#### **Executive Directors Report**

#### Monday February 12, 2024

- Cost of Living working group
- Investment Contracts/Transfer
  - o Passive Pool RFP
  - o Transition Pool RFP
  - o Custody Contract
- Investment Committee Meeting
  - o Transfer update
  - o CIO Search
- Mercury PR
- IT integration
  - o On going
- Legislative Tracking
  - New Session
- Coordination with DPB
- Legal Priorities
- Continued transfer discussion with DOI
- HMFA
  - o New Rate
- Ethics Ongoing
- OPRA
- Coordination with Treasury Admin
  - o Fiscal
  - o HR
- Personnel Priorities Onboarding



ED DONNELLY
Chairman

GREGORY PETZOLD

Executive Director

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO**: Ed Donnelly, PFRSNJ Chair

**CC:** Gregory Petzold, PFRSNJ Executive Director

**FROM**: Nels J. Lauritzen, Legal Affairs Deputy Director

**DATE**: February 12, 2024

**SUBJECT**: Legal Affairs Deputy Director's Report – February 2024

General Counseling

- o General Counseling to Executive Director, Board Secretary and CIO/CFO
- Benefit Administration/Board Counseling
  - o Review of Ordinary Disability and Accidental Disability Retirements
  - o Designated new Office of Administrative Law matters for assignment
  - Case count: as of January 29<sup>th</sup> there were: 136 matters pending in the Office of Administrative Law, 22 matters in the Appellate Division, 1 matter in Superior Court, 2 matters pending in NJ Supreme Court and 2 matters in Federal Court.
- Outside Counsel firm transition of OAL cases
- Case Tracking System
- Subpoenas

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# Chief Financial Officer & Acting Chief Investment Officer Report February 12, 2024

#### I. PFRSNJ Update

- a. Estimated November 2023 performance returns
- b. Blackstone Capital update

#### II. HMFA Update as of December 2023

- a. 6149 loans outstanding
- b. Total mortgage balance of \$1,871,026,977
- c. New rate will be published on February 15, 2024

#### III. Conversion Update

- a. Last conversion meeting with DOI was on February 8, 2024
  - i. Trial split calculation using 1/31/24 month end closing information
  - ii. Calculated split of all positions
  - iii. Calculated cash portion to be received
  - iv. Discussed substitutions for nontransferable positions
- b. Security Master contract was finalized enabling staff to begin testing on CRD
  - i. Team has been trained on the tool
  - ii. Rules are being written in stages
  - iii. Testing to begin shortly

- c. Team is making a lot of progress with our Custodian
  - i. All accounts have been opened
  - ii. We have started opening markets across the globe
  - iii. Setting up accounting and valuation rules across all assets
  - iv. Establishing performance reporting requirements
  - v. Establishing securities lending program and process
- d. We working closely with our counterparts in the Division of Pension and Benefits planning for June 2024 where PFRSNJ will be supplying financial information to create the State's FY Annual Reports
  - i. Establishing reporting and data requirements for DPB
  - ii. Establishing reporting and data requirements for PFRSNJ
  - iii. Mutually agreeing on timing and roles
- e. Working with Evaluation Committee on Global Multi Sector, will be bringing finalists to the IC and Board in March
- f. Issuing RFP's for specific Passive mandates and Transition mandates to be finalized in March
- g. Staffing

#### IV. Actuarial Update

- a. Segal's contract was auto renewed for an additional one year term as stated in the terms of the agreement
- b. 2023 Valuation
- c. June 30, 2023 GASB 67 & 68

### V. Audit Update

- a. Finalizing FY2023 audit
- b. Began preliminary discussions on FY2024 audit, using this last cycle as somewhat of a "parallel" as PFRSNJ will be delivering a portion of the financial information in July 2024 to create the FY Annual Report and Certified Financials

## VI. Expenses for Approval