
FISCAL UPDATE Article

Fiscal Services Division

August 28, 2020



Ground Floor, State Capitol Building

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

515.281.3566

IPERS BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) Benefits Advisory Committee (BAC) Board met telephonically on Monday, August 24, 2020. The Board approved the minutes from the April 27, 2020, meeting. The Board voted to retain Len Cockman as chairperson and Lowell Dauenbaugh as vice chairperson. The Board also approved the slate of nominees to be submitted to the Governor's Office for the open Active Educational Member position on the IPERS Investment Board.

Bona Fide Retirement Period for Certain Educators. The Board approved utilizing not more than \$4,000 to begin a preliminary actuarial study to determine the impact of allowing a waiver of the four-month bona fide retirement period for retired teachers to be able to return to work and continue receiving retirement benefits. The proposal will be presented at the October BAC Board meeting, where a full actuarial study of the proposal will be considered.

Governor's Most Recent Disaster Proclamation. In the Governor's most recent disaster proclamation, dated Friday, August 21, 2020, the Governor suspended the four-month bona fide retirement provision and earnings limitation provision for teachers and substitute teachers. Unless renewed, the suspension will expire in 30 days.

IPERS Trust Fund Appropriation. For FY 2020, IPERS was appropriated \$18.0 million from the IPERS Trust Fund for general operations, of which approximately \$3.0 million will be reverted to the Fund. The FY 2021 appropriation totals \$18.0 million. In addition, Iowa Code section [97B.7\(3\)\(c\)](#) authorizes a standing appropriation from the IPERS Trust Fund of up to \$50,000 per fiscal year for actual expenses of the BAC. For FY 2020, the BAC expended approximately \$10,000.

Investment Returns. The current market value balance of the IPERS Trust Fund is \$35.500 billion. The rate of return for the second quarter of calendar year 2020 was 8.39% and the rate of return for fiscal year 2020 was 3.39%, net of fees.

IPERS Current Staffing Situation. IPERS staff continue to work from home and plan to continue to do so for the near future based on the current number of COVID-19 cases.

IPERS Website Redesign. IPERS recently issued a request for proposal (RFP) to redesign its website. The last time the IPERS website was redesigned was in 2015. The new website is expected to be rolled out by January 2021.

Next Meeting. The next BAC Board meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020.

LSA Staff Contacts: Ed Cook (515.281.3994) ed.cook@legis.iowa.gov
Jennifer D. Acton (515.281.7846) jennifer.acton@legis.iowa.gov

Doc ID 1150812