

**PERMANENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OKLAHOMA
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees
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TITLE 590. OKLAHOMA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CHAPTER 20. INVESTMENTS

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590:20-1-1. Purpose

The rules in this Chapter are designed to implement the policies and procedures necessary to insure the efficient, prudent and diversified investments of the funds of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan, the Oklahoma State Employees Savings Incentive Plan, and the Defined Contribution System.

[**Source:** Amended at 32 Ok Reg 2178, eff 9-11-15]

590:20-1-2. Investment policy

The investment policy, guidelines and objectives which govern the investment of monies from the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System fund and the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges fund shall be developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled public Board meeting, at least annually, prior to August 1 of each year.

590:20-1-3. Amendments

Changes to the investment policy may be made, as necessary, at any public meeting of the Board, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

590:20-1-4. Deferred Compensation, Savings Incentive Plan, and Defined Contribution System assets

The Board shall have the responsibility to determine appropriate investment options for the assets of the Deferred Compensation Plan, the Savings Incentive Plan, and the Defined Contribution System composed of defined contribution plans pursuant to Sections 401(a) and

457(b) under the Internal Revenue Code. The Board shall adopt an investment policy, guidelines and objectives in the same manner as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this Chapter. This investment policy shall also contain the procedure for selection, retention, or elimination of the investment options and service providers for each plan.

[Source: Added at 12 Ok Reg 3247, eff 7-27-95; Amended at 18 Ok Reg 551, eff 12-28-00 through 7-14-01 (emergency); Amended at 18 Ok Reg 3265, eff 7-26-01; Amended at 32 Ok Reg 2178, eff 9-11-15]

590:20-1-5. Self-directed brokerage investments

The Board may offer to participants in the Deferred Compensation Plan, the Savings Incentive Plan, and the Defined Contribution System a self-directed brokerage investment option for the selection of additional mutual funds. The Board may establish the program structure, limits and maximums on investments in this option, as may be set forth in the investment policy or by the recordkeeper. The Board has no responsibility to review the mutual funds available in this option or to determine the appropriate investment choices for participants selecting this option. The Board further has no responsibility to determine if the selection of the self-directed brokerage option is appropriate for any particular participant. The self-directed brokerage option is designed for knowledgeable investors and any participant selecting this option will be required to sign an election form containing at least the following:

- (1) That the participant understands and accepts any and all risks associated with this selection;
- (2) That the participant understands and accepts that none of the mutual funds available in the self-directed brokerage option have been reviewed for suitability or endorsed by the Board;
- (3) That the participant is solely responsible for determining the suitability or appropriateness of any selected mutual fund; and
- (4) That the participant agrees to hold the Plan and the Board harmless against any claims, damages or other causes of actions which may arise as a result of any negative consequences resulting from use of the self-directed brokerage option.

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