TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
JUNE 15, 2026

Minutes of Meeting:
After giving proper notice of a special meeting, and a quorum being present, Chair Ben Littlepage called the Governance and Audit Committee to order at 11:30 a.m. ET, Monday, June 15, 2026, in the boardroom at 479 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members present:
Dr. Ben Littlepage, Chair
Hollis Gritton, Vice Chair
Paul Bruce
Marshall Smith, Alternate
Louis Straub, Alternate

Others present:
Brenda McGown, Trustee
Gary L. Harbin, TRS
Beau Barnes, TRS
Eric Wampler, TRS
Tyler Boyd, TRS
Brad Cook, TRS
Nathan Van Sickel, TRS
Jessica VanWinkle, TRS
Mark Whelan, TRS

1. Review of Fiscal 2026 Audit Activities: Mr. Cook presented the report of the internal auditor concerning work performed in fiscal 2026. No action was requested.

2. Recommendation of Fiscal 2027 Audit Work Plan: Mr. Cook reviewed the fiscal 2027 audit work plan and requested its approval.

3. Report on the Resolution Regarding Purchases or Sales of Investment Instruments: Mr. Harbin reported to the committee concerning the resolution regarding the purchases and sales of investment instruments. The executive secretary recommended adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky, that the executive secretary or chief investment officer be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to execute purchases or sales of all investment instruments in the name of, or belonging to, the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky, its nominee name "KENTRES" or its title holding organizations in any capacity and includes all investment instruments of the retirement system provided for in KRS 161.220 to 161.990, whether designated retirement annuity, life insurance, health insurance trust or the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System insurance trust.

4. Report on the Transfer of Interest: KRS 161.440 requires that a transfer of interest be made from the Guarantee Fund to other funds, except the Expense Fund and Health Insurance Trust. The executive secretary recommended that authority be granted to make the required transfer of funds as of July 1, 2026.

5. Report on the Transfer of Reserve Funds: KRS 161.420 requires the transfer of an amount equal to the accounts of members retiring on July 1, along with an equal amount from the State Accumulation Fund, and periodically throughout the year, to the Allowance Reserve Fund. The executive secretary recommended that authority be granted to make the required transfers during fiscal 2027.

6. Report on the Fiscal 2027 Administrative Expense Fund Budget: The state budget adopted by the legislature sets amounts that the retirement system may expend for administration during a fiscal year. The allowable budget of $21,915,700 was approved by the legislature for fiscal 2027. A copy of the proposed fiscal 2027 administrative budget was provided to the committee, and the executive secretary recommended its approval in the amount of $21,915,700, as provided for in the state budget.

7. Report on the Internal Revenue Code 415(b) Limit: KRS 161.611 authorizes a retirement benefit plan for the sole purpose of enabling TRS to apply the same formula for determining benefits payable to all members whose benefits under the retirement system are limited by Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. This plan requires annual transfers from employer contributions to fund the limited benefit. The executive secretary recommended that authority be granted for the executive secretary to make the required transfers.

8. Report on Personnel Matters: The executive secretary recommended authorization to approve salary advancements to all eligible TRS employees as provided by TRS's employee compensation plan consistent with the pay increase in the state budget for state employees during fiscal 2027.

9. GASB 68 and 75 Audit Reports: Mr. Whelan reported on the GASB 68 and 75 reports.

Committee Action: Upon motion duly made by Mr. Gritton and seconded by Mr. Straub, the committee unanimously approved items No. 2 through No. 8 as presented and reported the actions to the board for ratification and approval.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion duly made by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Straub and by unanimous consent of the committee, Chair Littlepage declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. ET.

CERTIFICATIONS

We, the chair of the Governance and Audit Committee and the executive secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting were approved on September 21, 2026.

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Paul Bruce, Chair   Gary L. Harbin, Executive Secretary

I, Robert B. Barnes, do certify adherence to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act, KRS 61.800 et seq., in the conduct of this meeting. I have reviewed the minutes for form, content and legality.

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Robert B. Barnes, Deputy Executive Secretary
and General Counsel

I, Jessica VanWinkle, do certify that I was present at the meeting and duly recorded the actions of the Governance and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky at its meeting on June 15, 2026.

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Jessica VanWinkle
Recording Secretary