

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF INVESTORS FOR THE
OKLAHOMA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND (TSET)**

January 31, 2025

State Capitol Building, Conference Room 216.5

2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Call to order

Treasurer Todd Russ, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31st, 2025.

Confirmation of quorum

Members of the Board present at the start of the meeting were Treasurer Russ, Aaron Ackerman, and John Waldo.

Others present at the meeting were OST Chief Investment Officer Lisa Murray; OST Chief of Staff and Deputy Treasurer of Administration Jordan Harvey; OST Investment Assistant Andrew Gardner; TSET Director of Public Information and Government Affairs Thomas Larson; and Assistant Attorney General Ben Graves.

Andrew Gardner served as recording secretary.

Discussion and Possible Action on revision of the TSET investment policy

Chairman Russ led the discussion on the revisions to the investment policy and began by introducing the real estate market and the portfolio's current investments. The portfolio currently has 5.7% of its assets invested in real estate, below the policy target of 7.0%. Chairman Russ noted that fortunately the asset class had been under allocated through a real estate market downturn and that signals are now saying it is the appropriate time to reinvest.

The revisions to the investment policy and its objectives expect investment managers of the endowment to benefit Oklahomans by evaluating qualified Oklahoman firms. The language says, "investments taken in pursuit of these objectives should serve the foundational purpose of providing for the benefit and betterment of the people of Oklahoma". The changes include criteria to keep Oklahoma from being overlooked by investment managers and the consideration of local firms for economically targeted investments in the state. The Board noted that the endowment is limited by statute to investing no more than five percent of assets in Oklahoma and briefly discussed the standing policy against direct holdings in private placements, oil and gas, real estate, and venture capital.

After hearing no further questions, Chairman Russ entertained a motion to approve the revisions to the investment policy.

Mr. Waldo made a motion to approve the revisions to the investment policy seconded by Mr. Ackerman passed by roll call vote with three votes in the affirmative.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Waldo and a second by Mr. Ackerman, the Board voted by acclamation to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Todd Russ, Chair
Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund Board of Investors