



**Minutes  
Investment Advisory Council Meeting  
February 24, 2026**

The Investment Advisory Council (IAC) met at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in Room 117 of the Retirement Systems Building, 60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Anderson, Jennifer Hassemer (for Erin Campbell), Peggy Ingison, Erin Leonard, Gary Martin, Tim Maurer, Dan McConnell, Ify Onyiah, Nancy Orr, and Sunil Swami.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Denise Anderson, Amy Jensen, Dennis Santos, Jen Wilson, and Shawn Wischmeier.

**SBI STAFF:** Jill Schurtz, Andy Christensen, Erol Sonderegger, Andrew Krech, and Cassie Boll.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Katie Comstock, Chris Behrns, and Dan Gordon, Aon Investments; Allan Emkin, and Nahom Kebede, Meketa Investment Group; Jake Smith, Governor's Office; Ramona Advani, State Auditor's Office; and Justin Erickson, Secretary of State's Office.

**Call to Order**

Gary Martin, Chair of the Investment Advisory Council, called the meeting to order.

**Approval of IAC Minutes**

The minutes of the December 17, 2025, meeting were approved.

**Guest Speaker**

Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer Jill Schurtz introduced Mr. Robert Smith, founder, Chairman, and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, to discuss AI, the future of software, and the current economic landscape.

**Executive Director's Administrative Report**

Ms. Schurtz referred members to Tab B of the meeting materials for the Executive Director's Administrative Report. Included in the materials as Attachment B is the Office of the Legislative Auditor's (OLA) letter dated January 13, 2026, reflecting the results of the financial audit of the State Board of Investment for Fiscal Year 2025. The OLA issued an unqualified (clean) opinion, with no written findings or recommendations. Other items highlighted in the report was the update on the budget, the IAC meetings dates for 2026, and the status of Russia, Belarus and Iran restrictions.

## **Performance Summary**

Ms. Schurtz referred members to the Quarterly Performance Summary in Tab A of the meeting materials and outlined the following items from the report, as of December 31, 2025:

AUM: The SBI was responsible for \$161.0 billion in assets, of which the Combined Funds represented \$107.6 billion.

Performance: The Combined Funds returned 2.6% for the quarter and 14.2% for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2025. The Combined Funds exceeded its long-term objectives by outperforming its Composite Index for the ten-year period and providing a real rate of return above inflation over a 20-year period.

## **SBI Projects**

Ms. Schurtz reviewed several projects underway, including an emerging markets equity manager search, an emerging markets debt manager search, and the continuation of the asset allocation implementation project. Ms. Schurtz also highlighted that Deputy Director, Head of Active Strategies, Andrew Krech, has played a key leadership role on the Permanent School Fund Task Force, which was organized to analyze, make recommendations, and present its findings to the MN Legislature.

## **Organizational Updates**

Ms. Schurtz referred members to Deputy Executive Director Andy Christensen to announce several organizational updates, which included SBI staff promotions, the addition of new staff members, and plans regarding the SBI's summer internship program.

## **Asset Allocation Implementation**

Ms. Schurtz referred members to Tab C of the meeting materials regarding the update on the asset allocation implementation. Ms. Schurtz introduced Deputy Chief Investment Officer Erol Sonderegger, who gave an update on the asset allocation implementation for the Combined Funds. Mr. Sonderegger presented the implementation timeline and the expectations for the second quarter of 2026.

## **Informational Reports Included in the Quarterly Meeting Materials**

*Public Markets Investment Program Report*

*Other Retirement Funds, Savings Plans, and Non-Retirement Investment Program Report*

*Summary of Private Markets Commitments and Cash Flows Report*

*Aon Market Environmental Report*

*Meketa Capital Markets Outlook & Risk Metrics Report*

*SBI Comprehensive Performance Report*

**Adjournment of Meeting**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jill E. Schurtz  
Executive Director and  
Chief Investment Officer