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           NEW YORK CITY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
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                      REGULAR BOARD MEETING
               Held on Thursday, September 22, 2016
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                               at
                        55 Water Street
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                       New York, New York
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    ATTENDEES:
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    JOHN ADLER, Chairperson, Trustee, Finance
    PATRICIA REILLY, Executive Director, TRS
    DEBRA PENNY, Trustee, TRS
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    DAVID KAZANSKY, Trustee, TRS
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    THOMAS BROWN, Trustee, TRS
    SUSANNAH VICKERS, Trustee, Comptroller's Office
    RAYMOND ORLANDO, Trustee
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    THADDEUS MCTIGUE, TRS
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    ANDREW BRADFORD, TRS
    VALERIE BUDZIK, TRS
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    RENEE PEARCE, TRS
    PAUL RAUCCI, TRS
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    LIZ SANCHEZ, TRS
    SUSAN STANG, TRS
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    ANDREW BRADFORD, TRS
    ROBERT BETHELMY
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    ELLEN DeLEO
    ANNETTE HANRAHAN
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    ANTHONY MEZZACAPPA
    CARMELA CRIVELLI
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    NATARAJAN KRISHNAMOORTHY
    SHERRY CHAN, Chief Actuary
    AMY OKEREKE, Corporation Counsel
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     INGA VAN EYSDEN, Corporation Counsel
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                     PROCEEDINGS
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                              (Time noted: 3:45 p.m.)
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Welcome to the
    Teachers' Retirement System Board Meeting of
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     September 22, 2016.
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                Patricia, will you call the roll?
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                MS. REILLY: John Adler?
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Here.
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               MS. REILLY: Debra Penny?
                MS. PENNY: Present.
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               MS. REILLY: David Kazansky?
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                MR. KAZANSKY: Here.
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                MS. REILLY: Thomas Brown?
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                MR. BROWN: Here.
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                MS. REILLY: Susannah Vickers?
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                MS. VICKERS: Here.
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                MS. REILLY: Raymond Orlando?
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                MR. ORLANDO: Here.
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                MS. REILLY: We do have a quorum.
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                We have an update on TRS operations.
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     Each of you should have received a calendar of
23
     events. We have a few updates from Ellen.
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                MS. DELEO: The 2015 annual benefit
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     statements are mailing September 30. They continue
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    until October. Approximately 120,000 members with
    membership statuses of active and on leave will
 3
     receive a statement by mail. Members will also be
     able to use the secure member area of our website
 5
     to access an electronic copy of this year's
     statement starting in mid October.
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                A total of approximately 5,536 new
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     members being are enrolled with TRS for the new
 9
     school year, based on the data TRS received from
10
     the Department of Education. Welcome kits are
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     expected to be mailed to these new numbers in
12
     October.
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                MS. REILLY: Thank you.
14
                Next on the agenda is the report from
15
     the Actuary.
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                MS. CHAN: There are no items from the
17
     Actuary.
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                MS. REILLY: Okay. After that, an audit
19
     report from John Adler.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Thank you.
21
                In your packets you have a report of the
22
     Audit Committee, and membership of the Audit
23
     Committee is Susannah Vickers from the
     Comptroller's Office, Tom Brown from the Teacher
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     members, and myself from the Mayor's Office.
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     met three times during the last fiscal year, and
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     you will see the chart that lists all the audits
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     and the findings. We have more detail on that if
     anybody would like more detail.
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                Any questions?
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                (No response.)
 7
                That's it.
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                MS. REILLY: Next on the agenda is the
9
     executive director's report. It has been suggested
10
     that the next regular meeting of the Teachers'
11
     Retirement Board be held October 20, 2016. Mark
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     the calendars.
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                Next is the authorization to the
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     Comptroller of the City of New York to invest
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     certain funds. As of the meeting June 16, 2016
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     Teachers' Retirement Board authorized the
17
     Comptroller --
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                MR. KAZANSKY: Waive the reading,
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     please.
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                MS. REILLY: Next is the authorization
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     to the Comptroller of the City of New York to
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     invest certain funds in tax deferred annuity --
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: We have a resolution
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     regarding the authorization to the Comptroller of
25
     the City of New York to invest certain funds. We a
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     need a motion to approve.
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                MR. BROWN: So moved.
                MS. PENNY: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Discussion?
 5
                All in favor of the resolution say
 6
     "Aye."
 7
                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
 8
                Any opposed?
 9
                Abstentions?
10
                (No response.)
11
                Motion carries.
12
                MS. REILLY: Next is the authorization
13
     to Comptroller of the City of New York to invest
14
     tax deferred annuity funds.
15
                MR. KAZANSKY: Waive the reading.
16
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: So, do we have a
     motion to approve the resolution to authorize the
17
18
     Comptroller to invest certain tax deferred annuity
19
     funds?
20
                MR. KAZANSKY: Moved.
21
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Second?
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                MS. PENNY: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Discussion?
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                All in favor of the resolution say
25
     "Aye."
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                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
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                Any opposed?
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                Abstentions?
 4
                (No response.)
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                Motion carries.
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                MS. REILLY: Next is the ratification of
 7
     a vote to reappoint a doctor to the medical board.
                MR. KAZANSKY: Please move to the
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 9
     resolve.
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                MS. REILLY:
                             "Resolved, that the
11
     retirement board hereby reappoint Dr. Alan Davidson
12
     to fill a three year term which expires on July 31,
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     2019, in accordance with the provisions of 13-519
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     of the administrative code of the City of New
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     York."
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Is there a motion to
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     approve that resolution?
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                MS. PENNY: So moved.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Is there a second?
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                MS. VICKERS: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Any discussion?
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                All in favor of the resolution say
23
     "Aye."
24
                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
25
                Any opposed?
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                Abstentions?
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                (No response.)
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                Motion carries.
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                MS. REILLY: Next we have a resolution
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     for Sherry Chan.
                "Whereas, Sherry Chan became the chief
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 7
     actuary of the City of New York in May 2015 after
 8
     more than 15 years of international actuarial
 9
     experience;
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                "And whereas Sherry Chan has been
11
     extremely active in the actuarial community
12
     throughout her career, participating in several
13
     professional organizations;
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                "And whereas, the Society of Actuaries
15
     is the world's largest organization of actuaries,
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     dedicated to helping actuarial professionals
17
     provide their expert advice and relevant solutions
     for financial, business and societal challenges;
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                "And whereas Sherry Chan, already an
20
     associate of the Society of Actuaries, in August of
21
     this year successfully completed a rigorous series
22
     of examinations and has been named a Fellow of the
23
     Society of Actuaries, the highest level of
24
     recognition in the actuarial industry;
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                "Therefore be it resolved, that the
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 1
     Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement Board heartily
 2
     congratulate Sherry Chan on her outstanding
 3
     accomplishment and wish her continued success at
 4
     the top of her field, in her service as Chief
 5
     Actuary of the City of New York."
 6
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Motion to approve
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     this resolution?
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                MR. KAZANSKY: Moved.
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                MS. VICKERS: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Any discussion?
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                MS. CHAN: Thank you for the resolution.
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     I did not know this was on the agenda. Thank you.
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                MS. REILLY: Congratulations.
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                MS. CHAN: Thank you.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: The motion has been
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     made and seconded.
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                All in favor of the resolution say
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     "Aye."
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                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
20
                Any opposed?
                Abstentions?
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22
                (No response.)
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                Motion carries.
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                (Applause.)
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                MS. REILLY: Next is attendance at a
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 1
     conference.
 2
                The following resolution was presented
 3
     for consideration and possible adoption:
 4
                "Resolved, that the Trustees of the
     Teachers' Retirement Board hereby approve the
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 6
     attendance and participation of the executive
 7
     director and/or her designee and any interested
     Trustee at the Council of Institutional Investors,
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 9
     2016 fall conference from September 28 through 30,
10
     2016."
11
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Is there a motion?
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                MR. KAZANSKY: So moved.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Second?
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                MS. VICKERS: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Any discussion?
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                (No response.)
17
                All in favor of the resolution say
18
     "Aye."
19
                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
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                Any opposed?
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                Abstentions?
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                (No response.)
23
                Motion carries.
24
                MS. REILLY: Next is attendance at a
25
     conference. The following resolution is presented
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     for consideration and possible adoption.
                "Resolved, that the Trustees of the
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 3
     Teachers' Retirement Board hereby approve the
 4
     attendance and participation of the executive
 5
     director and/or her designee and any interested
 6
     Trustee at the National Council on Teacher
 7
     Retirement, 94th annual conference, from October 8
 8
     through October 12, 2016."
 9
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER:
                                     Is there motion?
10
                MR. KAZANSKY: Motion.
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Second?
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12
                MS. VICKERS: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Any discussion?
14
                (No response.)
15
                All in favor of the resolution say
16
     "Aye."
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                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
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                Any opposed?
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                Abstentions?
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                (No response.)
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                Motion carries.
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                That concludes the executive director's
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     report?
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                MS. REILLY: Right.
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                Next is the calendar. And each Trustee
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     should have received a full calendar.
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                The first matter on the calendar is that
     of the approval of the minutes of the regular
 3
 4
     meeting held June 16, 2016.
 5
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Is there a motion to
 6
     approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June
 7
     16?
 8
                MR. KAZANSKY: Moved.
 9
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Second?
10
                MS. VICKERS: Second.
11
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Any discussion?
12
                (No response.)
13
                All in favor of the resolution say
14
     "Aye."
15
                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
16
                Any opposed?
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                Abstentions?
18
                (No response.)
19
                Motion carries.
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                MS. REILLY: Next is the calendar.
21
                The monthly periodic payroll of PBA
22
     excess and loan payments, that's pages 1 through 14
23
     inclusive.
24
                Page 15 is the payroll summary, accounts
25
     payable, new retirees and TDA accounts.
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 1
                Pages 16 through 45 inclusive is the
 2
     transfer of TDA deferred annuity payments.
 3
                Pages 46 through 110 inclusive are
 4
     fractional payments.
 5
                Pages 111 through 130 inclusive are
 6
     uncollected checks from deceased members.
 7
                Pages 131 through 151 inclusive are
 8
     beneficiary continued option payments.
 9
                Pages 152 through 175 inclusive are
10
     conversions to pop-up payments.
11
                Pages 176 through 178 are lump sum
12
     payments.
13
                Pages 179 through 236 inclusive are
14
     beneficiaries who received one time payments from
15
     TDA accounts.
16
                Pages 237 through 239 are return net
17
     accumulated salary deduction.
18
                Pages 240 inclusive are the transfer of
19
     funds between banks.
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                Pages 241 through 245 are the purchase
21
     and sales of securities transacted from the
22
     Passport funds.
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23
                Page 246 are installment payments.
24
                Page 247 through 254 are outstanding
25
     checks.
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                Pages 253 through 377 inclusive are
 2
     revisions under class coverage.
 3
                Page 378 is the denied accident
 4
     disability benefits.
 5
                Pages 379 are denied ordinary disability
 6
     payments.
 7
                Page 380 are minimum accumulations.
 8
                Page 381 are rules and regulations for
 9
     life insurance.
10
                Page 382 are retirement payments.
11
                Pages 383 through 396 inclusive are
12
     monthly periodic payroll of TDA excess loan
13
     payments.
14
                Page 397 is payroll summary accounts
15
     payable, new retirees and TDA accounts.
                Pages 398 through 431 inclusive are the
16
17
     transfer of TDA deferred to annuity payments.
18
                Pages 432 through 495 inclusive are
19
     fractional payments.
20
                Pages 496 through 510 inclusive are
21
     uncollected checks form deceased members.
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                Pages 511 through 529 inclusive are
23
     beneficiary continuing option payments.
24
                Pages 530 through 539 inclusive are
25
     conversions to pop-up payments.
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                Pages 540 through 587 inclusive are
 2
     beneficiaries who receive one time payments from
 3
     their QPP and TDA accounts.
 4
                Pages 589 through 590 are return net
 5
     accumulated salary deductions.
 6
                Page 591 inclusive is the transfer of
 7
     funds between banks.
 8
                Pages 592 through 596 is the purchase
 9
     and sales of securities transacted from the
10
     Passport Funds.
11
                Pages 597 through 605 is outstanding
12
     checks.
13
                Pages 606 through 638 inclusive are
14
     revisions, including those under class coverage.
15
                Page 639 are denied accident
16
     disabilities.
17
                Page 640 are denied ordinary disability
18
     benefits.
19
                Page 641 is minimum accumulations.
20
                Page 642 are rules and regulations for
21
     life insurance.
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                Page 643 is new service retirement
23
     payments.
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                Pages 644 through 657 inclusive are the
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25
     monthly periodic payroll TDA excess and loan
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     payments.
 2
                Page 658 is the payroll summary of
 3
     accounts payable, new retirees and TDA accounts.
 4
                Pages 659 through 681 inclusive are
 5
     transfers of the active TDA deferred annuity
 6
     payments.
 7
                Pages 682 through 714 inclusive are
 8
     fractional payments.
 9
                Pages 715 through 730 inclusive are
10
     uncollected checks of deceased members.
11
                Pages 731 through 738 are beneficiary
12
     continuing option payments.
13
                Pages 739 through 747 inclusive are
14
     conversion pop-up payments.
15
                Pages 748 through 793 are beneficiaries
16
     who received one time payments from the QPP and TDA
17
     accounts.
18
                Pages 794 through 796 are return net
19
     accumulated salary deductions.
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                Pages 797 inclusive are transfer of
21
     funds between banks.
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                Page 798 through 802 is the purchase and
23
     sales of securities transacted from the Passport
24
     fund program.
25
                Pages 803 through 805 are outstanding
0016
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     checks.
 2
                Pages 806 through 828 inclusive are
 3
     revisions including those under class coverage.
 4
                Page 829 are restoration of health leave
 5
     of absences.
 6
                Pages 830 through 831 are layoffs
 7
     without pay.
 8
                Pages 832 through 834 are payments for
 9
     service credit.
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                Page 835 are denied accident disability
11
     benefits.
12
                Page 836 are denied ordinary disability
13
     benefits.
14
                Page 837 are minimum accumulations.
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                Page 838 are rules and regulation for
16
     life insurance.
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                And pages 839 are new service retirement
     payments.
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19
                That concludes.
20
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: That's it.
21
                Can we have a resolution to approve the
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     calendar?
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                MR. KAZANSKY: So moved.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Second?
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                MS. VICKERS: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Any discussion?
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                (No response.)
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                All in favor of the resolution say
 4
     "Aye."
 5
                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
 6
                Any opposed?
 7
                Abstentions?
 8
                (No response.)
 9
                Motion carries.
10
                MS. REILLY: Next item on the agenda is
11
     other business before the Board.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Apparently not.
                MS. REILLY: Final agenda item is
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     questions and comments from the public.
15
                (No response.)
16
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: That concludes our
17
     business for public session today.
18
                Is there a motion to exit public session
19
     and enter executive session?
20
                MR. KAZANSKY: I move, pursuant to
21
     Public Officer Law Section 105 to go into executive
22
     session for discussions regarding specific
23
     investment matters.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Is there a second?
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                MS. PENNY: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Discussion?
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 2
                (No response.)
 3
                All in favor of the resolution say
 4
     "Aye."
 5
                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
 6
                Any opposed?
 7
                Abstentions?
 8
                (No response.)
 9
                Motion carries.
10
                (Recess.)
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                (Whereupon, the Board entered executive
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     session.
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Discussion?
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                (No response.)
 5
                All in favor of the motion to exit
 6
     executive session and enter attorney-client
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     privilege say "Aye."
 8
                (A chorus of "ayes.")
 9
                Opposed?
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                (No response.)
                That ends executive session.
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                (Attorney-client session off the
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    record.)
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                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: We're back in public
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     session. Susan, would you please report out of
     executive session.
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                MS. STANG: In executive session an
 5
     investment matter was discussed.
 6
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Thank you very much.
 7
                I think that concludes our business for
 8
     today. A motion to adjourn would be in order.
 9
                MR. BROWN: Motion.
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                MS. VICKERS: Second.
11
                CHAIRPERSON ADLER: Discussion?
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                (No response.)
13
                All in favor of the resolution say
14
     "Aye."
15
                (A chorus of "Ayes.")
16
                Any opposed?
17
                (No response.)
18
                Motion carries. We're adjourned.
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                Thank you very much.
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                (Time noted: 4:11 p.m.)
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                  CERTIFICATION
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                 I, Jeffrey Shapiro, a Shorthand
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5	Reporter and Notary Public, within and for the
6	State of New York, do hereby certify that I
7	reported the proceedings in the within-entitled
8	matter, on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at the
9	offices of the NEW YORK CITY TEACHERS RETIREMENT
10	SYSTEM, 55 Water Street, New York, New York, and
11	that this is an accurate transcription of these
12	proceedings.
13	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
14	my hand this 27th day of September, 2016.
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20	JEFFREY SHAPIRO
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