

# INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Florida A&M University Foundation Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 | 4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Teleconference



## **Committee Members Present**

Dir. Clifton Goins, IV, *Chair*

Dir. Marcelia Freeman, *Vice Chair*

Dir. Lorin Crenshaw

Dir. John Crossman

Dir. Larry Robinson

Dir. T.J. Rose

## **Committee Members Not Present**

Dir. William Bryant

Dir. Gregory Clark

Dir. Lisa LaBoo

Dir. Kenneth Neighbors

Dir. G. Scott Uzzell

## **Guests Present**

Ms. Nancy Bard, *Commonfund*

Dir. Alfreda Blackshear

Ms. Rachel Clivaz, *Commonfund*

Ms. Caroline Greer, *Commonfund*

Anita Hariton, *Commonfund*

Dir. Alan Robertson

Dir. Tirrell Whitley

## **Staff Present**

Ms. Kimberly Hankerson

Ms. Juanita Johnson

Mrs. Gena Palmberg

Mrs. Audrey Simmons-Smith

Mr. Eric Swanigan

Mrs. Brandi Tatum-Fedrick

Ms. Angie Wiggins

## **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Chair Clifton Goins, IV. Ms. Angie Wiggins called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

## **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Chair Goins requested that Committee members disclose any conflict of interest with items on the Agenda; none were disclosed.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **November 22, 2019, Investment Committee Meeting**

Director Larry Robinson moved to approve the minutes; Director Marcelia Freeman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, unanimously.

## **Presentation by Commonfund**

Commonfund staff's presentation included the items listed below.

- A recommendation of a \$4M commitment to the Commonfund Strategic Solution Global Equity Fund III investment was made. This is the third fund in a series of global private equity programs constructed for Strategic Solutions investors.
- The value of the FAMU Foundation portfolio as of 12/31/19 was \$130.7M.
  - This represents an 18.4 percent appreciation for the 1-year period, in line with the policy benchmark. The annualized return of 7.2 percent since inception with Commonfund trailed the policy benchmark by 50bps. Equities and fixed income slightly

underperformed while real assets and diversifying strategies outperformed relative to benchmarks.

- Commonfund presented a liquidity analysis to assess how liquidity in the portfolio might be affected in times of market stress. The analysis showed the portfolio will sustain sufficient liquidity to meet spending needs in an extreme stress environment.
- Commonfund proposed a commitment of \$2.5M to the Commonfund Capital Venture Partners Fund XIII, as the next commitment in building to the 11 percent private capital asset allocation target. The investment was approved.
- The committee requested follow up venture capital performance data.

### **Action Items**

#### **Performance**

Since the Foundation's core real estate and public natural resources were accretive to the portfolio (they're in place of the natural resources Commonfund comingle fund and somewhat in place of the Commonfund real estate comingle fund,) Commonfund to provide a comparison/detailed analysis - year over year and quarter over quarter, and the impact of the decision of not investing in both of those Commonfund comingle products versus what the Foundation's allocations did.

#### **Diverse Managers**

Marvista, a global equity fund, will be added on March 1. Commonfund staff to share a profile of that fund along with their 1, 3, 5, 10 year returns relevant to some relevant benchmarks.

#### **Venture Capital**

Commonfund recommended a \$2.5M commitment.

- Split between Venture Capital and Private Equity – Commonfund staff requested to do more diligence and prove out that split.
- Commonfund to provide information on more traditional private equity funds that they have raised in the same venture year period.
- Commonfund to send the Board loss ratios for all Venture Capital funds since inception.
  - Provide a grid with the Venture Capital funds down the left side, the vintage year and returns on a net and gross basis, loss ratios for those funds, the dollars as a percent of totals that Commonfund had the opportunity for direct investing if any.
- Allocating Venture Capital - final close in June. Commonfund staff asked to send the Board the full offering book for the funds.
- Recommendation from the Committee - Over the next 30 days, consider and digest the data requests. Let Commonfund know the Committee's position in May.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

### **Minutes Prepared by**

Ms. Angie Wiggins