

# Transparent Treasury

General Treasurer Seth Magaziner | 2018

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In 2015 Treasurer Magaziner launched <u>Transparent Treasury</u>, one of the most comprehensive transparency policies in the nation

Requires pension fund managers to allow their performance and fees to be published online in order for state to invest

Since Rhode Island launched Transparent Treasury in 2015, New York City, California, and other large funds are have adopted similar policies

Former SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt Jr said RI's transparency model "should be implemented in every public fund"

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### Each manager must sign:

- A <u>Transparency Agreement</u>, committing to disclosure of fees, terms and basic information of the fund.
- An <u>Investor Code of Conduct</u>, affirming that the firm will maintain high ethical standards and strictly adhere to SEC and MSRB rules.
- A <u>Placement Agent Certificate</u>, affirming that no placement agents were compensated in connection with RI's investment.

### Implementation

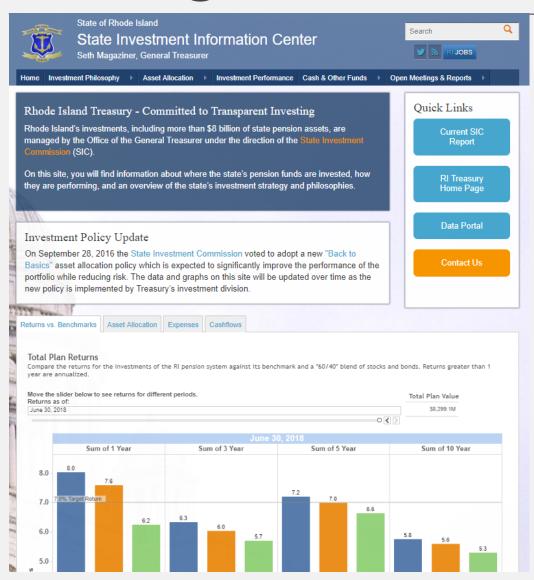
All funds new to the ERSRI portfolio after June of 2015 are required to permit public reporting of their fees and expenses.

While funds that received investment from the SIC prior to June 2015 are grandfathered from the individualized reporting requirement, Treasury staff has requested that they voluntarily allow disclosure, which most (85%) have agreed to do.

Since 2015, the Investment division has not had any difficulty accessing investment opportunities as a result of this policy.

With this effort, and other similar efforts around the country, transparency is becoming the new normal.

## Making Information Accessible

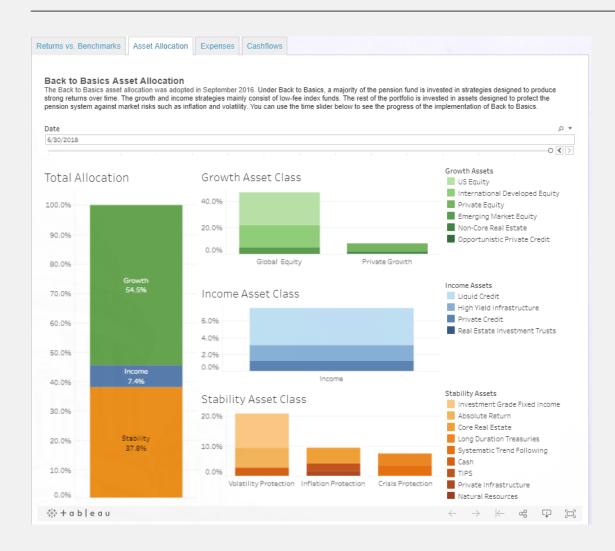


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Public portal providing information on pension investments

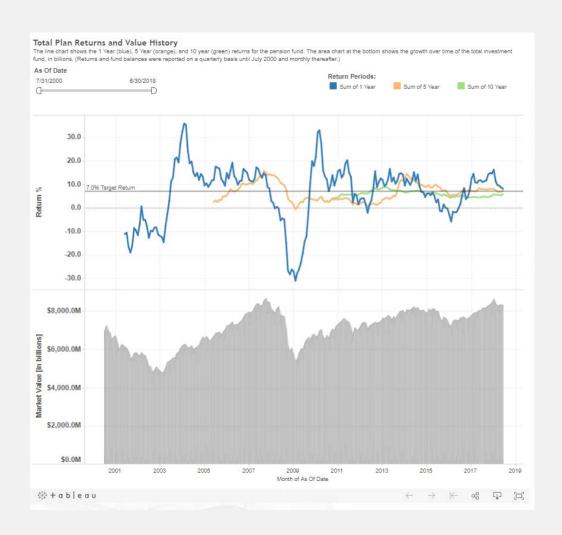
- Monthly performance, expenses, cash flows, asset allocation changes, and investment manager information.
- The site also includes public meeting notices and links to Investment Commission meeting materials

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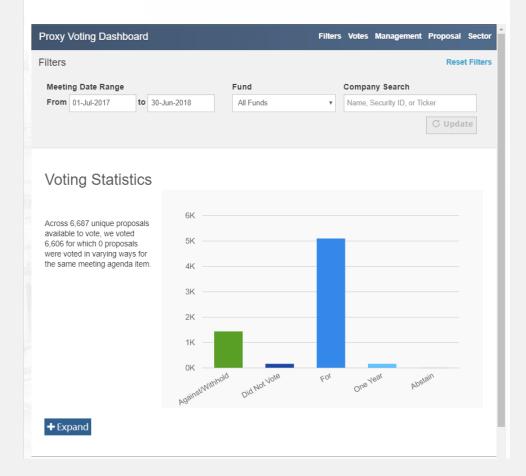
FY 2017 in \$000's					
Asset Class / Type	Management Fees	Fund Expenses	Performance Expense	Total Investment Expense	Expense Ratio
Global Equity Indexes	\$1,199	\$267		1,466	0.02%
Equity Hedge Funds	7,545	1,450	6,935	15,930	0.21%
Private Equity	10,056	,	11,067	24,389	0.31%
Subtotal Equity/Growth	18,800	4,984	18,002	41,785	0.54%
Subtotal Fixed Income	1,342			1,342	0.02%
Real Estate	5,884	934	306	7,124	0.09%
Infrastructure	2,848	469	282	3,599	0.05%
Subtotal Real Assets	8,732	1,402	588	10,722	0.14%
Bank Loans/High Yield	1,029			1,029	0.01%
Inflation Linked Bonds	309			309	0.00%
Absolute Return Hedge Funds	8,763	1,156	9,086	19,004	0.24%
Subtotal Real Return	10,101	1,156	9,086	20,342	0.26%
Subtotal Crisis Protection	18	106		124	0.00%
Beta Overlay	245	73		318	0.00%
Cash	361			361	0.00%
Subtotal Other Managers	606	73		679	0.01%
Subtotal Manager Expense	\$39,599	. ,	\$27,676	\$74,995	0.97%
Expense Ratio	0.51%	0.10%	0.36%	0.97%	
Consulting	\$950			\$950	0.01%
Custody	489			489	0.01%
egal & Other	110			110	0.00%
Research	82			82	0.00%
Personnel / Operating	1,316			1,316	0.02%

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#### Proxy Voting Guidelines

Rhode Island Treasury's proxy voting guidelines reflect the fiduciary duty of the Rhode Island Treasurer's Office to vote proxies in the best interest of our members and constituents. Our goal is to vote our proxies in accordance with both their financial interests and their values. You can download our current proxy voting policy in here.



### Transparent Treasury is Now the Law in RI

In 2017, at the request of Treasurer Magaziner, the Rhode Island General Assembly enacted RIGL 35-10-15.

"Transparency is essential to good government. As Treasurer, I take seriously my obligation to set a high standard of reporting that publicly discloses investment performance and fees. I commend the General Assembly for codifying my "Transparent Treasury" policy, ensuring this level of transparency will continue across future Treasury administrations."

-Treasurer Seth Magaziner



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