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City of Cincinnati Retirement System
Investment Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2026 / 12:00 P.M.
City Hall – Council Chambers and remote

Board Members
Sonya Morris, Chair
Aliya Riddle, Co-Chair
Bill Moller
Tom Gamel
Kathy Rahtz
Mark Menkhaus Jr.
Monica Morton
Tom West
Mia Rivolta

Administration
Jon Salstrom

Marquette
Brett Christenson

Law
Kevin Frank

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and a roll call of attendance was taken. Committee Members Morris, Riddle, Moller, Gamel, Rahtz, Menkhaus, Morton, West, and Rivolta were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Committee Member Moller moved to approve the minutes of the Investment Committee meeting of February 5, 2026. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Gamel. The minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business
Update on Hedge Fund Investment
All planned hedge fund investments have now been funded and deployed. Three hedge fund managers were funded on April1, with the remaining two funded May 1. Capital has now been fully invested across all five hedge fund managers.

Update on New Investment Analyst Hire
An employment offer has been accepted, and the new hire is expected to begin in late June.

New Business

Current Market Environment Report

Fixed Income: First-quarter returns were mostly flat as March rate increases offset earlier gains. Higher inflation concerns and wider credit spreads created headwinds, but elevated bond yields continue to provide attractive income opportunities. While AI disruption and leveraged loan stress have increased default risks, the overall outlook remains constructive, with few additional Fed rate cuts expected.

U.S. Equities: Rising geopolitical tensions and persistent inflation may keep the Federal Reserve's policy restrictive for longer. Investors are favoring defensive, value-oriented stocks as economic growth slows, consumer sentiment weakens, and policy uncertainty increases, leading to a more cautious outlook for risk assets.

Non-U.S. Equities: Opportunities remain in areas such as Asian technology and European infrastructure, but geopolitical risks—particularly the Iran conflict and potential disruptions to the Strait of Hormuz—could increase inflation, disrupt supply chains, and weigh on global economic growth.

Real Assets: The outlook remains positive as open-end core real estate continues to recover, supported by increased transaction activity and improved lending conditions. Infrastructure remains a stable source of income through regulated or contracted cash flows, while strong demand for AI-related data centers continues to drive investor interest.

Private Equity: The outlook remains positive, supported by improving financing conditions, lower interest rates, stronger exit markets, and continued investment in high-growth sectors like AI. Recovery is expected to be gradual, with performance varying across strategies.

Private Credit: The asset class continues to offer attractive yields with stable fundamentals, including low defaults and healthy borrower metrics. Market volatility may improve pricing and lending terms, while pockets of rising distress could create attractive investment opportunities in capital solutions and secondary markets.

Quarterly Investment Report

A new Investment Policy Statement (IPS) was approved at the February meeting. The plan completed its initial investments in Silver Point, Manager A, and Kirkoswald during the quarter, while commitments to 463 and Whitebox remain unfunded. An additional $10 million was committed to Bain Global Direct Lending and AG Direct Lending. During 1Q26, the plan's Private Debt portfolio called $1.4 million and distributed $2.4 million, while the Private Equity portfolio called $6.8 million and distributed $13.9 million, resulting in net positive distributions from both asset classes.

Committee Member Moller made a motion to approve the Marquette Current Market Environment Report and the Quarterly Investment Report. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Gamel and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

Following a motion to adjourn by Committee Member Gamel and seconded by Committee Member Menkhaus. The Board approved the motion by unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Meeting video link: https://archive.org/details/crs-investment-5-7-26

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom

Jon Salstrom

Secretary