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## **NOTICE OF FUND CHANGE**

Every year, the OPERS Board of Trustees reviews the investment options offered to the SoonerSave and Pathfinder participants to ensure the options provide participants with the optimal building blocks to construct retirement portfolios to meet participants' individual needs and preferences.

When the investment options fail to meet the expectations established by the Board, staff, or the investment consultant, OPERS may replace those options in the Plans.

On August 8, 2022, the Baird Mid Cap Growth SMA (separately managed account) will replace the Columbia Acorn Mid Cap Growth mutual fund. Participants with investments in the Columbia Acorn Mid Cap Growth fund do not have to do anything at this time. Any investments you currently have in the Columbia Acorn Mid Cap Growth fund will automatically transfer to the new Baird Mid Cap Growth SMA on August 8, 2022. Participants have the option to move any investments currently in the Columbia Acorn fund to different investments offered in the plan by accessing their account with Empower before August 5, 2022:

<b>SoonerSave</b>	soonersave.com	877-538-3457
<b>Pathfinder</b>	okpathfinder.com	844-465-7284

The SoonerSave and Pathfinder Plans utilize a variety of vehicles to deliver the investment options, including mutual funds and collective trust funds. The Baird Mid Cap Growth SMA is a new type of investment vehicle OPERS is introducing into the Plans. SMA stands for "separately managed account." With an SMA, the Plans hire a professional investment advisor to manage a customized portfolio. The creation of the new separate account for the SoonerSave and Pathfinder Plans happened through a partnership with the Robert W. Baird Company and Empower Retirement. Baird's team of professional money managers will perform the day-to-day tasks involved in the buying and selling of the individual investments on behalf of the separate account.

Unlike an institutional mutual fund or collective trust fund, a separately managed account is a custom account, managed specifically for a particular client. The investments that comprise the SMA are exclusively from SoonerSave and Pathfinder participants and is not pooled together with money from other institutional investors. The Plans' recordkeeper, Empower, will "unitize" the SMA, which means that it will divide the SMA into smaller units to keep track of each participants' holdings in the overall SMA. This is a process very similar to striking a "Net Asset Value" (NAV) on a mutual fund or a collective trust fund. Participants in the SMA will hold units of the fund and transact based on the NAV of the units.

The Baird Mid Cap SMA is not available to the public and, therefore, not listed in the newspaper or other sources. Like a collective trust fund, it is not registered with the SEC. The SMA will be invested and perform similarly to the Baird Mid Cap Growth mutual fund. The main advantage of choosing the SMA in lieu of the mutual fund option is the ability to offer a similar investment at an attractive price to the participants of our Plans.

More information about the fund will be available at the time of transition. If you have any questions, please contact us at 405-858-6737.