

MINUTES: PUBLIC MEETING ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OPERATIONS, AUDIT, & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD Thursday, April 30, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

The Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) Operations, Audit, & Legislative Committee (OALC) met in public session in the First Floor Board Room of the ASRS Office, 3300 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

Ms. Sarah Webber, Chairperson of the ASRS OALC, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Opening Remarks.

Present: Ms. Sarah Webber, Chairperson (virtual)
Ms. Ashley DiMaggio Ruiz, Vice-Chair (excused)
Dr. Chuck Essigs, Member (in person)
Mr. Michael Miller, Member (in person)

A quorum was present for the purpose of conducting business.

Ms. Clarissa DeCoux, ASRS Committee Administrator, provided all attendees with meeting guidelines.

2. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Minutes of the July 30, 2025, Public Meeting of the Operations, Audit, and Legislative Committee (OALC)**
- b. **Minutes of the July 30, 2025, Executive Session of the Operations, Audit, and Legislative Committee (OALC)**
- c. **The 2026 Calendar Year Operations, Audit, and Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule**

Motion: Mr. Michael Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Chuck Essigs seconded the motion.

By a roll call vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 excused, and 0 vacancy, the motion was approved. The Trustee votes were as follows:

Ms. Sarah Webber – approved
Ms. Ashley DiMaggio Ruiz - excused
Dr. Chuck Essigs – approved
Mr. Michael Miller – approved

3. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the following Survey Results:

a. Employer Services

b. Retiree Member Survey

Ms. Erica Webb, Senior Strategic Planner, reported that employers continued to show strong support for the ASRS, reflected in a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 51.5. Ms. Webb disclosed that employers indicated that the ASRS remained a valuable recruitment and retention tool, expressed high satisfaction with customer service and website functionality, and agreed that ASRS communications and training materials met their needs.

Ms. Webb reported that retired members expressed high satisfaction with their overall experience, including the NPS of 50.4. Ms. Webb disclosed that retired members indicated trust in ASRS communications, reported feeling well-informed in their retirement decisions, expressed satisfaction with website services, and noted strong appreciation for the Health Insurance Premium Benefit, particularly among those with longer service.

Ms. Sarah Webber asked whether anything specific contributed to the positive increases observed in the results. Mr. Michael Miller recognized the Strategic Planning team for their role in achieving those improvements. Dr. Chuck Essigs commended the Strategic Planning team for not only reviewing the results but also continuing to identify areas for improvement and actions needed to support ongoing progress. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Miller commented that he had received feedback indicating that when members contacted the ASRS with questions, staff responded immediately and directed them appropriately. Ms. Webber noted that she appreciated seeing the member and retiree surveys presented together and emphasized the value of partnering with ADOA and employers. Lastly, Ms. Webber added that she looks forward to this collaboration continuing.

Discussion Participants: Ms. Sarah Webber, Mr. Michael Miller, Dr. Chuck Essigs, Ms. Erica Webb, Ms. Katie Daigneault, and Mr. Jeremiah Scott.

4. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the 2026 Legislative Agenda.

Ms. Jessica Thomas, Government Relations Officer, presented information that Representative Livingston sponsored three ASRS initiatives, HB2089, HB2090, and HB2092, which clarified eligibility for the health insurance premium benefit, long-term disability continuation after 24 months, and the membership waiver option for employees first eligible after age 65. All three bills were passed and signed by the Governor on April 13, 2026, and will be effective 90 days after adjournment sine die.

Ms. Thomas provided additional information on legislation that could impact the ASRS. HB2502, regarding elected officials working after retirement, and SB1042, permitting public funds to invest up to 10% in virtual currency, had advanced in committee and could continue through the legislative process. Staff stated that other relevant bills were being tracked on the ASRS website through the 2026 Bill Tracker.

Dr. Essigs asked about House Bills 2089, 2090, and 2092 and the process the ASRS used to ensure that school districts and other participating organizations were made aware of upcoming changes. Mr. Miller inquired whether any of the bills that had passed could negatively affect the ASRS. Ms. Webber asked whether there were any significant cuts or changes to the ASRS budget. Discussion ensued to clarify.

Discussion Participants: Ms. Sarah Webber, Mr. Michael Miller, Dr. Chuck Essigs, and Ms. Jessica Thomas.

5. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the ASRS Information Security and Privacy Program, including:

- a. 2025 Arizona State Retirement System Web Application Report**
- b. ASRS Compliance Assessment Report 2025**
- c. AZ SRS (ASRS) October 2025 Network Report**

Motion: Mr. Michael Miller moved to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (9) for the purpose of discussion or consideration of security information and records exempt by law from public inspection. Dr. Chuck Essigs seconded the motion.

By a roll call vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 excused, and 0 vacancy, the motion was approved. The Trustee votes were as follows:

Ms. Sarah Webber – approved
Ms. Ashley DiMaggio Ruiz - excused
Dr. Chuck Essigs – approved
Mr. Michael Miller – approved

COMMITTEE COVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 9:59 a.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED: 10:28 a.m.
COMMITTEE RECONVENED TO PUBLIC SESSION: 10:29 a.m.

Ms. Sarah Webber reconvened the Open Session. Ms. DeCoux called the roll. A quorum of the Committee was present to discuss business.

6. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action Regarding the Internal Audit Division's Quarterly Report Q1 Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

- a. Quarter Report Update Q1 Fiscal Year (FY) 2026**

Ms. Nancy Solheim, Internal Auditor, reported that she was present on behalf of Mr. Harold Mackey who was attending an out-of-state conference. Ms. Solheim offered to respond to address any questions related to the Quarterly Report Update, if she was able, or questions could be forwarded to Mr. Mackey. There were no questions at this time.

7. Call to the Public.

No one from the public requested to address the Committee.

8. Summary of Current Events.

There were no events to discuss.

9. Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Ms. Sarah Webber noted that the committee maintained a strong cadence in addressing its annual topics and expressed appreciation to the staff for presenting the materials in such a succinct and well-organized way.

10. The next public ASRS Operations, Audit, and Legislative Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Sarah Webber, noted that the next public ASRS Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

11. Adjournment of the ASRS Operations, Audit, and Legislative Committee.

Ms. Sarah Webber, adjourned the April 30, 2026, ASRS OALC meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Clarissa DeCoux

Committee Administrator

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