



STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Employee Trust Funds
 A. John Voelker
 SECRETARY

Wisconsin Department
 of Employee Trust Funds
 PO Box 7931
 Madison WI 53707-7931
 1-877-533-5020 (toll free)
 Fax 608-267-4549
 etf.wi.gov

Correspondence Memorandum

Date: May 2, 2022
To: Deferred Compensation Board
From: Shelly Schueller
 Deferred Compensation Director
Subject: Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund Merger

This memo is for informational purposes only. No action is required.


This memo is to provide the Board with an update on Vanguard’s planned merger of the 2015 Target Retirement Trust Plus into Vanguard Target Retirement Income Trust Plus. As of March 31, 2022, 2,533 Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program (WDC) participants held approximately \$122,634,105 in the 2015 Target Retirement Trust Plus.

Vanguard launched its Target Retirement Funds (TDFs) in 2003 and the Board added the Vanguard TDF “5” series (2015, 2025, 2035 and 2045) to the investment option lineup in July 2010. TDFs invest in underlying Vanguard mutual funds according to an asset allocation strategy designed for people planning to retire in or within a few years of a specified date. Vanguard anticipated that approximately seven years after the target retirement date specified in a fund’s name, that fund’s allocation would become substantially the same as the Vanguard Retirement Income fund’s allocation, and the TDF would be merged into the Retirement Income fund.

Vanguard expects that by mid-2022, the 2015 TDF will have an asset allocation of 30% stocks and 70% bonds, similar to the allocation of the Target Retirement Income option. Vanguard is planning to merge these options on July 8, 2022. To prepare for the transition process, no purchases or exchanges into the Vanguard 2015 TDF will be permitted after the close of business on July 6, 2022. Empower is working with Vanguard on this merger for WDC participants holding assets in the 2015 TDF and will be creating communications to notify participants of the change.

Staff from Vanguard and ETF will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

Reviewed and approved by Matt Stohr, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services
 Electronically Signed 05/24/2022



Board	Mtg Date	Item #
DC	06.09.22	9A