

DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 1145 Market Street, 6th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103 1:00 PM

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DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS Leona Bridges, Chair Joseph Driscoll

A.J. Thomas

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO

Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 415-655-0001

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OPENING CALENDAR

1. Roll CallChair Bridges1:04 PMCommissioner Driscoll1:04 PMCommissioner Thomas1:04 PM

2. 110123-02 General Public Comment

Chair Bridges called for General Public Comment.

No public present, General Public Comment was closed.

3. 110123-03 Action Item Approval of the Minutes of the October 4, 2023 Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Draft Minutes of the October 4, 2023 Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting.

Chair Bridges called for Public Comment.

No public present, Public Comment was closed.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Driscoll, to approve Minutes of the October 4, 2023 Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Thomas

4. 110123-04 Discussion Item SFDCP Investment Structure Evaluation

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Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Callan ISE presentation.

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, Ben Taylor, Greg Ungerman, Callan, provided an oral and written report on this item.

Callan, SFDCP Investment Consultant, recommends an Investment Structure Evaluation every few years for the Plan. The Investment Structure Evaluation (ISE) evaluates the number of options and category of investments offered through the SFDCP with the goal of limiting behavioral bias impact that could adversely affect participant outcomes (based on recent findings). The primary objective of the ISE is to identify potential changes to the investment line up with the intent to better serve the needs of participants over the next five to ten years.

Callan believes that the SFDCP's current investment lineup is suitable, and the Plan is appropriately designed to meet a participant's retirement investing needs. However, as the SFDCP continuously strives to offer an exceptional voluntary retirement program, Callan has identified two possible recommendations for consideration:

- 1. Eliminate the SFDCP Real Estate Fund and replace with a Diversified Real Asset Fund (name TBD)
- 2. Consolidate the SFDCP Large Cap Value Equity Fund and the SFDCP Large Cap Growth Equity Fund into a single Active Large Cap Fund (name TBD)

Callan presented rationale for both considerations to the Board. Staff is seeking DCC guidance on desired next steps given the Plan's legacy investments and inclination to offer style based investing (or not).

The ISE also brings other factors into light, such as the type of ESG offerings, and whether the asset allocation of a fee based managed account service should be differentiated from the asset allocation established for the *future*Ready portfolios, which are available at no additional management cost. Staff and Callan will continue to evaluate these areas and will report back with a recommendation to the Deferred Compensation Committee in 2024.

The Committee engaged in a question and answer session.

The Committee agreed to the following timeline:

- 1. Staff will debrief with Callan and lay out a roadmap for addressing the discussion on US Large Cap;
- 2. Begin work on *future*Ready after the new Target Date Funds have had a suitable period of time for participant adoption; and
- 3. Discuss timeline on real assets to come back to the Committee with solution or a proposed timeline.

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Chair Bridges called for Public Comment.

No public present, Public Comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

5. 110123-05 Discussion Item Deferred Compensation Committee Member Good of the Order

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No comments from the Committee.

Chair Bridges called for Public Comment.

No public present, Public Comment was closed.

6. 110123-06

Adjournment

Having no further business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.