

10 MS. LEE: So moved.

11 CHAIR BROWN: It's been moved. Is there a  
12 second?

13 MR. DORSA: Second.

14 CHAIR BROWN: It's been moved. It's been  
15 seconded. Thank you.

16 Any questions? All those in favor of  
17 accepting the Board Minutes and the Investment Meeting  
18 minutes, please say aye?

19 (Ayes were heard.)

20 CHAIR BROWN: Those opposed, say nay? Any  
21 abstentions? This has been accepted as well, has been  
22 approved. Thank you.

23 MS. REILLY: Thank you. Next is the Calendar  
24 item --

25 MR. DORSA: Can we respectfully waive the

1 reading of the Calendar?

2 MS. REILLY: Yes, you can.

3 And you all received an electronic version.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. And is there motion  
6 to accept the Calendar items?

7 MS. LEE: So moved.

8 CHAIR BROWN: And is there a second?

9 MR. DORSA: Second.

10 CHAIR BROWN: Great. Any discussion? Any  
11 questions?

12 All those in favor of accepting the Calendar  
13 items, please say aye?

14 (Ayes were heard.)

15 CHAIR BROWN: Those opposed, say nay? Any  
16 abstentions? And the Calendar items has been approved.

17 MS. REILLY: Okay. Next on the agenda is  
18 Other Business.

19 So you all received a draft Investment and  
20 Board Meeting minutes -- not minutes, schedule, excuse  
21 me, for FY '26. So as soon as that -- if you would give  
22 us any -- if you have any issues with any of the dates,  
23 get back to us as soon as possible.

24 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. So we'll review  
25 this, and as soon as -- if there's a conflict, we'll get

1 that to you.

2 MS. REILLY: Okay.

3 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

4 MS. REILLY: Thank you so much.

5 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

6 MS. REILLY: And the next item on the calendar  
7 is questions or comments from the public.

8 I'll only say that it's a lucky thing that  
9 I'll be long retired when you get the budget into  
10 trillions, or the fiscal -- I struggle over the  
11 billions. That was a joke.

12 CHAIR BROWN: It was funny. Thank you.

13 (Board discussion.)

14 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. So I think that  
15 concludes the agenda items for the Public Session. Does  
16 anyone have another thing to add? Comments? Great.

17 So at this time, I will entertain a motion to  
18 go to Executive Session.

19 MS. MCGRATH: Moved.

20 CHAIR BROWN: It's been moved. Is there a  
21 second?

22 MS. LEE: Second.

23 CHAIR BROWN: And it's been seconded. Thank  
24 you.

25 Any questions, comments? All those in favor

1 of going into Executive Session, please say aye?

2 (Ayes were heard.)

3 CHAIR BROWN: Those opposed, say nay? Any  
4 abstentions? We're in Executive Session. Thank you.

5 (Exit Public Session; enter Executive  
6 Session.)

7 CHAIR BROWN: Great. We're ready to go.  
8 Thank you. We are now in Executive Session.

9 (Exit Executive Session; enter Public  
10 Session.)

11 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, thank you.

12 We are back in Public Session. At this time,  
13 we will have a readout from our own Priscilla Bailey.

14 Thank you, Priscilla.

15 MS. BAILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

16 At the May 15th Board Meeting, in the  
17 Executive Session, there was a discussion on a  
18 contracting matter. Consensus was reached. Details to  
19 be made available at the appropriate time.

20 CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

21 And it seems like we are at the end of our  
22 agenda for the Executive -- or rather Public Session.

23 Before we have a motion to adjourn, I'd just  
24 like to thank William Montague on the screen for doing  
25 all our recording. Thank you, William.

1                   And thank you, Adrian, our TRS rep. So much  
2 appreciated.

3                   And any questions before we adjourn? I'll  
4 call for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

5                   MR. DORSA: So moved.

6                   MS. MCGRATH: So moved.

7                   CHAIR BROWN: It's been moved, Mr. Dorsa, and  
8 it's been --

9                   MS. MCGRATH: Second.

10                  CHAIR BROWN: -- seconded by Ms. McGrath.

11                  Are there any questions or comments? We'll  
12 take a vote. All those in favor of adjourning, please  
13 say aye?

14                  (Ayes were heard.)

15                  CHAIR BROWN: Those opposed, say nay?  
16 Abstentions? We are adjourned.

17                  Thank you, everybody. Thank you everyone on  
18 Zoom. Appreciate it.

19                  (The proceedings concluded at 3:55 p.m.)

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