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February 24, 2026

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MINUTES OF THE
NEW MEXICO STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING
February 24, 2026
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 Member and Acting Chair John Bingaman, on February 24, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Members Present:
Mr. Allen Sánchez
Ms. Catherine Allen
Mr. John Bingaman
Dr. Kelly O'Donnell
Mr. Kurt Sommer
Treasurer Laura M. Montoya
Ms. Mary Rohman
Mr. Nicolas Telles
DFA Secretary Wayne Propst

Members Excused:
Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard

Staff Present:
Mr. Jon Clark, State Investment Office
Ms. Amy Chavez-Romero, Deputy General Counsel & Compliance Officer
Mr. Brent Shipp, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Bruce Brown, Head of Strategic Climate Initiatives
Mr. Charles Wollmann, Chief Communications Officer
Mr. Chris Cassidy, Director, Private Equity and Venture Capital
Ms. Dawn Iglesias, Chief Investment Operations Officer
Mr. Evan Land, Chief Counsel
Mr. Greg Dunn, Director, Public Equity
Ms. Helen Calles, Investment Director Staff & Business Operations
Mr. Keith Sabol, Director, Real Estate and Real Assets
Ms. Katrina Rose, Executive Administrative Assistant
Mr. Leonard Granados, IT Systems Administrator II
Ms. Molly Callaghan, Communications, Public Affairs and Marketing Manager
Mr. Tom Lofton, Director, Debt Market Investments
Mr. Chris Rodriguez, IT Network Administrator
Ms. Francesca Moradi, Creative Design and Special Projects Manager

Guests Present:
Mr. Gurjeet Dosanjh, Mercer
Mr. Matthias Bauer, RVK
Ms. Marcia Beard, RVK
Mr. Richard Pugmire, Mercer
Mr. Rob Kochis, Townsend
Ms. Susan Kasser, NB Head of Private Debt
Mr. Dan Ransenberg, NB Business Development
Mr. Christian Michalik, Kinderhook Industries

Mr. Liam Rogers, Kinderhook Industries
Mr. Carlton Byrd, American Triple I

b. **Approval of Agenda**

At approximately 03:15 in the meeting recording, Member Telles made a motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Member Sommer.

The following members voted in favor: Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, Allen Sánchez, Mary Rohman, and Kurt Sommer. There were no opposing votes. With eight votes in favor, the motion was approved.

c. **Approval of SIC Minutes**

At approximately 04:00 in the meeting recording, Member Telles made a motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Member Sommer.

The following members voted in favor: Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, Allen Sánchez, Mary Rohman, and Kurt Sommer. There were no opposing votes. With eight votes in favor, the motion was approved.

2. INVESTMENT ACTIVITY & PERFORMANCE, CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE

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

At approximately 04:55 in the meeting recording, State Investment Officer Jon Clark gave a summary of the legislative session and noted that lawmakers considered several new funds and approved key appropriations for the Workforce Development & Apprenticeship Trust Fund, Behavioral Health Trust Fund, and Rural Libraries Endowment Fund. He discussed expected reversions to the Higher Education Trust Fund, direct appropriations from the Opioid Settlement Restricted Fund, and the possibility that repeated legislative draws may require update to asset allocation strategies. He outlined bills awaiting the governor's signature, including a Universal Child Care initiative and changes to the Workforce Development & Apprenticeship Trust Fund that accelerate its depletion. He reviewed Senate Memorial 9, which legislators tabled during the recent session, which proposed an LFC-led viability study regarding SIC potentially acquiring a majority position in TXNM Energy, the parent company to New Mexico's electric utility PNM. Mr. Clark noted several concerns raised by lawmakers in rejecting the bill, as well as SIC-specific concerns including constitutional limits, concentration risk, staffing demands, lack of expertise, and fiduciary conflicts. Mr. Clark also highlighted strong legislative support for increasing SIC's budget in fiscal year 2027, especially for staffing and contract categories, so as to better align with asset and agency growth.

b. **Short Staff Briefing** (Greg Dunn, Tom Lofton)

At approximately 13:10 in the meeting recording, Public Equity Director Greg Dunn provided an update on tariffs and macroeconomic trends, noting that shorter-duration or lower tariffs may contribute to increased corporate profitability. Additionally, Mr. Dunn referenced a Supreme Court decision that has introduced uncertainty concerning future tariff policies and post– "Liberation Day" trade agreements. He explained that businesses have adjusted to policy uncertainty, restricting executive trade authority may reduce U.S. bargaining power. He discussed alternative options for imposing tariffs, including Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974, and described wider global implications, including growing economic nationalism, less dependence on U.S. trade and the dollar, and a weaker dollar supporting international equities. He noted strong performance from the Council's international large-cap value manager, pointed to signs of consumer credit stress reflecting a K-shaped economy, and mentioned a better-than-expected jobs report for January. Public Debt Director Tom Lofton then reported a subdued market response to the tariff ruling, minor changes in credit spreads, and continued steepening of the yield curve, with markets anticipating two rate cuts later this year, although long-term rates remain influenced by deficit and global debt worries. He said that despite tighter spreads and high valuations, fixed income still provides attractive yields across sectors. He highlighted important factors shaping the outlook; AI-driven capital spending, ongoing deficits, supportive short-term policies, and rising pressure on long-term rates. In conclusion, he stated that despite high valuations, supportive capital spending and loose monetary conditions are likely to continue supporting debt and equity markets.

c. **Performance Report: Q4 2025** (RVK)

At approximately 30:55 in the meeting recording, Mr. Matthias Bauer of RVK presented the Q4 2025 Performance Report, summarizing fund results, benchmark comparison and performance by asset classes. He discussed portfolio positioning, capital market conditions, risk considerations, and short-term variability within economic and geopolitical contexts. Ms. Marcia Beard then discussed quarter results and added context on asset class performance and implementation. She discussed drivers within specific mandates, private market pacing, ongoing management considerations, and emphasized the importance of diversification and disciplined adherence to the Council's long-term strategic asset allocation, confirming the portfolio remains aligned with return objectives despite changing market conditions.

3. INVESTMENT MATTERS: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR VOTE

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

At approximately 49:38 in the meeting recording, Investment Committee Chair Bingaman provided the Investment committee report and stated that the committee met the prior week with all members present, noting that the Treasurer joined for part of the meeting. He stated that the committee reviewed each voting item scheduled for Council consideration and reported that the committee voted to recommend approval of all items, with near-unanimous support. He mentioned one exception regarding the Eagle Fund item, as Member Rohman wanted further consideration before the Council meeting. Mr. Bingaman concluded by offering to answer any Council questions.

b. **VOTE: SVCP – Acequia Capital Origin, L.P. & Acequia Capita; Origin SBIC, L.P. Re-Allocation, (Existing Relationship, $15M)** (Chris Cassidy, Mercer)

At approximately 50:25 in the meeting recording, Private Equity Director Chris Cassidy proposed reallocating the previously approved $15 million commitment to Acequia Capital Origin, L.P. by splitting it into $9 million for Acequia Capital Origin, L.P. and $6 million for Acequia Capital Origin SBIC, L.P. following the manager's decision to join in the SBIC Critical Technologies Program. This program, developed with the Department of Defense, offers portfolio companies access to non-dilutive capital such as government contracts. Only some investments qualify under SBIC guidelines due to sector and location restrictions. Following discussion and no further questions, a motion was made Member Telles and seconded by Member Allen to approve the reallocation.

> **Based on the recommendations of the Council Investment Committee, advisor Mercer, and SIC Staff, and general fiduciary oversight of RVK,** I move that the State Investment Council approve the re-allocation of the Council's previous $15 million commitment to Acequia Capital Origin into two fund commitments - $9 million to Acequia Capital Origin L.P., and $6 million to Acequia Capital Origin SBIC, L.P. - as memorialized in today's meeting materials and as discussed by the Council today.

The following members voted in favor: Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, Allen Sánchez, and Mary Rohman. There were no opposing votes. With seven votes in favor, the motion was approved.

c. **VOTE: National Private Equity: Kinderhook Strategic Opportunities Fund I, L.P. (Existing Relationship, $100M**) (Cassidy, Mercer)

At approximately 53:58 in the meeting recording, Mercer advisor Richard Pugmire presented a proposed commitment to Kinderhook Strategic Opportunities Fund I, L.P. following a previous $100 million commitment to Kinderhook Industries VIII in January 2024. Kinderhook specializes in middle-market buyouts of North American companies in healthcare, environmental services, and light industrial services.: the new fund will pursue a similar strategy but focus on smaller transactions under $100 million for additional diversification. Mr. Pugmire highlighted the firm's long-tenured leadership, strong performance, and disciplined approach. Christian Michalik from Kinderhook discussed the firm's culture, sector expertise, and operational strategy.
During discussion, Councilor O'Donnell asked about private equity ownership in healthcare assets, especially concerning rural healthcare access and infrastructure. Mr. Michalik stated Kinderhook aims to improve patient access and health outcomes, follows government quality standards, and partners with regulators to support community healthcare systems. Member Telles made the following motion which Secretary Propst seconded.

> **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 Kinderhook Strategic Opportunities Fund I, L.P., subject to and contingent to 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: Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, and Mary Rohman. Member Allen Sánchez abstained. With six votes in favor, the motion was approved.

d. **VOTE: Private Debt: Neuberger Berman Eagle Fund (New Relationship, $300M**) (Tom Lofton, Meketa)

At approximately 01:09:06 in the meeting recording, Debt Market Investments Director Tom Lofton recommended allocating up to $300 million to the Neuberger Berman Eagle Fund, initiating a new partnership in Private Debt. This aligns with program goals for risk-adjusted returns, collateral diversification, and yield-driven performance. The fund uses an evergreen, leveraged direct lending strategy focused on senior secured middle-market loans, targeting net returns of 10–13% and maintaining disciplined underwriting with lower loss rates than industry norms. Mary Bates from Meketa reviewed the fund's structure, portfolio, leverage, institutional focus, and fee terms, emphasizing strengths such as selective underwriting and governance linked to its evergreen model. Representatives from Neuberger Berman provided additional insights. Discussions covered credit spreads, underwriting standards, liquidity, risks including AI, and noted the portfolio's broad diversification, covenant protection, resilience, and strong institutional backing. Following discussion and no further questions, a motion was made by Member and Acting Chair of the meeting Mr. Bingaman and seconded by Member Sánchez to approve a commitment of up to $300 million to the Neuberger Berman Eagle Fund.

> **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 $300 million to Neuberger Berman Eagle Fund, L.P., subject and contingent to 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: Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, Allen Sánchez, and Kurt Sommer. Member Mary Rohman abstained. With seven votes in favor, the motion was approved.

e. **Performance Reviews**

i. **Private Debt – 3Q 25 PMR** (Lofton, Meketa)

At approximately 01:40:16 in the meeting recording, Director Lofton presented the Private Debt – 3Q 25 Performance Measurement Report, emphasizing the program's diversification, robust underwriting, disciplined fees, and structural strength despite tighter credit conditions. The team has shifted to larger, more varied borrowers and continues to avoid public BDC structures due to asset–liability mismatch risks. Ms. Mary Bates from Meketa noted that recent commitments have outperformed older ones, leading to significant improvements and solid quarterly gains in a diverse portfolio.

ii. **National Private Equity – Q3 PRM** (Cassidy, Mercer)

At approximately 01:46:32 in the meeting recording, Mr. Pugmire presented the Q3 2025 Private Equity report, noting strong gains across strategies, especially in venture capital. He attributed short-term underperformance to recent commitments but said long-term results exceed benchmarks. Net asset value rose due to investment gains and contributions, with positive vintage year and market comparisons despite lagging U.S. benchmarks. He finished with co-investment updates and answered a clarifying question.

iii. **NM Strategic Venture Capital Program – Q3 PMR** (Cassidy, Mercer)

At approximately 01:53:11 in the meeting recording, Mr. Pugmire presented the Q3 2025 report for New Mexico's Venture Capital Program, highlighting strong results from the new portfolio segment and ongoing issues with the legacy segment. Key updates

included a quantum partnership, network launch, and increased local investment interest. The Council had no questions; the report ended.

iv. **Real Estate – Q3 PMR** (Keith Sabol, Townsend)

At approximately 01:58:56 in the meeting recording, Real Estate and Real Asset Director Keith Sabol and Mr. Rob Kochis of Townsend presented the Real Estate – Q3 2025 Performance Measurement Report and noted that while recent performance has been weak, long-term results remain above benchmark. Director Sabol explained that unfunded commitments and the wind-down of an older investment continue to weigh on results, though income returns remain stable and valuations appear to be leveling. Mr. Kochis described the market as near the bottom of a cycle, with gradual improvement expected due to moderating supply, strong occupancy in most sectors outside office, and supportive income trends. He noted that the portfolio remains underweight relative to its long-term allocation target but continues to show strong long-term characteristics, with emphasis on residential strategies, industrial assets benefiting from supply-chain shifts, and selective niche sectors. He confirmed the program remains in policy compliance and stated that office sector performance is likely to remain challenged due to hybrid work and ongoing footprint reductions.

v. **Real Assets – Q3 PMR** (Sabol, Mercer)

At approximately 02:10:23 in the meeting recording, Keith Sabol and Rob Kochis presented the Q3 2025 report, noting recent weak performance but strong long-term results above benchmark. Unfunded commitments are affecting returns, though income and valuations are steady. The market is near its cycle bottom and gradual improvement is expected. The portfolio is underweight but shows good long-term potential, focusing on residential, industrial, and niche sectors. Office assets face ongoing challenges from hybrid work and reduced space needs.

4. FINANCE MATTERS

a. **Audit Committee Report** (Nick Telles)

At approximately 02:14:45 in the meeting recording, Audit Committee Chair Member Telles stated that the committee met earlier in the week to review financial statements, including a budget-to-actual comparison, and discussed Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) authority, which the SIC needs to due to growth of total assets under management.

b. **CFO Report** (Brent Shipp)

At approximately 02:15:31 in the meeting recording, CFO Brent Shipp reported the agency secured up to $25 million in BAR authority during the latest legislative session after starting fiscal year 2026 without it. A budget adjustment will likely be submitted soon due to increased funding needs driven by strong inflows and investment returns. Mr. Shipp acknowledged SIO Clark's important contribution to obtaining this reauthorization from the legislature for FY26 and FY27.

5. GOVERNANCE MATTERS

a. **Vote: Open Meetings Resolution** (Amy Chavez-Romero)

At 02:17:25 in the meeting recording, Ms. Amy Chavez-Romero presented the 2026 Open Meetings Resolution, outlining notice requirements for meetings, procedures for closed sessions, and ADA accommodations. Regular meetings need 10 days' notice; committees and remote participation require 72 hours, emergencies need a minimum of 24 hours public notice. Closed sessions need a majority vote and public disclosure and vote of actions the Council takes. The resolution, adopted annually with no major changes, was approved after brief discussion and a motion by Mr. Bingaman and a second from Mr. Sommer.

> **Based on and consistent with the resolution set forth in the public meeting materials,** I move that the State Investment Council approve the 2026 Open Meetings Resolution.

The following members voted in favor: Treasurer Laura M. Montoya, Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, Allen Sánchez, Mary Rohman, and Kurt Sommer. There were no opposing votes. With nine votes in favor, the motion was approved.

6. CLOSING MATTERS

a. **Old or New Business**

None.

b. **Public Comment**

None.

c. **Next State Investment Council (SIC) meeting date:** March 24, 2026 (MDT) Governor's Cabinet Room

7. Vote: Enter Executive Session (NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2))

At approximately 02:25:07 in the meeting recording, Member Sánchez made the following motion, which was seconded by Treasurer Montoya.

> **Pursuant to New Mexico's Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Chapter 10, Article 15, et seq.** and in accordance with the New Mexico Attorney General's current Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide, I move that by a majority vote of quorum of the State Investment Council, the vote of each individual member to be reflected in the minutes, the Council enter a closed session pursuant to the exemption for limited personnel matters in Section 10-15-1 (H)(2), for the sole purpose of a discussion relating to the annual performance evaluation and compensation of the State Investment Officer Jon Clark. Only this limited personnel matter will be discussed in this executive session.

The following members voted in favor: Treasurer Laura M. Montoya, Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, Allen Sánchez, Mary Rohman, and Kurt Sommer. There were no opposing votes. With nine votes in favor, the motion was approved.

8. Return to Public Session: Possible Vote, SIO Compensation

At approximately 0:07 in the second meeting recording, Member Sánchez stated the following and made a motion Secretary Propst seconded.

> Let the minutes of the Council's January 2026 open meeting accurately state, as required by Section 10-15-1 *et seq.* of the Act, that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure, specifically the individual employee limited personnel matters exemption provided by Section 10-15-1 (H)(2). No formulations of public policy were discussed.

The following members voted in favor of the statement to rejoin public session: Treasurer Laura M. Montoya, Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, Kelly O' Donnell, Allen Sánchez, Mary Rohman, and Kurt Sommer. There were no opposing votes. With nine votes in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Bingaman made a motion to increase State Investment Officer Jon Clark's annual salary by 2%, effective immediately, with the stipulation that Mr. Clark be eligible to participate in any statewide state employee salary increases. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Montoya.

The following members voted in favor: Treasurer Laura M. Montoya, Secretary Wayne Propst, Nick Telles, Cathy Allen, John Bingaman, and Kelly O' Donnell. The following members voted against the motion: Allen Sánchez, Mary Rohman, and Kurt Sommer. With six votes in favor, the motion was approved.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Montoya moved to adjourn the meeting, and all members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.