



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Meeting Minutes

Federated Investment Committee

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

1:00 PM

1737 North First Street, Suite 580,
San Jose, CA 95112

HYBRID MEETING

PHYSICAL LOCATION:

1737 North First Street, Suite 580, San Jose, CA 95112

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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Anurag Chandra, Chair
Spencer Horowitz, Trustee
Matthew Faulkner, Trustee

John Flynn, CEO, Office of Retirement Services
Prabhu Palani, Chief Investment Officer

The Federated Investment Committee met in person at the Office of Retirement Services, 1737 North First Street, Suite 580, San Jose, CA 95112 and via Zoom on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Chandra followed by a roll call.

Committee members present: Anurag Chandra, Spencer Horowitz and Matthew Faulkner.

Retirement Staff present: John Flynn, Cynthia Ayala, Prabhu Palani, Jay Kwon, Dhinesh Ganapathiappan, Christina Wang, David Aung, Ron Kumar, Harrison Pearce, Arun Nallasivan, Ellen Lee and Julie He.

Also present in person: Laura Wirick, Meketa Investments and Marc Gessell, Verus Investments.

Also present via Zoom: Colin Kowalski, Meketa Investments, Christopher Phillips, Abel Noser, Amarjit Sahota, FX Klarity, Eileen Neill, Verus Investments, Nate Weinstein, Fireflies.ai.

I. AB 2449 REMOTE APPEARANCE(S)**a. Just Cause Circumstance(s) (Gov't Code § 54953)**

- i. The following Trustee(s) have notified the Board of a “Just Cause” to attend this meeting via teleconference.

NONE

- ii. Call for Trustee(s) who wish to notify the Board of a “Just Cause” to attend this meeting via teleconference.

b. Emergency Circumstance(s) (Gov't Code § 54953)

- i. The following Trustee(s) have requested the Board approve their attendance of this meeting via teleconference due to an “Emergency Circumstance”.

NONE

- ii. Call for Trustee(s) requesting the Board approve their attendance of this meeting via teleconference due to an “Emergency Circumstance”.

- iii. Take action on request(s) for remote appearance.

• CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**• ORDERS OF THE DAY****OPEN SESSION**

1. Approval of minutes of the August 21, 2024 Federated Investment Committee meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024 Federated Investment Committee meeting.

Approved (m.s.c. Horowitz/Faulker 3-0)

2. Oral Update by CIO, Prabhu Palani.

CIO Palani introduced the agenda items for today's meeting.

3. Presentation of FX transaction cost analysis by Klarity FX.

Mr. Amo Sahota from Klarity FX presented the process and cost analysis of the foreign currency exchange for the Federated Plan. Mr. Sahota expressed that the FX execution cost

remains good. The shift to BNY Mellon in 2020 gave us a significant improvement in trading costs.

4. Presentation of equity transaction cost analysis by Abel Noser.

Mr. Christopher Phillips from Abel Noser presented the cost analysis for trading costs of the Federated Plan. Mr. Phillips gave the details for trading costs for Oberweis, Artisan and Morgan Stanley. For Oberweis, the results were slightly elevated as compared with past five years owing to higher recent volatility in markets. For Artisan and Morgan Stanley, results were consistent with annual results for the past five years.

5. Presentation of manager due diligence by Dhinesh Ganapathiappan, Senior Investment Officer.

Senior Investment Officer Dhinesh Ganapathiappan and Investment Officer David Aung gave a presentation on private markets manager due diligence. Mr. Ganapathiappan stated that due to confidentiality we can not specify the exact investment that was made but can discuss the general guiding principles in choosing a private market investment. He discussed the key elements of private markets, and some of the constraints of the investments. Finally, he discussed the due diligence process of deciding on an investment. The investment officers answered questions from the Committee.

6. Presentation of private markets program by Dhinesh Ganapathiappan, Senior Investment Officer and David Aung, Investment Officer.

Senior Investment Officer Dhinesh Ganapathiappan and Investment Officer David Aung gave a comprehensive update on the private markets program of the Federated Plan. The overview included a recap of the objectives, market environment, current portfolio and future of the private markets program. Senior Investment Officer Ganapathiappan covered the buyout, private debt and growth real estate assets. Investment Officer Aung discussed the private real assets and venture capital asset classes. Mr. Aung also gave an update on the A.I. opportunities.

7. Risk overview by Verus Investments.

Mr. Marc Gesell from Verus Investments presented an update on the risk overview of the Federated Plan. He expressed that the total risk of 11.7% is within the board limit of 13%. The current portfolio performs slightly better than the policy benchmark in most historic drawdown scenarios.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. Calendar year 2024 year end manager decisions.

- **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

ADA ALERT

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ADA Designated Contact Information

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The Code of Conduct

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0) is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions: § No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
 - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors,

scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

3. Addressing the Council, Committee, Board or Commission:

- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any discussion item and/or during open forum; the total amount of time allocated for public testimony for each public speaker or for an agenda item is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. (California Government Code Section 54954.3; Council Policy 0-37) Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak. Speakers using a translator will be given twice the time allotted to ensure non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Council, Committee, Board or Commission.
 - c) Speakers should discuss only the agenda item when called to speak for that item, and only topics related to City business when called to speak during open forum on the agenda.
 - d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
 - e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
 - f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.
- Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.