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BEFORE: RALPH SICURO, Chair

Ed Gainey, Member

Mark DePasquale, Member

Michael E. Lamb, Member

Richard Ruffalo, Member

MEETING: Thursday, September 7, 2023

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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 3 CHAIR: All right, everybody. 4 5 We'll call this meeting the order. 6 We'll do the roll call. Mayor Gainey? 7 MAYOR GAINEY: Here. We got anybody on the phone? 8 9 MR. LAMB: 10 Nobody's on the phone today. 11 CHAIR: 12 All right, Council President Theresa Kail-Smith? Controller Michael Lamb? 13 14 MR. LAMB: 15 Here. 16 CHAIR: Deputy Chief of Staff Felicity 17 Williams? 18 19 MR. DEPASQUALE: She'll be down. 20 21 CHAIR: 22 Okay. 23 Ralph Sicuro, here. Mark DePasquale? 24 MR. DEPASQUALE: 25 Present.

- 1 CHAIR: 2
- Rich Ruffalo?
- MR. RUFFALO:
- 4 Here.
- 5 CHAIR:
- 6 And of course, our Executive Director
- 7 Jen Gula?
- MS. GULA: 8
- 9 Here.
- 10 CHAIR:
- 11 Thank you. Is anybody here for public
- 12 comment? Seeing none, the next item up will be
- 13 approval of the minutes. Can I get a motion to
- 14 approve the minutes that have been submitted?
- MR. RUFFALO: 15
- 16 I'll make a motion.
- 17 MR. DEPASOUALE:
- Second. 18
- 19 CHAIR:
- 20 We have the motion made by Mr. Ruffalo.
- 21 Seconded by Mr. DePasquale.
- 22 Any discussion on the minutes?
- 23 MR. RUFFALO:
- 24 I do. Going over them, I --- I know we
- 25 discussed survey, diversity survey. And we didn't do

- 1 a review --- you were doing a review or Marquette was
- doing a review, but the subcommittee didn't do
- 3 anything yet.
- 4 MR. WESNER:
- 5 Correct.
- 6 MR. RUFFALO:
- 7 I just wanted to check on that.
- 8 MR. WESNER:
- 9 Yes, we have the information that's
- 10 been collected from your investment managers and
- 11 consolidated, and we just need to, you know, set a
- 12 time to ---
- 13 MR. RUFFALO:
- 14 Okay.
- 15 MR. WESNER:
- 16 --- discuss with the subcommittee.
- 17 MR. RUFFALO:
- 18 Okay, thanks.
- 19 CHAIR:
- 20 Any other discussion on the minutes?
- 21 Seeing none, do I have a motion --- I mean, do I have
- 22 --- all in favor for approval?
- 23 AYES RESPOND
- 24 CHAIR:
- 25 Any opposed?

- 1 NO RESPONSE
- 2 CHAIR:
- 3 So approved. Next, bills and
- 4 communication report from our Executive Director.
- 5 MS. GULA:
- 6 Good afternoon, everyone. Funding of
- 7 the pension is now at \$1.024 billion, with a B,
- 8 dollars. It's 69 percent funded as of June 30th,
- 9 2023. The return on the portfolio over the last 12
- months ending 6/30/23 is 10.1 percent for the
- invested portfolio and 9.2 percent for the composite
- portfolio. Year to date, the portfolio is 8.8 percent
- in the invested portion and seven percent for the
- 14 total fund. The parking asset valued through June
- 15 30th, 2023 is valued at \$334.8 million. There's a
- statement in your packet with the individual pension
- funding levels and overall liability as of June 30th,
- 18 2023.
- 19 Is there --- anybody have any
- 20 questions?
- 21 MR. DEPASQUALE:
- Where is that, Jennifer?
- 23 MS. GULA:
- 24 It should be in the packet.
- 25 CHAIR:

- 1 Are you referencing this document?
- 2 MS. GULA:
- 3 Here it is.
- 4 MR. DEPASQUALE:
- 5 Okay, thank you.
- 6 MS. GULA:
- 7 It's right after the agenda.
- 8 MR. DEPASQUALE:
- 9 Right, all right.
- 10 MS. GULA:
- 11 Do you have it? Okay.
- 12 CHAIR:
- 13 It's right after the exhibit on the
- 14 second page. Second page.
- 15 MS. GULA:
- 16 Do you have it? The second page?
- 17 CHAIR:
- 18 Seeing no more questions for our
- 19 Executive Director, next we have our investment
- 20 consultants report. Jamie from Marquette, will you
- 21 please give us an update?
- 22 MR. WESNER:
- 23 Thank you, Mr. President. Good
- 24 afternoon, everyone. You know, inside the Black
- 25 Books, we'll walk through an update on the broad

1	market, and then we'll discuss more specifics about
2	your investment portfolio performance of the
3	portfolio as a whole, the underlying managers. And
4	very much of the investment portfolio performance is
5	driven by the market dynamics. So we'll we'll
6	really focus quite a bit on the broad market
7	discussion.
8	If you go behind Exhibit 1, just a
9	brief reminder and plug for our symposium. So our
10	client symposium is next Friday, September 15th.
11	This year, we are having an in person and a virtual
12	option. So if you need to get any continuing
13	education credits or anything, you know, feel free to
14	log in or I would obviously love to have you join us
15	in Chicago. You know, we'll have a combination of
16	speakers who are outside of Marquette, so you'll hear
17	from some other industry professionals. But then our
18	research team will do a series of flash talks, really
19	hitting on some of the more topical parts of the
20	market right now. So I can certainly get anyone
21	signed up or get you an agenda with more information
22	going forward.
23	Behind Exhibit 2 is the broad market
24	discussion. And so this meeting we just have, you
25	know, the tracker here. This is fresh performance.
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might be a little confusing today because for the market discussion, we're going to go through the end of August. For your portfolio performance discussion, we have July numbers, so we weren't able to get August numbers just because of the scheduling for the meeting with the holiday as well. So if we just talk big picture, the market movements over the last few months since we last sat down together, but more notably over the last, you know, several quarters, have really been driven by, you know, the move in interest rates. So inflation has started to come down as a result of the Federal Reserve aggressively raising interest rates. So as a reminder, the Fed embarked on this rate raising cycle towards the beginning of 2022. We saw interest rates go from zero, and this is for the Fed funds rate, short term interest rates. Interest rates went from zero up to now target rate between five and a quarter and five and a half percent. The question now is whether that's the terminal rate or that's where the Fed is going to end. The market is not decided on that. I think the expectation now is that there would likely be one more additional rate increase. Whether that rate	1	So as of the end of August, and I apologize, this
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<u> </u>	23	end. The market is not decided on that. I think the
25 more additional rate increase. Whether that rate	24	expectation now is that there would likely be one
	25	more additional rate increase. Whether that rate

1	increase is at the September meeting or more likely
2	at the November meeting is kind of what the market
3	will wait to see. The Fed will digest continued data
4	in terms of inflationary figures, unemployment
5	figures, you know, just broad economic figures over
6	the next several months to determine whether another
7	rate increase is warranted.
8	If you think back to just, you know, a
9	year ago or even less, you know, we were in a
10	situation where the market was expecting these rate
11	increases to push us into a recession. And the
12	question was, are we going to have a deep recession
13	or a mild recession? Well, now that conversation has
14	shifted to where the question is, are we going to
15	have a recession at all? And the markets are pricing
16	in the likelihood now that we do not have a
17	recession, that we'll have slowing economic growth,
18	but not to the point where we go into a recession.
19	All of that can change because the
20	federal rate the Federal Reserve's rate increases
21	take a while to have an impact on the market. So
22	we've gone from zero to five and a half in terms of
23	rates, but it takes several months for those rate
24	increases to have the effect. So borrowing costs are
25	higher for companies, borrowing costs are higher for

1	consumers, whether it's auto loans, credit card loans
2	or mortgages. So it takes a while for that, the
3	impact to go through. On the positive side, the
4	impact on inflationary figures it has already been
5	felt and felt in a pretty significant fashion.
6	Last summer, we peaked with inflation
7	kind of in the nine percent range, and we've come
8	down now to inflationary figures kind of in that four
9	percent range and dropping. As a reminder, the
10	Federal Reserve's target inflation rate is two
11	percent. So that dual mandate they have is to have
12	inflation or price stability at the two percent
13	level, but also keep the economy at full employment.
14	We've been very fortunate to have the unemployment
15	rate remain near historic lows. You can debate
16	whether, you know, those jobs are all high quality
17	jobs and high paying jobs, but right now we still are
18	kind of in a situation where there's two jobs for
19	every job seeker. So yeah, in terms of the
20	unemployment rate, those numbers remain very, very
21	low. So that gives the Federal Reserve the ability
22	to maybe raise rates a little bit more or keep rates
23	higher for longer. So all of those factors are going
24	to continue to play out in the markets.
25	If you think back to last year, 2022,
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1	we had a very negative year for equities. Equities
2	were down, you know, near 20 percent. Fixed income
3	was down 13 percent. All of these were a result of
4	the rate increases and the expectation for more rate
5	increases. Fast forward to 2023, we've had a huge
6	rebound in equities. Nothing's changed on the on
7	the rate side. Rates have continued to go up.
8	Companies aren't making any more money. Earnings are
9	stagnant or, you know, declining slightly in some
10	cases, but stocks are just now at a higher valuation.
11	So it's all what we call multiple expansion. People
12	are willing to pay a higher price per dollar of
13	company earnings in the current environment than they
14	were at the beginning of the year.
15	While that's fine, we prefer to see
16	prices and equities go up because we have increases
17	in corporate earnings, not just people willing to pay
18	more for dollar earnings. That means stocks are more
19	expensive, and that creates risks going forward. So
20	we always want to be cautiously optimistic, but the
21	stocks are much more expensive now than they were to
22	start the year.
23	But if you look at the returns on the
24	page here, so the upper right hand table is fixed
25	income. You can see the fixed income returns.

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There's still a lot of negative figures in that ---
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        in that box there. And for the most part, this is
 3
        investment grade fixed income. So you see year to
 4
        date, broad fixed income, which is the top row there,
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        only up 1.4 percent. That's coming off of a year
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        where --- where fixed income had the worst year in
 7
        history, down 13 percent. So we haven't had this
 8
        huge rebound in fixed income like we've had in
 9
        equities.
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      And if you look at those three year
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        numbers, those --- those are three year annualized
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        returns. So still, we've had three year annualized
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        returns for fixed Income with a negative 4.4 percent.
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        That's pretty sobering to see those figures.
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        silver lining within fixed income right now is where
        two years ago fixed income yields were less than two
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        percent, now a high quality fixed income portfolio is
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        yielding five percent. So we're getting a meaningful
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        return on --- on fixed income. And more importantly
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        for a pension fund, that five percent it's not your
21
        assumed rate of return, it's not seven percent, but
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        it gets you --- it helps get you there.
                                                 So you can
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        have more fixed income in the portfolio.
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      And I'll mention in a few moments that,
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        you know, we are looking to, you know, do an updated
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1	asset allocation study for you at the next meeting.
2	And with that, the idea is to make sure we have the
3	right balance between stocks and bonds and other
4	asset classes within your portfolio. You have the
5	unique situation where you have the parking asset,
6	which makes it very challenging to set your asset
7	allocation, but we want to make sure that we're, you
8	know, taking the parking asset into account as we
9	recommend changes for your portfolio going forward.
10	But really, the changes that we've seen in fixed
11	income over the last, you know, year or two really
12	are driving the need to have a more frequent
13	discussion on asset allocation.
14	If you go to the left hand column with
15	equity returns, you see here a lot of positive
16	numbers. You almost look at the longer term numbers,
17	the three year averages, and you say, did 2022 even
18	happen? Because, you know, we had such a strong
19	2021, 2023 has been very strong. And so 2022's
20	negative returns get averaged out and they actually
21	look, you don't even notice them. August was a
22	slightly negative month. You can see for the monthly
23	returns, were down about a percent and a half to two
24	percent.
25	But that year to date column just
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1	highlights how big this rally has been this year.
2	But that column also highlights the differences in
3	returns even within US equities. And what I mean by
4	that is, if you look at the year to date column,
5	you'll see the S&P 500 or the Russell 3000, which are
6	more broad market benchmarks, up 18, 19 percent.
7	But the next two benchmarks, the
8	NASDAQ, which is very technology heavy, and growth
9	stock heavy, up 35 percent year to date. But the DOW
10	Jones Industrial, which is more value oriented, it's
11	a more concentrated index of only 30 stocks, and they
12	are typically higher quality stocks, only up 6.4
13	percent. If you look at the longer term averages,
14	they're they're more consistent, but it just
15	highlights how growth and value and kind of, you
16	know, going those styles going in and out of
17	favor can really impact performance.
18	For your portfolio, you know, we try to
19	keep things very simple. That's why we utilize a lot
20	of indexing, especially in US equities. Not only
21	does it keep the cost down, but it doesn't you're
22	not subject to the growth value swings in
23	performance. You can see this number, maybe a little
24	bit more pronounced in the blue squares there. You
25	can see with the blue squares which shows the

1	different parts of the US market. Large cap growth
2	up 32 percent. But large cap value, the upper left
3	hand square, only up 5.9 percent year to date. And
4	then you can see the other parts of the market as
5	well. But growth and large cap have really been the
6	areas that have benefited investors this year.
7	Again, somewhat of a reversal in last year when value
8	stocks were in favor.
9	The center table on the left hand side
10	of the page, this is international equities. Here
11	you'll see the second row there, which is a broad
12	international benchmark. While it's positive year to
13	date, it's not as positive as the US markets. So
14	international markets only up 8.8 percent year to
15	date. One of the headwinds for international markets
16	this year has been that emerging markets have been
17	weaker, and emerging markets make up about 20 percent
18	of broad international markets. But the other factor
19	that's really hit international markets, and we don't
20	think about this as much, is when you think about
21	international markets, technology only makes up
22	about, you know, 10, 12 percent of the international
23	markets.
24	Here in the US, IT represents 25
25	percent to 30 percent of the market. So when IT is
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1	doing so well, US markets really benefit because so
2	many of the large technology firms across the world
3	are based here in the US. And impact the US stock
4	market and not as much of the international stock
5	market.
6	But you can still see the long term
7	returns through your numbers, you know, for the most
8	part positive. But I'll still point out emerging
9	markets, which is the second row from the bottom
10	there in the three year column. It's negative.
11	You've had very good manager performance in this
12	space, so you haven't realized that negative
13	performance. But it's just important to note that
14	emerging markets, while there's upside there, and
15	historically they produce some great returns, a lot
16	of volatility.
17	And then just wrapping up with, you
18	know, some of the other parts of the market, hedge
19	funds, real estate and private equity, other
20	alternatives. Hedge funds is kind of just below the
21	center of the page on the right hand column. You'll
22	see those returns there. The important thing I'll
23	note with hedge funds, you know, while they did a
24	great job last year, this year they haven't performed
25	as well because they've been very conservatively

1	positioned. But one area that you've had exposure to
2	is the bottom benchmark in that hedge fund table.
3	And you'll notice that hedge fund benchmark which is
4	called the CBOE PutWrite Index. Those returns are
5	far superior to all the other returns in that table.
6	
7	And this is where you have a manager
8	called Parametric there. In that Parametric
9	strategy, as a reminder, this is the closest thing we
10	have to an indexed hedge fund. And what I mean by
11	that is it's exceptionally low cost, about a quarter
12	of the cost of traditional hedge funds. It's very
13	transparent, which some hedge funds are not, and it's
14	very liquid, which most hedge funds are not. So
15	that's continued to perform very well for you, and
16	we'll see that performance highlighted in just a
17	moment.
18	And then the second to last point that
19	I'll hit is the most challenging area, the bottom
20	left, which is real estate. I was actually just on a
21	call this morning with the largest real estate
22	manager, open ended real estate manager in the
23	country, which is part of JP Morgan. And the real
24	estate market is very bifurcated right now. There
25	are parts of the market, such as industrials and
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1	multifamily housing that are actually doing pretty
2	well. And we all know that office is struggling.
3	Some markets, historically the best
4	performing office markets are the ones that are
5	typically getting hit the hardest. San Francisco,
6	which was often seen as almost an untouchable in
7	terms of how strong and and resilient their
8	performance was, they're getting crushed. And it's a
9	lot of issues with technology companies. They have
10	some crime issues there as well. A lot of things
11	that are preventing employers from requiring
12	employees back in the office. But you know, other
13	markets are doing better. But office is going to
14	continue to face headwinds.
15	Industrial. So think of warehouses
16	that support ecommerce or multifamily housing. Those
17	areas are performing better, and have been much more
18	consistent in terms of their return.
19	So we'll see some negative figures when
20	we look at the manager performance in a moment. But
21	I think one important thing to note here is within
22	your portfolio, you made your initial investments in
23	real estate post the great financial crisis. So you
24	didn't have that downturn. So you were investing at
25	lower valuations. And while the last three quarters

have been challenging for real estate, in the next 1 2 quarter or two are likely to also see negative 3 returns or potentially see negative returns. Your 4 long term performance has been very positive, and positive net of fees. So just want to kind of put 5 6 that again, put the silver lining out there in terms 7 of performance there. And then finally there's not data here 8 for it, but just to comment on private markets. 9 10 Private equity, private debt, those are all parts in 11 the market that have continued to perform well. When 12 we look at asset allocation, I'll kind of preview. 13 You will --- you should expect to see some higher 14 allocations or potential recommendations in terms of 15 private equity, private debt, because you have a very 16 good liquidity profile here. You make great 17 contributions to the fund. You're not requiring to sell assets to meet benefit payments. You have the 18 19 ability to invest in those higher returning asset classes. So just again, kind of a preview that that 20 21 will be part of the discussion at the next meeting. 22 I know those were a lot of broad topics 23 there. Any questions on the broad market or any 24 other questions I can answer? 25 Well, behind Exhibit 3 we'll see the

1	July Flash report. And as your Executive Director
2	highlighted, you know, we are north of that billion
3	dollar level, which is just a great kind of mental
4	number to be higher than. So you can see we ended
5	July at basically \$1,032,000,000.
6	One thing you'll notice, and if you
7	look at the the second and third columns from the
8	right, you'll see portfolio percentages and policy
9	percentage. This is, the policy percent is what we
10	have currently in our asset allocation. And I
11	mentioned earlier, and it's very challenging with our
12	asset allocation because we can't rebalance based on
13	the parking asset. So that just, the value changes
14	and whatever percentage it is of the portfolio, it
15	kind of is what it is. And when you had the
16	extension of the cash flow payments a few years back,
17	that added value to the portfolio to the asset.
18	That further helped us, which is great.
19	But you can see that currently that
20	parking asset represents 32.4 percent of your
21	portfolio, and our target's 40. So when we do the
22	updated asset allocation, we will bring that kind of
23	more towards where it is now, just because we have to
24	be reactive there, because we can't be proactive in
25	terms of the parking asset. Where we can be

proactive is everywhere else. 1 2 MR. DEPASOUALE: 3 Jamie, so do we see a decrease in the 4 parking asset in correspondence to real estate? MR. WESNER: 5 6 So that's one of the --- the 7 benefits of the parking asset is that the way the 8 parking asset is valued is we do a discounted cash flow of all those future cash flows that have been 9 10 promised by with, I believe it's the act of Council 11 to dedicate those revenues to the pension plan. 12 you have a third party who basically does that 13 calculation, but it's just a very simple calculation 14 of just discounting those cash flows back. So that asset, the parking asset 15 16 basically returns on a consistent basis your assumed 17 rate of return. So you basically get that seven, 18 seven and a quarter percent every single year from 19 the parking asset. So in a year like 2022, the 20 parking asset is hugely beneficial to your overall 21 performance because the markets were negative, that 22 was strongly positive. In a year like 2023 thus far, 23 it's actually been slightly dilutive to performance 24 because while it's nice, consistent, you know, a 25 seven and a quarter percent annualized return, your -

- 1 -- your invested portfolio is actually doing better.
- 2 So there's pros and cons to it, but
- 3 over the long term, it adds stability to your
- 4 portfolio. And from a performance standpoint, it's
- 5 been a very nice performer.
- 6 MR. DEPASQUALE:
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 MR. WESNER:
- 9 And you can see going down, we're
- 10 pretty close within our policy targets across the
- 11 board. The only areas where we are a bit underweight
- to our targets are just in areas like fixed income.
- I mentioned with the asset allocation study, that's
- an area we would likely allocate maybe some more
- capital just to further, you know, provide additional
- stability to the portfolio. Equities we're, you
- know, we're a little bit over weighted. And then
- international equities were basically, you know, spot
- 19 on. We will also continue to make allocations to
- 20 private equity because that's something that
- 21 continues to be a good performer.
- 22 And then finally cash at the very
- bottom. We don't target an allocation to cash, but
- 24 the positive thing right now is that cash is giving
- us, you know, nearly five percent. So it's hard ---

we used to always complain about cash, you never 1 2 wanted to keep anything in cash. Now it's okay to 3 have a little bit in cash because it gives you that 4 cushion, but you still get a five percent yield off 5 of it. So just again, want to highlight all the 6 positives that have come with this increased rate 7 environment. Performance on page five. So through 8 the end of July, the performance of the fund 9 10 composites, which is the top line there, it includes 11 the parking asset, that is, you know, 8.6 percent. 12 You can see that the invested portfolio, which is a 13 few lines down but also in the dark color, you know, 11.2 percent. That 11.2 percent through July is one 14 15 of the best portfolio performances across my client The big driver is because you have so little 16 17 in fixed income, and a relatively small amount in 18 real estate as well. 19 If you look at the fixed income 20 composite, you've outperformed the benchmark there, 21 most notably because you have shorter duration, so 22 you have lower duration bonds. So kind of one, two 23 year duration bonds which have been giving you higher 24 rates of return. 25 US equities, we're slightly below our

1	policy benchmark, and that's mostly because you have
2	a dedicated allocation to small cap strategies. So
3	as a whole, your index fund, your S&P 500 index fund
4	matching the benchmark Frontier, which is your SMID
5	Cap growth manager, actually outperforming the
6	benchmark by over eight percent year to date. So
7	they've had a great run. They had some hiccups a
8	couple of years ago, but this is why we have, you
9	know, patience with managers and don't fire managers
10	too quickly.
11	And then you can see Palisade, which is
12	your newer woman owned small cap equity manager, a
13	little below in the kind of start, but their long
14	term performance is still very, very strong.
15	Emerging manager portfolio. Again, as
16	a reminder, this is your local emerging manager
17	portfolio. And Gridiron, which is a newer manager
18	but is off to a good start with their first couple of
19	months of outperformance. Twin Capital, very close
20	to their benchmark, kind of an enhanced index
21	strategy. And it's nice to see CIM, which had been
22	underperforming and is still on alert. We're not
23	going to take them off of alert status yet, but you
24	can see year to date outperforming by about three
25	percent. So all positives there on that front.

1	International equities over on page
2	six. Again, a little bit more good news here in terms
3	of outperformance. You can see the international
4	equities up 15 and a half percent, and all of the
5	strategies outperforming their main benchmarks. So
6	MFS, which is your broad strategy outperforming the
7	state street active emerging markets up 16 percent,
8	and ABS which is a hedged strategy in emerging
9	markets which is up nine percent. So all those
10	strategies, you know, performing very well not only
11	in the short term, but good long term performance in
12	in addition to that.
13	Federated, a little bit behind the
14	benchmark in terms of their year to date performance.
15	This is one where it's more challenging in terms of
16	the technology stocks because they don't hold as much
17	in terms of technology. And then with the great
18	performance in technology, that's going to hold them
19	back. But just as a reminder that is an ESG
20	dedicated strategy with Federated on the global side.
21	
22	Hedge funds. You know, you can see the
23	traditional hedge funds with ASB and Trust, kind of
24	up five percent. A little bit better than the
25	benchmarks. But you can see parametric how it's

1	really, you know, soundly beaten the rest of the
2	hedge fund strategies up almost 14 percent. So
3	that's really been the best long term performer in
4	terms of MetaFi's (phonetic) performance in the hedge
5	fund bucket.
6	And then as I mentioned, real estate,
7	obviously real estate is challenging right now. You
8	can see that both the refund and bearings a little
9	bit below the benchmark year to date. You know, down
10	seven and a half and eight percent respectively.
11	Bearings is one where we do have redemption requests
12	in place to start to get some money back out of that
13	strategy to generate liquidity. Their portfolio has
14	been a little bit more, it it struggled a little
15	bit more I would say, than what we've seen with Reef
16	(phonetic). So that's one of the reasons why we've
17	put in a redemption request there, but not put in any
18	redemption requests with the with the Reef fund.
19	And then just again, for the for
20	everyone's records on pages 11 and 12, the fees that
21	are paid to all of your managers. And as we look at
22	the overall fees paid here, you can see the, you
23	know, overall costs are relatively low given your
24	asset allocation and given your size. You pay about
25	34 basis points in aggregate, 35 basis points if you
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include Marquette's fee or the custodial fee. 1 2 gets you to still a very low cost. 3 There's a lot of public pension funds 4 out there where the cost to manage a portfolio is 50, 5 60 basis points. So you're doing it at a 6 significantly lower cost utilizing index funds, 7 having you know, strong pricing schedules from your 8 active managers. So you can take comfort that you've been very prudent in terms of allocating fee dollars 9 10 to your active managers. 11 Any questions on that flash report? 12 MR. DEPASQUALE: Why is that so much lower than the 13 14 national average? 15 MR. WESNER: 16 Again, it's been utilizing a lot of 17 index strategies, so you have a very large proportion of your investments in index funds. So that's the 18 19 S&P 500, and then you have a little bit of indexing 20 on the small cap US side and then also on the fixed 21 income side with the Vanguard investments. 22 So, and our philosophy is always we 23 don't want to be adverse in spending money on 24 investment managers. We just want to be smart about 25 spending money on investment managers where managers

have shown a historical precedent of adding value. 1 2 That's typically in international equities, that's 3 typically in alternative asset classes, and where 4 managers don't --- haven't historically added a lot 5 of value, why pay them to try? So that's our 6 philosophy. 7 And then if there are any questions, 8 behind exhibit four is the quarterly report. As you all know that this is the more robust report, but 9 10 it's the more dated report. So I'm not going to go 11 through this. This has details on all the underlying 12 managers. You know, so for the real estate managers, 13 it has information on the underlying properties, it 14 has information on all the underlying stocks for the 15 equity managers. But the one area that I will just 16 focus on, because it's --- it's only in the quarterly 17 report, is --- is rankings. 18 So if you look at, you know, start off 19 on page nine. So the rankings here, and I always 20 make the comment we don't pay benefit payments with 21 relative performance. So it, last year you might 22 have ranked high versus your peers in terms of 23 relative performance, but it was still negative. But 24 it is a benchmark that we use to assess how we are 25 doing as a whole. And if you look at the total fund

1	composite and the total invested composite, looking
2	at long term returns. So for the total fund
3	composite, your ten year return, eight percent, it
4	puts you in the top 14 percent of the public pension
5	fund peer group. And then the invested portfolio,
6	which does not include the parking asset, 7.6
7	percent, and then the 27th percentile of the peer
8	group. So just missing the top quartile in terms of
9	net of fees performance.
10	But when you think about public pension
11	plans, you know, you don't have as much, you know,
12	private equity as a lot of plans do. So, you know,
13	you had very strong performance without taking on a
14	tremendous amount of risk. So just wanted to
15	highlight that positive within the performance since
16	it's only in the quarterly report.
17	And then the only other thing that I'll
18	highlight with that on page 21, excuse me, is private
19	equity. So as we look at private equity performance,
20	and you've made healthy commitments to private equity
21	recently, but the top of page 21, as you look at, you
22	know, the performance levels, some of the larger
23	investments that you've made more recently have been
24	some of the better performances. And I I use
25	that term recently somewhat loosely.

1	So if you go back to Crescent, the two
2	strategies that you invested with them in 2013 and
3	2016, return eight and nine percent net of fees.
4	Those were more fixed income like private asset
5	investments, but you got eight and percent nine, so
6	much better than traditional fixed income strategies,
7	more akin to equity type performance. And then
8	you'll see the Siguler Guff investment that you made
9	in 2019 where you allocated \$15 million. You know,
10	that investment has had a net IRR, or internal rate
11	of return, which is just a fancy way of saying it's
12	just a private equity performance calculation. You
13	know, 24, almost 25 percent net of fees.
14	So these asset classes, while you do
15	give up some liquidity, performance, has historically
16	been much better. So just wanted to highlight that.
17	We will continue to come back to you with additional
18	private equity recommendations. The most recent
19	allocation that you made was early in 2022 with
20	Siguler Guff. And then with the local manager here,
21	Magarac, in 2022 as well. That was a \$3 million
22	investment. So just wanted to highlight those there.
23	CHAIR:
24	Can you remind us the commitments, how
25	long they usually are?

- 1 MR. WESNER:
- 2 Yep. So it varies slightly by the type
- of private equity. So when we look at the, you know,
- 4 Magarac, for example, that's more growth equity or
- 5 almost venture capital like. Those are going to be
- 6 longer time horizon funds, where it could be, you
- 7 know, 12 to 14 years for the lifecycle for them to
- 8 deploy capital, investment companies, and then get
- 9 that capital returned back to the investors.
- 10 The Crescent strategies, you know,
- we've gotten a good amount of that capital back, and
- you can see for a 2013 fund, you've essentially
- 13 gotten most of that capital back ten years out. And
- even with the 2016 fund, we've gotten, you know, over
- 15 half the capital back already. But the other
- strategies, we would still anticipate it's going to
- be, you know, those are 8 to 12 year time horizons
- 18 for those investments.
- 19 CHAIR:
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 MR. WESNER:
- 22 And if there aren't any questions, I'll
- kind of leave the rest of the reports. If you have
- questions after the fact, please let me know, but
- 25 I'll kind of leave the rest of it for your --- your

bedtime reading. 1 2 CHAIR: 3 I do have one question, but before we 4 do that, can we have just for the record that Deputy 5 Chief of Staff Felicity Williams has joined us as 6 well. 7 You talked about the updated asset 8 allocation for our December meeting. We also are going to be due for our valuation report from the 9 10 actuary. Do you feel there's a benefit of having a 11 preview for yourself before we discuss our asset 12 If there's any potential changes in our allocation? 13 valuation to hit our marks that we're looking for? 14 MR. WESNER: 15 It doesn't have a huge impact, because 16 the only changes in your actuarial valuation that 17 impact us on the asset side would be, for example, if you changed your assumed rate of return and lowered 18 19 your assumed rate of return. Let's say you did 20 something really aggressive and lowered it down to 21 six and a half percent. We know we're not going to 22 do that, but if you did some --- even that big of a 23 move wouldn't necessarily change our asset 24 allocation. 25 We might be a little bit more

- 1 conservative since we don't have to hit as high of a
- 2 number, but with what we typically see, the moves
- 3 taken post actuarial valuation are --- are so modest
- 4 that it doesn't really affect the asset allocation.
- 5 So I love --- it's always nice to have previewed
- 6 information in advance, but just full honesty, it's -
- 7 it's not going to have a material impact on what we
- 8 present to you or recommend.
- 9 CHAIR:
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 MR. LAMB:
- 12 I just have one question on that too.
- 13 So if the idea now will be to reduce the percentage,
- the policy percentage on the parking asset, what
- would you do? Would you just bring it down to 33 or
- 16 --- or close to where it is now or --- because it's
- 17 going to change over time.
- 18 MR. WESNER:
- 19 It's going to keep moving.
- 20 MR. LAMB:
- 21 Right.
- 22 MR. WESNER:
- 23 That, and that's the thing where it's
- 24 kind of like a continuing bogey. But I would --- I
- 25 would originally in the first move bring it down to

- 1 33. But also, you know, we can have a portfolio that
- 2 we model out just as a hypothetical with it going
- down to 30. And that goes with the assumption of the
- 4 parking asset continues to go down in value as more
- of the monies are received and we go through time.
- 6 But then it's also the hopeful kind of situation
- 7 where the rest of the portfolio continues to grow.
- 8 MR. LAMB:
- 9 Right, right.
- 10 MR. WESNER:
- 11 So we would show you multiple. And
- then going forward, it's getting in the routine of
- continually updating that asset allocation because we
- don't know whether five years from now Council
- 15 extends it again.
- 16 MR. LAMB:
- 17 Well, that's the ---.
- 18 MR. WESNER:
- 19 That's what we don't know.
- 20 MR. LAMB:
- 21 That's my question. Could we --- could
- 22 we --- could we or should we have an investment
- 23 policy that floats that number just to mirror the
- asset percentage?
- 25 MR. WESNER:

- 1 It's --- it's challenging because you
- would have to have as that number goes down, you'd
- 3 have to say as the parking asset value --- target
- floats, the number that would float on the other part
- of the portfolio would likely be like a short term
- 6 kind of thing.
- 7 MR. LAMB:
- 8 That would be a lot ---.
- 9 MR. WESNER:
- 10 But you do something like short term
- 11 fixed income.
- 12 MR. LAMB:
- 13 Yeah.
- 14 MR. WESNER:
- 15 So in theory that could work.
- 16 MR. LAMB:
- 17 Yeah, yeah. No, but I think it's smart
- for us to look at that as a 33 percent and the other,
- 19 33 and 67. Because that's actually where we are I
- 20 think.
- 21 MR. WESNER:
- 22 Yeah.
- 23 MR. LAMB:
- 24 I think that's fair. Yeah, I think
- 25 that's --- that's probably right.

- 1 MR. WESNER:
- 2 And then the advantage to the fund is
- 3 that you can take that seven percent additional
- 4 target allocation and say, okay, maybe we're going to
- 5 put three percent up in fixed income and four percent
- 6 can go to private equity or private debt, areas that
- 7 can add more value performance wise to your portfolio
- 8 over time. And that's what the asset allocation
- 9 exercise will do is I'll be able to come back to the
- Board and say, here's the possibilities. And there's
- 11 not, with an asset allocation study there's not a
- definitive answer. There's possibilities.
- 13 MR. LAMB:
- 14 Right.
- 15 MR. WESNER:
- 16 And we can talk through those and
- what's consistent with the goals and objectives of
- the Board going forward.
- 19 MR. LAMB:
- 20 Yeah, and I --- I just think the thing
- 21 that board has to remember and the executive director
- 22 need to remember is that if we decide in the future
- 23 to lower that rate of return, that's going to
- recalculate that parking asset again too. And that
- 25 makes it seem more valuable than these now, right?

- So --- so you're going to have a problem there when
- 2 you do it, just so we know that moving forward.
- 3 MR. WESNER:
- 4 Yeah. And that is something good for
- 5 the newer trustees to know is that historically, when
- 6 we have lowered the assumed rate of return before, it
- gives you, as you know, Trustee Lamb just
- 8 highlighted, the value of the parking asset goes up.
- 9 I don't want to use it, it's just an accounting
- 10 function.
- 11 MR. LAMB:
- 12 Right, right.
- 13 MR. WESNER:
- 14 I'll use that, a more appropriate term
- 15 to use.
- 16 CHAIR:
- 17 You don't get any more money out of it?
- 18 MR. WESNER:
- 19 Yes.
- 20 MR. LAMB:
- 21 Yeah.
- 22 MR. WESNER:
- 23 You're getting the same amount of
- 24 money. Just in present value.
- 25 MR. LAMB:

- 1 Present value changes.
- 2 MR. WESNER:
- 3 So it looks good in the moment. Your
- funding ratio would go up, but.
- 5 MS. GULA:
- 6 But it's not real.
- 7 MR. WESNER:
- 8 It's not creating any additional cash
- 9 flows in the future. So that's just a very important
- 10 point for everyone to --- to understand. And we've
- done that in the past. So that's, we've gone through
- that exercise in the past where you've lowered the
- rate. And then we get kind of these fun numbers to
- look at in terms of your performance, but you have to
- take them somewhat with a grain of salt.
- 16 CHAIR:
- 17 Yeah.
- 18 MR. WESNER:
- 19 And that's all I have, Mr. President.
- 20 CHAIR:
- 21 Thank you. Anybody have any further
- 22 questions? Okay, next we have our solicitor's
- 23 report. Frederick.
- 24 ATTORNEY FRANK:
- 25 Thank you. Good afternoon, everyone.

1	Our primary activity since our last Board meeting was
2	the work work done with respect to the request
3	for proposals for the investment manager for the S&P
4	Index Fund, which we'll receive a report from our
5	Trustee Ruffalo later in the meeting on the
6	recommendation of the subcommittee with regard to
7	selection of an S&P index fund manager.
8	With that regard, I prepared the
9	request for proposal and saw that it was duly
10	advertised on the Finance Department website. We
11	then received certain questions about the RFP as the
12	applicants were permitted to pose questions about the
13	RFP before responding. We answered all the questions
14	as a group, and then we posted those answers on the
15	Finance Department website so all applicants can see
16	the answers. I completed the answers with the
17	assistance of Marquette.
18	I then reviewed the responses for
19	compliance with the RFP. I assisted at the
20	subcommittee meeting on selection of a manager.
21	At the May meeting, the Board approved
22	a one year extension of the Financial Manager System
23	Provider Agreement with Allegheny County. I advised
24	the county controller the fund had exercised the
25	extension through June 30, 2024.
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- 1 I continue to monitor the reports we 2 get from our various securities monitoring law firms 3 about possible claims and class actions, and I communicate with our custodian PNC to see our claims 4 are made as needed in the class action. 5 6 With respect to our own class actions. 7 On the Avaya case, there has been no ruling on the 8 motion that the fund should be the lead Plaintiff, and we're waiting for the court to rule on that. On 9 10 the Carlisle case, they have filed, as I reported, 11 and we expected a motion to dismiss the case. 12 filed our opposition to that motion. The Defendant's 13 reply was due August 23, and it was received, and the 14 argument on the motion to dismiss is on September 15 So I anticipate I'll have more of a report on 16 that in December whether the court acts upon the 17 motion to dismiss. But I review the work done by Robbins 18 19 Geller, and it's excellent in terms of the pleadings
- 21 Any questions? Okay.
- 22 CHAIR:

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- 23 Okay.
- 24 So thank you, Frederick. Next, we have
- our presentation of papers which will be the

they're filing to move the case forward.

- 1 resolution authorizing payment for professional
- 2 services rendered by Frank, Gale, Bails Marco,
- Pocrass PC in the amount of \$4,660 for months of May
- 4 2023 through July 2023.
- 5 MR. LAMB:
- 6 Moved to approved
- 7 CHAIR:
- 8 We have a motion by Mr. Lamb.
- 9 MR. DEPASQUALE:
- 10 Second.
- 11 CHAIR:
- 12 Seconded by Mr. DePasquale. Any
- discussion on the motion? Seeing none, all those in
- favor, signify by saying aye.
- 15 AYES RESPOND
- 16 CHAIR:
- 17 Opposed?
- 18 NO RESPONSE
- 19 CHAIR:
- 20 Motion moves. Thank you. No
- 21 continuing business. So new business will be the
- report from the subcommittee on the RFP for S&P
- 23 index. Mr. Ruffalo.
- 24 MR. RUFFALO:
- 25 Thank you. Just a little history

was made to issue a request for proposal for the S&P 500 index manager to manage our trust S&P index investments and to form a subcommittee to review the proposals. The subcommittee was formed. Felicity Williams, Mark DePasquale, and myself. On August 8th, we met. Mr. DePasquale was not available. And if it wasn't that day, I wouldn't have been any other day available either. We met along with Jamie, Frederick. Director Gula and Adam assisted us also to review the proposals in the, for the prospective firms. The goal of the subcommittee was to select an S&P 500 index manager to manage our index investments in the amount of \$175,000,000 which we updated, it's to up to \$195,
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21 social, and government strategy. We kept that all in
22 mind. The RFP was issued on June 1st with a response
23 date deadline of July 7th. And we received four
24 responses, three which met the criteria. They were
25 reviewed by Marquette. They vetted them out first.

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        were other factors that were taken in consideration.
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        company, at least sold it to me.
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        their principals also got on and they did a good job.
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- 1 us she's going to be the one working with our fund, I
- 2 --- I think she hit it home a little stronger.
- 3 Both --- both do business in
- 4 Pennsylvania. RhumbLine had 40 clients spread across
- 5 the state. And I said Xponance did also. Their big
- 6 client here was PMRS, Xponance. Their custodian is
- 7 PNC Bank, which is ours. RhumbLine was State Street,
- 8 which we're familiar with. I don't know if I
- 9 understood them properly, but I think the fee for
- 10 that is a little higher.
- 11 Is that correct?
- 12 MR. WESNER:
- 13 The operating fee, correct.
- 14 MR. RUFFALO:
- 15 Yes. Okay.
- 16 There's that. One of the things I'd
- 17 like to defer to you, Jamie, is when they were
- discussing the risk management tracking error, they
- do theirs three times a day. RhumbLine does theirs
- 20 consistently on a daily basis. But if --- if you can
- add to that just a little bit, what is actually done
- 22 with that?
- 23 MR. WESNER:
- 24 Sure. And just to even take a step
- 25 back and just on --- on tracking error, what is

1	tracking error? So a tracking error is, you know,
2	you have tracking error for active managers. You
3	have tracking error for passive managers or index
4	fund managers. For active managers, it's not as much
5	of a concern because you want them to be different
6	than the benchmark. You're paying them to to
7	take risks.
8	For a passive manager, we're paying
9	them to track the benchmark. So we wanted that
10	tracking error to be as as small as possible.
11	Whether, really all three of the index fund
12	providers, Northern Trust, RhumbLine, and Xponance,
13	all have exceptionally low tracking error. And as
14	Trustee Ruffalo was just highlighting, they all do a
15	continual kind of analysis throughout the day to make
16	sure they are keeping the portfolio as tight as
17	possible to that benchmark. Because, you know, we
18	don't want to see well, you don't mind seeing a
19	higher return. If they're having a higher return,
20	that means they're creating a possibility and having
21	a tracking error that creates a possibility for a
22	lower return. So all these managers have an
23	expertise and a very methodical process in terms of
24	keeping that tracking error as low as possible.
25	So we feel very comfortable with both

of the respondents. Marquette, just in general, we 1 2 have billions of assets with these managers in the 3 index space. We are the consultant for PMRS, so 4 obviously we have the relationship with Xponance, but we've worked with RhumbLine for 20 plus years. 5 6 other thing with Xponance I will give them credit for 7 is their CEO and president, both were on the 8 presentation, but they both deferred to the expert, the woman who was running the portfolio for the 9 10 presentation. 11 So it was just an overall, I think it's 12 just a slightly superior presentation, but it's what 13 we like to see is when both managers do an excellent job in terms of their RFP response and then their 14 15 presentation. So we want the decision to be a little bit challenging, but I think we did have a clear 16 17 winner in this case. 18 CHAIR: 19 Would --- I'm sorry. I'll wait until 20 you're done. 21 MR. RUFFALO: 22 I, just to continue on. There were 23 several factors that were included from the number of 24 employees to the number of the, for their investment 25 team. And as I said, both --- both presentations

- were --- were done very well, and both were very
- 2 professional. I couldn't take anything away from
- 3 either one. At the end, as I said that even though
- 4 Mark wasn't there, but I was in agreement with
- 5 Felicity that I, my preference was towards Xponance.
- 6 So I --- I like the presentation by selecting them,
- 7 the financial responsibility of the pension trust
- 8 initiatives and returns would not be compromised. I-
- 9 -- I think we have a good, I mean either one would be
- 10 good here, but I --- I lead --- I was leaning towards
- 11 Xponance and Felicity did. So two out of three of
- the committee, and again, Mark was tied up on other
- 13 business. I don't believe that would have made a
- change. I --- I don't know.
- 15 So our --- our recommendation was to
- 16 accept Xponance as the new S&P 500 index manager.
- 17 CHAIR:
- 18 Mr. Lamb, did you have a question?
- 19 MR. LAMB:
- 20 I just, I did. You mentioned during a
- 21 presentation that they have some connection to
- 22 Pittsburgh. Do they have an office here or what's
- 23 the --- what's the connection?
- 24 MR. RUFFALO:
- No, they're --- one of their principals

- is from the Youngstown area.
- 2 MR. LAMB:
- 3 Okay.
- 4 MR. RUFFALO:
- 5 He's based out of Philly now, but his
- in laws or daughter-in-law's family is all from
- 7 Pittsburgh. So he's here pretty regular. Not to say
- 8 they're opening an office here.
- 9 MR. LAMB:
- 10 No, okay. I just wanted to see. Okay,
- 11 that's fine.
- 12 MR. RUFFALO:
- 13 Yeah.
- 14 CHAIR:
- 15 Ms. Williams, do you have anything
- 16 you'd like to add on that?
- 17 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 18 I think Rich encompassed it very well.
- 19 To your --- to expound upon what you were saying
- 20 about the local ties. Again, as we prioritize not
- only our commitment to equity and diversity, we also
- 22 want to prioritize our commitment locally. And to
- 23 seeing that local presence, those local ties and
- 24 connections.
- 25 And so looking at RhumbLine versus

Xponance, again, Xponance is out of Philly, so within 1 2 the state. Certainly, whereas RhumbLine is out of 3 So again, although they both do business in 4 the area, we do have more local ties with Xponance, 5 not only as you highlighted in your --- in your 6 presentation about their ownership, as we have been talking recently about not just diverse ownership, 7 but also diverse workforce and who they themselves do 8 business with. There was a slight edge around 9 10 Xponance in terms of who they do business with in 11 terms of diversity and around some of their --- their 12 workforce elements there as well. So it was both 13 very competitive, but a slight edge there. 14 The local presence that we talked 15 about, of course, their skill, capacity and expertise, top notch. We talked about their error 16 17 tracking that led us to this ultimate conclusion. 18 CHAIR: 19 Thank you. MS. WILLIAMS: 20 21 Thank you. 22 CHAIR: 23 Seeing no further questions, we just 24 need a motion to accept the subcommittee's report and 25 recommendation for Xponance firm as our S&P.

- 1 MR. DEPASQUALE:
- 2 I'd like to make a motion.
- 3 ATTORNEY FREDERICK:
- 4 I want to comment. Just under the RFP,
- 5 the term of this is supposed to be at will, and we
- 6 can terminate on 30 days' notice. That's what they
- 7 were told. So I would assume that's the contract you
- 8 want me to prepare?
- 9 CHAIR:
- 10 Unless anybody wants to make a
- 11 recommendation to change that? Seeing none, okay.
- We have a motion to accept the recommendation from
- the subcommittee by Mr. DePasquale.
- 14 Do we have a second?
- 15 MR. LAMB:
- 16 Second.
- 17 CHAIR:
- 18 Second by Mr. Lamb. Do we have any
- 19 further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor,
- 20 signify by saying aye.
- 21 AYES RESPOND
- 22 CHAIR:
- 23 Opposed?
- 24 NO RESPONSE
- 25 CHAIR:

- 1 Motion moves. And I want to thank the
- 2 subcommittee for your hard work to put this together.
- 3 Appreciate the effort, as always.
- 4 That brings us to the end of our
- 5 meeting. If we have --- has any other Board members
- 6 have any other thing they'd like to add to the
- 7 meeting?
- 8 MR. RUFFALO:
- 9 Just Jamie, do you have an idea when
- 10 the diversity, we'll review those diversity surveys?
- 11 Do you have a date in mind?
- 12 MR. WESNER:
- 13 I think maybe the best thing to do is
- 14 send ---.
- 15 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 16 I did send an email about this.
- 17 MR. WESNER:
- 18 Yes. No, and --- and Trustee Williams,
- 19 before you joined us, Trustee Ruffalo raised the
- 20 issue when we were reviewing the minutes, and I let
- 21 him know that we had collected the results from all
- of your managers. And just to again provide the
- clarity to everyone else, this was in terms of
- looking at the employee diversity statistics for all
- of your existing managers.

- 1 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 2 Yep.
- 3 MR. WESNER:
- 4 So we have a more robust conversation
- 5 where we're hiring new managers, but the question is,
- 6 what are our existing managers doing? And you have a
- 7 wide variety of existing managers, you know, some
- 8 that are, you know, two or three people, some that
- 9 are, you know, broad, multinational corporations. So
- we can look at those statistics and determine,
- analyze them, but to determine what course of action
- 12 would the Board like to take.
- 13 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 14 With respect to any existing managers?
- 15 MR. WESNER:
- 16 Yes.
- 17 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 18 Correct, yes.
- 19 MR. WESNER:
- 20 So I think maybe the best course of
- action would be to utilize the existing subcommittee.
- 22 MR. RUFFALO:
- We --- we, I think we're all three were
- 24 already selected for that.
- 25 MS. WILLIAMS:

- 1 Yeah.
- 2 MR. WESNER:
- 3 Yeah.
- 4 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 5 And we do want to make this, as we
- 6 talked about, and I'm sorry, I was running a few
- 7 minutes behind from the previous meeting. Wanting to
- 8 making --- making this an annual process that we do
- 9 so that we go through this. The folks submit, we
- 10 review, we analyze, and then we make any
- 11 recommendations or decisions and go from there.
- 12 MR. WESNER:
- 13 Okay.
- 14 And you can memorialize those, sorry to
- interrupt you, Mr. Chairman. We can memorialize
- those in your investment policy statement. That's
- 17 something that I've seen with other clients. We do
- it with the City of Chicago public funds. Whether
- it's having formal goals for our diversity amongst
- 20 managers or having, you know, additional goals. So
- an example would be if you have a firm that's not,
- 22 maybe it's very small, they're not diverse, but it's
- 23 utilizing women minority owned brokerage firms. So
- it's just, there's a lot of ways that we can ---
- 25 MS. WILLIAMS:

- 1 Yeah.
- 2 MR. WESNER:
- 3 --- increase the diversity impact
- 4 within your portfolio. And we can talk about those
- as a subcommittee, and then maybe come back to the
- 6 Board with a recommendation on how to memorialize
- 7 those in the policy.
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 9 Absolutely. Sounds great.
- 10 CHAIR:
- 11 All right.
- 12 Thank you. Just to clarify, because I
- hear the question of asking when. When you are ready
- with that report to provide the subcommittee, you all
- 15 will then coordinate a day and time to meet. And if
- it's available, the next Board meeting. If not,
- it'll be the following one.
- 18 MR. WESNER:
- 19 And --- and we have to, the data is
- 20 collected. So I, maybe that will best. I'll send
- around an email to the subcommittee. We can try to
- schedule something and have maybe a virtual
- 23 conversation to.
- 24 MS. WILLIAMS:
- 25 In preparation for our last meeting of

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      MR. WESNER:
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      Yes.
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      CHAIR:
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      That good?
      MS. WILLIAMS:
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      Sounds great.
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      CHAIR:
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      Okay.
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      MS. WILLIAMS:
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      Thank you.
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      CHAIR:
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      All right.
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      Seeing nothing else, do I have a motion
        to adjourn?
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      MR. LAMB:
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      So moved.
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      MR. RUFFALO:
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      Second.
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      CHAIR:
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      All right.
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      Motion made by Mr. Lamb. Second by Mr.
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        Ruffalo. All those in favor?
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        AYES RESPOND
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      CHAIR:
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