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    NEW YORK CITY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD
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                           MEETING
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    Held on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at 55 Water
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    Street, New York, New York
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   ATTENDEES:
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     JOHN ADLER, Chairman, Trustee
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     DAVID KAZANSKY, Trustee
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     THOMAS BROWN, Trustee
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     SUZANNE VICKERS, Trustee
    RAYMOND ORLANDO, Trustee
DEBRA PENNY, Trustee
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     PATRICIA REILLY, Teachers' Retirement System
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     SUSAN STANG, Teachers' Retirement System
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     RENEE PEARCE, Teachers' Retirement System
     THAD McTIGUE, Teachers' Retirement System
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   REPORTED BY:
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    YAFFA KAPLAN
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   ATTENDEES (Continued):
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    KAVITA KANWAR, Teachers' Retirement System
     ANNETTE HANHARAN, Teachers' Retirement System
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      ANTHONY MEZZACAPPA, Teachers' Retirement System
     MARTA ROSS, ESQ., Law Department
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      SHERRY CHAN, Office of the Actuary
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     NATARAJAN KRISHNAMOORTHY, Teachers' Retirement
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      System
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      LIZ SANCHEZ, Teachers' Retirement System
     JIMMY YAN, Comptroller's Office
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     CYNTHIA COLLINS, Mayor's Office
      MELVYN AARONSON, Teachers' Retirement System
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MR. ADLER: All right, good afternoon.
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     Welcome to the Teachers' Retirement System
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     board meeting for December 21, 2017.
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           Patricia, will you please call the roll?
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           MS. REILLY: John Adler?
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           MR. ADLER: Here.
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           MS. REILLY: Thomas Brown?
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           MR. BROWN: Here.
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           MS. REILLY: David Kazansky?
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Present.
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           MS. REILLY: Raymond Orlando?
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           MR. ORLANDO: I am here.
           MS. REILLY: Debra Penny?
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           MS. PENNY: Here.
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           MS. REILLY: Suzannah Vickers?
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           MS. VICKERS: Here.
           MS. REILLY: We do have a quorum.
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           MR. ADLER: Okay. Take us away.
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           MS. REILLY: Next on the agenda is an
     update on TRS operations.
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                               Kavita Kanwar is
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     going to do that for us.
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           MS. KANWAR: 1099 forms for tax year
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     2017 will be mailed in January. TRS has been
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     working with FISA to complete the generation
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     of 1099 forms for nonperiodic distributions
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     such as withdrawals and refunds. FISA will
    also generate 1099 on behalf of TRS for
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     approximately 90,650 retirees and continuing
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    beneficiaries who receive monthly payments.
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     As part of this effort, TRS will also send an
     informational brochure to just about 2,000 new
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     retirees who are receiving a 1099 for the
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     first time. TRS is completing the processing
     of required minimum distributions or RMDs for
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     tax year 2017. RMDs are paid to certain
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    retirees who are maintaining their TDA
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     accounts but have reached age 70 and a half.
    Roughly 14,380 retirees will receive their
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     distribution in December of this year. Of
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     this number, approximately 10,400 are members
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     that did not make a specific month election
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    but are required to receive an RMD by the
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     year-end. 430 beneficiaries who participate
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     in our TDA e-program will also receive RMDs
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     this month.
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           On January 1, 2018, a new plan year goes
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     into effect for Tier VI members, which means
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     that pension contribution rate may change.
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     Based on rules governing Tier VI, TRS has
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     reviewed updated salary and wage information
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for all Tier VI members, and approximately
     9,200 will have a new rate starting in
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     January. As of January 1, 2018, TRS will
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     introduce the balanced fund as an investment
     option for members. The balanced fund
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     replaces the Bond Fund. Back in the spring of
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     this year, TRS undertook a campaign to
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     communicate the change to members.
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     website and other communications will reflect
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     the new fund offering starting in January.
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           MS. REILLY: Thank you, Kavita. Next on
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     the agenda is the executive director's report
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     and the first item is the matter of the next
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     meeting and it has been suggested that the
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     next regular meeting of the Teachers'
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     Retirement Board be held on the third Thursday
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     of the month, January 18, 2018.
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           Next is authorization to the Comptroller
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     of the City of New York to invest certain
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     funds.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Please waive the reading.
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           MR. ADLER: Okay. So we need a motion
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     to approve the resolution to authorize the
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     Comptroller of the City of New York to invest
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     certain funds. Is there a motion?
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           MR. KAZANSKY: So moved.
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           MR. ADLER: Is there a second?
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           MS. PENNY: Second.
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           MR. ADLER: Motion made and seconded.
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     Any discussion? All in favor of the motion,
     please say aye. Aye.
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           MS. PENNY: Aye.
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           MS. VICKERS: Aye.
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           MR. BROWN: Aye.
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           MR. ORLANDO: Aye.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Aye.
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           MR. ADLER: All opposed, please say nay.
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     Any abstentions? Okay. Motion carries.
           MS. REILLY: Next is the authorization
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     to the Comptroller of the City of New York to
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     invest certain tax-deferred annuity funds.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Again, please waive the
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     reading.
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           MR. ADLER:
                       Again, there is a motion to
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     approve the resolution to authorize the
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     Comptroller of the City of New York to invest
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     certain tax-deferred annuity funds.
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           MS. PENNY:
                      So moved.
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           MR. ADLER: Is there a second?
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           MR. BROWN:
                      Second.
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MR. ADLER: Thank you. Any discussion?
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     All in favor of the motion, please say aye.
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     Aye.
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           MS. PENNY: Aye.
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           MS. VICKERS: Aye.
           MR. BROWN: Aye.
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           MR. ORLANDO: Aye.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Aye.
           MR. ADLER: All opposed, please say nay.
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     Any abstentions? Motion carries.
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           MS. REILLY: Next is attendance at a
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     conference.
                 "Resolved, that the Trustees of
     the Teachers' Retirement Board hereby approve
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     the attendance and participation of the
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    Executive Director and/or her designees and
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     any interested trustee at the National
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     Association of Public Pension Attorneys'
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     (NAPPA), 2018 winter seminar from February
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     21st to February 23, 2018.
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                      Is there a motion to approve
           MR. ADLER:
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     this resolution?
           MR. KAZANSKY: So moved.
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           MR. ADLER: Is there a second?
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           MS. PENNY:
                       Second.
                       Thank you. Any discussion?
           MR. ADLER:
     All in favor of the motion to approve the
     resolution regarding attendance at the NAPPA
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     2018 winter seminar, please say aye. Aye.
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           MS. PENNY: Aye.
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           MS. VICKERS: Aye.
           MR. BROWN: Aye.
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           MR. ORLANDO: Aye.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Aye.
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           MR. ADLER: All opposed, please say nay.
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     Any abstentions. Motion carries.
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           MS. REILLY: That concludes the
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     executive director's report.
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           Next is the calendar and on the calendar
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     we have the matter of the minutes, of approval
    of the minutes of the -- again, we haven't
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    received the minutes for June 21, 2017. So
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     that should be laid over. But we do have the
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     approval of the TRS investment meeting minutes
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     of November 2, 2017 and the approval of the
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     TRS regular board meeting minutes of November
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     16, 2017.
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           MR. ADLER: Okay.
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    minutes; is that correct?
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           MR. McTIGUE: Last week, yes.
           MR. ADLER: Thank you. Is there a
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motion to approve the minutes from the TRS
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     investment meeting November 2, 2017 and the
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     TRS regular board meeting minutes of November
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     16, 2017?
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           MR. BROWN: So moved.
                      Is there a second?
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           MR. ADLER:
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           MS. VICKERS: Second.
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           MR. ADLER: Any discussion? All in
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     favor of the motion to approve the minutes,
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     please say aye. Aye.
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           MS. PENNY: Aye.
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           MS. VICKERS: Aye.
           MR. BROWN: Aye.
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           MR. ORLANDO: Aye.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Aye.
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           MR. ADLER: Opposed, please say nay.
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     Any abstentions? Okay. Motion carries.
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           MS. REILLY: The next is the calendar,
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     and you all should have received an electronic
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     version of the calendar.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Please waive the reading
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     of the calendar.
           MR. ADLER: All right. So is there a
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     motion to prove the calendar?
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           MS. VICKERS: So moved.
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           MR. ADLER: Is there a second?
           MS. PENNY: Second.
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           MR. ADLER: Motion made and seconded.
     Any discussion of the calendar? All right.
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     All in favor of the motion to approve the
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     calendar, please say aye. Aye.
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           MS. PENNY: Aye.
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           MS. VICKERS: Aye.
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           MR. BROWN: Aye.
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           MR. ORLANDO: Aye.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Aye.
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           MR. ADLER: All opposed, please say nay.
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     Any abstentions? Motion carries.
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           MS. REILLY: Next on the agenda is other
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     business for the Board.
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           MR. ADLER: Is there any other business?
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           MS. REILLY: And then finally questions
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     and comments from the public.
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           MR. ADLER: Any questions or comments
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     from the public?
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           MR. AARONSON: There is a comment.
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           MR. ADLER: Mr. Public?
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           MR. AARONSON: The public would like
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     very much to thank the trustees and staff of
     the Teachers' Retirement System for the hard
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     work they do in protecting the benefits for
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     the 80 or 100,000 members in service and 65 or
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     70,000 members who are retired and they
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     appreciate this and thank you very much.
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           MR. ADLER: Thank you. Any other
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     questions or comments from the public? Okay.
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     Hearing none, I believe that concludes our
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     public business. So a motion to go into
     executive session would be in order.
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           MS. PENNY: I move pursuant to Public
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    Officers Law Section 105 to go into executive
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     session for discussions regarding specific
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     investment matters.
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          MR. ADLER: All right.
                                  Is there a
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     second?
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          MR. KAZANSKY: Second.
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           MR. ADLER: Thank you. Any discussion?
    All in favor of the motion to go into
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     executive session, please say aye. Aye.
          MS. PENNY: Aye.
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          MS. VICKERS: Aye.
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          MR. BROWN: Aye.
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          MR. ORLANDO: Aye.
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          MR. KAZANSKY: Aye.
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          MR. ADLER: All opposed, please say nay.
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    Any abstentions? Motion carries. Let's go
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     into executive session.
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           (Whereupon, the meeting went into executive
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     session.)
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           MR. ADLER: Okay. We are back in public
     session. Susan, will you please report out of
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     executive session?
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           MS. STANG: Sure. In executive session,
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    one policy matter was discussed, two specific
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     security issues in both the pension fund and
     the variable funds were discussed and
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     consensus was reached, which will be announced
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     at the appropriate time, and an operational
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     update was provided.
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          MR. ADLER: Thank you very much.
     Anything further? I think that concludes our
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    business for today. A motion to adjourn would
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    be in order.
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          MR. BROWN:
                      So moved.
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                      Is there a second?
           MR. ADLER:
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          MS. VICKERS: Second.
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          MR. ADLER: Okay. Any discussion? All
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     in favor of the motion to adjourn, please say
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     aye.
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          MS. PENNY: Aye.
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           MS. VICKERS: Aye.
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           MR. BROWN: Aye.
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           MR. ORLANDO: Aye.
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           MR. KAZANSKY: Aye.
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           MR. ADLER: All opposed, please say nay.
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     Any abstentions? Meeting is adjourned and
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    happy holidays.
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           (Time noted: 4:28 p.m.)
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