

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

Subject: Consideration of Reappointment of Investment Advisory Committee Member (Action – Board Only)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move that the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas reappoint Mr. Robert Alley to the Investment Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending August 31, 2024.

Background

In accordance with the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) *Investment Policy Statement*, Chapter 3 Section A, ERS' Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) was established at the discretion of the Board of Trustees in Texas Administrative Code § 63.17(b) and is made up of at least five and not more than nine members. The IAC currently has seven members. Members are selected on the basis of their experience in the management of a financial institution or other business in which investment decisions are made, or as a prominent educator in the fields of economics or finance. IAC members serve at the pleasure of the ERS Board of Trustees (Board) for staggered three-year terms and must comply with the ERS Investment Policy and Texas Government Code, Section 815.509 and Sections 815.5091 through 815.5092.

A quorum of the IAC meets at least quarterly with the Board. IAC members assist the Board of Trustees in carrying out its fiduciary duties with regard to the investment of System assets and related duties. Working with ERS' staff and investment consultants or advisors, the IAC periodically recommends asset mix, portfolio strategy, investment policy, and eligible securities to the Board. Furthermore, ERS staff leverages the expertise of individual IAC members in assessing investment advisors and strategies, and may request IAC members participate in selection and review committees. This involvement with staff allows IAC members to provide further insights to the Board on staff and the overall investment program's activities.

The current term of IAC member Mr. Robert Alley expires on August 31, 2021 and he has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the IAC. Mr. Alley brings many years of investment expertise in a variety of asset classes to the committee. His biographical and professional background information is included with this agenda item as **Exhibit A**.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board reappoint Mr. Robert Alley for a three-year term ending August 31, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit A – Robert Alley Bio
2. Exhibit B – IAC Skills Assessment
3. Slides – Reappointment of IAC Member