

Memorandum

TO: Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan
Board of Administration

FROM: Ron Kumar

SUBJECT: Investment Related Subscriptions

DATE: March 13, 2024

Approved

Date March 13, 2024

Recommendation

Discussion and action to add funds for additional services to the following investment related subscription agreements and for the CEO to negotiate and execute amendments with the following firms (*cost shared 50/50 with Federated plan):

- *Bloomberg Index Services (Term 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2025; NTE \$15,000)
- *Frank Russell Company (Term 1/3/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$1,600)
- *JP Morgan (Term 8/20/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$9,000)
- *Bloomberg Finance, L.P. (Term 8/27/2024 - 8/28/2025; NTE \$165,000)
- *Burgiss Group, LLC (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026; NTE \$44,000)
- *eVestment (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$27,500)
- *Institutional Limited Partners Association (Term 3/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$7,500)
- *Pitchbook Data, Inc. (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$29,000)
- Klarity Fx (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$22,500)
- Zeno (Abel Noser) Solutions (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$16,500)

Background

| INVESTMENT SUBSCRIPTIONS | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Firm | Category | FY 2023-24 Annual Fee | Term | | Annual Fee | NTE | P&F Allocation | Federated Allocation |
| Bloomberg Index Services | Index License | 14,000.04 | 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2025 | 12 months | 14,004.04 | 15,000.00 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Frank Russell Company | Index License | 1,064.00 | 1/3/2024 - 6/30/2025 | 17 months | 1,126.59 | 1,600.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| JP Morgan | Index License | 10,000.00 | 8/20/2024 - 6/30/2025 | 10 months | 8,600.00 | 9,000.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Bloomberg Finance, L.P. | Research | 159,480.00 | 8/27/2024 - 8/28/2025 | 12 months | 163,960.00 | 165,000.00 | 82,500.00 | 82,500.00 |
| Burgiss Group, LLC | Research | 20,000.00 | 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026 | 24 months | 20,700.00 | 44,000.00 | 22,000.00 | 22,000.00 |
| eVestment | Research | 27,000.00 | 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 | 12 months | 27,301.00 | 27,500.00 | 13,750.00 | 13,750.00 |
| ILPA | Research | 4,000.00 | 3/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 | 15 months | 5,500.00 | 7,500.00 | 3,750.00 | 3,750.00 |
| Pitchbook Data, Inc. | Research | 28,080.00 | 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 | 12 months | 28,080.00 | 29,000.00 | 14,500.00 | 14,500.00 |
| Klarity Fx | Trading Cost Analysis | 22,487.00 | 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 | 12 months | 22,487.00 | 22,500.00 | 22,500.00 | 22,500.00 |
| Zeno (Abel Noser) | Trading Cost Analysis | 14,700.00 | 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 | 12 months | 16,200.00 | 16,500.00 | 16,500.00 | 16,500.00 |

Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan and Federated City Employees' Retirement System have subscription agreements with the above firms for various services. Staff is requesting to add funds for additional services for each vendor listed above for continuity of service. The cost of the subscriptions

will be shared equally between the Police & Fire and Federated plans except for Klarity Fx and Zeno (Abel Noser) Solutions where each plan has separate contracts.

Following is a summary of services provided by each firm:

- **Bloomberg Index Services** – public markets index license.
- **Frank Russell Company** – public markets index license.
- **JP Morgan** – public markets index license. Fees prorated to align with the plans' fiscal year-end.
- **Bloomberg Finance** – subscription for access to market data. Increase of 3% from prior term.
- **Burgiss Group** – subscription for private markets data. Fee increase of 3% from prior term.
- **eVestment Alliance** – subscription for public markets investment analytics and research tools. Fee increase of 1% from prior term.
- **Institutional Limited Partners Association (ILPA)** – membership for private markets investment data, research, and tools. Fee increase of \$1,500 (38%) from prior term as fee structure tiers shifted from private equity assets under management ("AUM") to total plan AUM.
- **Pitchbook** – subscription for private markets due diligence data.
- **Klarity Fx** – trading cost analysis for foreign markets separate accounts.
- **Zeno (Abel Noser) Solutions** – trading cost analysis for domestic separate accounts. Fee increase of \$1,500 (10%) from prior term.

The following four subscription contracts are not part of this approval, however provided for information purposes. These contracts are either currently not due for renewal, approved previously, or pending review.

| For information purposes only, not part of this approval | Category | FY 2023-24 Annual Fee | Term | Status | NTE | P&F Allocation | Federated Allocation |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| MSCI | Index License | 1,000.00 | 1/7/2024 - 1/6/2025 | Renews Jan. 2025 | 1,000.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| BCA Research | Research | 11,896.00 | 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 | Pending Review | 14,500.00 | 7,250.00 | 7,250.00 |
| Dynamo Software | Research Mgmt System | 87,000.00 | 1/24/2024 - 6/30/2025 | Approved Dec. 2023 | 87,000.00 | 43,500.00 | 43,500.00 |
| MSCI Barra, LLC | Risk Mgmt Data | 192,000.00 | 6/1/2023 - 5/31/2024 | Pending Consultant RFP | 192,000.00 | 96,000.00 | 96,000.00 |

Conclusion

Staff recommends approval of the recommendations as outlined above.

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