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10	Minutes of the Board Meeting
11	Thursday, May 22, 2025
12	commencing at 9:30 a.m.
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23	PRIM Board Offices 53 State Street
24	Boston, Massachusetts

1	ATTENDEES
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4	Board Members
5	 Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair Robert L. Brousseau Catherine D'Amato
6	· Ruth Ellen Fitch · Theresa F. McGoldrick, Esq.
7	· Dennis J. Naughton
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9	Other Attendees (partial list):
10	· Alyssa Acker · Kevin Conroy · Deb Coulter
11	· Anthony Falzone · David Gurtz
12	· Eliza Haynes
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14	· Chuck LaPosta · Renee LeFevre
15	· Richer Leung · Bill Li
16	· Christina Marcarelli · Michael McGirr
17	· Sue Perez · Veena Ramani
18	· Tim Schlitzer · Michael Trotsky
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	A meeting of the Pension Reserves
3	Investment Management Board (PRIM Board) was held
4	remotely on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The meeting
5	was called to order and convened at 9:30 a.m.
6	Treasurer and Receiver-General Deborah Goldberg
7	chaired the meeting.
8	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Welcome to the PRIM
9	Board meeting, Thursday, May 22, 2025. This
10	meeting will be held in accordance with the
11	provisions of Massachusetts Acts of 2022,
12	Chapter 22, which was most recently amended on
13	March 28, 2025, to include an extension of the
14	2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions
15	of the Open Meeting Law until June 30, 2027.
16	All members of the Board will
17	participate remotely via audio/videoconferencing,
18	and public access to the deliberations of the
19	Board will likewise be provided via telephone,
20	with all documents referenced at the meeting
21	available to be viewed on PRIM's website,
22	www.mapension.com.
23	All persons speaking at today's meeting
24	are asked first to identify themselves. Also the

- 1 Open Meeting Law requires anyone wishing to record
- 2 a meeting to first notify the chair so that the
- 3 chair can inform the other attendees.
- 4 Tony, would you please inform me and
- 5 everyone who is recording today.
- 6 MR. FALZONE: Douglas Appell, *Pension*
- 7 Investments, will be recording the meeting.
- 8 Matthew Scheffler, MTRS member, Framingham public
- 9 schools, will be recording the meeting.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. I am also
- informing you that our stenographer, Virginia
- 12 Dodge from Lexitas, is transcribing and also
- 13 recording this meeting.
- 14 If anyone else intends on recording,
- 15 please first notify Seth Gitell by email at
- sgitell@mapension.com.
- 17 Additionally, the Attorney General's
- guidance on holding remote meetings reads as
- 19 follows. At the start of the meeting, the chair
- 20 must announce the name of the member or members
- 21 who are participating remotely.
- I will now announce the names of all
- PRIM Board members who are participating remotely
- in today's meeting.

1	Bob Brousseau, Catherine D'Amato, Ruth
2	Ellen Fitch, Theresa McGoldrick, Dennis Naughton
3	and myself, Treasurer Deb Goldberg.
4	Thank you.
5	Now, the first item on the agenda is
6	that I seek a motion that the PRIM Board approve
7	the minutes of its February 27, 2025 meeting
8	attached as Appendix A of the expanded agenda, and
9	further to authorize the executive director to
10	take all actions necessary to effectuate this
11	vote.
12	Is there a motion?
13	MS. FITCH: So moved.
14	MR. BROUSSEAU: So moved.
15	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Is there a second?
16	MR. NAUGHTON: Second.
17	MS. D'AMATO: Second.
18	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. Then
19	questions or comments, needs for changes?
20	Hearing none, we'll proceed with the
21	vote.
22	Bob?
23	MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
24	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?

1 MS. D'AMATO: Yes. 2 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen? 3 MS. FITCH: Yes. 4 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa? 5 MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes. TREASURER GOLDBERG: 6 Dennis? 7 MR. NAUGHTON: Yes. 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes. 9 The motion carries. 10 Okay. Next item on the agenda is three 11 guesses. 12 Michael Trotsky, you're up. 13 MR. TROTSKY: Thank you very much, 14 Treasurer. 15 Good morning, everyone. Thank you for 16 being here, and please be safe today if you're out 17 and about with the storm. 18 Just a logistical update, Treasurer, 19 when you get to that section, Mike McElroy on the 20 public markets team will not be able to join us 21 today because of a family funeral. 22 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Oh, I'm sorry. 23 MR. TROTSKY: And instead, Chuck LaPosta

will present the public markets review today. So

- 1 that's next on the agenda after me.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay.
- 3 MR. TROTSKY: Okay?
- 4 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Thank you.
- 5 MR. TROTSKY: As usual, today we do
- 6 review the March 2025 quarter PRIT Fund results.
- 7 The PRIT Fund ended with a balance of \$110 billion
- 8 and was essentially flat, up 0.14 percent in the
- 9 quarter, despite U.S. equity markets being down
- 10 more than 4 percent. The fund gained 5 and a half
- 11 percent for the trailing one-year period ending
- 12 March.
- While U.S. equity markets have been the
- 14 hardest hit this calendar year, we do take comfort
- in the fact that we have maintained our relatively
- 16 high international equity exposures that have
- fared much better than the U.S. market.
- 18 Additionally, bonds and alternative
- investments have provided an additional buffer to
- weaker U.S. equity markets. And we do believe
- 21 that being flat for the March quarter and up for
- the year in this very volatile market are strong
- 23 results.
- I'm going to start like I did at the

- 1 committee meetings with a historic quote that Mike 2 McGirr brought to my attention recently. 3 after the stock market crash of 1987, a while ago, 4 including Black Monday, the largest single-day 5 drop in the market's history -- and for you 6 numbers people, it was down 508 points on the Dow, 7 and that equated to 22.6 percent in one day. 8 Following Black Monday, the legendary 9 investor Warren Buffett, who also recently announced his retirement, wrote, and I quote: "An 10 11 investor will succeed by coupling good business judgment with an ability to insulate his or her 12 13 thoughts and behavior from super-contagious 14 emotions that swirl about the marketplace." 15 Insulate thoughts and behavior from the 16 super-contagious emotions is an excellent summary
 - Insulate thoughts and behavior from the super-contagious emotions is an excellent summary of what the entire PRIT team is doing at this very uncertain, volatile and emotive time. We are busy monitoring every aspect of the fund. We've been in close contact with the investment managers and industry experts to support PRIM, to ensure that we are well-informed. And as usual, we are analytical, disciplined and unemotional about every investment decision we make.

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1 Importantly, we adhere to our 2 fundamental belief, our mantra really, that you 3 all know. We can't accurately predict the future 4 so we don't try. And we can't predict the future 5 of the financial markets, so we also don't try. 6 Instead, the PRIT Fund is a carefully 7 constructed, broadly diversified portfolio with 8 components that will perform well in any 9 environment. And critical to our beneficiaries 10 and stakeholders is the fact that PRIM is not 11 facing any liquidity stress at all due to the recent market volatility. We can easily meet all 12 13 commitments. And in short, the PRIT Fund is 14 performing well. It's well-positioned, and it's 15 resilient. I'll have more on markets and 16 17 performance in a minute, but first one 18 organizational update. I'm proud to announce that 19 Private Equity International has named our senior 20 investment officer on the private equity team, 21 Helen Huang, a member of its 40 Under 40 group, 22 future leaders of private equity. 23 The publication credits Helen with 24 helping to -- and I quote -- "reinvigorate the

- pension plan's venture capital program and
- contributing significantly to private equity
- 3 investment process design."
- 4 The publication praised our private
- equity team's proactive approach to sourcing new
- 6 ideas and its status as one of the top-performing
- 7 public pension funds for 10-year private equity
- g returns.
- 9 So congratulations, Helen. This is
- excellent recognition for your work, well-
- deserved, and we're very proud of you.
- Thank you also to Mike McGirr and the
- entire team for your support of Helen and her
- work, and of course to the Treasurer and to the
- Board for your ongoing support for the entire
- 16 team.
- So please congratulate me in -- or join
- me in congratulating Helen.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: I'll tell you
- what. We'll congratulate you on being savvy enough
- to ensure that Helen came to PRIM and is happy
- there. MR. TROTSKY: That's right. Thank you.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: But I honestly
- 24 really want to congratulate Helen.

It's her work, for sure. 1 MR. TROTSKY: 2 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Her work. MR. TROTSKY: Thank you, Treasurer. 3 Now, turning back to markets and PRIT 4 5 Fund performance, we noted at the Investment 6 Committee that of interest is really the fact that 7 for the first time in a long time, international 8 equities have been outperforming U.S. equities in 9 the March guarter and even into this calendar 10 year. And that has helped our broadly diversified 11 portfolio. German equities, for example, were up 15 12 13 and a half percent. UK equities were up almost 14 10 percent. China equities were up 15 percent. 15 Japan equities were flat, and the U.S. was down 16 more than 4 percent in the March guarter. 17 That relative international strength has 18 continued into this quarter. For a review really, 19 for the March quarter -- it's a while ago now, but 20 it's important to review. 21 For the March quarter, the S&P was down 22 4.3 percent, while developed international markets 23 were up 6.2 percent; developed international 24 markets being primarily Europe and Japan.

Emerging markets, primarily China and 1 2 southeast Asian economies and South America, 3 emerging markets were up 3 percent for the March 4 quarter. And diversified bonds were actually up 5 almost 3 percent as well. 6 For the calendar year, as we sit here 7 today through yesterday, the S&P is essentially 8 flat. Developed international markets are up 9 16 percent. And emerging markets are up more than 10 10 percent, while bonds are up slightly, up 11 1.2 percent. 12 And that puts a 60/40 mix of global 13 stocks and bonds up more than 3 percent for the 14 calendar year so far in 2025. 15 Tony, the performance slides, please. I'll go through these quickly. 16 17 Let me know when they're up. 18 MR. FALZONE: All set. They should be 19 up now. MR. TROTSKY: Okay. The first slide 20 shows graphically the growth of the PRIT Fund, and 21 you can see as of March 2025, the PRIT Fund stood 22 at \$109.9 billion, up slightly, due again to the 23

small investment gain net of expenses of

- 1 0.14 percent in the March quarter.
- We had net inflows, even after paying
- 3 benefits. The net inflows were \$2 million as
- 4 clients are electing to invest more of their plans
- 5 with PRIM. We view that as a vote of confidence.
- 6 Next slide, you can see the performance
- 7 by strategy for the first quarter. Again, the
- 8 PRIT Fund up 0.14 percent for the quarter. And on
- 9 the left, you can see that developed international
- 10 equities and long-duration bonds led the way, up
- 11 5.8 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively. U.S.
- 12 equities down sharply. That's on the right.
- And notably, real estate turned the
- 14 corner. It was slightly positive for the quarter.
- 15 You can see that as well.
- 16 Next slide. For the one-year by
- 17 strategy, the PRIT Fund was up 5 and a half
- 18 percent. Other credit opportunities, a fixed
- income sector that we've been spending a lot of
- time pursuing, was up very nicely. Portfolio
- completion strategies, that's mainly hedge funds,
- 22 also up nicely. Emerging debts and high-yield
- bonds, all strong contributors.
- You can see that on the left.

- On the right, you can see long-duration bonds and U.S. small caps among the weakest. U.S. small caps among the weakest, that really reflects
- 5 that we spoke of last year, leaving small caps far

the Magnificent Seven phenomenon of outperformance

6 behind.

- 7 And U.S. large cap equities and private
- 8 equity also very strong contributors for the one-
- 9 year period.
- 10 Next slide. More detail by asset class
- 11 for the year. Portfolio completion strategies,
- again on the far left, very strong and above
- benchmark. Bill will discuss that later today,
- 14 Bill Li.
- 15 Value-added fixed income. That's other
- 16 credit opportunities, up 12.4 percent for the year
- in a fixed income portfolio that's very strong.
- In the middle, you can see private
- equity up almost 7 percent for the year, for the
- 20 trailing year. And it was up 1.5 percent for the
- 21 quarter. That was its ninth consecutive quarter
- 22 positive performance as performance recovers in
- 23 private equity.
- 24 Total real estate flat for the year and

- 1 above benchmark, and it continues to improve
- versus last quarter.
- Timberland, you can see on the right.
- 4 It was up but behind benchmark. There are reasons
- for that. We have timberland in the south of the
- 6 U.S. underperforming, as did the Pacific
- 7 Northwest. We have properties in Australia and
- 8 New Zealand, and those have large dependency on
- 9 China. And as you know, China building has been
- 10 weak.
- 11 And relative to the benchmark, it should
- be noted that the benchmark has no international
- 13 exposure. But still strong performance on an
- 14 absolute basis.
- Next slide. This chart shows the
- 16 contribution to total return by strategy. For the
- 17 year, U.S. large caps and private equity made up
- 18 nearly 3 percent of the entire 5 and a half
- 19 percent total return. U.S. large caps and private
- 20 equity.
- 21 And what I like about this chart, again,
- is there are no major detractors from performance
- 23 by any of our asset classes. So pretty good
- 24 picture.

- 1 Next slide, PRIT Fund total returns.
- 2 You can see the one-year return of 5 and a half
- 3 percent, strong result in a very turbulent market.
- 4 The three-year period includes the effect of
- 5 dropping a very strong calendar year 2021 from our
- 6 calculation. Calendar year 2021, if you remember,
- 7 was up 20 percent, and that's no longer in the
- 8 three-year calculation.
- 9 You can see underperformance for the one-
- and three-year period. Again, we've been talking
- 11 about this for quite some time. The
- 12 underperformance is due to a benchmark mismatch in
- 13 private equity. Where we compare the actual
- 14 private equity return to a seven-year smooth
- public markets benchmark, plus 3 percent.
- 16 The seven-year smooth public markets
- benchmark plus 3 percent is actually 15.3 percent.
- We compared 15.3 percent benchmark return to our
- one-year return of 6.9 percent for private equity.
- 20 It's really an apples-and-oranges comparison.
- 21 But if we are to also smooth the private
- 22 equity return for a seven-year smooth, it would be
- 23 17.5 percent, and it would outperform the
- benchmark that we use, if we were to smooth it.

- 1 And you can see the 5- and 10-year
- 2 numbers strong, above the actual rate of return,
- 3 which is 7 percent and above benchmark too.
- 4 Next slide and the last slide, as
- 5 always, is the quilt chart. And you can see here
- 6 that the one-year period portfolio completion
- 7 strategies, which is hedge funds -- Bill will be
- 8 talking about it -- and value-added fixed income --
- 9 Chuck will be talking about that -- and private
- 10 equity, all three of those led the way for the
- 11 year.
- 12 But global equities still relatively
- strong, but declining in rank versus previous
- 14 quarters.
- 15 Real estate improving. Timber steady at
- 16 3.2 percent. And long term, you can see on the
- 17 right, private equity is very strong, as our
- 18 public markets.
- 19 You can take those down, Tony.
- 20 So that's a recap of the March quarter,
- 21 but obviously, conditions now must include a word
- 22 on current conditions.
- Obviously we've experienced extreme
- 24 market volatility. The month of April was very

- 1 volatile, including a 19 percent selloff in the
- 2 first half of the month. In April, equity
- 3 volatility surged to its highest level since 2020
- 4 before retreating to more normal levels later in
- 5 the month following nine days of consecutive
- 6 market gains in a near 14 percent bounce from the
- 7 lows.
- 8 In the month of May so far, the S&P is
- 9 up 5.1 percent. Bond volatility is still
- 10 elevated, but off its highest levels. The 10-year
- 11 Treasury yield, as we sit here today, 4.6 percent
- is very near to where it was last year at this
- time and very near to where it was at the
- 14 beginning of the calendar year. So it hasn't
- moved much.
- However, long bonds, long bond yields
- are up over 5 percent as measured by the 30-year
- 18 Treasury as investors begin to worry about growing
- 19 federal budget deficits.
- 20 To put this recent volatility in
- 21 perspective, though, in the April letter to you
- 22 all, I reminded everyone of a similar market
- selloff five years ago now, when we called a
- 24 special interim meeting of the Investment

- 1 Committee. That special meeting actually took
- 2 place on April 22, 2020. Five years ago, that
- 3 market volatility was initiated by the outbreak of
- 4 the global COVID pandemic.
- 5 This time, as we all know, the
- 6 volatility was initiated by an outbreak of a
- 7 tariff war between the USA and nearly all of our
- 8 global trading partners.
- 9 Five years ago during the COVID selloff,
- 10 U.S. equity markets were down approximately
- 11 25 percent from peak to trough. This time, U.S.
- markets on the worst day were down approximately
- 13 19 percent from peak to trough.
- 14 The tech-heavy Nasdaq market entered
- 15 bear market territory in April as measured by a
- 16 20 percent selloff. But by May, it had entered a
- 17 bull market as measured by a 20 percent increase.
- And as we sit here today, despite what
- we've been through, U.S. markets are flat for the
- 20 year. And as I mentioned, international equities
- 21 are still up strongly.
- 22 So these market are really climbing the
- 23 proverbial wall of worry. There's a lot of
- 24 uncertainty. The tariff war, the already

- 1 weakening economic news. In the March quarter,
- for example, U.S. GDP contracted slightly. The
- 3 number of Americans filing for unemployment
- 4 benefits rose unexpectedly. The number of
- 5 unemployed increased slightly to more than
- 6 7 million people who are unemployed.
- 7 Manufacturing and industrial production edged
- 8 downward. Housing starts fell sharply. And
- 9 companies now are refraining from providing
- 10 earnings guidance in the future.
- 11 Yet the equity market is flat for the
- 12 calendar year.
- 13 While the annual inflation rate in April
- eased to 2.3 percent, that's its lowest level in
- five years, it is widely believed to not yet
- 16 reflect tariff effects. The bond market is
- 17 pricing in a moderate uptick in inflation for next
- 18 year. The bond market is implying a 3.3 percent
- inflation rate next year, followed by a dramatic
- 20 decline in inflation in subsequent years. So that
- 21 the implied inflation rate five years from now is
- 22 2.6 percent, which is approximately where it is
- today.
- 24 At our Investment Committee meeting, our

- 1 resident economic and strategy expert Connie
- 2 Everson really highlighted the unusual and extreme
- 3 bearishness in sentiment and surveys out there.
- 4 However, she noted that the peak
- 5 negativeness on tariffs has passed and the bottom
- 6 has already been tested. After that quick
- 7 19 percent correction last month, there could be
- 8 upside potential in the equity markets as some of
- 9 these international tariff disputes are resolved.
- 10 As for fixed income, where most yields
- are based in part on the yield of the so-called
- 12 risk-free Treasuries, there are some reasons to
- fear that demand might erode, even though the most
- 14 recent Treasury auctions have functioned
- 15 relatively well.
- 16 First, central banks are large buyers of
- 17 U.S. Treasuries, and they buy Treasuries to
- 18 recycle their trade surplus, with the U.S., Japan,
- 19 China and the UK being the largest buyers of U.S.
- Treasuries. With a trade war, the trade surpluses
- of Japan, China and the UK, could diminish. After
- 22 all, that's the administration's goal. And those
- buyers of Treasuries will have less trade surplus
- to recycle into Treasuries.

Second, hedge funds have become the 1 largest buyer of Treasuries within the United 2 States, and with the volatility of the markets, 3 hedge funds could pull back leverage and thereby 4 reduce their purchases of Treasuries. 5 Meanwhile, as we read today with the new 6 budget passing the house, the federal government 7 has signaled the need to finance large budget 8 deficits through large and steady Treasury auctions. 9 Connie showed a cartoon at the Investment 10 Committee depicting Uncle Sam literally stuffing 11 Treasuries into a fragile system. 12 In the end, with the large and steady 13 supply of Treasuries necessary to fund 14 government, any decrease in demand from foreign 15 buyers' means that yields would need to rise in 16 order to clear future auctions. That of course 17 would drive yields, particularly in the long end, 18 higher. 19 As for the dollar, we noted it is 20 extremely difficult to dislodge the U.S. dollar 21 as the global currency reserve. With more than 22 80 percent of global trade conducted in U.S. 23 dollars, it will be hard to create a major and 24

sustained downturn for the U.S. dollar.

1	The 0.3. dollar has historically been
2	very resilient, and markets have historically had
3	short memories for any dislocations such as we're
4	going through now.
5	We also had a presentation from our risk
6	team at the Investment Committee. The message
7	really was simple. The portfolio is highly
8	diversified and scrupulously managed to have no
9	material risk tilts in both equities and bonds.
10	And the market environment and the news flow are
11	changing so quickly, and we do worry about
12	institutional guardrails protecting our financial
13	markets. We are encouraged in early April to
14	witness a quick reversal of policy decisions after
15	the bond market flashed warning signs after its
16	spike in volatility.
17	Some believe that the bond market is the
18	ultimate decider, that an orderly bond market,
19	which again enables the government to borrow and
20	finance itself with consistency, is a fundamental
21	source of immense and independent power.
22	To us at this time, the bond market
23	appeared to have extraordinary coercive power.
24	And we do hope that continues and the markets and

- 1 the economy can withstand the turbulence.
- 2 We don't know how this administration's
- 3 tariff plans will play out and how policies will
- impact the economy. It is impossible to predict.
- But I do think we saw some hope of cooler heads
- 6 prevailing and markets responding favorably in
- 7 April and now into May.
- 8 There are many risks to the market and
- g economy right now. And there are so many
- unknowns. However, it is our job at PRIM, in the
- words of Winston Churchill -- it's a Churchill era
- slogan really -- to keep calm and carry on.
- That's what we're doing. And coincidentally as
- history would have it, Churchill did begin his
- political career in the early 1900s vigorously
- fighting, of all things, tariffs.
- So keep calm and carry on is also what
- Warren Buffett would advise at times like this.
- Right now, we are thoughtfully maintaining and
- monitoring a broad, diversified portfolio which
- contains strategies that will perform well, no
- matter what the future holds. So we believe it's
- in good hands and well-positioned.
- That's the end of my comments.

- 1 Treasurer, I'd be happy to take questions.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there any
- 3 questions for Michael?
- 4 MS. D'AMATO: Treasurer, I have a
- 5 question.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Yes.
- 7 MS. D'AMATO: Michael, what are other
- 8 states doing, or how are they handling this? I
- 9 mean is it calm and steady on, or are you seeing
- anything different or unusual, or they're
- 11 following our lead? I'm curious to see how the
- 12 impact is.
- 13 Only with this one caveat.
- 14 Massachusetts is deeply targeted. And so there
- might be some states that aren't feeling it the
- same way, beyond the market.
- 17 MR. TROTSKY: It's a good question. At
- this point, I just have anecdotal evidence. Dave
- 19 Gurtz and I, as well as Stewardship Committee
- 20 member Mary Cerulli and Treasurer Deb Goldberg,
- 21 were at a conference this week.
- Treasurer, you did a wonderful job
- 23 kicking off that.
- 24 It was an interesting conference in that

- 1 it contained attendees from all over the world,
- 2 including domestic attendees.
- On Monday afternoon, I was on a panel
- 4 with some of my colleagues from around the globe
- 5 and was happy to learn really that everyone has
- 6 pretty much the same philosophy of not reacting
- 7 and keeping their strategic asset allocations in
- 8 place.
- 9 Now, that is anecdotal at the moment,
- 10 but I think it's in the groundwater really that
- 11 people don't know what's going to happen in the
- future, so it would be foolish to try to be
- 13 tactical right now.
- 14 So I think that's what's happening.
- MS. D'AMATO: Okay.
- MR. TROTSKY: Batten down the hatches
- and stay with your plan. Keep calm and carry on.
- 18 MS. D'AMATO: Okay. Thank you.
- 19 TREASURER GOLDBERG: But I have to say,
- 20 Catherine, that I think that your question is a
- 21 little more global and doesn't answer the question
- 22 about how are certain states reacting.
- I mean our pension fund has the
- opportunity to invest in many places, including

- 1 different safe harbors.
- A paper was written by a professor at BU
- 3 this week, and what he essentially said is that
- 4 the federal government is taking a wrecking ball
- 5 to Massachusetts.
- 6 MS. D'AMATO: Yes. Yes. I mean that's
- 7 clear on so many levels in terms of also just --
- 8 And also, I think the other side is --
- 9 thank you for that clarifying point.
- 10 But also, are we hearing from our
- 11 contributors any concerns?
- 12 TREASURER GOLDBERG: I'd be fascinated
- to know the states that are being hit by tornadoes
- 14 and storms. I am hearing their elected officials
- demanding and wondering when FEMA's showing up
- with both money and people. And I'm kind of
- 17 sitting there going, "You do know . . . "
- And then last night, passing the kind of
- 19 budget that they passed last night, I'm like there
- seems to be a cognitive disconnect.
- 21 And so our position here in
- 22 Massachusetts is the same as the pension fund. We
- are not going to overreact. We're not going to
- react to the ups and downs. We're going to see

- 1 where we are when the dust settles.
- 2 And I think that's the only thing we can
- 3 do.
- 4 MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
- 5 MR. TROTSKY: Catherine, your question
- 6 may have involved are we hearing from our clients.
- 7 MS. D'AMATO: Yes. I may not have asked
- 8 it the correct way. I mean are you getting any
- 9 inquiries, like are you --
- 10 MR. TROTSKY: Yes. We're spending a lot
- of time communicating with our constituents and
- 12 clients. Francesco Daniele and team does a great
- job getting out there. We forwarded the letter
- 14 that you received --
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
- MR. TROTSKY: -- also to clients.
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
- 18 MR. TROTSKY: Tomorrow, we're having a
- 19 big town hall with the Mass. state retirees. I'm
- 20 presenting to them. It will be the same message
- 21 that you just heard pretty much.
- But we are spending a lot of time and
- effort in making sure they know that we're well-
- positioned and in good shape, particularly with

- 1 liquidity, able to make our commitments. No
- 2 problem at all.
- 3 So yes. I mean at this time, our
- 4 clients seem to be patient and calm. And we're
- 5 keeping them apprised on everything we're doing.
- 6 So a good question --
- 7 MS. D'AMATO: I think it's just a
- 8 general concern for everybody, whether they have
- 9 it in a pension fund or whether they have their
- resources in a 401(k) or whatever it might be.
- 11 Especially folks who are now reliant --
- MR. TROTSKY: Right.
- MS. D'AMATO: -- versus have time to do
- 14 it.
- MR. TROTSKY: That's right.
- MS. D'AMATO: So I think it's just a
- 17 general concern.
- 18 And to the Treasurer's point, as we
- 19 watch the federal budget process come through and
- what the senate will do, I think those are again
- 21 impacts on particular -- how it will impact the
- 22 market is uncertain, right. We don't know.
- But to the Treasurer's point,
- 24 Massachusetts seems to be overly targeted and so

- 1 much happening in our state that we're reliant on
- from our economy.
- And I think, Treasurer, your point is
- 4 well-taken that we have safe harbors, and that's
- 5 an important message beyond what we can do or what
- 6 is happening in Massachusetts to protect.
- 7 MR. TROTSKY: It makes our job here even
- 8 more important.
- 9 MS. D'AMATO: So thank you.
- 10 MS. McGOLDRICK: I just want to add too
- 11 that obviously this is unprecedented, and we don't
- 12 know what's to come. And the forecast, as
- 13 Catherine is saying, is pretty scary.
- 14 The history of being on this Board since
- 15 2004 -- I think Bob's the only one that's been on
- 16 longer than me. And since Michael really took the
- 17 helm, it's been stay the course. Be prudent.
- 18 Don't react to market trends. You know, to sort
- 19 of be cautious.
- 20 And I think that that has given me a lot
- 21 more confidence every year as we go through these
- things. And I wouldn't be surprised if obviously
- other funds may change up their asset allocation
- 24 dramatically or what have you or pull out of

- 1 equities because the stock market's crashing.
- 2 But I think, as Michael said earlier,
- 3 look at the trend in the international equities
- 4 that weren't doing as well. Now they're up.
- 5 And so we're just so well-diversified
- 6 and thought out, I think that the overreaction is
- 7 more of the problem, and the staying the course as
- 8 we have done in other downturns has served us
- 9 well.
- 10 MR. BROUSSEAU: Just a comment and a
- 11 question, Treasurer, to Michael.
- 12 I know we've been there before, but you
- 13 know, Hawley-Smoot in 1930 was the harbinger of
- 14 the disaster that followed in the 1930s. Do you
- wonder if we're going to have a remake of that?
- 16 But also, Michael, do you think -- I
- don't know that Connie would say because it only
- happened last week. With Moody's downgrading from
- 19 AAA to AA1, I guess, will this be a harbinger of
- 20 more things like this to happen?
- 21 Or do you think it was done more or less
- as a warning to the people who make the decisions
- and whatever's going to happen in the economy that
- things could get worse in terms of the bond market

- 1 and what it could do to the economy?
- 2 And I'm still out, I think, with
- 3 tariffs. I think tariffs are going to be --
- 4 unless they can get this straightened out, it
- 5 could be a big problem.
- 6 MR. TROTSKY: Yes.
- 7 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Michael, you want
- 8 me to jump in on that one?
- 9 MR. TROTSKY: Sure. I have a couple
- things to say, if you want, also.
- 11 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Well, first of all,
- 12 the downgrade wasn't -- the other two quality
- rating agencies had already done that. This was
- 14 just the grand finale. However, it was the grand
- finale with a warning, a shot across the bow.
- And yes, it is based upon the incredible
- increase of debt, the volatility and
- 18 unpredictability and the big beautiful tariff
- 19 deals.
- 20 So it's a combination of a very valid
- 21 concern that we are disrupting every element of
- our economy and also taking away protections that
- would support the economy.
- I mean, if we have no FEMA money, and we

- 1 have no FEMA protection, and the state of Florida
- 2 gets hit again with two or three major hurricanes
- 3 this year, how is that economy going to come back?
- 4 So you could do it state by state and then the
- 5 country.
- 6 For PRIM, the downturn of the American
- 7 economy will be followed by an uptick in overseas
- 8 economies because they will step in and fill the
- 9 void very happily.
- 10 And so I know that we're the biggest
- 11 market for them, but if the tariffs are passed on
- to the customers in the United States, those
- margins will get made up in those transactions.
- 14 They'll sell less, but they'll sell them at higher
- 15 prices.
- 16 So there's just a total disruption of --
- and we're just talking the economy, let alone all
- 18 the civil rights issues.
- 19 So that's sort of my opinion about the
- downgrade last week. But I don't see it going up
- 21 unless magically somebody wakes up.
- 22 But the passage of this bill will
- create -- how many trillion in increased budget
- 24 deficit in the next 10 years? It's --

- 1 MR. BROUSSEAU: 4 trillion.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: No. More.
- 3 MR. BROUSSEAU: More?
- 4 TREASURER GOLDBERG: More.
- 5 MS. D'AMATO: I mean I think that's part
- 6 of the problem. We've heard four. We've heard
- 7 five. We've heard 10. We've heard 12. It
- 8 depends on the data. And I think they don't know
- 9 because they also just switched it, they pulled it
- 10 up a year, so they put it to October '26 -- '7 --
- 11 sorry -- instead of '29. Pulled up almost two
- 12 years. So that was again --
- I think that we have to protect the
- 14 fort, and I appreciate that we're doing that. And
- 15 I'm not sure whose quote that is, Michael, but I'm
- 16 sure you'll go find whose that is for us
- 17 historically.
- 18 And then do the best we can in a very
- 19 challenging time.
- MR. TROTSKY: That's exactly how I would
- 21 have put it, Treasurer. It was the third of three
- 22 downgrades. So it wasn't that impactful.
- 23 However, since that time, the 30-year
- 24 Treasury yield has risen above 5 percent, which to

- 1 me is an indication that people are worried about
- 2 the large impending federal budget deficits.
- 3 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Yes.
- 4 MR. TROTSKY: Maybe Chuck has more to
- 5 say on that. That's his world.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Well, we could move
- on to Chuck. It might be a good idea. Otherwise,
- 8 we could all cry in our soup tonight.
- 9 Chuck, how would you like to step in
- 10 and --
- 11 MR. LaPOSTA: Happy to step in.
- 12 TREASURER GOLDBERG: -- talk about
- 13 public markets?
- MR. LaPOSTA: Happy to step in and
- 15 continue the discussion, much of which Michael and
- 16 all have already discussed.
- 17 And I just wanted to, as a continuation,
- mention the theme of keeping calm and carrying on
- is also a theme that we are hearing from our
- 20 public markets managers. They are not panicking.
- 21 They are not overreacting. They're positioning
- the portfolios. They had come in well-positioned
- for tariff uncertainty and may have looked for
- opportunities to take advantage of some of the

- 1 disruptions that happened in April, but have not
- 2 changed their portfolios or strategies
- 3 meaningfully there, also consistent with PRIM's
- 4 beliefs of planning and positioning for the long
- 5 term and riding out volatility.
- 6 Just a quick summary. It's kind of off-
- 7 script, but a continuation of what has been said
- 8 earlier.
- 9 And also other things that have been
- 10 said earlier, obviously equity markets staged a
- 11 reversal in the first quarter. U.S. markets
- declining, non-U.S. markets rising, which is the
- opposite of what we had been seeing.
- 14 And the result of this has led to kind
- of equal performance across U.S. and international
- 16 markets for the one-year period in the range of 5
- to 7 percent positive returns for the one-year.
- 18 So despite volatility and reversal of
- 19 trends, long-term results still remain relatively
- 20 positive.
- 21 Bond returns were positive for the first
- 22 quarter as well for both our core and value-added
- fixed income allocations. Core fixed income was
- 24 up about 3 percent, while more credit-sensitive

- portfolios increased just over 1 percent for the
 quarter.
- Yields fell and credit spreads widened in the first quarter. And we've seen this dynamic over the one-year period as well, with core fixed income returning about 3 percent for the trailing year, while value-added fixed income has returned 8 percent on the back of positive credit trends that persisted for much of the year, notwithstanding the first quarter.

We also talked last quarter about the Magnificent Seven large cap tech stocks and the strong returns they have had over the past couple of years. This is another trend that also reversed in the first quarter with these stocks as a group declining by almost 15 percent in the first quarter, while the other 493 stocks that make up the S&P 500 were up about 1 percent.

And seeing this level of correction in the Mag 7, 15 percent negative return for the first quarter, without disruption in broad equity markets is actually an encouraging signal for both the overall breadth and health of the equity markets.

1	Equity results for the PRIT Fund in Q1
2	slightly lagged the benchmarks, while our bond
3	investments performed in line with their
4	benchmarks.
5	Global equity underperformance was
6	impacted by our domestic equity portfolio
7	allocations with smaller stocks lagging larger
8	stocks and positionings in emerging markets
9	portfolios, particularly China, India and Mexico.
10	These same factors contributed to underperformance
11	in the global equities for the one-year period.
12	For our bond investments in the 12-month
13	period, both core and value-added fixed income
14	outperformed their benchmarks, with value-added,
15	emerging markets debt and other credit
16	opportunities being the best performers in the
17	portfolio.
18	And companies continued to deliver good
19	results for both revenue and earning growth.
20	Profit margins continue to remain high. Current
21	results have been overshadowed by the potential
22	future impacts of high tariffs, that tariffs might
23	have to the businesses.
24	Our managers, as I mentioned, have been

- 1 thinking about this potential implication to
- 2 tariffs and have positioned their portfolios to
- 3 avoid clear tariff losers.
- 4 However, the recent uncertainty around
- 5 size, scope and timing of these tariffs has made
- 6 decisions difficult for companies, as well as our
- 7 managers who are trying to position for the long
- 8 term.
- 9 We continue to monitor this topic
- 10 closely and with conversations our managers, as I
- 11 mentioned. No meaningful changes or impacts, even
- as we've gotten results through April and into
- 13 early May.
- 14 So in closing, public markets portfolios
- 15 mixed results over the quarter and one-year
- 16 periods, equities lagged, fixed income has
- 17 outperformed. But it remains well-diversified
- across geographies, styles, sectors and asset
- 19 classes, and has weathered many different stress
- scenario periods in the recent history and longer
- 21 history. We continue to monitor risk, and happy
- with the positioning of the portfolio.
- 23 Happy to take any questions on the
- 24 public markets portfolio.

1	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Any questions for
2	Chuck?
3	Hearing none, we do have two voting
4	items here.
5	MR. LaPOSTA: Yes. And I will be
6	introducing the first one, and then Richer will do
7	much of the recommendation. And then the second
8	one, Christina Marcarelli will lead that second
9	recommendation.
10	So I will let you read the motion and go
11	into the vote, and then I will start my comments.
12	TREASURER GOLDBERG: All right then.
13	I'm going to seek a motion that the PRIM
14	Board approve the Investment Committee's
15	recommendation to approve an initial allocation of
16	up to \$500 million to RBC Global Asset Management
17	UK to provide active investment management
18	services in an emerging market debt - hard
19	currency mandate as described in the expanded
20	agenda, and further to authorize the executive
21	director to take all actions necessary to
22	effectuate this vote.
23	Is there a motion?
24	MS. D'AMATO: So moved.

1	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Is there a second?
2	MS. McGOLDRICK: Second.
3	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay.
4	MR. LaPOSTA: All right. So I am just
5	going to provide a little bit of background on
6	emerging markets debt.
7	We did a review of the emerging market
8	debt allocation at our Investment Committee
9	meeting earlier this month. We provided
10	qualitative and quantitative characteristics in
11	support of the asset class, many of which can be
12	found in Appendix D of your expanded agenda.
13	Qualitatively, EMD consists of U.S.
14	dollar-denominated bonds from 80 sovereign or
15	quasi-sovereign issuers in emerging market
16	countries, which can vary in credit quality from
17	investment grade to high yield.
18	Also, unlike emerging markets equity,
19	EMD has a broader country inclusion, about
20	69 countries versus 24 countries in the emerging
21	market equities portfolio.
22	The top five countries in emerging
23	market equities represent nearly 80 percent of the
24	market canitalization, while the ton five

- 1 represent only 40 percent in emerging markets
- debt, with the largest exposure in emerging market
- 3 equity representing nearly 29 percent from China
- 4 versus less than 5 percent China exposure in
- 5 emerging markets debt.
- 6 Quantitatively, emerging markets debt
- 7 offers risk and return that lie between high yield
- 8 and bank loans, the two other components of our
- 9 public value-added portfolio. It has yield and
- 10 spread similar to high-yield bonds, but credit
- 11 quality and duration more like investment grade
- bonds, and finally, exposure to different
- 13 principal components or soup ingredients, in Maria
- 14 Garrahan's allocation framework.
- 15 That's just a little bit about emerging
- 16 markets debt as an asset class. With that, I will
- turn it over to Richer Leung to give us a little
- 18 bit of commentary on recommended manager
- 19 allocation.
- 20 MR. LEUNG: Great. Thanks, Chuck.
- 21 So my name is Richer Leung, investment
- officer on the public markets team. And I'll be
- 23 going through the EMD recommendation.
- 24 Similarly, slides for this

- recommendation can be found in Appendix D of the expanded agenda.
- 3 So PRIM staff is recommending
- 4 \$500 million allocation to RBC Global Asset
- 5 Management UK. Source of the funds will be from
- 6 the existing EMD hard currency allocation in the
- 7 PRIT Fund. So the overall allocation to the EMD
- 8 fixed income allocation will remain relatively
- 9 unchanged.
- 10 As a quick background into RBC and the
- 11 team, the global asset management arm of RBC was
- formally established in 1998. Since then, they
- have grown both organically and through
- 14 acquisitions. In 2010, RBC acquired BlueBay Asset
- 15 Management, a firm specializing in fixed income
- 16 emerging markets.
- 17 The strategy that PRIM is recommending,
- the BlueBay emerging debt hard currency strategy,
- 19 has a track record over 20 years and is led by co-
- 20 PMs Polina Kurdyavko and Jana Harvey, and
- 21 supported by 24 other dedicated investment
- 22 professionals with over 20 years average
- investment experience. Importantly, most of the
- 24 team is based out of London as a shared resource

- and as a central hub for travel across the spectrum of EM countries.
- As always when recommending strategies
 in public markets, we analyze managers on three
 guiding principles: return, risk and costs.

On the returns pillar, RBC ranked in the top quartile in the EMD universe over the last three-, five- and seven-year time horizons. addition, their outperformance is mainly attributable to country selection rather than the use of off-benchmark allocations, compared to some of the other managers we screened in the EMD universe.

One of the biggest differentiators in their ability to generate returns was the depth and breadth of their research approach. The team spends most of their time in EM countries meeting with politicians, central bankers, policymakers and other stakeholders to gain informational edge compared to their competitors, leading to a stronger and more durable alpha advantage.

And on the risk front, RBC has demonstrated the ability to navigate volatile market environments, especially in periods where they see an asymmetric risk-return profile.

1	Part of their ability to successfully
2	read situations goes back to the depth of the
3	research they perform, but equally as impressive
4	were the proprietary suite of qualitative tools at
5	their disposal. They demoed their alpha decision
6	tools and portfolio-monitoring tools, which
7	supports everything from research to portfolio
8	construction to scenario analysis and includes
9	risk and return attribution.
10	This quantitative approach to risk
11	monitoring, paired with the qualitative lead-
12	driven research approach for RBC has led to
13	reduced volatility and helped them stay within the
14	risk budget of the mandate.
15	And lastly, just a quick note on costs.
16	The proposed allocation would take the form of a
17	separately managed account and result in about a
18	million dollars annually in management fee savings
19	compared to our current EMD allocation.
20	In summary, RBC has a strong team and
21	toolkit with good and distinct alpha drivers and
22	risk controls, and a new allocation would net PRIM
23	savings over the current EMD allocation.

And so with that, we'll open up to any

- 1 questions you may have on the recommendation or
- 2 the EMD allocation.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there
- 4 questions?
- 5 As always, all the votes that are coming
- 6 in were presented at the Investment Committee, and
- 7 a lot of discussion has taken place there. I just
- 8 want to remind people of that. Some of you are on
- 9 that committee.
- 10 Okay then. If there are no questions,
- 11 we'll proceed with the vote.
- 12 Bob?
- MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
- 14 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen?
- MS. FITCH: Yes.
- 16 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
- 18 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa?
- MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Dennis?
- 21 MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes.
- The motion carries. Thank you.
- 24 The next item, I'm going to seek a

- 1 motion.
- 2 And, Chuck, who did you say -- is
- 3 Christina --
- 4 MR. LaPOSTA: Christina, yes.
- 5 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Christina, okay.
- I seek that the PRIM Board approve the
- 7 Investment Committee's recommendation to approve a
- 8 commitment of up to \$100 million to BGO U.S. Value-
- 9 Add Lending Fund II, LP, as part of the other
- 10 credit opportunities allocation as described in
- 11 the expanded agenda, and further to authorize the
- 12 executive director to take all actions necessary
- 13 to effectuate this vote.
- 14 Is there a motion?
- 15 Anyone?
- MS. McGOLDRICK: So moved.
- MR. NAUGHTON: Second.
- 18 TREASURER GOLDBERG: This is the easy
- 19 stuff, the motion and the second.
- We have a motion, and we have a second.
- 21 Christina, please.
- MS. MARCARELLI: Thank you, Madam
- Treasurer. And good morning, everyone.
- We're recommending a \$100 million

- 1 commitment to BGO U.S. Value-Add Lending Fund II.
- 2 This is a follow-on investment and would be PRIM's
- 3 second investment with BGO. PRIM made a similarly
- 4 sized commitment to BGO's Fund I in 2022.
- 5 The strategy is a continuation of the
- 6 predecessor fund. BGO will originate loans
- 7 collateralized by transitional properties, which
- 8 means properties that are undergoing some sort of
- 9 business plan, a significant redevelopment, a
- 10 lease-up or ground-up construction.
- 11 BGO will apply diversified sources of
- financing for whole loan investments, effectively
- 13 leveraging their position in each loan to create a
- senior and subordinate position. BGO will then
- retain the subordinate position in the fund.
- As a reminder, BGO is a global real
- 17 estate investment manager with approximately
- 18 85 billion of assets under management in both debt
- 19 and equity. They're an active commercial real
- estate lender in the U.S., Canada, Europe and the
- 21 UK.
- Fund I is fully committed and on track
- 23 to achieve targeted returns. A significant
- 24 portion of investments in Fund I were sourced

- directly through BGO's existing relationships,
- 2 highlighting the breadth of the BGO platform,
- 3 which is one of the key reasons why we like this
- 4 team.
- 5 The portfolio is diversified across
- 6 sectors, and we would expect the same for Fund II.
- 7 The strategy continues to be led by Abbe
- 8 Borok and Jim Blakemore, both seasoned commercial
- 9 real estate debt professionals.
- 10 And with that, I'll open it up to any
- 11 questions.
- 12 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there
- 13 questions?
- 14 Okay. Hearing none, we have a motion.
- We have a second. We can proceed with the vote.
- 16 Bob?
- 17 MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
- 18 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen?
- 21 MS. FITCH: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa?
- MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes.
- 24 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Dennis?

- 1 MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes.
- The motion carries. Thank you very
- 4 much.
- 5 Okay. The next item on the agenda,
- 6 there are no voting items, but a discussion of
- 7 portfolio completion strategies. And I'm assuming
- 8 Bill is jumping on or --
- 9 MR. FALZONE: That's correct.
- 10 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. For those
- 11 who haven't seen Bill, make sure you congratulate
- 12 him again.
- 13 MR. LI: Thank you, Madam Treasurer.
- 14 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are you getting any
- 15 sleep, Bill?
- MR. LI: So far, so good. Actually,
- we're very blessed, and now Baby Liam is almost
- able to sleep through the night.
- 19 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Well, I just want
- to give you a heads-up. Quit while you're ahead
- 21 because if one is good, the second one for sure
- 22 will not be. Just a word to the wise.
- 23 MR. LI: That's very encouraging, Madam
- 24 Treasurer.

- 1 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Anyone who's been
- through it who's on this screen will assure you
- 3 that that is case.
- 4 I see Tony really laughing.
- 5 MR. LI: All right. That note is well-
- 6 taken, and we'll be well-prepared hopefully next
- 7 year.
- 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Evan was a big
- 9 star, star, star. Mary --
- They're both great human beings, but one
- of them took me for quite a ride, even though
- 12 Catherine D'Amato loves her.
- MR. LI: I believe they're great,
- 14 regardless.
- 15 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Thank you.
- MR. LI: Worth it.
- 17 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Please bring us up
- 18 to date on portfolio completion.
- MR. LI: All right. And good morning,
- everyone. This is Bill Li, director of portfolio
- 21 completion strategies.
- 22 And I'm very happy to be back and happy
- to report that PCS, portfolio completion
- strategies, showed resilience when U.S. equities

- 1 retracted in Q1 and our portfolio ended the
- 2 quarter with only a very mild decline of
- 3 .7 percent.
- 4 Drawing back the curtain, our hedge fund
- 5 program composites maintained a nice, positive
- skew, as most underlying accounts were in the
- 7 black.
- As communicated multiple times, we favor
- g situational values that have either soft or hard
- 10 catalysts embedded in the investments. This
- approach we believe creates inherently
- differentiated return streams, where some line
- items zig while others zag.
- In Q1, we had many zigs and a handful of
- zags, netting out to an overall return somewhat
- 16 flat.
- And to zoom out, trailing one-year, our
- performance has been more than solid. The number
- was a positive 9.4 percent.
- 20 And the majority of PCS are hedge fund
- relationships. And in that program, trailing
- one-year, we had a positive 10.5 percent,
- outpacing benchmark by 360 basis points, which
- 24 remained a

- 1 very strong number.
- 2 Amidst the recent market swirl, I think
- 3 it's worth highlighting again how we put together
- the portfolio because we've been getting some
- questions around that, even though things are
- 6 still transpiring.
- 7 And we believe that the way we are
- g constructing our portfolio is very effective in
- g steering through choppy waters. In a nutshell,
- it's more about curating a collection of
- strategies that we understand and that can perform
- consistently over the long run.
- And we use a barbell approach to sizing
- and balancing between directional funds and stable
- value funds. On one end of the barbell,
- directional hedge funds can show some market
- sensitivity so we size these exposures very
- carefully, versus on the other end of the barbell,
- stable value mandates make up about 65 percent of
- our hedge fund book, giving the barbell a prudent
- 21 tilt.
- Over the past year, directional managers
- have driven a disproportionate share of return due
- to thoughtful picking of stocks and

credits. 1 Meanwhile, during the recent turbulence 2 year to date, the larger portion of our book in 3 stable value funds has been offering more peace of 4 mind. And we believe this tilted barbell 5 approach will continue to deliver both durable return 6 and diversification benefit to the PRIT mother 7 ship. 8 And it is our plan to report to you 9 quarterly the metrics to quantify those two 10 benefits. For one, in terms of durable return, 11 the risk-adjusted return ratio of 1.7 means the 12 program generated 1.7 units of return per unit of 13 volatility risk, which is exceptional. 14 For two, in terms of diversification 15 benefit, our hedge fund program's equity beta has 16 stayed stable at around .2. And that points to 17 the remarkable resilience which we're also seeing 18 in this market swirl. 19 And with that, happy to take any 20 questions you may have for Bill? 21 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there questions? 22 23 Doesn't seem so, Bill. Thank you very

24

much.

- 1 MR. LI: Thanks.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: The next on the
- agenda is private equity, and we will be having a
- 4 voting item. So, Michael or Mike --
- 5 MR. McGIRR: Good morning.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: There you are.
- 7 MR. McGIRR: Can everybody hear me okay?
- 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Yes.
- 9 Let me ask you, are you a Michael or a
- 10 Mike?
- MR. McGIRR: My mother and my sisters
- called me Michael, so that's what I respond to,
- 13 but --
- 14 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. Just double-
- 15 checking.
- MR. McGIRR: Growing up in
- 17 Massachusetts, as everybody knows, there's --
- 18 TREASURER GOLDBERG: That's the problem.
- MR. McGIRR: -- three other Michaels
- wherever you go, so I go by either.
- 21 McGirr works too.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: McGirr. Hey,
- 23 McGirr.
- 24 Okay. You have -- I believe it's --

- 1 you're going to go over performance and cash
- 2 flows, and then we have one voting item. And I'm
- assuming since I see Alyssa that she's going to be
- 4 the one presenting it after you do the
- 5 performance.
- 6 MR. McGIRR: That is correct.
- 7 So a few words on performance. And
- 8 thinking back to the beginning of 2025, there were
- 9 numerous private market forecasts predicting that
- 10 '25 would be the year that transaction volumes,
- 11 activity, distributions to limited partners really
- 12 turned the corner. And that enthusiasm was
- building off of the year-over-year improvements
- from 2024 as deal activity improved from prior
- 15 year lows.
- 16 And we started to see that materialize
- in Q1. Global M&A was rebounding. U.S. PE
- activity was up year-over-year by volume and by
- 19 count. And in March, we saw some notable
- 20 transactions. A very large private equity backed
- 21 take-private of Walgreens.
- 22 And then later in March, we saw
- Alphabet, their 32 billion announcement of the
- 24 acquisition of cybersecurity innovator Wiz,

- 1 highlighting big tech's privatization on cloud
- 2 security.
- Then the market's focus really shifted
- 4 towards tariffs and global trade as we've
- 5 discussed. And the associated impacts will really
- 6 not flow into private equity's numbers until Q2 or
- 7 more likely the second half of 2025.
- 8 But as a reminder, the private equity
- 9 portfolio has exposure primarily to smaller
- 10 businesses located in the U.S. and western Europe.
- 11 We also have large exposures to sectors such as
- 12 software, business and financial services and
- healthcare IT that are likely to be more resilient
- in a high tariff environment.
- 15 Private equity remains within our
- 16 targeted range with our current allocation at
- 17 17 percent of PRIT. And as Michael had mentioned,
- 18 for the quarter, private equity was up
- 19 1.5 percent.
- But as a reminder, that performance
- 21 period is really the October 2024 through
- December '24 period, which feels like a long time
- 23 ago because it is.
- 24 That 1.5 percent lagged compared to the

- 1 Russell 3, but it outperformed small caps, public
- equity small caps, and the MSCI Europe over that
- 3 period of time. The 1.5 percent also outperformed
- 4 the State Street Private Equity peer universe or
- 5 index.
- 6 For the trailing one-year, we're up
- 7 almost 7 percent, 6.9 percent net, which lagged
- 8 the strong U.S. equity market, public equity
- 9 market in calendar year '24, which was driven by
- 10 that Magnificent Seven that we've discussed.
- 11 However, the almost 7 percent return outperformed
- 12 the State Street peer universe over that same
- 13 period of time.
- 14 And zooming into that performance a
- 15 little bit, it was led by growth equity and
- smaller buyouts, followed by mega large buyouts
- 17 and then venture capital.
- 18 PRIM's long-term private equity returns
- remain strong with our 10-year net return of
- 20 16.5 percent and our five-year return at
- 21 16.1 percent.
- I will pause there and take any
- 23 questions on the portfolio or the market before we
- 24 move into our two recommendations for re-ups.

1 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Questions for 2 Michael? Hearing none, the two recommendations 3 4 are being voted together, and so I will seek a 5 motion that the PRIM Board approve the Investment 6 Committee's recommendation to approve commitments 7 of up to \$150 million to JMI Equity Fund XII, LP 8 and up to \$200 million to Charlesbank Equity 9 Fund XI, LP, as described in the expanded agenda, 10 and further to authorize the executive director to 11 take all actions necessary to effectuate this 12 vote. Is there a motion? 13 14 MS. McGOLDRICK: So moved. 15 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Is there a second? 16 MS. D'AMATO: Second. 17 MS. FITCH: Second. 18 TREASURER GOLDBERG: And Alyssa. 19 MS. ACKER: Great. Thank you, Madam 20 Treasurer. 21 Good morning, everyone. I'm Alyssa 22 Acker, a senior investment officer on the private 23 equity team.

I'll start with JMI Equity Fund XII.

1	JMI is a leading growth equity investor. They
2	have over 30 years of experience investing in
3	Northern American software businesses.
4	PRIM made our first investment with JMI
5	in 2018, and we've since made three fund
6	commitments. The firm's strong brand and
7	reputation has resulted in differentiated sourcing
8	as they look to access founder-led businesses.
9	A typical JMI company is founder-led and
10	bootstrapped, meaning they have not received
11	prior capital norventure funding, and JMI is often
12	the first institutional investor.
13	JMI targets high growth companies with
14	proven business models, strong market positioning,
15	high recurring revenue and are profitable or have
16	a clear path to profitability.
17	We are recommending a commitment of up
18	to \$150 million to JMI XII.
19	Our next re-up is also a long-time
20	manager for PRIM. Charlesbank is a Boston-based
21	manager with a long history of investing in North
22	American healthcare, business and consumer
23	services, technology and industrial businesses.
24	PRIM has been investing with Charlesbank

- since 2000, and they have performed well across
- 2 market cycles in our buyout portfolio.
- 3 Using a partnership-oriented approach,
- 4 Charlesbank invests in high quality growing
- businesses in themes where they have demonstrated
- 6 repeatable success.
- 7 Charlesbank is raising 4 billion for
- Fund XI, which is being established to continue
- their focus on the lower mid-market, an area in
- which our team continues to proactively increase
- our exposure.
- We are recommending a commitment of up
- to \$200 million to Charlesbank Equity Fund XI.
- Eliza and I are happy to answer any
- questions on JMI or Charlesbank.
- 16 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Any questions?
- 17 MR. NAUGHTON: I have my usual question,
- 18 Madam Treasurer, when it comes to some
- investments.
- 20 Could someone provide some specifics on
- 21 the nature of the healthcare investments in this
- 22 proposal?
- MS. HAYNES: Hi, Dennis.
- 24 MR. McGIRR: For which manager, Dennis?

- 1 MR. NAUGHTON: Oh, I wasn't aware that --
- I guess I missed that there was healthcare on the
- 3 first one, Michael.
- 4 Charlesbank.
- 5 MR. McGIRR: Charlesbank. Great.
- 6 MS. HAYNES: Hi, Dennis. Thanks for
- your question, and happy to give a little bit of
- 8 context on their healthcare strategy.
- 9 So most of their investments so far have
- 10 been in the healthcare services channel. So it's
- an area that we have spent a lot of time with the
- team and really understanding their approach.
- And I'm happy to share a view that we
- 14 also share is that as a private equity investor,
- you can't be successful unless you're improving
- 16 access, you're improving clinical outcomes and
- 17 costs. And if you're doing any one of these
- things at the expense of the other two, it's
- really challenging to make money in this space.
- So we've spent a lot of time with the
- 21 team. They have a really impressive reputation
- 22 here, and ultimately we feel comfortable that this
- 23 aligns well with how we view a successful
- 24 healthcare strategy within private equity.

- 1 MR. NAUGHTON: Thank you. I'm 2 particularly happy to hear that they try to strike 3 a balance when it comes to the various factors 4 because, as we know, sometimes that hasn't been 5 the case in healthcare. 6 Thank you very much, Eliza. 7 MS. HAYNES: Thank you. 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there any other 9 questions? 10 MR. BROUSSEAU: Just a comment, Madam 11 Chair. We've had investments with both of these 12 firms for many years. 13 I think, Michael, it probably goes back 14 at least 15 years -- am I correct? -- with the 15 relationships that we've had with both of them, 16 and they've been very successful relationships.
- Some of you may remember back in 2017
 our team did a research project in the growth
 equity space, which resulted in us doing some more
 proactive sourcing which led to JMI. So JMI is
 newer, but it's been a really great partnership

MS. ACKER: That's right. So

Charlesbank is certainly the oldest, going back to

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2000.

- 1 with them since 2018, and we're looking forward to
- 2 continuing that.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Thank you.
- 4 Are there any other questions?
- 5 Hearing none, we have a motion. We have
- 6 a second. We will proceed with the vote.
- 7 Bob?
- 8 MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
- 9 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
- 11 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen?
- MS. FITCH: Yes.
- 13 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa?
- MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Dennis?
- MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.
- 17 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes.
- 18 The motion carries. Thank you.
- 19 All right. The next item on the agenda
- 20 is real estate and timberland. We will have a
- 21 performance summary, and we will have two separate
- voting items.
- So, Tim, I'm certain you're beginning.
- And then who will be doing the two voting items?

- 1 MR. SCHLITZER: Christina and Minching
- will both be speaking separately to those two.
- 3 Christina will start after me.
- 4 TREASURER GOLDBERG: All right. Very
- 5 good.
- 6 MR. SCHLITZER: Good morning. Great to
- 7 see everybody.
- 8 So like the Treasurer said, let me give
- 9 a few performance comments, and then I'll hand it
- 10 over. I'm not going to be referring to any
- 11 slides, but as you know, there's background
- information in your materials.
- So let me just start with our
- 14 allocation. There was no meaningful change to
- real estate or timberland during the quarter. We
- 16 ended at 9.2 percent in real estate or
- 17 \$10.2 billion of NAV, and 2.9 percent or
- 18 3.1 billion in timberland.
- 19 This is a little bit below the
- 20 respective asset class targets of 10 percent and
- 4 percent, but well within range. So I think all
- 22 good there.
- We did add, as you know, \$300 million to
- the REIT portfolio in April.

The market was down about 2.5 percent, 1 2 but the new managers both outperformed the market 3 during what, as you know, was a challenging month. 4 The public market alternatives, so 5 really meaning the source of the funding, was down 6 So overall, I'm considering this a great as well. 7 start. And I do want to thank John La Cara and 8 the team again for running a great process there. 9 On the private side, net real estate 10 capital deployment in the first quarter was 11 118 million, which was represented by one 12 warehouse sale and a small warehouse portfolio 13 acquisition, both in the separate accounts. 14 We began to see an increasingly robust 15 pipeline in the first quarter. That did slow down 16 in April, as you might think, given the 17 environment and the backdrop there, but has begun 18 to pick up a bit again. 19 The team is working on some really 20 interesting opportunities and partnerships in some 21 of the more specialized segments of the logistics 22 and housing markets, which I think could make a 23 lot of sense going forward in 2025. But we do 24 remain relatively cautious these days.

- 1 There was no timberland activity in Q1.
- 2 I believe the entire market only traded about
- 3 500 million in the first quarter so fairly slow on
- 4 the transaction front across the board.
- 5 Just speaking to real estate performance
- for a minute, and Michael touched on it as well,
- 7 total real estate was up 0.7 percent in the first
- 8 quarter. We're glad to see support for valuations
- 9 and a solid income yield coming in from the asset
- 10 class, which we expect to be just under 6 percent
- of our capital in 2025.
- 12 For the one-year period, total real
- estate was roughly flat for the year, but above
- benchmark by 189 basis points. Overall, the
- 15 attributes of the private real estate portfolio,
- 16 which really, as you know, drives our results
- 17 haven't changed.
- 18 On the sector side, industrial and
- 19 apartments, our overweights and representing over
- 20 70 percent of the portfolio have held up quite
- 21 well recently.
- We have a small underweight to the
- retail segment but have benefited overall from
- 24 almost nonexistent new supply levels over the past

- few years and a bit of a capital market resurgence in the sector.
- And then lastly, the traditional office
 underweight continues to be accretive. Medical
 office, and not hospitals, I would add, but
 medical office buildings, where PRIM has an
 overweight, materially outperform the office
 sector, which has helped returns as well.

And then just on the geographic side, we continue to have underweights to two major West Coast markets and overweights to several southern markets, including Atlanta, Miami and Dallas. All of these have helped returns.

Just speaking to leverage, leverage did detract 40 basis points during the year, which has been occurring for a couple years now. We would expect this in a lower return environment. But that impact is really beginning to shrink as returns do normalize.

And we're actually evaluating some additional borrowing options as rates come down and the return environment improves.

But clearly, we're acting cautiously as rate volatility does continue. So I think more to

1 come there. Lastly, on real estate in terms of 2 REITs, REITs had strong performance for the year 3 at 6.1 percent. That's 281 basis points of 4 outperformance. 5 I mentioned the new managers, and I 6 alluded to the negative returns in April. Those 7 were roughly in line with the Russell 2000. 8 And of course happy to answer questions 9 as we go along, but let me just jump into 10 timberland performance. 11 On the one-year, total timberland 12 returned 3.2 percent. That's 375 basis points 13 below benchmark for the year. 14 It's worth pointing out that that 15 underperformance drops to 240 on an unlagged 16 basis, so using the actual March result. Still not 17 a satisfactory number, but a big change in terms 18 of the underperformance. 19 Michael spoke to it, but I'll just add a 20 couple of comments. The underperformance is 21 really concentrated in a few segments.

overweight to non-U.S. markets, particularly New

Zealand, where we saw a valuation decrease due to

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- 1 moderating export log price assumptions.
- We saw a significant decrease in the
- 3 Australian dollar, which had an impact. And then
- 4 PRIM has a couple of assets in the Pacific
- 5 Northwest U.S. that have a lot of export exposure.
- 6 This flowed through to the discount rate and log
- 7 price assumptions during the year, which detracted
- 8 as well.
- 9 One point -- and I'll really end here.
- 10 One point that I think is worth making as well, on
- 11 the shorter term numbers, the regional and asset
- 12 class returns don't necessarily line up with the
- fundamentals in the short term, which is really
- 14 what's most important.
- As an example, from an attribution
- 16 standpoint, the strong Southern U.S. return for
- the year was a big part of the underperformance,
- despite the fact that Southern log prices actually
- 19 declined about 3 percent for the year. So a clear
- 20 mismatch in terms of the returns. We tend to
- focus more on the longer term performance, which
- 22 has been better.
- So I'm going to end there, but I'm happy
- to take any questions from the group.

1 MR. NAUGHTON: Madam Treasurer, if I 2 may. 3 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Yes, absolutely. 4 MR. NAUGHTON: Good morning, Tim. 5 MR. SCHLITZER: Good morning, Dennis. 6 MR. NAUGHTON: So I just have a generic 7 question because it's been on my mind ever since I 8 read about it. And I'm thinking about the sale of 9 99 High Street right there and the Financial 10 District in Boston and what a huge loss the 11 sellers suffered when it sold for 100 million 12 under the assessed value and I think some probably 13 500 million under the original purchase price by 14 the seller. 15 What lessons, if any, are in that? I 16 mean I can see that you take a look at something 17 like that, and if you're the buyer, you say, "Wow. 18 What a great advantage." But you've got to sell 19 it someday. 20 What discussions did you guys have about 21 that, if any? 22 MR. SCHLITZER: Yes. I mean I think --23 so we're tracking all of these transactions. And

clearly there is a resetting of bases in office

- 1 investments, I think to reflect kind of the new
- 2 reality in terms of tenant demand and really the
- 3 investment, the new investment, that's going to be
- 4 required from, in many cases, as you allude to,
- 5 the new landlords to retenant these buildings, put
- 6 in the required capital, build out the spaces.
- We are entering a new cycle for office.
- 8 And by the way, we're going to talk about this in
- 9 a minute when Christina makes some of her
- 10 comments.
- 11 I will say without any detail personally
- because I don't have a lot of the detail, but on
- 13 99 High, that is a very heavily structured
- 14 transaction. The numbers that were reported from
- the major media outlets don't really fully grasp
- the sources of the capital and how it's ultimately
- 17 going to come out hopefully when the business plan
- 18 is achieved.
- 19 So there's more happening behind the
- scenes, but that's what I would say to answer that
- 21 question. But we think that there is potentially
- some real opportunity in the office space going
- forward.
- 24 And we can make that segue to Christina

- 1 in a moment to talk more about that.
- 2 MR. NAUGHTON: Thank you, Tim.
- 3 MR. TROTSKY: And would you also say
- 4 that the highest quality buildings are in better
- 5 shape than the A minus or B buildings? And that's
- 6 a lesson we can learn?
- 7 MR. SCHLITZER: For sure. And I think
- 8 that there's even more segmentation in the market
- 9 as well. There's more tiering of quality. But
- 10 without a doubt, the newest buildings are
- 11 performing the best and really are very well-
- 12 occupied.
- 13 Our building is in that category,
- 14 53 State. A little bit older, but really a
- 15 Class A, maybe even Class A plus building, which
- is very well-occupied.
- 17 It's the older product that will be more
- 18 challenged and require more capital going forward.
- 19 MS. D'AMATO: This is Catherine.
- I think there's one example that's
- 21 showing some interesting -- like, from the
- 22 nonprofit community coming in and buying some of
- these buildings. Like 65 Franklin Street went to
- 24 Breaktime. They're now going to -- they have

- 1 three other organizations coming into their office
- 2 space into that building. So to generate -- I
- 3 think it's -- I don't know how many hundreds of
- 4 thousands in rent.
- 5 So just these littles that are just --
- 6 it gives an opportunity also for a different kind
- 7 of commerce that's going to exist in some of
- 8 these.
- 9 It doesn't take care of the debt in
- 10 terms of what originally those buildings were
- 11 going for, but it's interesting that it just
- 12 creates a different opportunity for some of these.
- I know there's also been attempts to
- 14 convert some of these to housing, which has not
- been necessarily successful. And so those are
- 16 just some other factors, that there's a lot of
- 17 little moneys, I would call them, being given to
- some developers where buildings can be converted.
- 19 I mean they're not made and were not
- constructed to have individual, for example,
- 21 bathrooms where they have a stack, et cetera, of
- them.
- So it's just some odd little things that
- 24 may or may not contribute to some of this

- 1 happening in downtown Boston.
- 2 MR. SCHLITZER: Yes. Those are really
- 3 good comments.
- 4 We talk a lot about this, and we talk a
- 5 lot about this with our committee members. And we
- 6 certainly don't want to be naive about the massive
- 7 changes that are occurring in the office market,
- 8 but this in many ways is a matter of timing.
- 9 There's a flight to quality, as Michael said.
- 10 There is going to be recovery in the
- office market. You're seeing it here and there.
- 12 You're seeing tenants step in and buyers step in
- as you alluded to, Catherine.
- 14 And then on the conversions, those are
- 15 very viable. It's not going to save the office
- 16 market, but they're very viable. You're clearly
- in tune with the fact that it is not easy to add
- the required sprinklering and fire alarms and
- 19 kitchens and bathrooms and adding 50 of those to a
- 20 building. It's hard and expensive, but it is
- 21 viable.
- It's just going to take some time to do
- that as well.
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes. And I mean you see

- 1 these ones and two successes, but they're not --
- 2 and there's a hundred -- not a hundred, but there
- 3 might be 50 buildings that just won't ever make
- 4 it.
- 5 MR. SCHLITZER: That's right.
- 6 MS. D'AMATO: There are some successes.
- 7 MR. SCHLITZER: Yes. For sure.
- 8 So thank you again. Again, those are my
- 9 comments. And this could be a good segue to
- 10 Christina.
- 11 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Christina.
- 12 I'm going to seek a motion that the PRIM
- Board approve the Real Estate and Timberland
- 14 Committee's recommendation to approve a commitment
- of up to \$75 million to DivCore Fund VII U.S., LP
- and up to \$75 million to co-investment capital to
- 17 be invested at staff discretion alongside Fund VII
- as described in the expanded agenda, and further
- 19 to authorize the executive director to take all
- 20 actions necessary to effectuate this vote.
- 21 Is there a motion?
- MR. NAUGHTON: So moved.
- MR. BROUSSEAU: So moved.
- 24 TREASURER GOLDBERG: And a second?

1 MR. BROUSSEAU: Second. 2 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. Christina, 3 please. 4 MS. MARCARELLI: Great. Thank you. 5 And thank you for the questions and the 6 comments. That is a really nice segue to talk 7 about DivCo. 8 So good morning again, everyone. My 9 name is Christina Marcarelli. I'm a senior 10 investment officer on the real estate and 11 timberland team. 12 We're recommending a commitment of up to 13 \$75 million to DivCore Fund VII, with an 14 additional \$75 million of co-investment capital to 15 be invested in future co-investment opportunities 16 at staff discretion. 17 As a reminder, DivCo is a U.S.-focused, 18 vertically integrated real estate investment 19 manager with extensive platforms in both debt and 20 equity. 21 Fund VII is a continuation of DivCo's 22 flagship value/add and opportunistic fund series,

where PRIM has invested for 14 years, beginning

with DivCo Fund III in 2011. Fund VII will

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- primarily target high quality real estateopportunities resulting from distressed pricing.
- DivCo will leverage its in-house credit

 and equity platforms to source transactions from

 distressed owners and lenders, targeting both debt

 and equity opportunities at steep discounts to

7 replacement cost.

DivCo's predecessor vehicles heavily favored office investments, as they've been an office specialist historically. The most recent fund, Fund VI, employed a broader investment mandate, which included more non-office sectors like residential, hospitality, preferred equity and debt. And we expect Fund VII to be similarly diversified across sectors, although we do expect there to be an exposure to office in this next fund, both debt and equity exposure.

Our primary rationale for making the recommendation is DivCo's senior leadership team, who we have known for many years and who have significant experience investing throughout cycles, and their deep market relationships.

Throughout 30 years of investing, DivCo has developed strong relationships with tenants,

- owners and lenders, which they expect to leverage
- 2 to deploy this next fund.
- 3 DivCo has exhibited skill investing out
- 4 of downturns and recessionary environments. And
- 5 across the real estate portfolio, PRIM doesn't
- 6 have any other meaningful exposure to distressed
- 7 investing.
- 8 I'll make a few points on DivCo's
- 9 performance history. Fund I through IV, which
- were vintage years 2003 to 2013, were consistently
- 11 strong performers, which really displayed DivCo's
- ability to select attractive investments and add
- value by leveraging their relationships through
- 14 leasing and asset management.
- 15 It's important to note that the most
- recent two funds in the series, Funds V and VI,
- 17 performance has lagged expectations. However,
- 18 after digging into this performance, our team is
- 19 confident that the underperformance is more
- 20 attributable to market dynamics like the COVID
- 21 pandemic and subsequent rise in interest rates
- rather than flawed underwriting or investment
- 23 decisions.
- So importantly, we look back to

1	performance in earlier vintage funds, including
2	vintage years that straddled the GFC, where
3	performance was very strong, and we believe are
4	representative of what DivCo does best, which is
5	invest in recessionary and post-correction
6	environments.
7	And DivCo believes, and is similar to
8	the conversation that we were just having, that
9	the next two years will present opportunities to
10	capitalize on distressed pricing. We believe
11	DivCois well-positioned to take advantage of
12	this distress.
13	So we're recommending a \$75 million
14	commitment to Fund VII and a \$75 million
15	commitment to co-investment, which is important
16	because we believe that the co-investment piece
17	can add exposure to PRIM's portfolio that we feel are
18	investments with even better risk-adjusted
19	returns, and we can leverage that.
20	So happy to answer any additional
21	questions. Thank you.
22	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Questions for
23	Christina?

24 Hearing none, I'll proceed with the

1 vote. 2 Bob? 3 MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes. 4 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine? 5 MS. D'AMATO: Yes. TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen? 6 7 MS. FITCH: Yes. 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa? 9 MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes. 10 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Dennis? 11 MR. NAUGHTON: Yes. TREASURER GOLDBERG: 12 Myself, yes. 13 The motion carries. Thank you. 14 We next have a timberland appraisal 15 recommendation. Right? 16 MR. SCHLITZER: That's Minching. 17 that's exactly --18 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. Just double-19 checking that I didn't miss anything. 20 Okay. I would seek a motion that the 21 PRIM Board approve the Real Estate and Timberland 22 Committee's recommendation to approve the eight 23 firms, listed in the expanded agenda, be placed on 24 PRIM's list of approved timberland appraisers, and

- 1 further to authorize the executive director to
- 2 take all actions necessary to effectuate this
- 3 vote.
- 4 Is there a motion?
- 5 MR. BROUSSEAU: So moved.
- 6 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Is there a second?
- 7 MS. FITCH: Second.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Minching.
- 9 MS. KAO: Thank you, Madam Treasurer.
- 10 And good morning, everyone. My name is
- 11 Minching Kao, investment officer on the real
- 12 estate and timberland team.
- 13 With your approval, PRIM issued a
- 14 timberland appraisal services RFQ on March 17 with
- a response deadline of April 7. As part of the
- 16 evaluation process, we formed an evaluation
- 17 committee, which consisted of the real estate and
- 18 timberland team.
- 19 By the response deadline, we received
- 20 eight responses. All of them were from firms that
- 21 PRIM has existing business relationships with.
- The evaluation committee thoroughly
- 23 reviewed the responses and verified their
- 24 qualifications and quality of work based on PRIM's

- 1 firsthand experience. There were a few
- 2 organizational changes, but the evaluation
- 3 committee does not expect any material impact to
- 4 service because of adequate succession planning.
- 5 Accordingly, we have determined that all
- 6 eight firms are qualified to provide appraisal
- 7 services for PRIM. We recommend the eight firms
- 8 be placed on PRIM's approved timberland appraisal
- 9 list. And the eight firms are: American Forest
- 10 Management, Forest Resource Consultants, Legacy
- 11 Appraisal Services, Mason, Bruce & Girard; Sewall
- 12 Forestry & Natural Resource Consulting, Sizemore &
- 13 Sizemore. The Healy Company, and Timberland
- 14 Appraisal, Inc.
- And with that, we are happy to take any
- 16 questions that you might have.
- 17 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there questions
- 18 for Minching?
- 19 Hearing none, we will proceed with the
- 20 vote.
- 21 Bob?
- MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes.

1	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen?
2	MS. FITCH: Yes.
3	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa?
4	Oops. Okay. I think we lost Theresa.
5	MR. FALZONE: She may have stepped away.
6	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Yes.
7	Dennis?
8	MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.
9	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes.
10	The motion carries.
11	All right, then. Now we are moving on
12	to the steward partnership recommendations,
13	Ownership Works and EDCI. This is a voting item.
14	And Veena has joined us.
15	Hi, Veena. Do you want to do any kind
16	of update before we do the voting item, Veena?
17	MS. RAMANI: Happy to go straight to the
18	voting item, Madam.
19	TREASURER GOLDBERG: All right. So I
20	will seek a motion that the PRIM Board approve the
21	Stewardship and Sustainability Committee's
22	recommendation to approve partnerships with
23	Ownership Works and the ESG Data Convergence
24	Initiative as described in the expanded agenda,

- 1 and further to authorize the executive director to
- 2 take all actions necessary to effectuate this
- 3 vote.
- 4 Is there a motion?
- 5 MS. FITCH: So moved.
- 6 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Is there a second?
- 7 MR. BROUSSEAU: Second.
- 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. Now I'm
- 9 going to turn it back to you, Veena.
- 10 MS. RAMANI: Thank you, Madam Treasurer.
- 11 And good morning, everybody. I'm Veena
- 12 Ramani. I'm the director of stewardship.
- 13 And in the April Stewardship and
- 14 Sustainability Committee meeting, which happened
- on a morning that was not raining, we dug deeper
- into how the stewardship team works across the
- organization to operationalize our stewardship
- priorities, and we began our show-and-tell with
- 19 the private equity team.
- 20 And building on this, the committee
- voted to approve our recommendation that MassPRIM
- joins two investor groups to advance our
- 23 stewardship priorities in private markets, and
- these groups are Ownership Works and the ESG Data

- 1 Convergence Initiative.
- 2 A quick reminder about our governance
- g process here. So last year, the Board approved
- 4 our engagement policy. The policy highlighted
- that partnerships with investor groups who share
- our objectives is an important way to amplify
- 7 impact and engage on our stewardship efforts.
- 8 The policy also identified questions
- g that we would ask ourselves in identifying
- opportunities for engagement. Is the engagement
- on an issue relevant to long-term value creation?
- Will the engagement help us learn and promote
- innovation? Will engagement lead to a measurable
- outcome? And does Mass. PRIM have the expertise
- or standing to influence an outcome?
- And over the past months, we've spent
- time gathering answers to these questions for the
- organizations we're bringing forward. We've
- spoken to staff and LP and GP members to clearly
- understand the expectations in joining these
- organizations, what we would commit to, and the
- value proposition, what we would get out of it.
- Appendix I captures the details of what
- we found, but to summarize, Ownership Works is a

membership-based nonprofit organization with a
mission to promote employee shared ownership and
provide employees with meaningful wealth-building

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opportunities.

- We recommend joining Ownership Works as

 we believe that this would allow us to advance the

 issue of fair pay within the context of private

 markets.
- 9 Ownership Works' approach, which is to
 10 unpack the business case for shared ownership, is
 11 well-aligned with how we think about it. And they
 12 have a research- and data-oriented approach that
 13 resonates with us.
- As a part of our membership, Mike McGirr
 would join the group's LP leadership council.

 This would allow us to both learn from the group,

as well as influence its research and approach.

- The ESG Data Convergence Initiative, or EDCI, is a joint project of GPs and LPs with the mission to advance comparable and standardized sustainability reporting in private markets.
- Joining the EDCI would help us advance our stewardship priority of transparency, as well as build the data availability that allows us to

- go deeper on other topics, including climate 1 2 transition planning. 3 You cannot make good decisions without 4 good and comparable information. And joining a 5 group like EDCI would allow us to support the 6 growth of decision-useful transparency in private 7 markets writ large. 8 By joining the EDCI, we would commit to 9 using EDCI-approved metrics when collecting 10 baseline information on topics like climate change 11 or human capital performance and in turn would 12 have the ability to easily gather the information on these topics from our GPs through the EDCI 13 14 platform and access relevant benchmarks. 15 So let me stop there. I'm happy to 16 answer any questions. 17 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there questions for Veena? 18 19 Hearing none, if there are no further 20 questions, we will proceed. We have a motion. 21 have a second. We'll proceed with the vote.
- Bob?
- MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
- 24 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?

1 MS. D'AMATO: Yes. 2 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen? 3 MS. FITCH: Yes. 4 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa? 5 MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes. TREASURER GOLDBERG: 6 Dennis? 7 MR. NAUGHTON: Yes. 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes. 9 The motion carries. Thank you, Veena. 10 11 Okay. We are moving on to finance and 12 administration, and we will start with the fiscal 13 year 2026 operating budget, which will be a voting 14 item. And --15 MR. FALZONE: Would you like to read the 16 motion? 17 TREASURER GOLDBERG: I was just about to 18 do that. 19 MR. FALZONE: Okay. 20 TREASURER GOLDBERG: I seek a motion 21 that the PRIM Board approve the Administration and 22 Audit Committee's recommendation to approve the 23 draft fiscal year 2026 operating budget attached

as Appendix J in the expanded agenda, and further

- 1 to authorize the executive director to take all
- 2 actions necessary to effectuate this vote.
- 3 Is there a motion?
- 4 MR. BROUSSEAU: So moved.
- 5 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Second?
- 6 MS. FITCH: Second.
- 7 MS. McGOLDRICK: Thank you.
- 8 Take it away.
- 9 MR. FALZONE: Thank you.
- 10 Good morning, everyone. For the record,
- 11 my name is Anthony Falzone, deputy executive
- 12 director and chief operating officer.
- 13 I'm at the bottom of page 17 on the
- 14 expanded agenda, and the budget document itself is
- 15 at Appendix J in your packet.
- 16 So I figured I will start and then pass
- 17 it to Deb Coulter, PRIM's chief financial officer
- 18 and chief administration officer.
- 19 TREASURER GOLDBERG: See, that's who I
- was actually, when I was going like this, looking
- 21 for.
- I don't see her on here. Oh, there you
- 23 are. Okay. Got it.
- I was, like, going through the boxes.

MR. FALZONE: This doesn't work without 1 her, for sure. 2 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Yes. Well, I saw 3 you smiling and nodding, but I was like, I am 4 looking for someone else. 5 MR. FALZONE: So I'll begin by thanking 6 Deb and the entire finance team for their hard 7 work creating the budget. 8 And then there's many other contributors 9 who helped along the way. The fiscal year 10 operating budget process is truly an organization-11 wide collaboration. And it includes contributions 12 from various teams on the investment side of the 13 house as well. 14 And as a reminder, PRIM operates outside 15 the state budget and relies on investment returns 16 to support its operations. We are not a line item 17 on the state budget. 18 So starting on page 1, the total fiscal 19 year 2026 budget is projected to be \$603.6 20 million or 50.2 basis points of the projected 21 average PRITFund assets. That amounts to an 22 increase of 23 \$44.4 million or 7.9 percent from the prior year. 24 And the budget is based on continued asset

growth,

- 1 using NEPC's 10-year growth assumptions, which is
- 2 6.9 percent.
- We continue to manage costs in a way
- 4 that has allowed PRIM to maintain consistent
- 5 expense ratios year-over-year. I'm always
- 6 sensitive to increases in budget, but with that
- 7 said, approximately 95 percent of the budget
- 8 covers expenses for external investment management
- 9 fees, advisors, service providers and consultants
- outside of PRIM's four walls. And these costs are
- 11 required to manage the PRIT Fund successfully.
- 12 And with the PRIT Fund's assets
- continuing to grow, the expense of managing those
- 14 assets will also increase. Asset growth is a good
- thing, but it will also increase expenses.
- 16 The pie chart on page 2 of the budget
- 17 shows that breakdown.
- 18 If you isolate the investment management
- 19 fees, they make up over 90 percent of the budget.
- 20 And Deb will provide more detail on these areas,
- 21 but these are variable costs. These are fees paid
- to our investment managers to manage the assets of
- the PRIT Fund.
- 24 These typically are based on the asset

- 1 value or complexity of our investments. So our
- 2 actual costs will fluctuate as our investments'
- 3 value rise or fall. Passive indexing investing is
- 4 less expensive than investing in more complex
- 5 active strategies. So complexity also plays a
- 6 role in expenses.
- 7 Before handing it off, I do want to make
- 8 a few comments and speak about the bigger picture.
- 9 And I say this every year, but it's worth
- 10 repeating. The size of any particular asset
- 11 allocation or asset class does not directly relate
- to the size of the expense. High-performing
- private alternatives will have higher fee
- 14 structures than, say, the public markets or
- passive investments. Historically, it's been a
- 16 wise investment.
- 17 None of us here at PRIM like to pay high
- 18 fees, and the investment team does a good job
- 19 negotiating fees down. You heard about some fee
- 20 savings earlier in the agenda.
- 21 But alternatives that help diversify the
- 22 PRIT Fund are a critical component of PRIM's asset
- 23 allocation that historically has allowed the fund
- to exceed that 7 percent actuarial rate of return.

1 The pie chart on page 3 of the budget 2 reflects that and is the allocation per strategy. 3 So with that said, I'll hand it over to 4 Deb. Thank you. 5 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Thank you, Tony. 6 MS. COULTER: Great. Thanks. Tonv. and 7 good morning, everyone. 8 I'm Deb Coulter, PRIM's chief financial officer. And I'll be giving you a little more 9 detail on the changes in the budget contributing 10 to the 7.9 percent year-over-year increase. 11 So the budget is divided into two main 12 sections: investment expenses, which are the 13 costs directly associated with managing the PRIT 14 Fund and make up almost 95 percent of the entire 15 budget, and non-investment expenses, which are 16 PRIM's operational costs that make up the 17 remaining 5 percent. 18 So starting on page 4 of the budget, 19 investment management fees are budgeted to 20 increase by approximately \$40.7 million, driven 21 by projected growth in PRIT Fund assets. 22 The most significant year-over-year 23

increases are seen in private equity, where the

- team has an annual commitment goal of \$2 to
- 2 \$3 billion in new funds, co-investments and
- 3 secondary opportunities, and in portfolio
- 4 completion strategies, or PCS, where asset values
- 5 have increased significantly in the current fiscal
- 6 year. And we're projecting continued growth,
- 7 particularly in the hedge fund portfolio.
- In the next section, investment service
- g provider fees are increasing by \$2.8 million,
- mainly due to an increase in fees for our managed
- account platform provider for our PCS and OCO
- portfolios. These fees are asset-based. So as we
- add new accounts and the assets continue to grow,
- these fees will also increase.
- This section of the budget also includes
- a full year of fees for our new performance
- reporting tool, which has significantly
- streamlined our performance data and improved our
- analytical and reporting capabilities.
- Now turning to page 5, non-investment
- expenses, this section includes expenses that
- support PRIM's daily operations. Operational
- expenses are expected to increase \$1.2 million,
- primarily driven by budgeted increases in

- compensation and technology to support continued organizational growth.
- We've also included funding for

 potential AI tools as we explore ways to leverage

 this technology across the organization.
- Additionally, this year's budget

 includes the costs associated with administering

 the two PRIM Board elections which are conducted

 every three years and are scheduled to take place

 in fiscal year '26.

And lastly, moving on to non-investment service providers, this category is actually decreasing by \$215,000. And that's mainly due to a budget reallocation. We've moved certain costs, including our proxy service provider fees, from this section to the stewardship and sustainability line item, to better align these expenses with the appropriate section of the budget. So it's more of a geography issue and not a true decrease in expenses.

Other expenses in this section remain relatively flat with a slight increase in IT consulting fees to support ongoing projects.

So in summary, the fiscal year '26

- 1 budget is increasing due to projected growth in
- 2 PRIT Fund assets and expanded investments in
- 3 technology, staffing and tools to support that
- 4 growth.
- 5 Before I finish, I wanted to thank the
- 6 entire finance and operations teams for their hard
- 7 work in developing this year's budget,
- 8 specifically Dan Eckman, Sara Coelho and George
- 9 Tsipakis, along with the asset class heads, who
- 10 all contributed to the budgeting process.
- And with that, we'd be happy to answer
- 12 any questions you may have.
- MR. NAUGHTON: I just have a comment,
- 14 Treasurer, if I may.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Yes.
- MR. NAUGHTON: As I think I said at the
- 17 A&A subcommittee meeting, I just want to thank
- Tony and Deb and all of the people that she just
- 19 recounted who are behind us for giving us an end
- 20 product that's very concise and clear and well-
- 21 presented.
- Thank you.
- MR. FALZONE: Thank you.
- 24 MS. COULTER: Thanks, Dennis.

TREASURER GOLDBERG: 1 Thank you, Dennis. 2 Are there any other questions or 3 comments? MR. BROUSSEAU: Madam Chair, I would 4 just like to echo what Dennis just said. As chair 5 of the committee, of course, this is an annual 6 exercise that we go through, but it's amazing, of 7 course, how we manage, I think, to maintain our 8 costs at just 52 basis points. 9 And if you look at over the years, we've 10 been in that area, 52, 53 and, worse, there's been 11 And 52 basis points shows that the fund is 55. 12 very well-managed at a very low cost as far as I'm 13 concerned. 14 And again, the team has done a 15 magnificent job again this year in preparing this 16 budget for consideration, especially where we're 17 going to see increases in assets. 18 Hopefully, the economy remains strong. 19 We would like to see it go from \$110 to 20 \$116 billion in assets because every increase of 21 course is -- we're filling that bucket, even 22 though you say, Madam Treasurer, that there's a 23 hole in that bucket that we have to keep 24

- 1 replenishing every single year and hopefully still
- 2 happen.
- 3 I'm also very pleased to see that
- 4 operations -- I don't know how we managed to run
- 5 the organization on an operations no more than
- 6 about 4 to 5 percent of the total budget. So that
- 7 includes salaries and all of the office expenses
- 8 that go along with this.
- 9 So kudos to the staff and also to the
- 10 leadership, Mike and also all of the team there at
- 11 PRIM.
- MR. FALZONE: Thanks, Bob.
- 13 MS. FITCH: Well said.
- 14 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Thank you, Bob.
- With that, I think we will turn to the
- 16 vote.
- 17 Bob?
- MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
- 19 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen?
- MS. FITCH: Yes.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa?
- MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes.

- 1 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Dennis?
- MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.
- 3 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes.
- 4 The motion carries.
- 5 Okay. The next item on the agenda is --
- 6 give me one minute.
- 7 MR. BROUSSEAU: Bylaw.
- 8 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Where did my -- I
- 9 had it right here. Somehow my papers just got
- 10 moved around.
- 11 Help me out here, Tony.
- 12 MR. FALZONE: There's a legal,
- 13 legislative update so we're going to start --
- 14 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay. Here we go.
- 15 Sorry. I found it.
- 16 This always happens right about this
- 17 time. I need some extra coffee.
- We have a legal update and the PRIM
- bylaw review, which is a voting item, followed by
- 20 legislative update.
- Okay then. Renee, are you presenting on
- 22 this?
- MR. FALZONE: We have Kevin Conroy
- joining today.

- 1 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Oh, Kevin. Hello.
- 2 MR. CONROY: Hey. Good morning,
- 3 Treasurer. How are you?
- 4 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Snuck in on me.
- 5 All right. I'll tell you what I'm going
- 6 to do. I am going to seek a motion and a second.
- 7 And then we will let you, Kevin, take over.
- 8 So I seek a motion that the PRIM Board
- 9 approve the Administration and Audit Committee's
- 10 recommendation to approve the amended PRIM bylaws,
- 11 attached as Appendix K in the expanded agenda, and
- 12 further to authorize the executive director to
- take all actions necessary to effectuate this
- 14 vote.
- 15 Is there a motion?
- MR. BROUSSEAU: So moved.
- MS. FITCH: So moved.
- 18 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Is there a second?
- MS. FITCH: Second.
- MS. McGOLDRICK: Second.
- 21 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Kevin.
- MR. CONROY: Good to see you, Treasurer,
- and it's good to see the rest of the Board
- 24 members. Thank you for having me back. I'll be

- 1 quick today.
- 2 As all of you know, PRIM is required by
- 3 statute to administer two elections for two
- different Board seats. There's a seat that's
- 5 chosen by the members of the Teachers Retirement
- 6 System, and then there is a seat chosen by the
- 7 members of the State Employees Retirement System.
- The recent death of a PRIM Board member
- elected by the members of the State Employees
- Retirement System has led PRIM and staff to review
- its governing documents regarding the process to
- fill a vacancy during a Board member's term for
- these two seats.
- It's important to note that these two
- seats each have a term of three years. Our review
- found that the PRIM bylaws could be more concrete
- about the process PRIM uses if there is a vacancy
- in either of these two Board seats.
- Just a little context here. As you
- 20 probably know, it generally takes PRIM about nine
- months to administer the election for these seats.
- This process includes notification to the members
- of the retirement systems, the distribution of the
- ballots, and the return and the counting of the

- 1 ballots.
- 2 For the terms of these members ending
- June 30, 2026, we would normally begin that
- 4 process in September or October of this year.
- 5 Based on the above, and this is at
- 6 Appendix K of your packet, we have proposed and we
- 7 discussed last week with the Administration and
- Audit Committee that the PRIM bylaws be amended to
- 9 provide -- and I'll just read it so you can follow
- 10 along.
- "Any vacancy among the elected members
- that may occur before the expiration of a term
- shall remain unfilled until a new member is
- elected at the next regularly scheduled election
- for such position; provided, however, that if the
- vacancy occurs during the fist 15 months of the
- term, the Board will hold a special election at
- the Board's expense and at the time and in the
- manner determined by the Board to fill such
- vacancy prior to the expiration of a term."
- 21 We think that this change and this
- amendment to the bylaws balances the competing
- interests that we have here, which is ensuring
- that the Teachers and the State Employees

- 1 Retirement Systems' Board seats are not vacant
- for an extended period of time, while ensuring
- 3 that the special election and regular election
- 4 processes for the same seat do not occur either at
- the same time or very close to each other. That
- 6 would cause voter confusion and potentially a
- 7 waste of resources.
- And so this is the proposal we have
- 9 before you.
- 10 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Questions for
- 11 Kevin?
- 12 MS. FITCH: I think it's sensible.
- 13 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Any other questions
- or comments? I don't hear any objections.
- MR. BROUSSEAU: It enables continuity on
- the Board in a situation like this when there is
- a vacancy.
- MR. FALZONE: The benefit of having
- quite a few Board members on the Administration
- and Audit Committee makes this fairly smooth
- 21 process too so that helps. A lot of people have
- heard this already.
- TREASURER GOLDBERG: That's correct.
- All right. Then we will proceed with the vote.

1	Bob?
2	MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes.
3	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine?
4	MS. D'AMATO: Yes.
5	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen?
6	MS. FITCH: Yes.
7	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa?
8	MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes.
9	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Dennis?
10	MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.
11	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes.
12	The motion carries.
13	MR. CONROY: Thank you.
14	MR. FALZONE: Thank you.
15	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Now we have the
16	legislative update. Is Emily here?
17	There we go.
18	MS. KOWTONIUK: Hello, everyone.
19	So since the last time we met, remote
20	meetings have been extended through June 30 of
21	2027.
22	We also have the FY '26 budget in the
23	works. It's been passed in the house and will
24	likely pass in the senate today.

1 We were watching those PRIM Board 2 composition amendments, which, as a reminder, tend 3 to come in through the house. They were rejected 4 in both the house and senate this year so they 5 will not be pending before the conference 6 committee. 7 We also have joint committees. hearings are now under way. We're hearing that 8 9 they're going to be operating under a bifurcated 10 process where house members will be voting on 11 house bills and senate members will be voting on 12 senate bills. 13 So more to come on that, but we are 14 still tracking sort of those three buckets of 15 bills related to PRIM. 16 So that's it for me. 17 MS. D'AMATO: Emily, will you say that 18 again about the bifurcated process? Is that -- I 19 don't understand how they can do that. So help me 20 understand. 21 MS. KOWTONIUK: Right. So what we're 22 hearing -- and again, this is sort of unofficial 23 because we don't have rules yet.

But what we're hearing is that in joint

- 1 committees, if it's a house-numbered bill, then
- 2 house members will be able to sort of vote on
- 3 referring the bill yea or nay out of committee,
- 4 whereas if it's a senate-numbered bill --
- 5 MS. D'AMATO: I got it.
- 6 MS. KOWTONIUK: -- senate members will
- 7 vote on that piece of legislation to sort of
- 8 progress it.
- 9 So each chamber can move on their own
- 10 timeline.
- 11 MS. D'AMATO: For those that are joint?
- MS. KOWTONIUK: Correct.
- MS. D'AMATO: Okay. Thank you.
- 14 All right. And do you have a time frame
- 15 for the appointment of a conference committee?
- MS. KOWTONIUK: It usually happens like
- 17 the first week in June, I would say.
- The members, if past is precedent, are
- sort of preordained. So we don't expect any
- 20 surprises on that front.
- 21 And again, I think they are trying to
- meet the July 1 deadline, but we will see.
- MS. D'AMATO: Yes. They haven't met it
- for several years so I'm sure we'll go into July

- 1 for a little bit, the way the holiday falls.
- 2 MS. KOWTONIUK: Yes.
- 3 MS. D'AMATO: Thank you.
- 4 MS. KOWTONIUK: Yes.
- 5 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Thank you, Emily.
- 6 Unless there are other questions for
- 7 Emily?
- 8 Okay then. The other matters are March
- 9 operating budget, travel report and client
- 10 services. Those are just --
- 11 MR. FALZONE: Informational.
- 12 TREASURER GOLDBERG: I was just going to
- 13 say that.
- 14 MR. FALZONE: I have no prepared
- 15 remarks.
- Thank you.
- 17 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Are there any other
- 18 questions whatsoever?
- 19 Hearing none --
- 20 MR. BROUSSEAU: Just one question, Madam
- 21 Treasurer.
- Does Michael -- is this a year where we
- 23 have a client conference set? Will that be next
- 24 year?

1 We've had client conference usually 2 every other year, correct? 3 MR. TROTSKY: Right. That would be next 4 year. 5 MR. BROUSSEAU: Okay. 2026? MR. TROTSKY: Yes. 6 7 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Okay then. With 8 that, I would seek a motion --9 First of all, thank you, everyone. 10 And then I will seek a motion to 11 adjourn. 12 MS. FITCH: So moved. 13 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Second? 14 MR. BROUSSEAU: Second. 15 TREASURER GOLDBERG: I will do a roll call. 16 17 Bob? 18 MR. BROUSSEAU: Yes. 19 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Catherine? 20 MS. D'AMATO: Yes. 21 TREASURER GOLDBERG: Ruth Ellen? 22 MS. FITCH: Yes.

TREASURER GOLDBERG: Theresa?

MS. McGOLDRICK: Yes.

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1	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Dennis?
2	MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.
3	TREASURER GOLDBERG: Myself, yes.
4	The motion carries.
5	Thank you, everyone.
6	(Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.)
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