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AGENDA

August 18, 2026

2:00 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
101 E. Wilson Street, 2nd Floor
Madison, Wisconsin

Routine Business:

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes – August 4, 2026 (Attachment)
3. Approve Loans

New Business:

4. None

Routine Business:

5. Chief Investment Officer's Report – Quarterly Investment Report
6. Executive Secretary's Report
7. Board Chair's Report
8. Future Agenda Items

Old Business:

9. None
10. Adjourn

AUDIO ACCESS INFORMATION

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Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2026

Present were:

Sarah Godlewski, Board Chair
John Leiber, Commissioner
Josh Kaul, Commissioner
Tia Nelson, Executive Secretary
Rich Sneider, Chief Investment Officer
Denise Nechvatal, Controller
Chuck Failing, IT Manager
Micah Zeitler, Real Estate Specialist
Peter German, Staff

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ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Godlewski called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

ITEM 2. APPROVE MINUTES (August 4th board meeting)

MOTION: Board Chair Godlewski moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Kaul seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 3. APPROVE LOANS

MOTION: Board Chair Godlewski moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Leiber seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sneider reported that we have five routine loans. Loan #1 is to the Town of Cutler in Juneau County to finance some bridge repairs. Loan #2 to the Town of Highland in Douglas County is to finance the purchase of a grader. Loans #3 and #4 are to the City of Mosinee in Marathon County: loan #4 is to finance roadwork and loan #3 is to finance 2026 capital equipment purchases with the majority of those funds going to finance police squads and related equipment. Loan #5 is to the Town of Rock Elm in Pierce County to finance the purchase of a tractor.

VOTE: The motion to approve the loans passed 3-0.

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) unanimously approved **\$901,166.39** in State Trust Fund Loans to support **5** community projects in Wisconsin.

1. Town of Cutler / Juneau County / Finance bridge repairs / \$120,000.00
2. Town of Highland / Douglas County / Finance purchase of grader / \$200,000.00
3. City of Mosinee / Marathon County / Finance 2026 capital equipment purchases / \$211,500.00
4. City of Mosinee / Marathon County / Finance roadwork / \$237,500.00
5. Town of Rock Elm / Pierce County / Finance purchase of tractor / \$132,166.39

ITEM 4. CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Sneider shared that the second quarter investment report is delayed due to additional accounting reconciliations that are required at the end of the fiscal year. He hopes to have that report available soon.

Mr. Sneider reported that at the last Investment Committee (IC) meeting, the IC agreed to make commitments to real estate and infrastructure asset classes which brings us closer to our asset class target ranges. These commitments were to open-ended funds in which BCPL is already invested. Open-ended funds add a source of future liquidity that allows BCPL to redeem some or all of its investments in the future. Adding to our existing fund investments is good in two separate ways: 1) It reduces the workload on our back office; and 2) It reduces risk to the portfolio due to familiarity with the operations of the asset manager and confidence in their strategy.

These commitments included \$50 million across four real estate funds. Real estate is an asset class we believe has reached bottom following the transition to higher interest rates and should be adding significant value over the next several years.

\$25 million was also committed to the KKR Diversified Core Infrastructure Fund. This KKR fund focuses on energy transition with critical networks including energy and electricity transmission, digitization including fiber networks and towers, and partnering with local governments on transportation and other projects. The Investment Committee's also increased the State Trust Fund Loan interest rates by 1/4 of 1% across the board to reflect current market conditions.

Board Chair Godlewski asked that when the second quarter investment report is made, she would like to share progress on some of the back office work discussed at the investment committee retreat. Knowing that Mr. Sneider will be retiring, it would be beneficial to update the board about progress being made to ensure BCPL continues to have a sustainable investment capability.

Mr. Sneider shared that he and Executive Secretary Nelson will provide an update on that at an upcoming meeting.

ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Nelson shared her appreciation of Denise Nechvatal, Chief Financial Officer, for her ongoing efforts on risk abatement and working with Baker Tilly.

Executive Secretary Nelson reported that last week she traveled to the Lake Tomahawk office and spent the morning in the office with the entire northern team and the afternoon in the field to evaluate and discuss timber management challenges and opportunities, as another mill has closed, and the oversaturation of timber products at the mills and its impact on timber prices.

Micah Zeitler, BCPL's real estate specialist, has been writing letters to adjacent landowners for properties previously approved for sale by the board. These properties are being advertised in newspapers and 'For Sale' signs on the properties. These communications have resulted in several private sales. The interested buyers are making offers equal to the appraised value originally advertised.

ITEM 6. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

None

ITEM 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Chair Godlewski requested an update at a future meeting on the status of the maple syrup lease on our northern lands.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

10(a). Convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c) (“Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”)

The board will go into closed session to discuss timing of the appointment of the new Executive Secretary.

MOTION: Board Chair Godlewski moved the board convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Section 19.85(1)(c); Commissioner Leiber seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion passed 3-0.

Convene to closed session 2:15 pm - 3:12 pm

Reconvene to open session 3:12 pm - 3:13 pm

ITEM 10. ADJOURN

Board Chair Godlewski moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Leiber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0; the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.



Tia Nelson, Executive Secretary

Link to audio recording:

[https://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/SharedDocuments/BoardMeeting Docs/2026/2026-08-04 BoardMtgRecording audio.mp3](https://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/SharedDocuments/BoardMeetingDocs/2026/2026-08-04BoardMtgRecordingaudio.mp3)

**BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026****AGENDA ITEM 3
APPROVE LOANS**

Municipality	Municipal Type	Loan Type	Loan Amount
1. Tripp Bayfield County Application #: 02027007 Purpose: Finance roadwork and building addition	Town Rate: 6.00% Term: 10 years	General Obligation	\$270,000.00
2. Bristol Dane County Application #: 02027008 Purpose: Finance roadwork and equipment repair	Town Rate: 5.75% Term: 2 years	General Obligation	\$179,667.80
3. Bloomer Chippewa County Application #: 02027010 Purpose: Finance TID #5 site and utility improvements	City Rate: 6.50% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$475,000.00
4. Shelby La Crosse County Application #: 02027011 Purpose: finance purchase of building for Fire Department	Town Rate: 6.50% Term: 20 years	General Obligation	\$1,025,000.00
TOTAL			\$1,949,667.80

Common School Fund

Portfolio Report

June 30, 2026

Asset Class	Current Market Value	Cost	Unrealized Gain/Loss	% Gain/Loss	Yield at Cost	Projected Annual Income
Fixed Income						
Public Debt						
State/State Agency/Municipal Bonds	71,045,169	74,889,274	(3,844,105)	-5.1%	4.0%	3,008,900
U.S. Treasury/Agency Bonds	91,415,020	94,896,000	(3,480,980)	-3.7%	4.8%	4,530,000
U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities	55,175,409	55,935,120	(759,711)	-1.4%	1.7%	925,000
Corporate Bonds	85,335,253	100,920,460	(15,585,207)	-15.4%	5.3%	5,378,020
Private Debt			-			
BCPL State Trust Fund Loans ¹	299,057,063	299,057,063	-	n/a	5.0%	14,952,408
Other Private Debt ²	197,607,322	209,584,420	(11,977,098)	-5.7%	8.0%	16,736,439
Total Fixed Income	799,635,236	835,282,337	(35,647,101)	-4.3%	5.5%	45,530,767
Equities and Alternatives						
Public Equities						
Preferred Stocks	76,111,946	98,193,025	(22,081,079)	-22.5%	5.6%	5,498,119
Common Stocks	271,642,226	199,584,821	72,057,405	36.1%	4.7%	9,308,602
Alternatives ²			-			
Private Real Estate	238,205,675	234,507,234	3,698,441	1.6%	3.3%	7,834,832
Infrastructure	45,528,288	40,729,792	4,798,496	11.8%	3.5%	1,410,074
Private Equity/Venture Capital	71,420,320	45,154,766	26,265,554	58.2%	0.0%	1
Total Equities and Alternatives	702,908,455	618,169,638	84,738,817	13.7%	3.9%	24,051,628
Cash						
State Investment Fund ³	134,719,555	134,719,555			3.7%	4,942,348
Total Cash	134,719,555	134,719,555				4,942,348
TOTAL CSF PORTFOLIO	1,637,263,246	1,588,171,530	49,091,716	3.1%	4.7%	74,524,742

Notes:

¹ The total market value of STFL assets is likely greater than cost. However, these assets are held at cost because no independent appraisal has been conducted and STFL assets have always been held to maturity. Annual income is at STFL interest payments that are due 3/15/26 as of 06/30/26 and is subject to change.

² Private fund investments are valued at the sum of manager-provided market values (at the end of the prior quarter) plus capital calls made during the current quarter. Market valuations are updated as information is received.

³ State Investment Fund yield is from June 2026 SIF Pool Earnings Workbook. Total cash is a preliminary number subject to change.

Common School Fund Asset Allocation Report

June 30, 2026

		Current Portfolio		Potential Portfolio			Target		
Asset Class		Current Market Value	Current Allocation	Expected Commitments	Market Value + Commitments	Potential Allocation	Target Allocation	Target Range	
Fixed Income									
Public Debt									
State/State Agency/Municipal Bonds		71,045,169	4.3%		71,045,169	4.3%	0.0%	0% to 20%	
U.S. Treasury/Agency Bonds		91,415,020	5.6%		91,415,020	5.6%	3.0%	0% to 20%	
U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities		55,175,409	3.4%		55,175,409	3.4%	4.0%	0% to 10%	
Corporate Bonds		85,335,253	5.2%		85,335,253	5.2%	3.0%	0% to 20%	
Private Debt									
BCPL State Trust Fund Loans		299,057,063	18.3%		299,057,063	18.3%	20.0%	10% to 30%	
Other Private Debt		197,607,322	12.1%	46,500,000	244,107,322	14.9%	20.0%	10% to 30%	
Total Fixed Income		799,635,236	48.8%	46,500,000	846,135,236	51.7%	50.0%		
Equities and Alternatives									
Public Equities									
Preferred Stocks		76,111,946	4.6%		76,111,946	4.6%	0.0%	0% to 10%	
Common Stocks		271,642,226	16.6%		271,642,226	16.6%	16.0%	5% to 20%	
Alternatives									
Private Real Estate		238,205,675	14.5%	50,000,000	288,205,675	17.6%	18.0%	10% to 30%	
Infrastructure		45,528,288	2.8%	52,293,672	97,821,960	6.0%	6.0%	0% to 10%	
Private Equity/Venture Capital		71,420,320	4.4%	14,659,592	86,079,912	5.3%	8.0%	0% to 10%	
Total Equities and Alternatives		702,908,455	42.9%	116,953,264	819,861,719	50.1%	48.0%		
Cash									
State Investment Fund		134,719,555	8.2%				2.0% 0% to 10%		
Total Cash		134,719,555	8.2%						
TOTAL CSF PORTFOLIO		1,637,263,246	100.0%	163,453,264					
		Unfunded Commitments as of 6/30/2026							
		Total		Unfunded	Expected				
		PRIVATE DEBT	TPG Direct Lending Evergreen Fund	50,000,000	27,500,000	22,500,000			
			Golub Capital Partners 15	25,000,000	10,000,000	7,500,000			
			PGIM Senior Loan Opportunities Fund II	25,000,000	16,500,000	16,500,000			
		INFRASTRUCTURE	BlackRock Global Infrastructure Fund IV	25,000,000	4,793,672	3,543,672			
			GIP Mid-Market Fund V	25,000,000	25,000,000	23,750,000			
			KKR Diversified Core Infrastructure Fund	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	1		
		REAL ESTATE	Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	1		
			Nuveen US Cities Alternative	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	1		
			Nuveen US Cities Retail	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	1		
			Nuveen US Cities MultiFamily	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	1		
		VENTURE CAPITAL	Venture Investors Health Fund VI	10,000,000	3,840,000	3,340,000			
			NVNG Fund I	10,000,000	3,877,525	1,877,525			
			Idea Fund of LaCrosse II	5,000,000	2,625,000	875,000			
	Baird Venture Partners VI	11,000,000	4,537,067	3,437,067					
	Venture Investors Health Fund 7	20,000,000	12,130,000	5,130,000					
See Notes provided on the attached Portfolio Report for additional information									
1 Commitments made after 6/30/26 are included to increase table accuracy as of presentation date.									

Growth of Common School Fund Principal Vs Inflation				
6/30/2026				
	Average Annual Growth			
	1 year	3 year	10 year	40 year
	4.9%	6.0%	4.9%	6.2%
	Common School Fund Principal			
CPI - Educational Books and Supplies	1.2%	3.7%	1.4%	4.6%
CPI - Urban Consumer All Items	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	2.8%
Note: CPI data of 7/1/26 from Economic Research Division of Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis at https://fred.stlouisfed.org/				

Growth of Common School Fund Distribution Vs Inflation				
6/30/2026				
	Average Annual Growth			
	1 year	3 year	10 year	40 year
	5.0%	12.2%	6.9%	5.2%
	Common School Fund Distributions			
CPI - Educational Books and Supplies	1.2%	3.7%	1.4%	4.6%
CPI - Urban Consumer All Items	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	2.8%
Note: CPI data of 7/1/26 from Economic Research Division of Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis at https://fred.stlouisfed.org/				