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STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL
September 23, 2025

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MINUTES OF THE

NEW MEXICO STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2025

Santa Fe, New Mexico

1. OPENING MATTERS

a. Roll call and introduction of guests: quorum present.

A regular meeting of the New Mexico State Investment Council was called to order by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, on September 23, 2025, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Members Present:
Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
Treasurer Laura Montoya
Mr. Nicolas Telles
Ms. Catherine Allen
Mr. John Bingaman
Dr. Kelly O'Donnell

Members Excused:
The Honorable Stephanie Garcia Richard, Land Commissioner, Ex officio
DFA Secretary Wayne Propst, Ex officio
Mr. Allen Sánchez, Public Member
Mr. Kurt Sommer, Public Member

Staff Present:
Mr. Jon Clark, State Investment Office
Mr. Brent Shipp, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Charles Wollmann, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. Helen Calles, Investment Director Staff & Business Operations
Mr. Evan Land, Chief Counsel
Ms. Amy Chavez-Romero, Deputy General Counsel & Compliance Officer
Mr. Nino Carpenito, Risk & Performance Officer
Ms. Dawn Iglesias, Chief Investment Operations Officer
Mr. Keith Sabol, Director, Real Estate and Real Assets
Mr. Chris Cassidy, Director, Private Equity and Venture Capital
Mr. Bruce Brown, Portfolio Manager, Private Equity and Venture Capital
Mr. Leonard Granados, IT Systems Administrator II
Mr. Chris Rodriguez, IT Network Administrator III
Mr. Tom Lofton, Director, Debt Market Investments
Ms. Molly Callaghan, Communications, Public Affairs and Marketing Manager
Mr. Ryan Trujillo, Executive Assistant

Guests Present:
Ms. Marcia Beard, RVK
Mr. Matthias Bauer, RVK
Mr. Matt Sturdivan, RVK
Mr. Richard Pugmire, Mercer
Mr. Gurjeet Dosanjh, Mercer
Ms. Mary Bates, Meketa
Mr. Rob Kochis, Townsend
Ms. Karen Reidy, ArrowMark Partners
Mr. Rob Brown, ArrowMark Partners
Mr. Evan Lorey, ArrowMark Partners
Mr. Scott Maynard, Real Estate, Meketa
Mr. Ed Diffendal, Partners Group
Ms. Irene Mavroyannis, Partners Group
Mr. Kyle Osborn, Partners Group
Mr. Alok Sindher, J2 Infrastructure Partners
Mr. Alexander Harstrick, J2 Infrastructure Partners
Dr. Jonathan Bronson, J2 Infrastructure Partners
Ms. Anita Umarji, Bessemer
Mr. Rob Avditi, Bessemer
Mr. Navid Oreizy, Bessemer
Mr. Peter Svennilson, Column Group

b. **Approval of agenda**

At approximately 17:18 in the meeting recording, Councilor Bingaman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Treasurer Montoya seconded the motion. The council approved it unanimously by a voice vote.

c. **Approval of SIC minutes**

At approximately 18:08 in the meeting recording, Councilor Bingaman moved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2025, meeting as presented. Councilor Allen seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved it by voice vote.

2. INVESTMENT ACTIVITY & PERFORMANCE, CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE

a. **SIO Briefing** (Jon Clark)

At approximately 18:51 in the meeting recording, Mr. Jon Clark, State Investment Officer, welcomed new staff members Mr. Ryan Trujillo, Executive Assistant, and Ms. Molly Callahan, Communications Manager. He informed the Council that Mr. Vince Smith, Chief Investment Officer, is recovering from surgery and was unable to attend.

Mr. Clark reported ongoing discussions with legislative leadership regarding phased staffing increases, noting strong support for accelerating hiring timelines. He also recapped his recent participation in a panel at the Advanced Energy Ecosystem Conference in Albuquerque, where SIC's role in advancing clean energy, quantum computing, and fusion was commended. He shared a quote from a LinkedIn post by an attendee who described New Mexico's strategic investment approach as "disciplined, ambitious, and forward-thinking," comparing it to "pre-boom Dubai."

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham noted that Pacific Fusion would be holding a press conference with additional announcements. She emphasized that SIC's early investments are "beginning to turn the tide," praising the Council for "leaning in" and helping to diversify the economy. She added, "New Mexico is the only place in America where you can get a quantum engineering degree."

Mr. Clark concluded by previewing his role as moderator for a venture capital panel at the Governor's Economic Development Conference scheduled for the following day.

b. **Performance Report: July 2025**

At approximately 24:00 in the meeting recording, Ms. Beard and Mr. Bauer from RVK presented the preliminary July performance report. Mr. Bauer noted that July was another strong month for public equities, particularly in the tech sector, with indices like the NASDAQ reaching record highs. He emphasized that reported earnings were largely favorable, with approximately 80% of reporting companies meeting expectations. However, market leadership remained concentrated in a few sectors, and performance in developed non-U.S. equities was negatively impacted by currency fluctuations. He also highlighted reinvestment risk in a declining rate environment and the continued strength of consumer spending as a key driver of GDP.

Ms. Beard acknowledged the contributions of SIC staff and noted that the report was preliminary due to the lag in private market valuations. She discussed asset allocation trends across SIC's funds, pointing out that the three largest funds have interim targets and are progressing toward long-term goals. As of the end of July, total fund assets stood at $63.5 billion, with year-to-date net cash flow remaining positive. Calendar year-to-date performance showed a 6.6% return for the total fund and slightly under 6.7% for the Land Grant Fund, though both slightly underperformed their benchmarks. Public equity performance saw some underperformance in U.S. equities due to the prior reliance on passive strategies, which is being addressed through planned active management. Private market returns were not yet available, and RVK continues to work closely with SIC staff on regular reporting improvements.

3. INVESTMENT MATTERS: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR VOTE

a. **Investment Committee Report** (John Bingaman)

At approximately 33:20 in the meeting recording, Mr. Bingaman, Committee Chair, reported that the Council Investment Committee convened the previous week with a quorum present. Council Member Telles and Advisory Members John Ulrich and Mary Rohman were in attendance. The Committee thoroughly reviewed each of the investment voting items scheduled for Council consideration today and unanimously recommended their approval.

b. **Vote: Private Debt: ArrowMark Commercial Real Estate Debt** (Tom Lofton, Meketa)

At approximately 33:58 in the meeting recording, Ms. Karen Reidy, Mr. Rob Brown, and Mr. Evan Lorey of ArrowMark Partners, joined by Mr. Scott Maynard of Meketa and SIC Director Tom Lofton, presented a $150 million commitment recommendation. The investment would be split across two strategies: $100 million to ArrowMark's flagship commercial real estate structured finance fund, and the remainder to a focused sleeve targeting structured real estate debt.

The strategy centers on originating loans backed by commercial real estate, particularly B-notes and preferred equity structures. Through ArrowMark's partnerships with highly regarded insurance companies, the fund bifurcates loans into senior (A-note) tranches retained by insurers and subordinate (B-note) positions held by investors. New Mexico SIC secured favorable terms, including reduced fees, a high preferred return, and strong GP/LP alignment, with ArrowMark committing a total of 4% of capital across GP and employee contributions.

Director Lofton highlighted the conservative underwriting, low loan-to-value ratios, and structural protections built into the B-note positions, including control rights and downside mitigation. He emphasized the quality of ArrowMark's insurer partnerships and noted the strategy's niche, scalable positioning within the real estate debt market.

During discussion, Treasurer Montoya expressed concerns regarding potential reputational or operational risk related to investing in multifamily housing loans. She requested clarification on the B-note structure and its implications. Mr. Lofton responded, outlining the risk controls in place and the quality of the insurance partners involved, such as Pacific Life and Protective Life. He explained that the structure ensures investor protections, with SIC holding control rights on B-note positions, and that the low loan-to-value levels help buffer against market volatility. Treasurer Montoya thanked Mr. Lofton and stated that his explanation was reassuring.

Following discussion, Councilor Bingaman moved to approve the recommendation, and Treasurer Montoya seconded the motion.

> **Based on the recommendations of the Council Investment Committee, advisor Meketa, SIC Staff and general fiduciary oversight from RVK,** I move that the State Investment Council approve a commitment of up to $150 million to ArrowMark Commercial Real Estate Debt Fund, subject to and contingent upon New Mexico legal requirements, New Mexico State Investment Council policies, negotiation of final terms and conditions and completion of appropriate paperwork.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, State Treasurer Laura Montoya, Councilor Nicolas Telles, Councilor Catherine Allen, Councilor John Bingaman, and Councilor Kelly O'Donnell.

With six votes in the affirmative, the motion was approved.

c. **Vote: Real Assets: Partners Infrastructure Fund IV** (Keith Sabol, Mercer)

At approximately 52:33 in the meeting recording, Mr. Keith Sabol, SIC Director of Real Estate and Real Assets, along with Mr. Gurjeet Dosanjh of Mercer and representatives from Partners Group—Mr. Ed Diffendal, Ms. Irene Mavroyannis, and Mr. Kyle Osborn—presented a $500 million commitment recommendation to Partners Group Direct Infrastructure Fund IV. The commitment is proposed to be allocated as $350 million to the main fund and $150 million to a no-fee, no-carry co-investment vehicle.

Mr. Sabol described the investment as a continuation of SIC's mid-market, value-add infrastructure strategy, focused on developed markets in North America and Europe. He noted the Partners Group platform is supported by over 100 investment professionals and a 150-person value creation team. He also emphasized the conservative risk structure of the investment, strong portfolio diversification, and the team's track record in platform building and operational improvements.

Mr. Dosanjh added that the fund will pursue 25 investments averaging $300–700 million each, with geographic exposure split roughly between the U.S. and Europe, and a smaller allocation to Asia. The fund targets long-term contracted cash flows and sectors aligned with key megatrends: decarbonization and sustainability, new living (social infrastructure), and digitization (e.g., data centers).

Mr. Osborn and Ms. Mavroyannis provided additional context on Partners Group's global platform and local market execution strategy. They highlighted the firm's low loss ratio and emphasized the seed portfolio already in place for Fund IV, including early write-ups.

State Treasurer Montoya asked for clarification regarding the investor composition and fundraising timeline. Partners Group representatives confirmed a diverse global investor base—including public pensions, private

investors, and insurers—and noted that approximately $2.5 billion of the $7 billion fund target had been raised to date. Following discussion, Councilor Bingaman moved to approve the recommendation, and Councilor Telles seconded the motion.

> **Based on the recommendations of the Council Investment Committee, advisor Mercer, SIC Staff and general fiduciary oversight from RVK,** I move that the State Investment Council approve a commitment of up to $350 million to Partners Infrastructure Fund IV, L.P., and also up to $150 million in a co-investment vehicle, subject to and contingent upon New Mexico legal requirements, New Mexico State Investment Council policies, negotiation of final terms and conditions and completion of appropriate paperwork.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, State Treasurer Laura Montoya, Councilor Nicolas Telles, Councilor Catherine Allen, Councilor John Bingaman, and Councilor Kelly O'Donnell.

With six votes in the affirmative, the motion was approved.

d. **Vote: Strategic Venture Capital Program: J2 Infrastructure Tierra Adentro Fund IV (Chris Cassidy, Mercer)**

At approximately 01:05:42 in the meeting recording, Mr. Chris Cassidy, SIC Director of Private Equity, along with Mr. Richard Pugmire of Mercer, and representatives from J2 Infrastructure Partners—Mr. Alexander Harstrick, Dr. Jonathan Bronson, and Mr. Alok Sindher—presented a $100 million commitment recommendation to Tierra Adentro Fund IV.

Mr. Cassidy noted that this investment represents a strategic expansion of the Council's venture capital program into growth infrastructure, designed to support in-state company buildouts. He highlighted that J2 Ventures is an existing SIC partner with $49.5 million previously committed, including a recent $35 million allocation to its Brookhaven Fund. Tierra Adentro Fund IV will operate as a complementary platform under the J2 umbrella, with a focus on New Mexico-based infrastructure investments in sectors such as quantum computing, data centers, telecom, and advanced energy.

Mr. Pugmire explained that the fund is expected to make 2–3 investments, each with physical assets located in New Mexico. The strategy is designed to catalyze job creation and economic development within the state, while generating cash flow within 12 months of each investment. He noted that Mr. Sindher was hired to lead the strategy and brings extensive infrastructure experience from DE Shaw and Fifth Wall Ventures. Investments may include debt or minority equity, with board participation and structured protections such as milestone-based disbursements and downside risk controls. SIC is expected to be the anchor investor and has negotiated preferred economics and a key person clause.

Mr. Harstrick and Dr. Bronson reiterated their team's long-term commitment to New Mexico, describing the fund as "purpose-built" for the state and aligned with SIC's strategic goals. They emphasized the local focus of the fund, collaboration with state agencies, and the importance of value-creating infrastructure development. Mr. Sindher expressed enthusiasm for leveraging his experience to support targeted growth sectors, citing a robust pipeline and strong alignment with New Mexico's natural strengths in energy and technology.

State Treasurer Montoya raised concerns regarding concentration risk and asked about internal controls and independence between the venture and infrastructure arms of J2. The presenters confirmed that investment teams are separate and that Tierra Adentro will focus on later-stage companies with revenue, in contrast to early-stage venture investments. The fund's investment committee will operate by consensus, and SIC will retain a veto right to ensure alignment and oversight. Following discussion, Councilor Bingaman moved to approve the recommendation, and Councilor Telles seconded the motion.

> **Based on the recommendations of the Council Investment Committee, advisor Mercer, SIC Staff and general fiduciary oversight from RVK,** I move that the State Investment Council approve a commitment of up to $100 million to J2 Infrastructure Tierra Adentro Fund, subject to and contingent upon New Mexico legal requirements, New Mexico State Investment Council policies, negotiation of final terms and conditions and completion of appropriate paperwork.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, State Treasurer Laura Montoya, Councilor Nicolas Telles, Councilor Catherine Allen, Councilor John Bingaman, and Councilor Kelly O'Donnell.

With six votes in the affirmative, the motion was approved.

e. **Vote: National Private Equity: Bessemer Venture Partners Forge II (Cassidy, Mercer)**

At approximately 01:32:55 in the meeting recording, Mr. Chris Cassidy, SIC Director of Private Equity, and Mr. Richard Pugmire of Mercer, along with representatives from Bessemer Venture Partners—Ms. Anita Umarji, Mr. Rob Arditi, and Mr. Navid Oreizy—presented a $75 million commitment recommendation to BVP Forge II.

Mr. Cassidy noted that Bessemer is an existing SIC relationship, with a prior $40 million commitment to its India strategy. Forge II represents Bessemer's lower middle-market growth and buyout fund, focused on cash-flow-positive software and software-enabled companies that do not fit within the flagship venture strategy. The fund targets businesses with $10–50 million in revenue, seeking to execute value creation strategies including sales acceleration, pricing optimization, and leadership development.

Mr. Pugmire added that the fund is led by two senior partners with deep experience in growth equity and buyouts, supported by a 19-member investment team and two dedicated operating partners. He highlighted Bessemer's thesis-driven investment model, robust value creation playbook, and strong early results in Forge I. He also noted that Forge II is expected to hold 10–12 investments, offering concentrated exposure with active operational engagement.

Ms. Umarji introduced Bessemer's broader venture platform, while Mr. Arditi and Mr. Oreizy detailed how Forge leverages Bessemer's brand, network, and institutional knowledge to attract high-quality management teams and drive transformation in lower middle-market businesses. They emphasized that Forge's dedicated team of 18 will scale further to support fund execution, and that the strategy uniquely combines private equity structure with venture DNA. Following discussion, Councilor Bingaman moved to approve the recommendation, and Councilor Telles seconded the motion.

> **Based on the recommendations of the Council Investment Committee, advisor Mercer, SIC Staff and general fiduciary oversight from RVK,** I move that the State Investment Council approve a commitment of up to $75 million to Bessemer Venture Partners Forge Fund II, subject to and contingent upon New Mexico legal requirements, New Mexico State Investment Council policies, negotiation of final terms and conditions and completion of appropriate paperwork.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, State Treasurer Laura Montoya, Councilor Nicolas Telles, Councilor Catherine Allen, Councilor John Bingaman, and Councilor Kelly O'Donnell.

With six votes in the affirmative, the motion was approved.

f. **Vote: National Private Equity: TCG Fund VI & TCG Opportunity Fund IV (Cassidy, Mercer)**

At approximately 01:34:29 in the meeting recording, Mr. Chris Cassidy, SIC Director of Private Equity, and Mr. Richard Pugmire of Mercer, along with Mr. Peter Svennilson of The Column Group, presented a $60 million commitment recommendation—$30 million to The Column Group Fund VI and $30 million to TCG Opportunity Fund IV.

Mr. Cassidy explained that The Column Group (TCG) is one of six biotech venture firms in SIC's program, investing across the life sciences spectrum—from company formation to pre-IPO and public markets. The SIC currently has exposure to TCG through its Labs Fund, which focuses on single-asset investments, while the proposed commitments target broader platform companies capable of producing multiple therapeutics.

Mr. Pugmire described TCG as a premier life sciences investor led by Managing Partners Peter Svennilson and Timothy Kutzkey, each with over 30 years of experience. TCG integrates scientific expertise through a network of science partners and venture partners, supporting company creation and development. He noted that performance across prior funds has been above median with a low loss ratio, emphasizing their ability to manage early-stage risk.

Mr. Svennilson shared that TCG has operated for 19 years, typically creating three to four new companies annually, with more than half achieving successful exits. The firm's concentrated, hands-on approach—rooted in close collaboration with scientists—has produced strong investment returns, including individual outcomes as high as 77x and fund-level returns of 4x to 6x. Opportunity Funds focus on later-stage financings within the same portfolio and have historically achieved 3x returns.

He highlighted the leadership team's complementary backgrounds across science, operations, and finance, and noted support from Nobel laureates like Dr. Jennifer Doudna. TCG prioritizes active portfolio management—ranking companies quarterly and doubling down on top performers. Therapeutic areas of focus include oncology, neurology, and genetic disorders. Following discussion, Councilor Bingaman moved to approve the recommendation, and Councilor Telles seconded the motion.

> **Based on the recommendations of the Council Investment Committee, advisor Mercer, SIC Staff and general fiduciary oversight from RVK,** I move that the State Investment Council approve a commitment of up to $30 million to TCG Fund VI, and up to $30 million to TCG Opportunity Fund IV, subject to and contingent upon New Mexico legal requirements, New Mexico State Investment Council policies, negotiation of final terms and conditions and completion of appropriate paperwork.

The following members voted in favor of the motion: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, State Treasurer Laura Montoya, Councilor Nicolas Telles, Councilor Catherine Allen, Councilor John Bingaman, and Councilor Kelly O'Donnell.

With six votes in the affirmative, the motion was approved.

g. **Performance Reports**

At approximately 01:46:00 in the meeting recording, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham conveyed a suggestion from another Council member regarding the performance report review process. Rather than presenting each report individually, she proposed inviting comments or questions based on the materials that had been distributed in

advance. There were no objections, and no comments or questions were raised. The Council proceeded to the next agenda item.

4. GOVERNANCE MATTERS

At approximately 01:47:05 in the meeting recording, Ms. Cathy Allen, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported that the committee met twice since the Council's retreat with Ascension. The group reviewed and prioritized Ascension's recommendations and requested additional details to support implementation. The committee also reviewed the charters of all three standing committees with a focus on risk oversight, and discussed committee qualifications, including potential additions related to operational and technology risk expertise. Further discussion is expected at the next meeting.

5. FINANCE MATTERS

At approximately 01:50:20 in the meeting recording, Mr. Brent Shipp, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Council that Baker Tilly is finalizing the Q4 agreed-upon procedures report, expected by the end of September. He will distribute the report upon completion. He also noted that October and early November will be busy due to the year-end audit preparations, with auditors arriving in the coming weeks. No issues are anticipated.

6. CLOSING MATTERS

a. **Public Comment**

At approximately 01:51:55 in the meeting recording, as a participant in the SIC's public comment period, Ms. Lou Yu of Verdis Systematic presented on the international small-cap investment opportunity, emphasizing its relative insulation from tariff risks, suitability for active management, and potential for diversification.

Mr. Tom Lofton, SIC Director of Private Equity, announced a forthcoming high-level presentation on the SIC's private lending portfolio and highlighted recent manager engagement with New Mexico universities, including outreach by Bernstein at UNM.

Former State Senator Shannon Robinson advocated for strategic investment in fine art, proposing opportunities such as supporting the Van Gogh Museum and reinforcing New Mexico's historic leadership in arts and culture.

b. **Old or new business: 01:52:20**

None.

c. Next State Investment Council (SIC) meeting date: October 28th, 2025 (MDT) Governor's Cabinet Room

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.