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Finance & Investment Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2020, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom

Committee Present:

Evelyn Dilsaver (Chair)
Jack Acosta
Debbie Chaw
Patrick Devine
Bill Johnson
Janet Owen
Marvin Remmich
Kent Kelley

Staff Present:

Carmen Rusca
May Hernandez

Guest Present:

Randall Davis (Ed Foundation Trustee)

Investment Consultant:

Brian J. Sharpes, CIMA
Institutional Consulting Director
Dan Tichenor
Institutional Consulting
Graystone Institutional Consulting,
Morgan Stanley

I. Welcome Remarks/ Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chair Dilsaver.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The committee reviewed the minutes from January 16, 2020.

Minute Action: That the committee approves the minutes from the January 16, 2020 meeting.

Motion to Approve: Owen Seconded by: Dilsaver Motion: passed

III. Investment Performance Review:

Dan Tichenor began the review of the investment performance summary and report as of March 31, 2020. He noted that the portfolio was rebalanced in January and that the onset of COVID 19 was the catalyst for the emerging bear market. The COVID 19-related disruption of past months and oil price collapse have contributed to an already exhausted US economy, with the S&P 500 down 22% from its peak. It looks likely that there will be a global economic recession as a result of the near total shutdown

in global economic activity. Brian Sharpes reviewed the portfolio and noted he sees possible opportunities in real estate and investment in China. Recommendations are as follows :

- Rebalance long-term portfolio to target allocation
- If market conditions warrant, consider a half rebalance now, followed by a full rebalance if we see a 10% retracement in the S&P 500
- Establish 11.5% allocation to NEW iShares Core Fund by terminating Accuvest International Equity SMA and using proceeds from portfolio rebalance
- Introduces core, passive International Equity allocation
 - Reduces manager fees by 31bps
- Establish 2.5% allocation to new China Portfolio, fund from Brandes International Equity
 - See potential for a long-term regime shift to international equity market leadership
 - China A-share weight in MSCI indices is likely to grow to 13% from less than 1% in 2018, producing at least \$15 billion in passive flows
 - If market conditions warrant, consider funding half the allocation now, and the other half in three months
 - Accelerate the 2nd installment if there is a 10% decline in the MSCI China Index

Minute Action: That the committee approves the investment recommendations as set forth.

Motion to Approve: Acosta Seconded by: Owen Motion: passed

IV. Operating Budget YTD Results

Debbie Chaw reviewed the operating budget. It was noted that Gift Administration Fees which had been lower than expected since June, had bounced back and were now in line with expectations as was the budget. It was noted that the focus has been on the President's Emergency Fund and that the usual 5% gift administration fee will not be collected for gifts to that fund. Discussion on reviewing and finalizing proposed budget at the May 14 Executive Committee meeting due to the economic uncertainty in the markets.

Minute Action: That the committee delays approval of the budget and defers review and approval of the budget to the Executive Committee at its May 14, 2020 meeting.

Motion to Approve: Chaw Seconded by: Acosta Motion: passed

VI. Other Business:

Bill Johnson stated that annual giving is on hold due to COVID disruptions but said more large gifts are in the pipeline for next year. He cautioned that economic news and COVID factors may interrupt that.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss Chair Dilsaver adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Dated: April 22, 2020



Debbie Chaw, Secretary

Recorded by Carmen Rusca