

Investment Subcommittee
CCSNH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting of September 6, 2018

Attending: Trustee Kathy Shields, Trustee Alison Stebbins

Others Presenting to the Subcommittee: CCSNH COO Charles Ansell, CCSNH Director of Financial Operations Kim Brent, David Koestner (Fidelity), Ed MacKay (CCNH Foundation)

Chair Stebbins called the Subcommittee meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

VOTE: The Subcommittee, on motion of Ms. Stebbins and seconded by Ms. Shields, voted unanimously to approve the June 26, 2017 and November 21, 2017 meeting minutes as written.

UNIQUE Funds

Currently CCSNH is disbursing UNIQUE funds at a below-market rate of 4%, which the subcommittee discussed increasing to 5.5%. Mr. MacKay added that the state recommends a minimum rate of 4% and a maximum rate of 7%; an increase to 5.0% or 5.5% would still be considered prudent. The subcommittee agreed that it is a priority to disburse more money to students when possible, and Mr. Ansell will relay the subcommittee's recommendation for a rate increase to Chancellor Gittel.

Overview of Bank Accounts, Financial Operations, and Collections

Ms. Brent reviewed treasury metrics with the subcommittee. A discussion followed regarding the reasons why CCSNH students accumulate debt and the CCSNH outreach efforts that are in place to ensure that a student's education is not interrupted as a result. Ms. Stebbins asked that the finance committee regularly review collections data.

Fidelity Accounts

Mr. Koestner presented Fidelity's quarterly market perspective and provided an update on the performance of the UNIQUE fund and the operating account. While the U.S. economy is strong, Mr. Koestner suggests preparing for increased volatility because of the rising interest rate environment, the volatile performance of international stocks and bonds, and the current business cycle.

The subcommittee authorized Mr. Koestner and Fidelity to explore more aggressive approaches for asset allocation.

No further business was brought forward. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Eckner
Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees