

NEW YORK STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2026

held via Video Conference

The Board of Trustees Investment Committee held a meeting by video conference on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Attending members included Drs. Paul Leary (Chair), Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, Dr. Mark Weinberger, Mr. Michael Herrmann (Executive Director) and Ms. Amanda Armao (Chief Financial Executive). Guest attendee was Thomas Russo from Mercer Advisors.

Our advisor Thomas Russo from Mercer led the Committee through a review of the portfolio holdings as well as the recent performance of these holdings. As of the meeting date, our portfolio was valued at over \$9.8 million. Our Year-To-Date return as of the end of April was 5.2%, and over the past three years we've seen a 14.57% annualized return. The reserve fund for the year ending December 31, 2025 generated 17% so it has been performing well.

Currently, our Board has set a portfolio allocation goal of 65% equity and 35% bonds. With the recent increase in stock prices, our portfolio currently sits at 69% equity, 31% bonds. Mr. Russo noted that Mercer reviews the investments daily and if the funds deviate more than 5% from those policy standards, they will adjust them to be more in line with the goal set by the Board.

Mr. Russo also provided an overview of the firm's current economic expectations for the near future. He expects equity returns to be strong with US equities up 9% and international around 12% for the year, however he did indicate that Mercer predicts a bit of volatility in the current market atmosphere. This could change if oil prices go up and remain high for some time. The current market has optimism that the war in the middle east will be shorter term and if that opinion changes it could affect the market as well.

The Committee asked Mr. Russo if there was a possibility of obtaining 3-month treasuries at auction and continuously rolling them over once matured. These have slightly higher interest rates and auctions eliminate fees, however Mr. Russo indicated Mercer does not have the ability to invest in individual securities. Mr. Russo did indicate that we do have liquidity in our short-term investment grade tilted bonds.

There was a question on whether we set aside short-term financial needs such as the board annual withdrawal but pulling it out does potentially lose gains if they were invested in securities and the committee does not want to try and time the market.

After additional questions, the Committee expressed comfort with the portfolio structure, its holdings and its fee schedule. The Committee felt that the current portfolio allocation and investment manager are meeting the goals and expectations of the Committee in line with the investment policy set by the Board.

With no further business, the Committee adjourned, with plans to meet again in the Fall.