

MEMORANDUM

To: Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System ("SERS") Board Members
From: StepStone Group ("StepStone")
Date: July 14, 2020
Re: Investment in HPS Mezzanine Partners 2019, L.P.

Recommendation

StepStone recommends that the State Employees' Retirement System Investment Committee approve a commitment of up to US\$75 million to HPS Mezzanine Partners 2019, L.P. ("HPS 2019" or the "Fund") at the July 29th PA SERS Investment Committee meeting. This recommendation is made solely within the context of Pennsylvania SERS' investment guidelines and is given solely for the benefit of Pennsylvania SERS.

Key investment highlights supporting the opportunity are as follows:

- Experienced Investor with Substantial Capital Base
- Strong Realized Performance

Overview

HPS Investment Partners, LLC ("HPS" or the "Firm") is a global investment platform with US\$61 billion of assets under management as of April 2020.

StepStone Due Diligence

StepStone's due diligence on HPS 2019 was led by Urs von Büren (Partner), Jan Kuhlmann (Managing Director) and Gary Gipkhin (Associate), supported by StepStone's broader private debt team. The Fund was reviewed and approved by StepStone's Private Debt Investment Committee considering the context of Pennsylvania SERS' investment objectives. Key diligence items included:

- Consideration of portfolio fit within the Pennsylvania SERS Private Credit portfolio, including a review of other available opportunities
- Meetings with the Firm's senior investment professionals
- A review of the Firm's strategy and track record, including a review of drivers of historical returns
- Detailed operational due diligence

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