

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Florida A&M University Foundation Board of Directors

Thursday, February 28, 2019

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. EST

Teleconference

Committee Members Present

Dir. Clifton Goins, IV, *Chair*

Dir. Marcelia Freeman, *Vice Chair*

Dir. Gregory Clark

Dir. Lorin Crenshaw

Dir. Kenneth Neighbors

Committee Members Not Present

Dir. John Crossman

Dir. Lisa LaBoo

Dir. Larry Robinson

Dir. G. Scott Uzzell

Dir. Twuanna Munroe Ward

Guests Present

Dir. Shawnta Friday-Stroud

Dir. Carmen Cummings Martin

Dir. Tirrell D. Whitley

Dr. Charles Weatherford, *Interim VP,*

Research & Interim ED, Title III, FAMU

Ms. Nancy Bard, *Commonfund*

Ms. Caroline Greer, *Commonfund*

Staff Present

Ms. Cutina Francis

Ms. Gena Palmberg

Mrs. Brandi Tatum

Ms. Angie Wiggins

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Marcelia Freeman. Ms. Angie Wiggins called the role and confirmed a quorum.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Vice Chair Freeman requested that committee members disclose any conflict of interest; none were disclosed.

Approval of Minutes

November 16, 2018, Investment Committee Meeting

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

Presentation by Commonfund

Caroline Greer of Commonfund made a presentation that included current Market and Economic Insights; portfolio review as of December 31, 2018; private credit investment recommendation; a private real estate recommendation; and private investment pipeline.

A summation of the presentation is as follows:

- **Market and Economic Insights** - Markets were marked by higher volatility and lower equity returns. At the end of the fourth quarter, there were slight downward shifts in three areas: Global Growth, Monetary Policy Positioning and Yield Curve. As a result, a tactical 1% overweight for equities relative to fixed income in the portfolio was reduced back to neutral.

- **Portfolio Review as of December 31, 2018** - At the end of the calendar year, the portfolio was valued at \$116 M. This was down approximately \$9.4M from the end of the third quarter. For the one-year period, the portfolio fell to -6.4%. Since inception of the Commonfund relationship, the combined portfolio annualized at 0.9%. There is an underperformance of -0.9% relative to the Policy Benchmark of 1.8%. As of February 26, 2019, the portfolio was valued at \$124M and has recovered most of the fourth-quarter losses.
- **Private Credit Recommendation** – Ms. Greer proposed to commit \$2.3M to the Commonfund Private Credit Fund 2018 and requested the committee’s approval. Committee members discussed this recommendation (Commonfund exited the room during the discussion), and there were no discrepancies regarding the recommendation. Committee members agreed that there was no action item; no vote necessary. Vice Chair Freeman stated that it would be helpful to see the performance of the underlying managers in the fund to fund private programs on a regular basis.
- **Private Real Estate Recommendation** – Ms. Greer advised that this discussion will be held at the committee meeting in May.
- **Private Investment Pipeline** – Ms. Greer stated that the Global Private Equity Fund will be opening for investment in the future. Vice Chair Freeman challenged Commonfund to find minority managers in the private vehicles.

Action Item

1. Commonfund to provide the performance of underlying managers in the fund to fund private programs on a regular basis.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m. by Vice Chair Marcellia Freeman.

Minutes Prepared By

Ms. Cutina Francis & Ms. Angie Wiggins