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Illinois State Board of Investment Expands its Allocations to Alternative Debt Platforms

Moves to hire Benefit Street Partners for \$30M in opportunistic debt, Brigade Capital Management for 50% in high-yield allocation

CHICAGO, IL – The Illinois State Board of Investment (ISBI) voted today to expand its allocations to alternative debt platforms and hire Benefit Street Partners (BSP) for an allocation of \$30M in opportunistic debt. The change was recommended by the staff and private equity consultant Hamilton Lane and approved by the ISBI Board.

Additionally, ISBI voted to hire Brigade Capital Management ('Brigade') for 50% in high-yield allocations. The change was recommended by the staff and general consultant Meketa Investment Group and approved by the ISBI Board.

"We are excited to add these firms to the actively managed portion of our portfolio and look forward to successful relationships. The changes adopted today will create highly impactful investments on behalf of our beneficiaries, while also being easier to manage and benchmark," said Marc Levine, Chairman, ISBI.

In September 2016, ISBI established a dedicated 4% allocation to opportunistic debt. The contract with Benefit Street Partners was the second fund allocation since ISBI initiated its relationship with Hamilton Lane in 2016. Additionally, ISBI invested \$50M in opportunistic debt to Platinum Equity LP in September.

Over the past year, ISBI made changes to reduce its high-yield allocation from 4% to 2.5%. ISBI will review the remaining 50% of the high-yield allocations and make a determination for apportionment in 2017.

Outcome of 12/15/16 ISBI Meeting

| Company | Outcome |
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| Benefit Street Partners LLC (BSP) | Allocating \$30M in funds for opportunistic debt |
| Brigade Capital Management LP | Allocating 50% of high-yield allocations (for total of 1.25% of portfolio) |

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