

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: Lay, et al. v. Singing River Health System, et al.; Cause No. 2015-0060

REPORT BY SPECIAL FIDUCIARY TRACI M. CHRISTIAN

Pursuant to the appointment of Traci M. Christian as Special Fiduciary of the Singing River Health System Employees' Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), the Court has requested a monthly report. The Special Fiduciary brings to the Court's attention the following items for the month of November, 2024.

Plan Investments

Attached for the Court's review is a report showing asset positions and activity for the month ending October 31 as well as a quarterly report for the quarter ending September 30.

Of note this month:

- Investment markets were mostly flat to slightly down for the month as investors awaited election results and the Federal Reserve meeting in November.
- We purchased Lord Abbett Short Duration Fund, a bond fund with some of the hospital contribution.
- We trimmed a few equity mutual funds in the month of October.
- We added to fixed income as bond yields increased during the month.

The Plan's investments continue to perform well keeping pace with current market conditions. Subsequent reports will keep the Court apprised as to the investment performance in coming months. **As of October 31, the market value of the Trust is \$102.446 million.**

The Special Fiduciary with the advice of the Plan's independent investment advisor continues to monitor this allocation and make changes within the Investment Policy Statement targets.

Repeated - Financial Audit of the Fund

An audit for the year ended September 30, 2023 is underway and will be completed by the audit firm of Williams Keepers. Our auditors will also be completing the audit for the year ending September 30, 2024 at the same time this year.

By combining the two years' audits, we will have the 2024 results sooner as well as save on fees with the added efficiency.

Updated - Actuarial Valuation as of October 1, 2024

The Special Fiduciary is planning to present the results of the October 1, 2024 Actuarial Funding Valuation at the hearing on November 25, 2024.

This report is attached and contains information related to the Court's order of April 12, 2018 that "The Special Fiduciary shall institute the 90% to 110% funding level corridor ..." This report confirms that the Plan is within that corridor at **98.6%** as of the October 1, 2024 valuation date and **no recommendation for changes to benefits will be forthcoming.**

Also included with the report is a summary of **Plan expenses** for the year and targeted expenses for the current year. Investment expenses were slightly lower than targeted as we set the goal of continuing to toward more passive investment strategies and administrative expenses were also well below target.

Repeated - Hearing Scheduled for November 25, 2024

The Special Fiduciary will appear in person at the hearing scheduled for November 25th at 10:30am. Brian Perrot, the Plan's investment advisor with FCI Advisors is also planning to attend in person.

Notice of the hearing has been posted to Plan's website.

Administration

All Plan benefits due and vendor invoices to date have been authorized for payment.

This concludes the report for the 19th day of November, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



TRACI MILLER CHRISTIAN