

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Florida A&M University Foundation Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 | 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Teleconference

Committee Members Present

Dir. Clifton Goins, IV, *Chair*

Dir. Marcelia Freeman, *Vice Chair*

Dir. William Bryant

Dir. Gregory Clark

Dir. Lorin Crenshaw

Dir. John Crossman

Dir. Lisa LaBoo

Dir. Kenneth Neighbors

Committee Members Not Present

Dir. Larry Robinson

Dir. T.J. Rose

Dir. G. Scott Uzzell

Guests Present

Mrs. Carshena Allison, *BCA Watson Rice*

Ms. Nancy Bard, *Commonfund*

Dir. Rachel Clivaz, *Commonfund*

Dir. Hosetta Coleman

Dir. Shawnta Friday-Stroud

Dir. Jemal Gibson

Ms. Caroline Greer, *Commonfund*

Dir. Monica Williams Harris

Dir. Lenetra King

Dir. Carmen Cummings Martin

Dir. Akunna Olumba

Mr. Ronald Thompkins, *BCA Watson Rice*

Dir. Twuanna Munroe Ward

Dir. Tirrell D. Whittley

Staff Present

Ms. Shelia Fields, *Information Tech. Office, FAMU*

Ms. Kristen Florence

Ms. Kim Hankerson

Ms. Juanita Johnson

Mrs. Gena Palmberg

Mrs. Audrey Simmons-Smith

Mr. Eric Swanigan

Ms. Brandi Tatum-Fedrick

Mrs. Sabrina Thompson

Ms. Angie Wiggins

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 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

February 19, 2020, Investment Committee Teleconference

April 7, 2020, Finance and Investment Committees Teleconference

Director William Bryant moved to approve the minutes; Director Gregory Clark seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, unanimously.

Presentation by Commonfund

Commonfund staff provided an overview of the Investment Performance Review as of March 31, 2020. They also provided key considerations for future Investment Committee meetings, Marco and Market updates, a Portfolio versus Peer Analysis, and the Annual Diverse Manager Review.

- As of March 31, the portfolio closed a quarter, down approximately 16.8 percent, ending the market value at \$108.8M. A net drop of \$21.9M during the quarter. The portfolio rebounded substantially over the course of the month of April, gaining approximately \$8.4M for 8 percent in aggregate. This reduced the fiscal year drawdown to approximately a negative 5.2 percent.
- A few key performance drivers for the portfolio for the quarter were highlighted. The main detractors are listed below.
 - Global equity fund;
 - low volatility exposure;
 - investment in the high-quality bond fund; and
 - real assets.
 - ❖ Commonfund staff discussed the differences between the Relative Performance and the Composite Benchmarks. An Investment Committee member inquired of Commonfund staff if the Foundation have the right benchmark due to the performances and explanations made about the benchmark; an indication of the wrong benchmark. **A suggestion was made that this needs to be changed to not have this discussion when there is a disconnect. Commonfund staff responded that the asset allocation committee will provide a review.**
- The Peer Review is as of June 30, 2019. This comparison of the portfolio is with the peer group between \$100-\$250M as well as all institutions that were in the study. In the one-year period, the portfolio performed in line with peers, lagging on that 3rd year, and then that 5th year outperformed both the size cohort as well the median for all institutions.
- Annual Diversity Review at Commonfund
 - continue to focus on recruitment and advocacy at all levels of the organization
 - built a dedicated diverse manager portal to facilitate continued expansion in that area
 - held its first diverse manager day
 - minorities comprise approximately 20 percent of the middle and senior management; a one percent increase over last year
 - diversity on the investment team is at approximately 35 percent
- Added four diverse managers to the Foundation portfolio.

Status of Action Items

- **November 22, 2019, and February 19, 2020, Investment Committee Meetings**
 - All action items have been completed.

Action Item

- **May 13, 2020 Investment Committee Meeting**
 - Commonfund staff to provide follow up regarding benchmarks.

Other Items/Adjournment

No other items were presented. The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. by Chair Clifton Goins, IV.

Minutes Prepared By

Ms. Angie Wiggins