



## San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System

### DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**  
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

Alison Romano, CEO & CIO

## Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting

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## 1. Roll Call

1:10 PM

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## General Public Comment

There were no comments, and General Public Comment was closed.

## Approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Deferred Compensation Committee Meeting

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

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll

## Updates to the SFDCP Loan Policy

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, reported that Staff conducted a periodic review of the SFDGP Loan Policy. Based on this review, several targeted updates were proposed to improve clarity, compliance, and administrative efficiency. Key proposed revisions to the Loan Policy include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- **Defaults and Loan Eligibility:** Enhancements to clarify conditions under which a loan may enter default and the implications for future eligibility.
- **Removal of the “12-Month Rule”:** Eliminating the existing rule that restricts participants from taking out a second loan within 12 months of repaying a previous one.

- **Clarification of Maximum Loan Amounts:** Updates to provide clearer language regarding how loan maximums are calculated.
- **Deemed Distributions vs. Offsets:** Additional explanation to distinguish between these two outcomes, to aid participant understanding and compliance with IRS guidelines.

Staff collaborated closely with the City Attorney's Office and outside Counsel to ensure the proposed updates are legally sound and align with applicable federal regulations. In addition, Voya, the SFDCP's recordkeeper and Loan Program administrator, has confirmed its capability to support the revised provisions within its current administrative framework.

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:** Moved by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, to approve proposed changes to the SFDCP Loan Policy with amendments, as discussed, and forward to the Retirement Board with a recommendation for approval.

Ayes: Commissioners Bridges, Driscoll

## **5. 061825-05                      Discussion Item      Large Cap Growth Manager Search Update**

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

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, along with Greg Ungerman, Eugene O'Neill and Mark Wood, Callan, reported that the T. Rowe Price (TRP) U.S. Growth Stock Strategy, which comprises 50% of the SFDCP Large Cap Growth Equity (LCG) Fund, is undergoing a planned transition in portfolio management. In response, SFDCP Staff, in partnership with Callan, initiated a manager search to evaluate potential replacements for the strategy.

Manager interviews were conducted during the week of May 5th by SFDCP Staff and Callan. Input was also solicited from the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System (SFERS) public equity team, whose feedback informed the evaluation process. Following thorough deliberation, JP Morgan and T. Rowe Price emerged as the strongest finalists to manage the active component of the LCG Fund, should a transition be pursued.

These two finalists were discussed and further due diligence and follow-up will be conducted, with Staff targeting a final recommendation for the Q3 Deferred Compensation Committee meeting. 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.

**6. 061825-06                      Discussion Item                      Voya Contract Extension and Recordkeeper Request for Proposal Timeline**

Documents provided to the Retirement Board prior to the current meeting: Staff Memorandum, Recordkeeper RFP timeline.

Diane Chui Justen, Deferred Compensation Director, reported that this extension supports the SFDCP's long-standing commitment to delivering a best-in-class retirement savings experience while maintaining operational continuity and protecting participant interests. The extension also enables the thoughtful execution of a comprehensive and competitive RFP process without disrupting current services.

Staff's decision to extend the existing agreement is based on a range of strategic considerations focused on safeguarding participant value, ensuring operational stability, and enhancing service delivery.

Staff has requested and received approval from the SFERS CEO/CIO to proceed with a second one-year extension of Voya's contract, through August 30, 2026.

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. 061825-07                      Discussion Item                      Review of SFDCP Professional Asset Management Options**

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

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

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Having no further business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:35PM.