# CAL STATE EAST BAY

### **Finance & Investment Committee Meeting**

President's Conference Room and via Zoom Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:45pm-5:00pm

Trustees present: Amy Schioldager, Vice Chair; Jack Acosta; Myeshia Armstrong; Evelyn Buchanan;

Mike Coke; Patrick Devine; Johan Klehs; Jenny Linton; Janet Owen; Marvin Remmich;

Linda Renteria

Absent: Evelyn Dilsaver, Chair

Guests & Staff: Randy Davis; May Hernandez, Director, Educational Foundation; Brian Sharpes,

Graystone Consulting; Dan Tichenor, Graystone Consulting; Fern Tyler, Director,

Advancement Services & Analytics

### **MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: Amy Schioldager lead the meeting in Chair Dilsaver's absence. Meeting was called to order at 3:44pm.

**a. Approval of October 5, 2023 Meeting minutes:** No changes to the minutes were brought forward. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: The committee approves the minutes as prepared from October 5, 2023.

Motion by: <u>Johan Klehs</u> Seconded by: <u>Linda Renteria</u> Motion: Passed

# 2. Graystone Consulting Presentation

**a. Investment Performance Report as of December 31, 2023:** Brian Sharpes reviewed the portfolio performance with the committee.

### **Recent Developments:**

- 1. Terminated Spectrum Preferred Securities and used proceeds to increase existing position in Western Asset Core Plus Fixed Income.
- 2. Received partial redemption from Boyd Watterson GSA Fund for \$250K and used proceeds to increase Liquid Alternatives

## **Recommendations:**

- 1. Terminate and replace iShares S&P Mid Cap 400 (IJH) with Earnest Partners Mid Cap Core SMA
  - a. Transition mid cap exposure to active management after capturing 2023 upside using lower fee, passive strategy
  - b. Earnest employs a specialized investment process using proprietary system to tease out patterns from industry-specific financial characteristics that the firm believes can drive certain stocks to outperform the broader market

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

**MINUTE ACTION:** The committee recommends moving mid cap funds.

Motion by: <u>Johan Klehs</u> Seconded by: <u>Linda Renteria</u> Motion: Passed

- 2. Terminate China Portfolio and use proceeds to establish position in NEW Martin Currie Emerging Markets SMA
  - a. De-risk portfolio as we continue to see headwinds in China from macro uncertainty

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and deflationary pressures causing concern on growth path
-Diversify Emerging Markets allocation through active management while
still maintaining some exposure to China

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

**MINUTE ACTION:** The committee approves the termination of the China portfolio and delegation to new fund managers.

Motion by: Jack Acosta Seconded by: Linda Renteria Motion: Passed

**Market Update:** They elaborated on current market conditions. Presently, returns are surpassing expectations. We performed well in the NACUBO survey compared to peer institutions.

## 3. Foundation Budget Reports:

- **a.** Operating Budget FY 23/24 Actuals through December 31, 2024: Myeshia Armstrong reviewed the budget through December 31, 2023, stating that we are on track with expenses and are doing better than estimates on revenue.
- 4. Other Business: None presented.
- **5. Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Amy adjourned the meeting at 5:03pm.

Dated: February 22, 2024