

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF COMBINED PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD

July 31, 2024 at 8:30 am

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(F), notice is hereby given to the Trustees of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) Board and the general public that the ASRS Board will hold a meeting open to the public on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, beginning at 8:30 am, in the First Floor Board Room of the ASRS offices at 3300 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Physical access to the meeting place will be available fifteen minutes before the start of the meeting.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the ASRS Board of Trustees may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice on any item on the Agenda.

The Chair may take public comment during any Agenda item.

The following agenda topics are proposed action item(s): 2 and 4

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. **Call to Order; Roll Call; Opening Remarks** (*estimated time: 2 minutes*)
.....Mr. René Guillen, *ASRS Board Chair*

2. **Consent Agenda** (*Proposed action item, estimated time: 1 minute*)
.....Mr. René Guillen, *ASRS Board Chair*

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the ASRS Board or the Board Committees and may be considered for approval as a single action unless a Board Member wishes to remove an item for independent review, discussion, and possible action.

- a. Minutes of the May 29, 2024, Public Meeting of the ASRS Board
- b. Amendments to the 2024/2025 Biennial Audit Plan Reviewed and Forwarded by the Operations, Audit, and Legislative Committee (OALC)

- 3. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the ASRS 2024 Legislative Summary** (*Discussion item, estimated time: 10 minutes*)
- Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
 Ms. Katie Daigneault, *Chief Strategy Officer, Strategic Services Division (SSD)*
 Mr. Ryan Guerra, *Appeals, Privacy, and Records Officer, SSD*
 Ms. Jessica Thomas, *Government Relations Officer and Rules Writer, SSD*

No action is expected on this item. The ASRS Board may decide to express views, offer guidance on the matters discussed, or make motions.

- 4. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the ASRS Budget-Related Topics, including:**
- a. **The ASRS Appropriated and Continuously Appropriated Spending Plans for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025**
 - b. **The ASRS Appropriated and Continuously Appropriated Budget Request and Spending Plans for FY 2026**

(*Proposed action item, estimated time: 20 minutes*)

..... Ms. Sarah Webber, *Chair, Operations, Audit, & Legislative Committee*
 Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
 Mr. Jeremiah Scott, *Chief Operations Officer*
 Ms. Martha Rozen, *Chief of Administrative Services*
 Ms. Athena Elliston, *Procurement and Budget Manager*
 Mr. Jeremy Gunderson, *Budget Manager*
 Ms. Lupita Breland, *Investment Operations Manager*

Proposed Action Item: The Committee may consider the OALC and staff's recommendation; provide an alternate motion; or make no motion.

- 5. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the Actuarial Audits of the:**
- a. **Pension Plan**
 - b. **Health Benefit Supplemental Program**
 - c. **Long-Term Disability (LTD) Plan**

(*Discussion item, estimated time: 45 minutes*) Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
 Mr. Brad Ramirez, *Vice President & Consulting Actuary, Segal Consulting*
 Mr. Todd Tauzer, *Senior Vice President and Actuary, Segal Consulting*
 Mr. Daniel White, *Senior Consultant & Actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company*
 Mr. Paul Wood, *Consultant and Actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company*

No action is expected on this item. The ASRS Board may decide to express views, offer guidance on the matters discussed, or make motions.

- 6. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the CEM Pension Administration Benchmarking-related topics, including:**
 - a. Operational Performance of the ASRS as Measured by the CEM Pension Administration Benchmarking Survey**
 - b. Discussion of Global Pension Administration Trends**

(Discussion item, estimated time: 45 minutes) Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
 Mr. Jeremiah Scott, *Chief Operations Officer*
 Ms. Katie Daigneault, *Chief Strategy Officer*
 Ms. Erica Webb, *Benchmark Administrator*
 Mr. Christopher Doll, *CEM Benchmarking, Inc.*

- 7. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the 2024 ADOA/ASRS Employee Engagement Survey Results** *(Discussion item, estimated time: 20 minutes)*

..... Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
 Mr. Jeremiah Scott, *Chief Operations Officer*
 Ms. Katie Daigneault, *Chief Strategy Officer*
 Ms. Jana George, *Sr. Human Resources Analyst*
 Ms. Erica Webb, *Benchmark Administrator*

- 8. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding NEPC Investment Reporting – Executive Summary of the Investment Committee Presentation**
 - a. ASRS Investment Program Update, Market Environment Outlook**
 - b. Independent Reporting**

(Discussion item, estimated time: 15 minutes) Ms. Rose Dean, *Partner, NEPC*

- 9. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the ASRS Investment Program – Executive Summary of the Investment Committee Presentation** *(Discussion item, estimated time: 15 minutes)*

..... Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
 Mr. Michael Viteri, *Chief Investment Officer*

- 10. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding Risk Analysis and Investment Compliance – Executive Summary of the Investment Committee Presentation**
 - a. Risk Analysis**
 - b. Investment Compliance**

(Discussion item, estimated time: 15 minutes) Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
 Mr. Robert Butler, *Investment Risk and Compliance Officer*

- 11. Summary of Current Events** *(Discussion item, estimated time: 5 minutes)*

..... Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*

12. Supplemental Operations Reports for Possible Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action:

2024 Operations Report
2024 Budget and Staffing Reports, including: Q2 Travel Report
2024 Cash Flow Statements
2024 Appeals Report
2024 Employers Report

(Discussion item, estimated time: 5 minutes) Mr. Paul Matson, *Executive Director*
..... Mr. Jeremiah Scott, *Chief Operations Officer*

13. Call to the Public

..... Mr. René Guillen, *ASRS Board Chair*

If any member of the public wishes to speak, they should complete a Request to Speak Form and provide it to the Board Administrator, if attending in person. If not attending in person, public comments must be submitted any time prior to the meeting to ASRSPublicMeetings@azasrs.gov. Commenters should submit by email their full name, affiliation (if none, indicate “member of the public”), address, phone number, email address, the specific agenda item they wish to comment on, and their comments. A summary of emailed comments will be read and kept to under three minutes. The Chair reserves the right to impose other constraints in the interest of maintaining an orderly meeting. Trustees are prohibited by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H) from discussing or taking legal action on matters raised during an open Call to the Public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. As a result of public comment, the Trustees may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, may direct staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

14. Board Requests for Future Agenda Items (estimated time: 1 minute)

..... Mr. René Guillen, *ASRS Board Chair*

15. The next regular public ASRS Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.**16. Adjournment of the ASRS Board**

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Dated July 24, 2024

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Melanie Alexander
Board Administrator

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Paul Matson
Executive Director