

# San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System

DEFERRED COMPENSATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 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**

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#### **OPENING CALENDAR**

**1.** Roll Call Chair Bridges 1:00 PM

Commissioner Driscoll 1:00 PM Commissioner Thomas 1:10 PM

### 2. 060524-02

#### **General Public Comment**

Chair Bridges called for General Public Comment.

There were no comments and General Public Comment was closed.

# 3. 060524-03 Action Item Approval of the Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Draft Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting.

Chair Bridges called for Public Comment.

There were no comments from the public and Public Comment was closed.

**Action:** Moved by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to approve Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Deferred Compensation Committee meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll, Thomas

#### 4. 060524-04 Discussion Item SFDCP Active Large Cap Update

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum and Callan Presentation.

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director and Greg Ungerman, Callan, provided an oral and written report on how to best offer large cap US equity fund(s).

Staff presently does not advocate for solely providing a passive large-cap option and will continue to closely monitor the Active Large Cap market segment and industry advancements as an integral part of ongoing investment oversight process.

The SFDCP Large Cap Value Fund and SFDCP Large Cap Growth Fund has met most of the current objectives.

SFDCP is enhancing communications to further empower participants to make informed investment choices relative to the various options. Recognizing the importance of grasping the distinction between active and passive investing as fundamental financial knowledge, SFDCP will be emphasizing these themes in quarterly newsletters and webinars, as well as providing education on how style-based investing operates and the distinction between growth and value strategies which will enable participants to gain insights into these approaches and fine-tune their portfolios in alignment with their preferences.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

Chair Bridges called for Public Comment.

There were no comments and Public Comment was closed.

Action: This is a discussion only item.

#### 5. 060524-05 Discussion Item Stable Value Overview and Update

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum and Callan Presentation.

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

The SFDCP Stable Value Fund ("SVF") currently holds nearly \$950 Million in participant assets as of March 31, 2024, accounting for 18% of Plan total assets under management. SVF has been managed by Galliard Capital Management since 2013 and their current five-year contract with the SFDCP expires on June 30, 2025. As a result, an investment manager search is required, and Callan will be conducting their manager search process.

Greg Ungerman, Callan, provided an overview of Stable Value, and presented a proposed timeline outlining the custom search process, with Staff and Deferred Compensation Committee involvement, over the next eight to ten months.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

Chair Bridges called for Public Comment.

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There were no comments and Public Comment was closed.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

#### 6. 060524-06 **Discussion Item Voya Contract Extension**

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, provided an oral and written report on this item.

Voya has been the SFDCP's recordkeeper since 2019, following a Request for Proposal process. The initial contract term spans five years, set to conclude on August 30, 2024, with the option for up to three one-year extensions, which the SFDCP can exercise at its discretion. The decision to potentially extend the existing contract by one year is grounded in several considerations aimed at optimizing participant experience, including competitive pricing and comprehensive tools and services.

Voya offers a good record-keeping platform, innovative participant services and attractive fees. Voya and the SFDCP team have fostered an open line of communication to address challenges that may arise and prioritize the needs of participants. By leveraging Voya's strengths and identifying opportunities for continual improvement, the SFDCP can continue to fulfill its mission of providing an exceptional retirement program and empowering participants to achieve their financial goals.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the material and engaged in a question and answer session.

Chair Bridges called for Public Comment.

There were no comments from the public and Public Comment was closed.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

#### 7. 060524-07 **Discussion Item Deferred Compensation Committee Member Good of the Order**

Chair Bridges thanked both Callan and Voya for the services they provide as well as Staff for making sure the Committee receives all the information needed to move forward to conduct business for the SFDCP.

Chair Bridges also thanked Alison Romano, CEO & CIO for her leadership.

**Action:** This is a discussion only item.

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## 8. 060524-08

## Adjournment

Having no further business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM