

**Minutes of the Finance and Member and Participant Services Committee Meeting
June 6, 2023**

**30 N. Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1716 and Microsoft Teams
SERS LIVESTREAM ACCESS: <https://www.pacast.com/live/sers>**

Attendees*:

Committee Members and Designees:

Ms. Mary Soderberg (Committee Chair) (In person)
Mr. Charles Erdman (Designee for Senator John DiSanto)
Mr. David Fillman (In person)
Mr. Dan Ocko (Designee for Representative Dan Frankel)
Mr. Eric Pistilli (Designee for Acting Secretary Wendy Spicher) (In person)
Mr. Seamus Dubbs (Designee for Acting Secretary Wendy Spicher)
Mr. Jeffrey Soderstedt (Designee for Acting Secretary Wendy Spicher)

Other Board Members and Designees:

Treasurer Stacy Garrity (In person)
Mr. Lloyd Ebright (Designee for Treasurer Stacy Garrity)
Mr. Matt Lindsay (Designee for Senator Vincent J. Hughes)
Mr. Greg Jordan (In person)
Ms. Jill Vecchio (Designee for Representative Brett Miller)
Ms. Susan Boyle (Designee for Representative Brett Miller)

Executive Staff:

Joseph A. Torta, Executive Director
Sara McSurdy, Chief Financial Officer
James Nolan, Chief Investment Officer
N. Joseph Marcucci, Chief Counsel
Catherine Nolan, Committee Counsel
Steven Skoff, Committee Counsel
Brenda Cunard, Deputy Executive Director for the Office of Member and Participant Services

**Committee members, other Board members, and their designees attended via Microsoft Teams unless otherwise noted.*

1. Call to Order

Chair Soderberg called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. Welcome and Roll Call

Brenda Cunard, Deputy Executive Director for the Office of Member and Participant Services, conducted a roll call of the Committee members and designees. Chair Soderberg also welcomed new Committee members Acting Secretary Wendy Spicher and her designees Seamus Dubbs, Eric Pistilli, and Jeffrey Soderstedt.

3. Approval of Minutes

By motion that was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by Committee members, it was RESOLVED that this Committee approves the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Finance and Member and Participant Services Committee Meeting.

4. Old Business

None.

5. Special Presentations**a. Investment Rate of Return Actuarial Assumption**

- Chair Soderberg announced that SERS' investment consultants from Callan and SERS' actuaries from Korn Ferry were attending in person to present the annual Investment Rate of Return Actuarial Assumption. After both parties presented their material, Chair Soderberg stated that she is comfortable keeping the Assumed Rate of Return at its current rate of 6.875%. The Committee members unanimously agreed; therefore, no motion was necessary.

6. New Business**a. OFM Update**

- Chief Financial Officer Sara McSurdy presented high-level financial highlights from the December 31, 2022 year-end financial statements for the Defined Benefit Plan, Defined Contribution Plan, and Deferred Compensation Plan. Her presentation focused on contributions, investments, and benefit payments for the various plans. She thanked OFM staff for their efforts on the statements and audit. She concluded by recognizing Chair Soderberg for chairing the Finance and Member and Participant Services Committee since its inception in 2019.

b. OMPS Update

- Deputy Executive Director for the Office of Member and Participant Services (OMPS) Brenda Cunard presented some highlights within OMPS. She began by providing a breakdown of enrollment of members and participants within the various classes of membership. She also reported that OMPS staff have experienced an increase in the number of benefit estimate requests but not an increase in requests to sign retirement applications, in anticipation of the current

collective bargaining agreements, which will expire June 30, 2023. She announced that the Department of Corrections has invited SERS staff and representatives from Empower to speak at new employee orientation sessions, noting that the initial session was successful in compelling new members to file a beneficiary form with SERS. She also reported that retired Harrisburg Regional Counseling Center Manager Joe Fleming's vacancy has been filled by Ms. Allison Ebersole. Ms. Cunard concluded her presentation by highlighting the 2022 Actuarial Report for the Defined Benefit Plan and the Benefits Completion Plan produced by Korn Ferry.

c. Benefits and Membership Lists (March and April 2023)

7. Comments/Concerns/Questions

Treasurer Garrity read a proclamation on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Treasury Department, recognizing Board Chair David R. Fillman for his 21 years of service as a Board member and Chair. She also recognized that Mr. Fillman has been a member of the Finance and Member and Participant Services Committee since its inception in 2019.

8. Motion to Adjourn

By motion that was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by Committee members, it was RESOLVED that this meeting be adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara McSurdy
Chief Financial Officer



Brenda Cunard
Deputy Executive Director
Member and Participant Services