# ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND MEETING NO. 23-08-I

# MEETING OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee met in the IMRF offices in Oak Brook, Illinois on Thursday, August 24, 2023. Ms. Henry, Chairman of the Investment Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

# (23-08-01)(Roll Call) Mr. Bush called the roll:

Present: Ms. Copper, Mr. Kosiba, Ms. Stanish, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stefan, Mr. Kuehne, and Mr. Stulir

Present via Microsoft Teams: Ms. Henry

Absent: None

Also in attendance were Mr. Collins, IMRF Executive Director; Ms. Miller-May, IMRF Chief Investment Officer; Mr. Shuliga, IMRF General Counsel; Ms. Govea, IMRF Investment Officer – Private Markets; Mr. Maday, IMRF Investments Analyst - Private Markets; Ms. Perez, IMRF Investment Officer – Diversity Programs & Total Portfolio; Mr. Bush, IMRF Investment Analyst – Portfolio Operations – Diversity Programs and members of the Investment Staff. Consultants Mr. Kazemi, Mr. Friedberg, and Ms. Bewick attended in person. Consultant Ms. Osadjan attended via Microsoft Teams.

(23-08-02)(Public Comments) There were no public comments.

Ms. Miller-May, IMRF Chief Investment Officer, announced that IMRF Portfolio Manager - John Pearce has been selected as one of Chief Investment Officer Magazine's 2023 NextGens and recognized the Investment Staff for their work on the Private Credit RFP Search.

#### (23-08-03)(Action Item)

A. <u>Approve Investment Committee Meeting Minutes from the May 25, 2023 Meeting</u> The Chairman asked for the approval of the minutes of the May 25, 2023, Investment Committee Meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Stanish; and seconded by Ms. Copper; that the minutes of the May 25, 2023, meeting of the Investment Committee be approved.

Vote:

The motion was approved.

Aye: Ms. Copper, Mr. Kosiba, Ms. Stanish, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stefan and Mr. Kuehne, and Mr. Kosiba

Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Stulir

# (23-08-04)(Consultant and Staff Presentation)

A. <u>Private Credit RFP Search Mr. Kazemi, Ms. Osadjan, and Mr. Friedberg of Wilshire Associates presented the Private Credit RFP Search. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.</u>

#### (23-08-05)(Staff Presentation)

- A. Private Credit RFP Finalist Presentations Ms. Miller-May, The Chief Investment Officer and Mr. Maday, IMRF Investments Analyst Private Markets presented an overview of Jefferies Direct Lending SMA, MC Credit Fund IV, L.P., AshGrove Specialty Lending Fund II SCSp, Crayhill Principal Strategies Fund III, L.P., Pemberton Strategic Credit Fund III SCSp, MGG Structured Solutions Fund II, L.P., Alchemy Special Opportunities Fund V, L.P., and Strategic Value Partners Capital Solutions Fund II, L.P. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee. After this presentation, the Chief Investment Officer recommended:
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$125 million to Jefferies Direct Lending SMA, subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$75 million MC Credit Fund IV, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$50 million to AshGrove Specialty Lending Fund II SCSp, subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$75 million to Crayhill Principal Strategies Fund III, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$50 million to Pemberton Strategic Credit Fund III SCSp, subject to satisfactory due diligence:
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$50 million to MGG Structured Solutions Fund II, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to €50 million to Alchemy Special Opportunities Fund V, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$75 million to Strategic Value Partners
     Capital Solutions Fund II, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence; and,

• Authorize Staff to complete all documentation necessary to execute these recommendations

# (23-08-06)(Manager Presentations)

- A. <u>Jefferies Direct Lending SMA</u> Mr. John Liguori, Ms. Madison Byrd, and Mr. Dan Hynes of Jefferies Credit Partners presented a review the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.
- B. MC Credit Fund IV, L.P. Mr. Ashok Nayyar of MC Credit Partners presented a review of the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.
- C. AshGrove Specialty Lending Fund II SCSp Mr. Phil Fretwell and Mr. Jon Ferguson of AshGrove Specialty Lending presented a review the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.
- D. <u>Crayhill Principal Strategies Fund III, L.P.</u> Mr. Carlos Mendez and Ms. Shamafa L. Khan of Crayhill Capital Management presented a review of the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.
- -- The Committee recessed at 11:10 A.M.
- -- The meeting of the Investment Committee reconvened at 11:20 A.M.
  - E. <u>Pemberton Strategic Credit Fund III SCSp Mr. Ben Gulliver, Ms. Robin Challis, Ms. Niamh Whooley and Mr. Scott Hamilton of Pemberton Strategic Credit presented a review the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.</u>
  - F. MGG Structured Solutions Fund II, L.P. Mr. Kevin Griffin and Mr. Daniel Leger of MGG Investment Group presented a review of the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.
  - G. Alchemy Special Opportunities Fund V, L.P. Mr. Ian Cash of Alchemy Special Opportunities presented a review the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.
  - H. <u>Strategic Value Partners Capital Solutions Fund II, L.P.</u> Mr. Kevin Lydon, Mr. Ryan Flohre, and Mr. Michael Hewett of Strategic Value Partners presented a review of the firm's organization structure, investment strategy and product. This presentation was followed by questions from the Committee.
- -- The committee member Mr. Kuehne left the meeting at 11:53 A.M.

# (23-08-07)(Action Items)

- A. Approve Allocations to Jefferies Direct Lending SMA, MC Credit Fund IV, L.P., AshGrove Specialty Lending Fund II SCSp, Crayhill Principal Strategies Fund III, L.P., Pemberton Strategic Credit Fund III SCSp, MGG Structured Solutions Fund II, L.P., Alchemy Special Opportunities Fund V, L.P., and Strategic Value Partners Capital Solutions Fund II, L.P. It was moved by Ms. Stanish; and seconded by Mr. Miller to recommend that the Board:
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$125 million to Jefferies Direct Lending SMA, subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$75 million MC Credit Fund IV, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$50 million to AshGrove Specialty Lending Fund II SCSp, subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$75 million to Crayhill Principal Strategies Fund III, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$50 million to Pemberton Strategic Credit Fund III SCSp, subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$50 million to MGG Structured Solutions Fund II, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to €50 million to Alchemy Special Opportunities Fund V, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence;
  - Authorize a commitment of up to \$75 million to Strategic Value Partners Capital Solutions Fund II, L.P., subject to satisfactory due diligence; and,
  - Authorize Staff to complete all documentation necessary to execute these recommendations

Vote:

The motion was approved unanimously.

### (23-08-08)(New Business)

- A. <u>Investment Interns Comments</u> Investment Interns Mr. Cazenave and Mr. Serna thanked the Investment Committee for the internship opportunity and provided an update on their learned experience from the internship program.
- B. <u>IDAC Investor Diversity Advisory Council</u> The Chief Investment Officer informed the Investment Committee of the upcoming IDAC (Investor Diversity Advisory Council) Conference to be held on September 19th & 20th, 2023, in Chicago, IL.

### (23-08-09)(Trustee Comments)

Trustee Sue Stanish stated that she was impressed with the time and effort that Wilshire Associates and Investment Staff put into the Private Credit RFP Search.

Trustee David Miller commented on the minority and women representation at the Private Credit Investment Management firm that presented today and expects to see improvements in this area prior to the firm's receiving additional capital.

Chief Investment Officer, Angela Miller May responded that the Private Credit Investment Management firms will be held accountable and progress towards meeting IMRF's expectations will be addressed during portfolio reviews.

(23-08-10)(Adjourn) It was moved by Mr. Kosiba; and seconded by Mr. Miller; that the meeting of the Investment Committee adjourned at 12:37 P.M.

Vote:

The motion was approved unanimously.

-- The next meeting of the Investment Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman

Date

11/16/23

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