

**Maryland 529 Board
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**February 23 2017
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Maryland 529
217 E. Redwood Street, Suite 1350
Baltimore, MD 21202**

Board Members/Designees Present

Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer and
Board Chair
Carol Coughlin
Andrew Friedson, Comptroller's
Designee
Geoffrey Newman, Secretary of Higher
Education's Designee
Keith Persinger
Pamela Purcell, Chancellor, University
System of Maryland's Designee
Steven Serra, State Superintendent of
School's Designee
Dee Anna Sobczak
Charles Tharp
Lisa Weah

Board Members/Designees Absent

Carol Beatty, Secretary of Disabilities

Staff, Representatives and Guests

Lauren Shipley, Executive Director
Erin Layton, Director of Investment and
Cash Management
Bernadette Benik, Chief Deputy
Treasurer
Susanne Brogan, Deputy Treasurer for
Public Policy
Meghan Marek, Assistant Attorney
General
Glenn Ross, Marquette Associates
David Smith, Marquette Associates
Tom Kazmierczak, T. Rowe Price
Investment Services, Inc.
Audra Jones, T. Rowe Price Investment
Services, Inc.
Christine Akins, T. Rowe Price
Investment Services, Inc.
Vanessa Eluma, T. Rowe Price
Investment Services, Inc.
Kim DeDominicis, T. Rowe Price
Investment Services, Inc.

Maryland 529 Board Meeting

- Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Kopp asked for comments on the minutes for the regular December 9th, 2016 Board meeting. Hearing none, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the minutes for the December 9th, 2016 Board meeting are hereby approved, with a correction of Steve Serra's designation.

- Board Chairman's Items

Treasurer Kopp welcomed Dr. Lisa Weah to the Board and introduced her to the members.

- Election of Officers

Treasurer Kopp discussed the current officers and Board committee assignments. She asked for officer nominations.

Mr. Friedson moved to nominate the current slate of officer for another term. Treasurer Kopp asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Board officers shall be as follows: Treasurer Kopp as Chairperson, Geoffrey Newman as Vice-chair and Steve Serra as Secretary.

Treasurer Kopp then reviewed the committees and asked that Board members continue to serve on their current committees and to contact her if they would prefer another assignment. At the Treasurer's request, Dr. Weah agreed to join the Administrative and Personnel Committee

- Closed Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Maryland 529 Board moves into a closed session in accordance with §§3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code to discuss personnel matters.

Ms. Layton, Ms. Parker, Mr. Smith and Mr. Ross left the meeting at this time. The closed session concluded and the regular session of the meeting resumed. Ms. Parker, Ms. Layton, Mr. Ross and Mr. Smith entered the meeting at this time.

Treasurer Kopp then reported that no Board action was taken during the closed session.

- ABLE Committee Update

Mr. Serra gave a report of the January 20th ABLE Special Committee meeting. He explained that the committee is tasked with recommending how the program should be implemented, e.g. with a program manager, contracting with another state or joining a consortium of states. He briefed the Board on the five listening and information sessions to be held throughout the State to seek resident input on the program.

Pam Purcell entered the meeting.

Mr. Serra the introduced the consultant for the ABLE Special Committee, Ms. Andrea Feirstein.

Ms. Feirstein outlined the key decision points for choosing an implementation plan along with an overview of the options: i) an ABLE program established and maintained by Maryland through a program manager; ii) partnering with another state's ABLE plan such as Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon and Virginia; and iii) an ABLE program "established and maintained by Maryland through a multi-state consortium with Illinois as lead state.

Ms. Shipley explained that she wanted the Board to have an overview of the work being done by the Committee so that when a recommendation was brought, the Board had the proper background.

Geoff Newman left the meeting.

- Audit and Finance Committee Update

Mr. Smith and Mr. Ross reviewed the addition of new asset classes previously approved by the Board and presented the Audit Committee's recommendation of investment managers.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Prepaid Trust engage Martingale for investment in large-cap low volatility and Symphony for investment in senior secured loans.

- Marquette Associates

Mr. Smith and Mr. Ross reviewed Marquette's December Investment Report for the Prepaid College Trust and Fourth Quarter Market Update. Additionally, they presented the Prepaid Trust's Fourth Quarter 2016 Investment Review.

- Maryland College Investment Plan

Mr. Kazmierczak reviewed the Fourth Quarter Investment and monthly reports. He also introduced Ms. Christine Akins who will be taking over for Mr. Kazmierczak as the lead T. Rowe Price contact for the MCIP.


- Executive Director's Report

Ms. Shipely presented her executive director's report.

The Board discussed with Ms. Shipley the efforts surrounding a transition of recordkeeping systems for the Prepaid program and asked for an update to be provided at the March Board meeting.

Treasurer Kopp asked if there were any further items to be addressed. There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, that the meeting is hereby adjourned.

Approved:  _____

Steven Serra
Board Secretary

Date: 9/14/17

EXHIBIT LIST

- A. Minutes for the December 9, 2016 Board Meeting
- B. ABLE Board Presentation
- C. Marquette Fourth Quarter 2016 MPCT Investment Review
- D. Marquette Asset Allocation Recommendation
- E. Fourth Quarter 2016 MCIP Investment Review
- F. MCIP Monthly Report for January 2017
- G. Executive Director's Report
- H. Memorandum for discussion of Senate Bill 335