

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24 , 2021, INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Investment Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) conducted a meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, by Zoom. Participating were Committee Chair Kathryn (“Katie”) Hall, Committee Vice-Chair Roger Ferguson, Committee members Steve Case, Alice Handy, J. Tomilson (“Tom”) Hill, David Rubenstein, and Michael Tennenbaum. Committee member Henry Ellenbogen was not able to participate in the meeting.

Participating Smithsonian staff included Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy; Chief Investment Officer Amy Chen; Senior Investment Analyst Jinwen Chen; Investment Officer Ryan Dotson; Assistant General Counsel Danielle Fisher; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents Kate Forester; Investment Officer Michael Giovenco; Inspector General Cathy Helm; Chief Financial Officer Janice Lambert; Under Secretary for Finance and Administration Mike McCarthy; Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer Meroë Park; Director of Investment Operations Allen Rumanyika; Investment Officer Jeff Smith; Assistant Secretary for Advancement Robert Spiller; and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

### CALL TO ORDER / REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Committee Chair Katie Hall welcomed everyone at 12:30pm.

### APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the September 23, 2020, Committee meeting and the draft minutes of the December 1, 2020 Investment Committee Executive Session were approved.

### ANNUAL PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Investment Officer Ryan Dotson noted that the Endowment has posted strong returns in 2020, outperforming the policy benchmark by nearly 700 basis points for the one-year period, the second highest excess return generated in 15 years.

#### **June 30, 2020 Final Performance Update**

As of June 30, 2020, the Endowment ended with final assets of \$1,813.0 million and a one-year return of 7.4% versus -0.3% for the policy benchmark. Over the three-year, five-year and ten-year periods, the Endowment generated returns versus the policy benchmark of 9.9% versus 3.5%, 8.4% versus 3.5%, and 9.1% versus 5.5%, respectively.

## **ASSET ALLOCATION AND RISK REVIEW**

Gino Reina, Portfolio Manager, and Scott Freemon, Head of Strategy and Risk, of SECOR Asset Management, LP, presented the annual asset allocation and risk review.

## **LIQUIDITY ANALYSIS**

Chief Investment Officer Amy Chen and Investment Officer Jeff Smith updated the Committee on the Endowment's liquidity ratios, cashflows and public holdings.

## **PORTFOLIO IMPLEMENTATION**

The Committee members discussed and reviewed the recommended long-term policy and policy benchmarks. Both recommendations were duly approved.

## **Operations**

Ms. Chen updated the Committee on staff changes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.