

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: November 14, 2023

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Robert Miracle, Deputy Town Manager – Finance and Administration

Re: Resolution Amending the Town's Investment Policy for the Retirement System

Date: October 27, 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 135-2023 amending the Town's Retirement System investment policy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The investment policy for the Town of Palm Beach Retirement System is being amended to reflect the change signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law House Bill 3, codified in Chapter 2023-28, Laws of Florida, which requires local governments to make decisions regarding the investment of public funds based solely on pecuniary factors, without consideration of the furtherance of social, political, or ideological factors. This language is reflected in Part IV, C.2, Part V, G and Part VI, G.

The investment policy also includes a revision to Part III, A.3 to reflect changes to the schedule for reducing the assumed rate of return for the total portfolio. When this section was originally adopted, it was the intent of the Board to reduce the rate of return to 6.0% by the September 30, 2025 valuation. However, the reductions were made faster than anticipated. As a result, the rate of return will be reduced to 6.0 percent by the September 30, 2024 valuation (one year earlier).

This has been approved by the TOPB Retirement Board Chair.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This resolution has been reviewed by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

Attachments

cc: John C. Randolph, Town Attorney
Carolyn Stone, Deputy Town Manager for Business Enterprise and Culture