

# Investment Advisory Council Compensation Subcommittee Conference Call September 14, 2021



### Agenda Investment Advisory Council (IAC) Compensation Subcommittee Conference Call

### Tuesday, September 14, 2021

1.	Welcome/Call to Order/Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2020 Meeting (Attachments 1A and 1B)	Vinny Olmstead, Chair
2.	Opening Remarks	Vinny Olmstead, Chair
	Opening Remarks	Ash Williams, Executive Director & CIO
3.	Recap of ED/CIO's FY 2020-21 Incentive Plan Design (Attachment 2)	Josh Wilson, Merer
4.	Presentation of Results of ED/CIO's Evaluation and Mercer's Salary Recommendation (Attachments 3A, 3B, Appendix to 3B, 3C)	Josh Wilson, Merer
5.	Discussion of Evaluation Results by Subcommittee	Vinny Olmstead, Chair
6.	Formulation of Recommendation to IAC and Trustees	Vinny Olmstead, Chair
7.	ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Recommendation	Vinny Olmstead, Chair
8.	SBA Incentive Compensation Plan Follow-up (Attachment 4)	Lamar Taylor, COO/CFO Alison Romano, DCIO
9.	Other Business/Audience Comments/Closing Remarks/Adjournment	
	(Attachment 5, Information Only)	

# **Attachment 1A**

### MINUTES INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPENSATION SUBCOMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL September 24, 2020

A special meeting of the Investment Advisory Council (IAC) Compensation Subcommittee was held on Thursday, September 24, 2020, in the Hermitage Room of the State Board of Administration of Florida (SBA), Tallahassee, Florida. The attached transcript of the September 24, 2020 meeting is hereby incorporated into these minutes.

IAC Members:	Vinny Olmstead, Chair (Via telephone)
	Chuck Cobb (Via telephone)
	Peter Collins (Via telephone)
	Gary Wendt (Via telephone)
	Peter Jones (Via telephone)

- SBA Employees: Ash Williams, Executive Director and CIO Alison Romano Kent Perez Lamar Taylor Randy Harrison John Kuczwanski
- Consultants: Jon Mason Mercer (Via telephone) Josh Wilson – Mercer (Via telephone)

### WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPT. 3, 2019 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Mr. Vinny Olmstead, Chair, IAC Compensation Subcommittee, welcomed everyone. Mr. Olmstead thanked the other comp committee members (Gary Wendt, Peter Collins, Ambassador Cobb, and Peter Jones who had also participated over the last couple of years), for their participation.

Mr. Olmstead made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 IAC Compensation Subcommittee conference call; Mr. Peter Collins and Ambassador Cobb seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Olmstead made opening remarks stating that the work of the committee should go smoothly as the members on the committee have been serving for at least three years, some longer. Specifically thanked Ambassador Cobb for his service as it will be his last year on the IAC. Mr. Olmstead also stated that Mercer would be participating in the meeting as they have since approximately 2012. Mr. Olmstead reminded all that the purpose of today's meeting is to make compensation recommendations exclusively for the director and CIO, Ash Williams.

Mr. Ash Williams, ED/CIO, reported that the plan has drawn attention and emulation from other plans around the country and a handful in jurisdictions outside of the U.S. Mr. Williams said that he and Vinny had discussed the possibility of the comp committee doing an overall look at the incentive compensation plan of the SBA, not just the ED/CIO piece, but the overall plan. Mr. Williams reported that things have continued to run smoothly at the SBA, while functioning largely remotely and in recent days have seen a bit of evolution in the investment environment. Mr. Williams briefly reported that Alison Romano has started as the Deputy CIO since the last comp subcommittee meeting and that she has distinguished herself in that role.

Mr. Olmstead asked a brief question regarding audited final numbers. Mr. Williams explained the three qualifications which must be met regarding the incentive comp plan. Additional questions were asked by Mr. Peter Collins, Ambassador Cobb, and Mr. Olmstead as a result of Mr. Williams answer to the original question regarding audited final numbers. Mr. Williams answered those questions.

### **RECAP OF ED/CIO'S FY2019-20 INCENTIVE PLAN DESIGN**

Mr. Jon Mason discussed in more detail the construct of the incentive compensation plan and thanked Mr. Williams for his explanation of same. Numerous questions were raised regarding the incentive compensation plan and the need for additional studies. Those questions by committee members were answered by Mr. Mason, Mr. Josh Wilson, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Taylor.

### PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF ED/CIO'S EVALUATION AND MERCER'S SALARY RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Mason discussed the results of the ED/CIO evaluation and explaining that there were high performance scores for Mr. Williams and positive comments for the job that Mr. Williams is doing. He provided details on the evaluation process.

### FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATION TO IAC AND TRUSTEES and ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION

After much discussion of the plan, Ambassador Cobb made a motion for a 3% salary increase, with additional discussion on the discretionary bonus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collins; unanimously approved by the committee. Additionally, Mr. Olmstead proposed that Mr. Williams be given the maximum of the individual component and propose they push through the max. Mr. Collins made the motion; motion passed unanimously.

### OTHER BUSINESS/AUDIENCE COMMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Williams thanked everyone for their support and understanding and reiterated that interaction with various groups would be better going forward

Ambassador Cobb suggested that the full nine-person board should start the incentive compensation plan review that Mr. Williams discussed. All members were in favor of same.

Mr. Olmstead was nominated and approved as continuing chair of the compensation subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Vinny Olmstead, Chair IAC Compensation Subcommittee

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Attachment 1B**

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#### INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### COMPENSATION SUBCOMMITTEE

#### WEB CONFERENCE CALL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 1:10 P.M. - 2:46 P.M.

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VINNY OLMSTEAD, CHAIR	3 * * *
CHUCK COBB	4 MR. OLMSTEAD: Let's kick it off. So Vinny 5 Olmstead, chairman of the IAC committee and would
PETER COLLINS	5 Olmstead, chairman of the IAC committee and would 6 love to call this meeting to order. So let's
FEIER COULTINS	7 start by taking care of some administrative
GARY WENDT	8 items. First of all, I want to thank the comp
PETER JONES	9 committee members, Gary Wendt, Peter Collins and,
	10 of course, Ambassador Cobb and also Peter Jones,
SBA EMPLOYEES:	11 who has sat in the last couple of years. We're
ASH WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CIO	12 appreciative of that.
ALISON ROMANO	13 First hand of business is the minutes. So I
	14 have reviewed those in detail. I think they were
KENT PEREZ	15 September 3rd, 2019. And, yes, Gary Wendt, you 16 were there. And so I'd love to move the minutes
LAMAR TAYLOR	17 as of that date, if everybody has had a chance to
RANDY HARRISON	18 review them and I can get a second.
KANDI HARKISON	19 MR. COLLINS: Second. You're on mute, Gary.
JOHN KUCZWANSKI	20 MR. COBB: Second. Chuck Cobb, second.
CONSULTANTS:	21 MR. OLMSTEAD: All in favor?
	22 (Ayes)
JON MASON - (Mercer)	23 MR. OLMSTEAD: So for the court reporter,
JOSH WILSON - (Mercer)	24 we're all unanimous on passing those minutes. We
	25 have a agenda that hopefully won't take the full
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4	the years, it's nice to have some consistency	4	to Ash before we hand it off to Mercer.
5	there.	5	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And
6	As a quick refresher, this is a call to make	6	I guess what I would share with the group is, the
7	compensation recommendations exclusively for the	7	history of this plan is such that, number one, it
8	director and CIO, Ash. There are, again, as a	8	has served our interest here in Florida, as I
9	refresher and Mercer will get into some more	9	think all of you will probably agree from what
10	detail later there is a couple of components,	10	you've seen in the IAC.
11	the variable pay, which is the organizational or	11	But it has also been a plan that has drawn
12	the formulaic compensation, which is 85 percent	12	attention and emulation from other plans, not
13	of the plan, and then there's an individual for	13	only other organizations, not only those like
14	15 percent of his overall variable compensation	14	the Division of Bond Finance and Florida Prepaid
15	that is based on the feedback from this	15	program that Vinny mentioned a moment ago, but
16	committee, which is where we'll focus a good part	16	also other funds around the country and a handful
17	of our time.	17	in other jurisdictions outside of the U.S. So
18	So the second piece for us to really	18	it's actually a very, very professional design
19	contemplate is any changes in the base salary for	19	that's very consistent with best practice.
20	the executive. So, again, our goal will be to	20	One of the things that Vinny and I talked
21	focus on conversation around the 15 percent and	21	about briefly the other day when we were
22	around the base piece of it. And I think the	22	preparing for this call was the idea of the comp
23	other important piece to note is that the intent	23	committee potentially doing an overall look at
24	of this committee is to make a recommendation,	24	the incentive compensation plan of the SBA, not
25	but ultimately the final action is reserved for	25	just my piece but look at the overall plan
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2	calls during that period, so you remember hearing	2	questions on all that. First, is the time period
3	about it in real time.	3	June 30 to June 30? Is that
4	And the thrust of all that is that on our	4	MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.
5	risk metrics, it looks like we're out of bounds	5	MR. WILLIAMS. Tes. MR. COBB: So it's a one year period. So
6		6	we're discussing the June 30 ending 2020, is what
	on risk, in which case the logical outcome of		
7	that will be that it will bar the incentive plan	7	we're talking about.
8	going into effect for this year.	8	MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.
9	We have addressed those issues internally in	9	MR. COBB: So my second question is,
10	terms of our measurement in the short-term by	10	according to the Aon report, we had 3.1 for the
11	resetting those boundaries so that we don't	11	year compared to this is unaudited, I
12	create an exception that would be a compliance	12	understand. We had 3.1 compared to a benchmark
13	issue. We'll know more when we see formal	13	of 3.0. Forgetting the risk issue that you've
14	numbers, but our preliminary take is that we may	14	talked about, does that 10th of 1 percent meet
15	have a problem.	15	the minimum threshold in terms of the other
16	But I think everybody here understands that.	16	number, or is that below the threshold, if that
17	And the rules that we wrote when we set the plan	17	turns out to be correct, 3.1 to 3.0?
18	up were written with good intent and wholesome	18	MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. The key to remember
19	purpose. And we're mature players, and we're not	19	here is that the threshold is a rolling three
20	suggesting changing the rules retrospectively,	20	year number. Because one of the other design
21	but we're going to pay attention to this on a	21	factors that we did when we structured the plan
22	go-forward basis, because we certainly don't want	22	was to make sure that it was not short-term
23	to have collateral outcomes that are	23	oriented, which would be another misalignment.
24	unanticipated and not entirely constructive. And	24	So it's a rolling three year number.
25	it could be	25	And if you look at our outperformance in
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1	Page 16 prior years, even with a modest outperformance	1	Page 17 will probably qualify for some level of
2	this year and keep in mind, the performance	2	incentive, absent this issue.
3	number usually goes up because the performance	3	MR. COBB: Thank you.
4	number does not have in it marks to market for	4	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.
5	private equity and real estate and some of the	5	MR. OLMSTEAD: And, Ash, one more
6	strategic investment areas.	6	clarification, if you would. If you don't meet
7	- And our private equity performance this year	7	that gate, does that mean that both the
8	I think has been pretty good, as it usually is.	8	organizational and individual or formulaic and
9	Real estate may be a drag this year, given what	9	sort of review variable pay are off the table or
10	will go on in short-term marks there. But we had	10	is it just the formulaic?
11	some good performance in strategic as well.	11	MR. WILLIAMS: It's the entire thing. So
12		12	what it would do would be just a year of zero
	So I think there's a chance that that number		
13	for the single year performance goes up a little	13	incentive, and that would be that.
		14	MR. WENDT: Gary Wendt has a question.
14	bit. But even if it stays right where it is, I		
15	think on a rolling three year basis, there will	15	MR. OLMSTEAD: Please.
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2	lack of pressure on giving increases or not	2	money and more bodies. But the return on these
3	because of the situation the State is in, which	3	investments has been very, very substantial and
4	by the way, it currently isn't too bad, according	4	more than justified the infrastructure, both
5	to the governor. He just said that he's	5	human and systems, to support that activity.
6	making that the State is better off than they	6	So we're in a different situation here. The
7	thought they would be. So I'd just like a little	7	other place we're in a different situation is
8	information on what the political feeling is in	8	that, because we're self-funding, to the extent
9	Tallahassee.	9	there are any kind of broad cuts elsewhere, they
10	MR. WILLIAMS: I think I'm your thinking	10	wouldn't necessarily reach us.
11	has not escaped me, Gary. And the short answer	11	Now, we do understand that whether there's a
12	is it's too early to say. It has not shown	12	formal requirement or not, part of being a good
13	itself in any way. And of course, in our case,	13	executive is not being tone deaf and not behaving
14	we're unusual compared to most of state	14	in a way that makes you look like you're not
15	government because we're self-funding. And we're	15	perceptive of reality of your surroundings.
16	also unusual in that usually dollars spent here	16	So I think the short answer is, where you've
17	are not spent, quote, unquote. They are	17	seen cuts in universities, it's primarily been in
18	literally invested and they produce a return.	18	the athletic departments. And those tend to be
19	You're all familiar with the story about our	19	areas that have simultaneously suffered a
20	returns net of all costs over many, many years.	20	complete collapse of revenues as a consequence of
21	And I believe not this year but last year, when I	21	sporting events not being what they used to be,
22	did my self evaluation, I wrote about the way in	22	sales being down, revenues for television being a
23	making the increases in internal asset management	23	fraction of what they were. And at the same
24	capacity that we've created in recent years and	24	time, many schools, most notably the one we have
25	managing more money in-house, enhancing the	25	right here in the Capitol, had recently hired
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2	out, number one, they can work here, and number	2	questions? These are real questions and
3	two, they're reminded of the tax regime here	3	important things to discuss and appreciate those.
4	versus the one in Illinois or Massachusetts or	4	If there aren't any other questions, let's I'm
5	New York. And they think, You know what? This	5	certain there will be a bunch with Mercer and Jon
6	is actually a pretty good idea. I'm going to	6	Mason and Josh Wilson as they go through their
7		7	findings and enlighten us on not only Florida
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8		9	but, you know, comparatively, the benchmarks and
9	will get some benefit out of this whole thing	-	how things are happening in other pension funds.
10	that some other states may not see.	10	So unless there are any other questions,
11	MR. WENDT: I understand that, and I think I	11	we'll hand it over to Mercer to go through their
12	would agree with you that it's really hard to	12	findings and report.
13	say, but at this time at least things can be	13	MR. MASON: All right. Well, thank you, Mr.
14	looked at as optimistic. But I do want to make	14	Chairman. Again, Jon Mason, here. My colleague
15	sure that I'm right that we seem to make	15	Josh Wilson is on the line. This is actually an
16	whatever we decide to pay the staff of SBA, it's	16	upgrade for the two of us. I think for the past
17	public information, correct?	17	four or five years we've done this
18	MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir. And we are	18	telephonically, so it's nice to see all your
19	absolutely mindful of that in every one of our	19	faces on the call today.
20	actions.	20	Ash did a really nice job going through the
21	MR. WENDT: Okay. Thank you. I was pretty	21	construct of the incentive program, so maybe I'll
22	sure of that. Thank you. Nothing in Florida	22	just touch on that quickly and then get into the
23	seems to be confidential anymore.	23	findings from our annual evaluation of the
24	MR. WILLIAMS: You're right about that.	24	ED/CIO's performance and review of the market
25	MR. WENDT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.	25	study, which is again compiled in-house by SBA as
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1	fully maybe I'm missing it, but I don't get	1	take six-footers and eight-footers and on average
2	the total comp opportunity on the peer group	2	there are seven. But there's the context that
3	based on your presentation here. So I would love	3	those that are moving to incentive plans tend to
4	to understand that. I guess, if ours is 52.5, I	4	be more lucrative. And that's just been a shift
5	guess that some are 150, but in this what's	5	that's happening over time. More and more public
б	the real number competitively, so that you can	6	pensions are adopting these, and those that do
7	enlighten us with	7	are typically more lucrative. Is that helpful?
8	MR. MASON: Yeah. So it's a fantastic	8	MR. OLMSTEAD: Sort of. But we're still
9	point. There's really a situation in public	9	not we still don't get the picture of what the
10	pensions of haves and have nots. And I believe	10	comparable benchmark is for total compensation.
11	of the 14 the core peer group of the 14, I	11	And so I still so if you take the eight, is
12	believe eight had incentive programs. And so	12	the total, you know, the is the total
13	that 150 percent was the median for those eight.	13	1.2 million, 1.1? Do you have any more insight
14	Some were lower. Some were higher. The median	14	as to what total compensation is?
15	point was 150 percent of maximum.	15	You know, I know it's hard maybe to do it
16	Now, there's a small minority, or I should	16	with the eight that do and the eight that don't,
17	say a large minority that don't have programs at	17	but I think it's relevant for us to understand
18	all, right? So the situation is, if you throw	18	competitively where total compensation is.
19	them as one of the lower payors that have	19	MR. MASON: Sure. That's a good point. If
20	incentives, you're probably near the middle	20	it would be okay so we haven't done that
21	point. But in terms of competing with those that	21	calculation. We easily can. So we could follow
22	do have incentive plans, you're sort of at the	22	back up and say, Here's the all-in computation.
23	bottom, if that makes sense.	23	Again, that wasn't done by the SBA with the
24	So that's why we've shied away from saying	24	review, but it's easy enough to do. And so we
25	here's the total comp number, because you sort of	25	can get back with that within a day or so of this
1	Page 28 call.	1	Page 29
	MR. OLMSTEAD: Yeah. I think it's important	2	MR. MASON: Yeah. Well, I can look that up as we go through. I don't have it in front of
3	to understand. Yes. Thanks.	3	me. One of the challenges, of the top five, I
4	MR. MASON: Okay. So if we could move,	4	think, two of those are New York, and they don't
5	Lamar, to Attachment 3.	5	have incentives. So we think about the broader
6		6	
	MR. TAYLOR: Is that what you want, or do	7	group of 14. Just off the top of my head, it's
	you want the summary of the	8	going to be in the 150 to 200 range, those that
8	MR. MASON: The executive summary, please.	9	have them. And then, you know, when you're looking at
9	MR. TAYLOR: Okay.		
10	MR. COLLINS: Vinny, can I ask a quick	10	zeros, it's probably around 100, would be my
	question on that?	11	estimation. But I'd have to run the numbers
12	MR. OLMSTEAD: Please.	12	quickly here to tell you.
13	MR. COLLINS: To your point, and I know	13	MR. COLLINS: Okay.
14	we're going to get to it, but in their letter,	14	MR. MASON: If we could go to that one page, Lamar, of our deck that's the summary.
15 16	the last paragraph, when it talks about the 52.5 percent and maybe this is what you were	15 16	MR. TAYLOR: So that would be here. Next
17	getting at but a little different way of asking	17	slide.
18	it. I guess my question was, what's the max	18	MR. MASON: One more. So here's the summary
19	incentive of the 75th percentile?	18	of the evaluations that were completed this year.
20	_		
20	We go between like the top five public	20	And as we have in the past, we show the
21	pension funds, and then we do the 75th	21 22	performance ratings year over year for the
	percentile. So if that's really our peer group,		various questions that you were asked to assess
23 24	I guess what's the max incentive of those in the	23	for the ED and CIO.
24	75th percentile? Maybe a little bit more specific.	24 25	You know, the high level overview is that the ED and CIO has continued to receive high
25	ърссиис.	20	the main and the mas continued to receive infill

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1 marks across the board. That's been the case 1 areas that you have in the past, and 2 since we have worked with y'all for nine years 2 strikes us as a concern but more const	
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2 since we have worked with y'all for nine years 3 now. The same three categories, so the overall 3 feedback. Are there any questions or	
4 mission, efficiencies, infrastructure, operations 4 we've said?	i any or what
5 and the individual rating continue to be the 5 MR. OLMSTEAD: No. I think this	r ir alwavr
6 highest rating among the five. 6 highest rating among the five. 6 highest rating among the five. 6 highest rating among the five.	-
7 A couple of the categories did fall minorly 7 such a there's only, I think, four	
8 year over year. All of the ratings, in terms of 8 actually rank them. I sometimes cont	
9 aggregate scores, are between meets and exceeds. 9 which we don't need to decide now, bu	-
10 They're typically closer to the exceeds. So 10 we look at the overall. This is like	-
11 we're really talking A's versus A-minuses here. 11 30-minute exercise for each of us.	e a 15- co
12 But the interaction with the committee is the one 12 And although the entire IAC is r	not
13 that fell the most significantly. 13 necessarily on the compensation commi	
1314And if you go to the if you read the15Inccessarily on the compensation common14And if you go to the if you read the14sometimes ask the question, though, we have a set of the compensation common	
15 report, you'll see some of the commentary and the 15 get feedback from everybody but let t	
16 comments from the committee. And it's just a 16 compensation subcommittee sort of mar	
17 desire for more frequent touch points. And 17 process. Again, historically, I don'	5
18 virtually all of the feedback was really 18 it was set up, but I'm curious as to	
19 constructive and not necessarily negative, more 19 makes any sense to contemplate going	
20 constructive, like that desire for more 20 MR. WILSON: This is Josh Wilson	
21 interaction with the committee, which I know can 21 If that question is to Mercer, I thir	
22 be challenging in your environment. 22 would be we don't see a reason why your	
23 But this is, again, you know, from our 23 do that, but I would defer that to ma	
24 perspective, high marks across the board, 24 If there's less interaction with that	-
25 continuing to receive high marks in the same 25 different interactions or they're not	
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1 comment on some of the things we're asking, that 1 salary is 575, which was approved las	-
2 would be the only reason from my perspective. 2 Some interesting notes on the market	-
3 MR. WILLIAMS: May I, Mr. Chair? 3 when we looked at the three peer grou	-
4 MR. OLMSTEAD: Please. 4 compare SBA to, there's the top five	-
5 MR. WILLIAMS: It's fine with me either way, 5 funds. The 75th percentile is what w	-
6 and as a practical matter, it sort of works out 6 as the larger public pension fund gro	-
7 that way anyway because the comp subcommittee's 7 the 75th percentile of a broad group,	
8 recommendation comes to the full IAC and it's 8 necessarily exclusive to the very lar 9 discussed in a public meeting. So there's input 9 terms of asset size.	rgest In
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11 want to deepen the input, I defer to your 11 has been significant year-over-year	
12     judgment.	-
13 MR. OLMSTEAD: I don't think we need to make 13 doing its best to catch up over time.	-
14 that decision now. I think that's a good point. 14 findings this year was that the number	
15 And, again, the swings, I think, are more the N 15 remain fairly flat to slightly contra	-
16 equals four versus the N equals nine, so it may 16 the zero to minus 5 percent range.	
17 be worth a discussion, but let's not spend a lot 17 curious why that might happen.	
18     of time on it now.       18     And the context behind it is, for	or the 14
19MR. MASON: I may just jump into the19Indicate of the second se	
20 findings of the comp review without bringing it 20 those have brand new CIOs that have r	
21 up on the screen here, because it's in letter 21 CIOs before. Three were internal him	
22 format, and that may be a little difficult to 22 was (inaudible). So I think that's r	
23 review. So maybe just talk a little bit high 23 context behind why the numbers effect	-
24 level about what we found. 24 slightly decreased to stay constant y	
25 So for your reference, the current base 25 year.	

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1	So based on that, at the current pay level,	1	more with what the SBA does in aggregate for the
2	this is you don't see a marked gap to market	2	rest of the population. So we mentioned a
3	for your CIO on base salary specifically. Again,	3	3 percent as an example of that, or the typical
4	that's always been the case because we've been	4	merit pool, something that aligns with that. But
5	trying to catch up. And that's really not the	5	there's not for the first year a number that
6	case this year. So from our perspective, when	6	we're looking to to really close the gap to
7	we're looking at base salary and you're thinking	7	market, if that makes sense. I'll pause there
8	about market pay, there's no longer a market gap	8	I said a lot and get your reaction.
9	to make up there.	9	MR. OLMSTEAD: So any questions? I may have
10	Of course, when you're setting individual	10	one or two, but first open it up to my
11	pay, there's really two things you look at. You	11	colleagues. I think that's sort of anecdotally
12	look at the market and then you look at the	12	helpful, but it's still ambiguous a little bit.
13	individual circumstance, the performance, tenure,	13	And, again, maybe I get caught up in this 85, 75
14	et cetera. And I think most recognize that the	14	is right, but 52 percent is not right, and maybe
15	current situation is such that you have a highly	15	400,000 is right but 150 percent should be the
16	tenured, highly performing CIO. So market is one	16	variable.
17	piece, but also there's some desire to	17	So it's really hard for me to it's hard
18	differentiate from market.	18	to compare benchmark-wise in my opinion, based on
19	To Mr. Wendt's point, it could be a	19	this data. I do think we need to grab that total
20	challenging year to do anything significant	20	compensation data. I venture to state ultimately
21	optically, potentially. So on the base salary	21	that we are still that we're probably still
22	piece, our recommendation is, if you're going to	22	playing catch-up with our peer group with regards
23	make any changes, they shouldn't be	23	to overall compensation that goes into probably
24	market-oriented changes. They should be more	24	both the ED/CIO's pocket and also the broader
25	individual focused. And that would really align	25	group.
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1	But I think we should better understand	1	dealing with only half of it, because that's the
2	that, because I think ultimately, we can defend	2	way the plan was set up.
3	our decisions much better if we really have the	3	I'd like to know what is going to be the
4	complete data, because we keep putting these	4	average salary increase for the rest of the
5	things into two different buckets of fixed, you	5	troops. Has that been determined, Ash, and if it
6	know, the base and then the variable. And they	6	has, what is it?
7	really have to be provided, I think.	7	MR. WILLIAMS: We won't know that,
8	MR. COLLINS: Vinny, do we know how many of	8	Ambassador, until we get to the fourth quarter of
9	the 14 split the role between CIO and ED? Or	9	this year, which is when we do those things. We
10	maybe, Mercer, do you know how many split the	10	have been through our evaluation cycle now. And
11	role between executive director and CIO?	11	one of the things we want to see is what are the
12	MR. MASON: I don't know that number off the	12	audited numbers on the performance, and that has
13	top of my head. If I had to guess, I mean,	13	ramifications for other compensation as well.
14	certainly not all EDs, to your point.	14	But we have a pool every year that's an
15	MR. WILSON: This is Josh. I think, when we	15	aggregate pool for retention and other
16	look at the data, when the executive director is	16	compensation, recruitment and retention. And I
17	split out from the CIO, the CIO is paid	17	believe the number we have this year is between 4
18	considerably more than the executive director.	18	and 5 percent. Lamar, which is it? Four, five?
19	And I think either I know we are getting the	19	Where are we?
20	highest paid people in each of these	20	MR. TAYLOR: We requested five. I believe
21	organizations, whether they are the CIO/ED or	21	we were approved five. It's about a million
22	just the CIO.	22	dollars in total to spread over a little over
23	MR. COBB: This is Chuck Cobb speaking. I	23	200 positions. Of course, that's not going to be
24	agree with the chairman that total compensation	24	a pro rata determination.
25	really should be the issue here, and we're	25	And, Ambassador, just to let you know, we do
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1	Page 38 have data in the appendix for the previous years	1	Page 39 5 or 6 percent. And to the extent anything goes
2	in terms of average increases, percentile	2	above that, it's usually addressing an anomaly,
3	increases for both incentive eligible and	3	where an individual has recently moved into a
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4	non-incentive eligible positions. So there	4	position barely at the minimum or, worse, they
5	should be information with respect to going back	5	might be slightly below the minimum or for other
6	up to 2019, the past two or three years.	6	reasons it just needs to be less, or the market
7	MR. COBB: Thank you.	7	environment has changed dramatically around that.
8	MR. WILLIAMS: I think it would also be	8	Those are the exceptions, not the rule.
9	helpful to note, Ambassador, that the way this	9	MR. OLMSTEAD: Okay. Mercer, do you have
10	works is we have the (inaudible) for the pool.	10	some more to discuss here?
11	I'm going to give guidance to supervisors. And	11	MR. MASON: I don't think so. I mean, what
12	there are two categories. There are supervisors	12	we will commit to is to pulling together sort of
13	and people who are under the incentive	13	the all-in figure for you by tomorrow so that you
14	compensation program and then those who are not.	14	have a sense of (inaudible). And I think it
15	And what we commonly try and do is give a	15	would be helpful to show you quartiles, not just
16	little bigger pool of money to the people who are	16	the 75th but higher and lower, because of that
17	not incentive eligible, so that their basis can	17	dynamic of the haves and have nots, because you
18	be moved a little bit more. And we're very, very	18	can see a pretty big spread for folks that don't
19	careful, given the optics of being a public	19	have the incentive versus do have the incentive.
20	entity, as Mr. Wendt pointed out earlier, that we	20	But we're happy to pull that together for you so
21	don't do anything radical and we try and keep	21	that it can aid in making your decision.
22	them within a generally very reasonable bound.	22	MR. OLMSTEAD: It's an interesting like
23	The exceptions would be and I say	23	you said, these are interesting financial times,
24	reasonable. Let me put some specificity on that.	24	of which on one side I get the impression that
25	Commonly, these raises range between, say, 3 and	25	the compensation is still in catch-up mode and
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1	Page 40 not where the market is, and then you have this	1	Page 41 MR. COBB: I'll respond first.
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3	look at them, but we set the asset allocations.	3	But that's I don't care. I'm not a
4	We oversee that asset allocation. We oversee the	4	politician. I just think we all want to do
5	benchmark. And that's our main duty, really.	5	what's right.
6	And so for us to compensate on that seems	6	But I do think we need to wait and get
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8	having some sort of homage to the other the	8	those numbers really look like, and then have
9	performance of the other people. I just wouldn't	9	that conversation about the risk adjustment. And
10	judge Ash or the rest of the staff that heavily	10	even if we don't and let's say that the risk
11	based on it.	11	bucket issue, we decide, hey, it was an anomaly,
12	I agree with the Ambassador, though. I do	12	we're not going to look at that this year but
13	think we I don't know that we need a new plan,	13	we're not going to pay it this year either.
14	but we started this plan in 2012. And by the	14	We're not going to pay the bonus this year.
15	way, Mercer, if it's true that everybody is using	15	We're going to withhold that bonus and pay it
16	our plan now, I don't think we've been getting	16	over the next two years. Certainly the decisions
17	any licensing revenue from that. So we could go	17	that Ash and staff made during the downturn,
18	back and give Ash whatever licensing revenue we	18	we're going to see how those decisions turn out.
19	can go back and get from our plan.	19	And so maybe I'm not ready to say how
20	But I think we did we set it up a while	20	much today we would compensate or raise. I think
21	ago, and we've learned a lot. We've learned a	21	we need to get the final numbers, and I think we
22	lot about the other what everybody else is	22	also need to decide and I don't know if we do
23	doing. Everybody has changed and not the same in	23	it or, Ash, you do it, the staff or the trustees
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2	individual salaries like?	2	MR. WILLIAMS: A couple of things here.	
3	To Ambassador Cobb's point, as we start to	3	First of all, on the plan design issues, I think	
4	look at a new plan, I think that that's	4	we're all in agreement and it's consistent with	
5	important. Again, we're comparing ourselves to	5	best practice and I think Mercer would affirm	
6	14 people, but we don't know how they	6	this that with a comp plan, just like any	
7	structure you know, are we comparing ourselves	7	other major function of an organization, it	
8	to two people at the top, or is there one person	8	should be periodically reviewed, commonly a cycle	
9	that has both roles like Ash?	9	of every five years or thereabouts, and we're	
10	That's, in my mind, what makes Ash a little	10	beyond that with this plan, to ensure that it's	
11	bit more unique and why I think if he's behind	11	still fulfilling its original purpose and it	
12	relative to other CIOs, then he's really behind	12	doesn't need to be tweaked in some way. And to	
13	relative to other CIOs plus executive directors.	13	the extent it needs to be adjusted and	
14	MR. WENDT: Gary Wendt has a question, which	14	Ambassador Cobb identified a number of potential	
15	he'll ask in a way (inaudible). It's probably	15	areas for adjustment, then it can be adjusted.	
16	because I've been on this committee for a long	16	I will tell you from my own knowledge that	
17	time, including when this plan was developed, and	17	the comps between what we do here at the board	
18	remember how much we went into the arithmetic	18	and what our peers do separate fairly early in	
19	parts of the award, that I'm not having as much	19	the game. I'm not aware of any other pension	
20	of a problem as other people are with the plan.	20	fund in the country that runs a reinsurance	
21	But I would certainly ask this question. If	21	company with a billion-dollar-plus-a-year	
22	we don't have the information we need to make	22	business that's highly politically visible and	
23	decisions today, why are we having this meeting?	23	very much subject to hands-on management,	
24	MR. WILLIAMS: Let me see if I can help out	24	particularly during the legislative session every	
25	with all of these, Mr. Chair.	25	year.	
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1	Page 52 And I would say, beyond that, there are a	1	Page 53 cuts and there are furloughs and God knows what	
2	number of plans that have executive director/CIO	2	other sorts of terrible things that could happen,	
3	roles combined. To the extent they're separated,	3	that have happened in some states but not here,	
4	I think Mercer correctly said earlier that CIOs	4	because we're better managed than most states, I	
5	commonly are the higher compensated of the two.	5	mean the State in aggregate, not the SBA, if	
6	And in a number of plans, the multiple of the	6	we're in that environment, then the last thing we	
7	incentive component of the salary relative to	7	need to be doing is finding reasons to overrule	
8	base, as Chairman Olmstead referred to a moment	8	our own structure and pay out a bunch of money.	
9	ago, is a multiple of the base, not a fraction of	9	And making that speech is contrary to my own	
10	the base.	10	economic interest, but I have the greater good of	
11	And exactly as Vinny was saying, the total	11	the SBA and the longer term at heart when I say	
12	compensation is much more heavily oriented toward	12	that.	
13	incentive than it is base comp. And there are a	13	So I want to come back to the focus of what	
14	lot of reasons that Mercer can revisit at the	14	this meeting is for. And the answer, Mr. Wendt,	
15	appropriate time I don't think we need to	15	to your question of why are we having this	
16	rehash them all now why the ratio was set	16	meeting if we don't have the final information,	
17	where it was set originally.	17	the purpose of this meeting specifically is to	
18	Lastly, on the question of the risk	18	talk about the component of my compensation that	
19	exception, I think in the short-term, we need to	19	is subjective, which is what you guys rate me on,	
20	pay attention to that. Come back to the question	20	and what the actual numbers are that flow out of	
21	that Mr. Wendt raised earlier in the meeting	21	that are a function of the audited performance	
22	about optics. If we find ourselves in December	22	numbers and whether or not we have an incentive	
23	at a period where the State is in some sort of	23	scheme at all. If we end up having no incentive	
24	financial crisis and the budget is the	24	scheme, then obviously the subjective component	
25	legislature is forced to come in and do budget	25	of this is moot, because there isn't going to be	

1	Page 54 One.	1	Page 55 closes and vote then.
2	So those would be my broad comments. And I	2	MR. WENDT: Please refresh my memory. I'm
3	think the discussion of maybe not necessarily an	3	looking at unnumbered page there are no
4	entirely new plan but some readjustment, some	4	numbers on these pages. This is a Mercer
5	recalibration and some fine-tuning of the	5	document. It says Incentive Plan Design, and of
6	existing plan to address the issues the	6	course it is our incentive plan. But this 85
7	ambassador and others have correctly brought up	7	organizational and 15 individual is for everyone,
8	is totally appropriate.	8	including Ash. Is that correct?
9	So I think that's where we are. And I'm	9	MR. WILLIAMS: No, sir. May I, Mr. Chair?
10	happy to answer any questions about any of the	10	MR. OLMSTEAD: Please.
11	comments I just offered.	11	MR. WILLIAMS: The percentage of
12	MR. COBB: Mr. Chairman, I would move a	12	organizational or quantitative and individual or
13	3 percent salary increase, and then let's next	13	subjective varies by individual. And depending
14	discuss the discretionary bonus.	14	on what your seniority is, you may have more or
15	MR. COLLINS: I would second that.	15	less subjective. And the reasoning for that is
16	MR. OLMSTEAD: All in favor?	16	the following. If you are a newly hired junior
17	(Ayes)	17	research analyst on the global equity team, your
18	MR. OLMSTEAD: So for the court reporter and	18	actions materially affecting the outcome of that
19	others, all four voted positively for the	19	portfolio are nowhere near what they would be if
20	3 percent increase in the salary.	20	you were Tim Taylor, the senior investment
21	And I think the next well, there's two	21	officer of global equities.
22	things here, salary and then there is the	22	So, therefore, the organizational component,
23	organizational or the subjective component. And	23	or the lion's share piece is bigger for the more
24	I think we have two options here. We vote now or	24	senior person that has more direct effect on the
25	we wait and see whether or not the gate opens or	25	investment outcome. And for the more junior
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1	person, the individual component or the	1	each one of those tiers, as they get more senior,
2	subjective component is larger because it's more	2	the component of organizational or quantitative
3	about what your level of initiative is, your	3	incentive goes up relative to the subjective. I
4	cooperation, your talent, et cetera, et cetera.	4	hope that's helpful.
5	If you look across the organization, the	5	MR. WENDT: A continuing question, just very
6	highest component of organizational or	6	quickly, then a quick answer, please. But the
7	quantitative is mine. And the reason is,	7	85/15 component that we see as Attachment 2 is
8	arguably, as the person who signs all the	8	for you. Is that correct?
9	investment documents for every strategy and every	9	MR. WILLIAMS: That's correct. Those
10	asset class and has a strong hand in recruiting,	10	numbers would shift for other people. So, for
11	retaining, motivating and making sure the team is	11	example, I think for senior portfolio manager
12	qualified, that's the way it rolls up.	12	MR. WENDT: I got it. I got it, Ash. Thank
13	To be blunt, the other reason it rolls up	13	you.
14	that way and this is something Mercer could	14	MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.
15	comment is mine is the one that's subject to a	15	MR. WENDT: I don't recall that in the past
16	public (inaudible) and is, therefore, most at	16	few years we've had any dramatic change between
17	risk of anyone here. And I'm also the one who's	17	the audited financials and the estimates as of
18	the first one hung if something goes wrong, and	18	now, so I don't know why we can't go ahead.
19	rightly so, because I'm responsible for it. So	19	MR. OLMSTEAD: I'm fine with that, Gary.
20	the idea of having a higher quantitative or	20	The only question is whether or not, again, maybe
21 22	organizational component for me versus some of	21 22	there is a different approach, that the gate isn't met with and, Ash, I don't know what the
22	the other people is why. And Mercer can explain what the thresholds	22	reality is of something happening there, you
23	are, but as I recall, in the plan design, I think	23	know, or not, or whether, you know, that's to be
24	we have either four or five tiers of people. And	24	a conversation that's exclusive of we may vote
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1	on this and it may be moot, or we may go back and	1	issue that we saw because of the stock market
2	if the gate we don't meet the gate but we	2	movement back in March, April, Mr. Wendt is
3	determine it's an anomaly, there may be a whole	3	correct. Normally there is a shift in the audit
4	different way to look at compensation. I just	4	numbers, but they're not huge, and they tend to
5	don't know how that works.	5	be improvements in performance, not declines.
6	MR. WILLIAMS: I would say this. Let me	6	Whether that has bearing on this risk issue, I
7	respond to that, if I may, Vinny. I want to be	7	don't know, but we've got plenty of time to work
8	careful here. I personally do whatever serves	8	that issue in between now and then.
9	the greater interest of the SBA, and I want to be	9	And back to Mr. Wendt's original point, if
10	very careful not to do anything that looks like	10	optically we're in a bad spot come December, the
11	we're gaming a violation of a risk standard.	11	last thing we need to do is make it worse by
12	That's just not a position I want to put the	12	going out of our way to help me. I can take that
13	board in.	13	action on behalf of the rest of the team, but as
14	So for the time being, I would suggest that	14	the leader of the organization, I would much
			rather see the troops fed before I eat. And I'm
15	we've already had a motion, a second and a vote	15	-
16	on a base salary change. I would let that alone	16	happy to play by the rules and take the hit for
17	for the time being. Go ahead, your call, but I	17	the group if that's what it comes to, and we'll
18	would say you follow the comp subcommittee's	18	work through the rest of it. But we've got to do
19	normal process on the individual component of the	19	the right thing, whatever it is, on this risk
20	incentive, notwithstanding whether or not there's	20	issue.
21	an incentive, because you've already evaluated	21	MR. COLLINS: So, Ash, is this something
22	me. You know what the background is, so it's	22	that the comp committee has to weigh in on the
23	more or less clear where this is headed. You	23	interpretation of the risk issue or a change of a
24	just haven't put it to a vote yet.	24	standard, or is that something that you do at the
25	And then on the issue of the volatility	25	board?
1	Page 60 MR. WILLIAMS: I already have the authority	1	Page 61 we're trying to do at all.
2	to change the standard, and we've done it on a	2	MR. COLLINS: I know. Exactly. And nor are
3	temporary basis, so that we're not out of whack	3	we just trying to say, yeah, that's just
4	for a protracted period on this inappropriately.	4	something that happened, but we're just going to
5	We involved Aon in it. We've looked at it at the	5	ignore it. We should at least say, we recognize
6	investment committee level, and then yesterday we	6	this happened. Here's why it happened, and
	took it up at senior leadership group, which is		here's why we don't believe it should have
7		7	applied relative to this comp, and make an
8	the appropriate process for us to go through.	8	
9	What we have done is set up some temporary	9	affirmative statement to that and then and be
10	risk parameters that are broader, with the idea	10	done with it.
11	that when we see risk, as reflected by volatility	11	MR. WILLIAMS: Right. There are also some
12	levels in the market, come back within normal	12	legal questions there on plan design. And I
13	bounds and remain there for a period of	13	think, rather than giving you a final answer
14	(inaudible) consecutive months, then we'll go	14	there, maybe we ought to consider this a little
15	back to our old parameters. In the meantime	15	further in-between here and there and have a
16	MR. COLLINS: I don't necessarily mean that.	16	subsequent conversation on it.
17	I mean, if we're going to if you were in	17	But for purposes of today, I think the
18	violation but we're going to pay you anyway, does	18	fundamentals are fairly plain, and we ought to
19	the comp committee need to I would think that	19	not try and solve this risk issue today. And I
20	we would need to at least have officially	20	think I did hear an expression again, this is
21	recognized what happened and had made some sort	21	for you guys. Perhaps the incoming chair of the
22	of statement, right? It can't just be that, oh,	22	comp subcommittee would like to be heard on this,
23	well, you guys went back and you changed the	23	but I think the revisitation of the design
24	standard, and therefore we paid you.	24	elements is an appropriate activity over the
25	MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, no. And that's not what	25	ensuing year.

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1	MR. WENDT: But I think one of the things	1	MR. COBB: Yes, sir.
2	you said and I just want to make sure this is	2	MR. OLMSTEAD: So, with that, I think we've
3	clear, because I'm quite okay with it. You're	3	seen fairly very high marks, not only from
4	saying for now let's don't worry about the bonus,	4	you know, from this group and looking at the peer
5	let's wait until December when we have more	5	group, bringing in things such as CIO and the ED,
6	information. Is that the simple is that a	6	long story short, based on the formal responses
7	simple summary of what you said?	7	that we've given back, I would and assuming
8	MR. WILLIAMS: Well, what I suggested was,	8	that the gate goes forward, I would propose that
9	you've already got the scoring on a backward	9	we grant Ash the maximum of the individual
10	looking basis for the period that we're talking	10	component, because I do think, whether it be the
11	about. You've already evaluated me. So think	11	reaction of the bad market or the performance,
12	what you could do is you could go ahead and say,	12	especially against benchmarks, retention, team,
13	as if there's going to be an incentive program,	13	and all the things that we sort of commented on,
14	which we don't know whether there will or not,	14	that he has done an excellent job and we're lucky
15	but if there is, here's what we would recommend,	15	to have him. So I would propose that we push
16	fully understanding that there may be a gate that	16	through the max (inaudible).
17	it doesn't happen and also fully understanding	17	MR. WENDT: Does that include the
18	that you may choose to come back and revisit that	18	organizational component as well as the
19	question. But for the time being, I would just	19	individual?
20	do the basics the way you normally do and let it	20	MR. OLMSTEAD: That's just the individual.
21	stand at that.	21	MR. WENDT: That's the individual. Thank
22	MR. COLLINS: I'm good with that.	22	you.
23	MR. OLMSTEAD: Okay. So I think with that,	23	MR. COLLINS: So we're essentially approving
24	we've heard Mercer's I concur. Ambassador	24	\$41,000.
25	Cobb, are you fine with that?	25	MR. OLMSTEAD: Yes, sir. So there's
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3	basis points, which is the trigger for max. Is	3	So I second that motion, if no one else has, and
4	that correct, Mercer?	4	I think we should vote on it.
5	MR. MASON: It is. So the answer, I think,	5	MR. OLMSTEAD: All in favor?
6	Ambassador Cobb, is, yes. If it turns out that	6	(Ayes)
7	it's 50 basis points or more over the three year	7	MR. OLMSTEAD: So for the court reporter,
8	benchmark, on the organizational component, the	8	all four have voted positively.
9	ED/CIO would get 234,281.	9	All right. Any other business or closing
10	MR. COBB: That's my question.	10	remarks in the time we have?
11	MR. MASON: That would be added yes. So	11	MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair, I'd just like to
12	the answer to that question is yes. And then it	12	say thank you to everyone for your support and
13	would be added or the individual component,	13	your understanding. I am mindful that the score
14	whatever you decide today, would be added on	14	that I received this year on the interaction with
15	that.	15	the various groups, the audit committee and IAC,
16	MR. COBB: Okay. So now my follow-up	16	dropped a little bit, and all I can say is that's
17	question is, if we vote for you to get the 41,000	17	not lost on me and I will do a better job going
18	and it turns out that you, on the three years	18	forward with that.
19	after audit, you're only 45 basis per year over	19	MR. TAYLOR: Hi, Ash and the group. I guess
20	and you get target, do you then get the middle	20	just one other item was on the agenda. It's up
21	number, which I can't read?	21	to you-all whether to take this up or not. It's
22	MR. COLLINS: 156,000.	22	item 5. I don't recall that we
23	MR. COBB: 156 and the 41, or do you get	23	MR. COLLINS: We've already passed that.
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2	part of it would be to look at the structure of	2	MR. COLLINS: Right.
3	the ICP, the people who are included in it. That	3	MR. WENDT: And what is the organizational
4	issue came up when we did our governance risk and	4	issue? I think I missed that.
5	compliance review with a big third-party outside	5	MR. COLLINS: What we're talking about is
6	thing with Funston Associates back in 2018. They	6	looking at the overall comp plan for all the
7	felt that our inclusion was too narrow.	7	employees. Right now
8	So there are a number of issues that could	8	MR. WENDT: Oh, yeah. Don't we do that
9	be looked at, including the overall structure of	9	every three years? I thought we did that every
10	the plan, the way it functions for everyone, all	10	three years.
11	of which is appropriate. And I think the	11	MR. COLLINS: The board does it. We don't
12	trustees would welcome the effort on your part if	12	do it. The staff of the board does it. We don't
13	you're willing to undertake it.	13	do it. We've only gotten involved with executive
14	MR. COLLINS: What do you think, Ambassador?	14	director.
15	What do you think, Gary? I mean, are we willing	15	MR. WENDT: Okay. I love committee work, so
16	to look at that as well?	16	if we can add some on, that's good.
17	MR. WENDT: Yeah. We're still looking at	17	MR. COLLINS: Okay. We'll do it. Anything
18	the plan, right? We're going to look at the plan	18	else, guys? Vinny?
19	and see what changes are necessary?	19	MR. WILLIAMS: Did item 5 get addressed?
20	MR. COLLINS: Yes.	20	MR. COLLINS: No.
21	MR. WENDT: (Inaudible) all in favor of	21	MR. WENDT: I nominate Vinny Olmstead to be
22	that.	22	continuing chair.
23	MR. OLMSTEAD: And more broadly (inaudible)	23	MR. COLLINS: Second.
24	the ED.	24	MR. OLMSTEAD: I'll abstain.
25	MR. COBB: The organizational issue is a	25	(Ayes)
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## Attachment 2

#### Incentive Plan Design ED/CIO - FY 2020-2021

- Individual component level for ED/CIO position accounts for 15% of total award
- Organizational and individual component payouts at various incentive achievement levels are shown below. Evaluation criteria for individual component was determined by IAC Compensation Subcommittee in June 2015.

		Ince	entive as a % of Sal	ary
	Mix	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Total Incentive Opportunity	100%	17.500%	35.000%	52.500%
Organizational Component	85%	14.875%	29.750%	44.625%
Individual Component	15%	2.625%	5.250%	7.875%

Incentive Opportunity Breakdown (Annual Salary = \$592,250)				
	Mix	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Total Incentive Opportunity	100%	\$103,644	\$207,288	\$310,931
Organizational Component	85%	\$88,097	\$176,194	\$264,291
Individual Component	15%	\$15,547	\$31,094	\$46,640

Note: Mr. Williams has announced his retirement, effective September 30, 2021. The above information does not reflect the plan's substantial risk of forfeiture provisions and is shown as if Mr. Williams were not retiring.

## **Attachment 3A**

#### ED/CIO Incentive Plan Evaluation Process - FY 2020-2021

#### **ED/CIO Individual/Qualitative Measurement**

The sections below outline the approved criteria and process for evaluating the ED/CIO's individual/qualitative performance, which constitutes 15% of his incentive award (the other 85% of the award is determined by the level of outperformance of the FRS Pension Fund). Any changes to the criteria for the next Performance Period (fiscal year) need to have been determined and communicated to the ED/CIO prior to July 1.

#### ED/CIO Individual/Qualitative Performance Criteria

#### Criteria Approved for FY 2020-2021 Performance Period

In line with the overall framework for the incentive plan, criteria for the individual/qualitative performance portion of the ED/CIO's incentive award approved in June 2015 are: (1) Overall Mission; (2) People; (3) Efficiencies/Infrastructure/Operations; and (4) Interaction with the Investment Advisory Council and Audit Committee. The Qualitative Evaluation Form (Attachment 1) includes more descriptive information regarding each rating area.

#### Process and Schedule for ED/CIO Individual/Qualitative Performance Rating

In June 2015 it was decided the Compensation Subcommittee will rate the qualitative performance of the ED/CIO and recommend to the full IAC the amount of incentive to be awarded for the Performance Period. The IAC will vote to approve or disapprove the recommendation.

**July 1-15:** ED/CIO prepares summary of accomplishments in each of the four areas (Mission, People, Efficiencies/Infrastructure/Operations, and Interaction with IAC and Audit Committee). As part of the summary, the ED/CIO may want to encourage the individual Compensation Subcommittee or IAC raters to speak with individual members of the Audit Committee to gain additional perspective on interactions with them.

**By July 15:** ED/CIO sends his/her Summary to raters (members of Compensation Subcommittee) along with the attached evaluation form.

**By July 31:** Raters evaluate ED/CIO and return form to Mercer. Mercer may seek clarification of the ratings and/or comments of individual raters.

**By August 31:** Mercer compiles final ratings and all final comments from raters and sends them to the ED/CIO, who will compile the materials for a noticed public meeting of the Compensation Subcommittee to review/discuss the evaluation with ED/CIO and provide an overall recommendation to the Trustees. The Subcommittee will present its recommendation to the IAC for its approval or disapproval prior to sending the recommendation to the Trustees.

**Following the public meetings of the Subcommittee and the IAC**, the Subcommittee Chair communicates the recommendation regarding qualitative incentive award and supporting rationale to the Trustees, with a copy to IAC members, as materials for a noticed public meeting of the Trustees.

September: Trustees consider recommendation in public meeting.

## **Attachment 3B**

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### STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION FLORIDA

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ CIO PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SUMMARY



AUGUST 2021

Josh Wilson

Atlanta



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### INTRODUCTION

- Mercer has advised State Board of Administration Florida on a variety of human capital needs since 2012.
- Mercer acts as the independent party in the annual review process of the Executive Director/CIO for SBA by the Compensation Subcommittee of the IAC
- In this process, Mercer collects the performance evaluations completed by the Compensation Subcommittee members and disseminates a summary of the findings.
- Performance reviews were completed by the following members:
  - Gary Wendt
  - Peter Collins
  - Vinny Olmstead
  - Note: In prior years, there have been four IAC members who have submitted evaluations, but Ambassador Chuck Cobb retired from the IAC
- The following pages include an overall summary of the responses and detailed pages on the survey questions

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Question	2021 Average Rating (out of a possible score of 4)	2020 Average Rating (out of a possible score of 4)
Overall Mission	4	4
People	4	3.625
Efficiencies/ Infrastructure /Operations	4	3.75
Interaction with Committees	3.33	3.25
Individual Rating	4	3.75

- The ED continues to receive high marks across the board
- Interaction with Committee was the only area which did not receive top marks in 2021 evaluation

- Mercer converted the verbal rating scale to a numerical scale as follows:
  - Exceeds = 4 out of 4
  - Meets = 3 out of 4
  - Below = 2 out of 4
  - Poor = 1 out of 4

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### **OVERALL MISSION**

- The rating for this category should reflect the degree to which the ED/CIO has:
- Assured appropriate alignment with the investment policy of the SBA's mandates (e.g., FRS Defined Benefit Pension Fund, FRS Investment Plan, Florida PRIME, Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCf), etc.), considering the long term needs of the relevant fund, the risk tolerance of SBA Trustees, and the perceived market environment.
- Provided leadership for effective functioning of the SBA, FHCF and the Office of Defined Contribution Programs.
- Maintained/strengthened the reputation/brand and performance of the SBA in relation to its large public pension fund peers; external communications and issue management

# **4 OUT OF 4**

Comments:

- "Exceptional job on all fronts. Balances the complexity of investing, politics and human capital incredibly well"
- "One of the top performers among peers in 2020/21"

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### PEOPLE

- The rating for this category should reflect the degree to which the ED/CIO has:
  - Developed subordinate staff
  - Recruited and retained key talent

# **4 OUT OF 4**

Comments:

- "Consistent, loyal senior management with little turnover"
- "During an unbelievably challenging period, Ash managed the team beautifully"

### EFFICIENCIES/INFRASTRUCTURE/OPERATIONS

- The rating for this category should reflect the degree to which the ED/CIO has:
  - Assured the development of organizational structures, systems and processes that enable effective functioning of the SBA, FHCF and the Office of Defined Contribution Programs.
    - This includes such areas as communication of knowledge; development and institutionalization of systems and structures to enhance performance and control risk; efficient acquisition and use of data and other resources; business continuity planning, etc.

# **4 OUT OF 4**

Comments:

- "Especially during the pandemic. Shifted to virtual and still optimized performance."
- "This was borne out of the pandemic. Overnight, people went remote and productivity/results did not diminish"

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### INTERACTION WITH IAC & AUDIT COMMITTEE

- The rating for this category should reflect the degree to which the ED/CIO has:
  - Maintained effective working relationships with individual IAC members and the Council as a whole, and with members of the Audit Committee on matters within the concern of each body.
  - Provided requested information and transparency. Note: As part of the evaluation process, individual raters may speak with individual members of the IAC, Audit Committee to gain perspective on ED/CIO interactions with them.

# 3.33 OUT OF 4

Comments:

- "There is no interaction other than the quarterly formal meetings which this year were all virtual. Limited knowledge given year of virtual meetings with no other contact with the ED/CIO"

### OVERALL INDIVIDUAL/QUALITATIVE PERFORMANCE RATING FOR THIS PERIOD

# **4 OUT OF 4**

Note: No comments were provided for this final rating

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### **Appendix to Attachment 3B**



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ASH WILLIAMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CIO

July 15, 2021

Mr. Vinny Olmstead Chair, IAC Compensation Subcommittee 2770 Indian River Boulevard, Suite 501 Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Vinny:

Consistent with the process adopted by the Investment Advisory Council (IAC) Compensation Subcommittee and affirmed by the IAC, following is my self-assessment, inclusive of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, together with a Qualitative Evaluation Form (attachment 1) for you to complete and return to Josh Wilson at Mercer by July 31. For your convenience, an addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for this purpose. Mercer will review the responses and may contact responders for clarification. They will then compile the ratings and final comments from raters and return them to me by August 31. I will share them with you and the other Subcommittee members and compile materials for a noticed public meeting of the Subcommittee to discuss and adopt a recommendation for the IAC. Please see "ED/CIO Incentive Plan Evaluation Process – FY 21-22" (attachment 2) for additional process details.

As a reminder, in keeping with Florida's Sunshine Law, please do not discuss this evaluation with any other members of the IAC. All members will have the chance to discuss this evaluation at the noticed public meeting planned for September.

#### **Background**

Upon being triggered by audited total fund performance as of fiscal year-end June 30, implementation of SBA's incentive compensation structure is based on achievement as evidenced by quantitative investment performance measures and qualitative assessment of each incentive plan participant's contributions to the accomplishment of SBA's objectives. These are summarized at a high level in our Mission and Vision Statements:

Our mission is to provide superior investment management and trust services by proactively and comprehensively managing risk and adhering to the highest ethical, fiduciary and professional standards.

#### Our vision is to be the best public sector investment and administrative service provider while exemplifying the principles of trust, integrity and performance.

As Executive Director & CIO, my priority is to keep our organization's team, culture, reputation, credibility and resources at a strength that empowers mission and vision fulfillment. This is consistent with the Trustees' delegation of authority to the Executive Director & CIO. Our most visible output is investment results, the adequacy or inadequacy of which is readily seen. Taking a long term view, what is actually more important but less visible is the team and culture building, policy and strategy formation, resource provision, risk management and execution that create the many investment outcomes that sum to the total fund's return. If these are right, the probability of consistent investment outcomes that earn trust, enhance the SBA's reputation and build brand value is vastly enhanced. The result is a virtuous cycle where our credibility and performance help garner critical policy support from key SBA stakeholders (Trustees, Legislature, local governments, beneficiaries, taxpayers, media, etc.), which in turn, positions us as a serious, stable, and desirable investment partner in the marketplace. This enables us to build well-aligned relationships with other exceptional organizations and capture superior deal flow with more favorable terms and pricing, driving the performance that earns trust, enhances reputation and builds brand value. I take responsibility for ensuring that the SBA executes effectively at all levels of this cycle.

While effective strategy execution and policy engagement describe my responsibilities at a high level, the purpose of this letter is to communicate specifically my performance over the past year for your consideration. Evaluation of the Executive Director & CIO to be provided to the Trustees falls to the IAC Compensation Subcommittee and the full IAC. As I am retiring, effective September 30, I will not be receiving an incentive award this year. Nevertheless, your evaluation of my performance for the previous year will still be of value to the Trustees as an important input into their oversight of the SBA. Accordingly, following are my thoughts on my contribution and accomplishments relating to each of the four central performance areas for the ED/CIO to be evaluated by the Subcommittee and addressed on the Evaluation Form.

#### 1) Overall Mission

The fiscal year ended 30 June, 2021, began in the midst of a still-raging global pandemic. The SBA was just coming off a roller coaster year of market dislocation and volatility as well as continuing to adjust to remote working. Florida and the nation would not see the peak of the Coronavirus pandemic until January, when vaccines began rolling out in force. Like much of the rest of the world, the SBA began contemplating re-opening for in-office work in the spring of 2021. While many of our colleagues and much of the private sector continue to wrestle with when or in some cases whether to return to full in-office work settings, the SBA commenced 100% in-office work for all of our colleagues this past July 6<sup>th</sup>. We agree with Blackstone President and COO Jonathan Gray, who said "we believe we are better together."

The FRS defined benefit plan asset value began the year at \$160.7 billion, and ended the year (based on the latest numbers) at \$198.5 billion, an increase of approximately \$37.7 billion, which is net of \$7.5 billion in beneficiary payments. Total fund performance for the year is estimated at 28.74%, which is approximately 1.21% ahead of benchmark. These numbers will evolve as final, June 30 numbers come in from the private asset classes. To say it was a good year for the FRS's market value and performance would be an understatement.

Unlike the virus or the real economy, the markets continued a steady upward trajectory all throughout last year buoyed by supportive monetary and fiscal policies, vaccine deployment, and the release of pent-up demand. Through asset allocation, diversification and strategy selection, we continued to structure our investments to achieve our long-term return objective. FRS was well positioned during the start of the pandemic and this last year – we rebalanced into equities near the low, garnering public and private equity gains and finding pockets of opportunity within all the asset classes. In total, we reallocated \$6.35bn on equity market strength over the year, adhering to our long term asset allocation discipline. We continued to partner with best in class active managers, allowing them to pull the active levers aligned to their skillset, across regions, styles, security types. We were also active in identifying opportunities and committing capital in the private markets. This approach has driven both strong absolute and benchmark relative performance. In fact, over the last 3, 5 and 10 years (through March 31, 2021), Aon has reported that FRS total fund performance has been top quartile relative to the public plan peer group. Further, as an example, Private Equity consistently ranks in the top quartile of performance across Cambridge Associates client returns.

It was also a successful year for the SBA from a mission execution perspective. Over the last 12 months, the SBA:

- Operated effectively in a remote work environment for the entire year. Business processes and workflows continued unabated; internal and external meetings were held virtually; all audits were completed on time with no material findings; all oversight meetings continued to occur as scheduled with full participation by the oversight bodies and access by the public; and all legal, investment, personnel and compliance processes continued without interruption.
- Upgraded key IT and IT security systems, including commencing implementation on a new private market investment management system solution as well as upgrading the SBA's virtual meeting capabilities.
- Enhanced the funding capacity of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund by closing on \$3.5 billion of pre-event financing bonds for the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund at an all-in true interest cost of 1.84%. This brings the currently available resources of the fund for the 2021/2022 Contract Year to \$15.4 billion. This is just shy of the fund's \$17 billion statutory liability limit, but brings the difference between the statutory limit and

available funding to well within the most recent bonding capacity estimates (\$19.2 billion over a 0 - 24 month issuance time frame).

- Served as a resource to the Florida legislature during the 2020 legislative session. Two • particular pieces of legislation were relevant to the SBA: Senate Bill 84, which proposed closing the FRS defined benefit plan to new members except special risk employees, and another, House Bill 5011, liquidating the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund and transferring the proceeds to the State's Budget Stabilization Fund. Senate Bill 84 was proposed as an effort to reduce employers' exposure to future investment risk in the defined benefit pension plan. The SBA worked with stakeholders, including the legislature and the Department of Management Services, to provide relevant information and comment as needed during the process. Ultimately, the bill was never heard in the House and died during the session. In contrast, House Bill 5011, provided for the liquidation of the roughly \$1 billion Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund managed by the SBA and the transfer of the liquidation proceeds to the State's Budget Stabilization Fund. The Governor signed this bill into law, which became effective July 1. On that day, the SBA liquidated the fund, locking in gains of over \$250 million for the year, and on July 8<sup>th</sup> transferred \$1.05 billion to the Department of Financial Services pursuant to the legislation.
- Increased the balance in Florida PRIME to \$17.4 billion from \$15.1 billion a year ago. Continued exceptional performance, transparency and value have supported ongoing client satisfaction and fund growth.
- Grew the FRS Investment Plan balance to \$14.8 billion from \$11.5 billion the year prior. The SBA continues to see increased growth and participation in the FRS Investment Plan stemming from the legislature's 2018 change in the default retirement plan for new hires. Through March 31, 2021, Fiscal Year growth for the FRS Investment Plan membership is on pace to exceed 10% with 253,000 members, up from 229,000 for Fiscal Year 2020.
- Successfully completed another budget cycle with full funding of SBA requested budget priorities, including additional necessary investment and operations positions, additional critical IT Infrastructure projects, and continued support of SBA's revised compensation program. The continued support of the IAC Compensation Subcommittee and the IAC at large has been indispensable in helping the SBA secure the necessary funding for these critical objectives. The SBA seeks to honor this support by continuing to generate 5-year value added returns in the top 20% of our peers while operating at an annual cost lower than two thirds of our peers, each as measured by CEM.
- Reconvened a 100% in-office work policy. Effective July 6, 2021, the SBA moved to

Phase 3 of its return to in-office work plan, which required 100% of SBA colleagues to return to the office full-time. After 15 months of working remotely, in light of the success of the COVID vaccines and the significant drop in incidences of COVID nationally and locally, the SBA returned to full in-office work. While we are certainly technologically capable of maintaining a distributed work force, we believe there is no substitute for face-to-face conversations and personal interactions in maintaining the collaborative, effective culture we have cultivated over these many years.

#### 2) <u>People</u>

As Warren Buffet said, "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." Our business is inherently long term focused; we prepare for financial events decades in the future. As prior years' letters outlined, continuation of excellence cannot be assumed; it must be willfully conceived and provided for. Truly great organizations understand their own frailty and institutionalize strategies to sustain their strength, anticipating and meeting human capital needs, taking pains to recruit, grow and retain professionals with depth and diversity that empowers orderly succession and sustains cultural values. Circumstances and context are ever changing, but the right cultural norms and personal standards will always distinguish real winners from the less successful. The SBA has the good fortune to own an excellent investment track record, excellent team, strong culture rooted in shared beliefs and a sterling reputation. Getting succession right is critical to preserving what is good in organizations and improving what isn't as good as it could be. Thus far, our succession management has been highly effective; we need to keep it that way.

- Currently, 17% of the SBA workforce has established a date within the next few years ٠ by which they intend to retire or will be eligible to retire by December 31, 2022. This equates to 36 FTEs, 18 of which are in management positions, representing roughly 20% of SBA managers. Succession is an issue we have been keenly aware of and managing over the nearly 13 years I have been back at the SBA. We are starting to see the benefits of the focus and planning in this area. Over the last year, which was undeniably challenging on a personal level, the SBA saw its turnover increase to 7.0% from 3.9% the year before. Out of 16 total departures, 10 were due to retirement, up from 3 retirements in the previous year. We have added and grown talent at all levels of the organization and developed succession plans in all our business units. I believe we are in a strong position, largely as a result of the IAC's leadership in crafting and implementing our current comp system. Competitive economic compensation and benefits, paired with a very positive combination of workplace quality/culture and smaller city/university town/family friendly lifestyle have proven effective in hiring smart, motivated people and expanding their skills and responsibilities over time.
- Consecutive profitable years for the financial services industry and asset management in particular, together with the growing presence of major financial and investment

organizations in Florida and the South generally, is worthy of note because SBA professional talent has greater opportunity to "go private" and can do so without relocating to a traditional money center market (New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, etc.).

- I will retire from the SBA in September of 2021 and am working with the Trustees to make their decisions around succession as straightforward and seamless as possible.
- This past year presented many challenges in all areas of recruitment, with almost all positions being filled on a virtual basis without the normal face-to-face interviews. Issues of diversity and inclusion remain a significant focus of the SBA. I continue to reaffirm SBA's commitment to be a meritocracy with opportunity for all. More importantly, our actions support the value statement. There is always more that can be done and in that regard, we have implemented a mentorship program and strive to improve diversity in candidate pools. Perhaps most importantly, we listen to our employees and do our best to honor their skills and service.
- Consistent with SBA's culture of thought leadership, I continue to encourage SBA colleagues to be active in professional organizations relevant to their responsibilities and beneficial to the SBA. Staff are involved in the leadership of the Council of Institutional Investors (CII), Institutional Limited Partners Association, National Association of Public Pension Attorneys and International Corporate Governance Network. In addition, accounting, audit, Inspector General and compliance staff are active in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Institute of Internal Auditors, Association of Public Pension Fund Auditors, Information Systems Audit and Control Association and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. During the year I completed my third term as CII Chair and termed off the Board. I was elected to membership in the Council on Foreign Relations.
- 3) <u>Efficiencies / Infrastructure / Operations</u>

SBA continues to be among the very lowest cost large providers of retirement investment service providers. CEM Benchmarking, an independent third party cost analysis firm's latest compilation of peer metrics show that the Pension Plan's 5-year investment performance exceeded three-fourths of its peers, and its most recent one-year all-in costs were lower than two-thirds of peers. The keys to this productivity are internal asset management (which we continue to grow) and scale economies captured in the structure, terms and fees of our asset management and service provider relationships.

• To maintain and improve support for the investment process, trust services, FL PRIME and the FL Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, the SBA has continued to build out its IT infrastructure, including commencing implementation of a private market investment

management system solution (discussed below) and significant upgrades to the SBA's video conferencing and collaboration tools. In addition, this past July, the SBA Trustees approved a budget request that included an additional \$1 million of investment directed to IT and IT security projects, including additional funding to improve investment analytics across the SBA, exploration of a cloud-based tertiary disaster recovery solution, and continued investment in robotic process automation (RPA).

- eFront. This past March, the SBA completed contract negotiations with BlackRock for the acquisition of a new private market investment management solution, eFront. This product will centralize data management, holdings and performance information and enable more robust analytics with respect to performance and reporting. This is a significant investment in time, cost and talent for the SBA. In addition to benefits expected to be realized within the private market asset classes, information in eFront is expected to seamlessly flow into the SBA's total fund risk system Aladdin, which is also owned by BlackRock. Implementation of eFront commenced in March and is expected to be completed in December 2021.
- MS Teams. While the SBA's video conferencing tools at the start of the pandemic were adequate to support SBA's distributed work needs, they did not easily integrate with our existing Microsoft suite of solutions, such as Outlook calendars and SharePoint. Accordingly, as we were transitioning to Outlook 365, Microsoft's cloud-based email solution, we also decided to fully implement Microsoft Teams in the cloud as well. Teams was fully implemented in January, and the SBA has already seen a significant upgrade in video conferencing efficiency and quality. In addition, there are many other aspects of Teams we will seek to more fully integrate into SBA processes in the coming months.
- IT security has been a topic in prior letters and remains a priority as cyber-crime is perhaps the world fastest growing business. Over the past year, we have continued to invest in new firewalls, logging tools, scanners and infrastructure improvements. We continue to work with our annual third-party Cybersecurity auditor to test and continuously refine our security systems. On an annual basis, our IT security infrastructure, which now consists of 3 full-time employees (up from 2 the year before), numerous systems (including endpoint, web-gateway, email filtering and data loss prevention systems) along with a 24/7 contracted third party managed security services provider, analyzes literally hundreds of millions of security events, any one of which, if not prevented, could result in a significant negative impact to the SBA.

4) Interaction with the Investment Advisory Council and the Audit Committee

The IAC plays a central role in the credibility and success of the SBA; the expert independent

oversight and guidance provided to the Trustees and stakeholders is one of the keys to the success of our governance model, especially relative to many of our peers. I defer to your judgement on the quality and productivity of our relationship. Regarding the Audit Committee, I attend and actively participate in their meetings and maintain good rapport with its members. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Audit Committee individually to heartheir perception of my interaction with them (see attachment 3 for their contact information).

As this will be my last self-appraisal prior to my September 30 retirement, provided below is a brief look back at what has been accomplished through the combined efforts of the SBA's, Trustees, IAC, professional staff since I returned to the SBA in late October 2008. The numbers below reflect the period from November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2021.<sup>i</sup>

- Total fund value as of November 1, 2008 = \$99.4B.
- Total fund value as of June 30, 2021 = \$199.0B
- Investment gain of \$166.9B.
- Net benefit payments of \$67.2B.
- Pension Plan return 10.28% vs. benchmark return 9.41%, value added 87bps.
- Investment performance value added \$14.0B.

Thank you for sharing your time and talent by serving on the IAC and for your additional commitment to serve on the Compensation Subcommittee. Your effort and wisdom are valued and have contributed meaningfully to our investment success and the strength of our organization. You have advanced the economic interests of our beneficiaries in the purest sense of fiduciary duty, while also benefiting stakeholders and taxpayers. It is my sincere hope that the organization and track record we have built together will be preserved after my retirement and the deep and talented SBA team will continue to deliver exceptional outcomes and value.

With best regards,



Ashbel C. Williams

<sup>i</sup> FY 2021 is estimated performance, prior periods are audited performance.

## **Attachment 3C**



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### MEMO

TO:	Vinny Olmstead, Chairman, Compensation Subcommittee of the Investment
	Advisory Council, State Board of Administration
DATE:	September 2, 2021
FROM:	Josh Wilson, Mercer
SUBJECT:	ED/CIO Salary History and 2021 Performance Evaluation

Dear Chairman Olmstead

In 2012-13, Mercer was engaged to conduct a compensation study for the State Board of Administration of Florida (SBA). Near the conclusion of that study, Mercer issued a letter of recommendation to Chuck Newman, a prior Chairman of the Compensation Subcommittee of the Investment Advisory Council, State Board of Administration with regard to the SBA's ED/CIO (Mr. Ash Williams) compensation. The recommendation was to increase the ED/CIO's annual salary to \$410,000, which approximated the median of the five largest public pension funds in the United States. Mr. Williams' salary was adjusted from \$325,000 to \$367,500 effective 12/10/13 and adjusted again to \$389,500 effective 12/1/2014. Mr. Williams' salary was not adjusted in 2015.

In 2016, the SBA refreshed the analysis done in 2013 but did so internally (as a fee savings measure) and Mercer reviewed and validated the work. In Mercer's view, the process undertaken by the SBA was appropriate and consistent with the approach Mercer would have taken. Mercer's recommendation for 2016 was to increase Mr. Williams' base salary to \$425,000 (with the intention of ultimately adjusting the ED/CIO to \$455,000, but over a two-year period). However, in 2016 Mr. Williams' base salary was actually adjusted to \$411,000.

In 2017 & 2018, SBA continued conducting the benchmarking work internally with validation from Mercer. Based on the 2017 assessment and the ED/CIO's annual performance review, Mercer maintained its prior recommendation of an ultimate adjustment to \$455,000 which the Subcommittee accepted. In 2018 Mercer recommended two alternatives for adjustments and the IAC adopted the higher of the two proposals (a salary of \$525,000) based on Mr. Williams' performance and positioning in the marketplace.

In 2019, Mercer recommended an adjustment to \$575,000 based on that year's market study and the results from the Executive Director/CIO's performance assessment. At the time, we also offered a more conservative alternative adjustment to \$545,000 and the Committee ultimately opted to adjust the ED/CIO's base salary to the higher alternative of \$575,000.



Page 2 September 2, 2021 Mr. Olmstead

In 2020, based on Mercer's review and validation of the benchmarking data shown below, Mercer felt that the ED/CIO position was competitive with the market and recommended a merit increase in line with other SBA employees and the market. The IAC agreed and moved Mr. Williams' salary to \$592,250.

- 1) Median of top 5 public pension funds \$450,000 (Group consists of CalPERS, CalSTRS, New York State Common, New York City Retirement, Teachers Retirement System of Texas)
- 2) 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of Larger Public Pension Funds peer group (n=14) \$566,500
- 3) 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of Broader Public Pension Funds peer group (n=20) \$515,500
- 4) 75% percentile of Mercer's Large and Leading Pension Funds (n=12) \$586,500

#### 2021 Review of ED/CIO's Performance

Mercer received feedback from all three members of the Compensation Subcommittee pertaining to the annual performance of the ED/CIO. Consistent with prior years, Mr. Williams received high marks in all categories, with all Subcommittee members giving the highest possible ratings with respect to performance related to the organization's mission.

#### Salary Recommendations

Mr. Williams has announced his retirement effective September 30, 2021. If Mr. Williams was not retiring, Mercer would have recommended another merit increase based on performance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Josh

## **Attachment 4**



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### MEMO

TO:	Mr. Lamar Taylor, COO/CFO, Florida SBA
DATE:	September 3, 2021
FROM:	Josh Wilson, Mercer
SUBJECT:	Review of SBA Incentive Compensation Plan

Dear Mr. Taylor

SBA implemented an incentive compensation plan in 2014 to incent outperformance by the investment staff and to ensure that the total compensation packages for investment staff was competitive with the market.

The plan has been in place for 6+ years and has been performing as designed. SBA performance has been strong over the past years and the payouts have been commensurate with performance. Turnover has slowed down at SBA, which was one of the rationales for implementing the plan.

Mercer was asked to review the plan to see if there were any areas of the plan that should be modernized or improved to further support SBA's mission and human capital strategy. Below is a summary of the major findings of the study.

Element	SBA Practice	Market	Considerations
Eligibility	62 participants, investment staff and senior management.	Minority practice on including related roles (accounting, risk/compliance, legal). Eligibility to the lowest levels or to employees far outside the investment group is atypical in the market.	Current plan has been accepted and digested by the State. Adding more participants increases the visibility of the plan and may raise concerns. However, having ineligible colleagues working side by side with incentive eligible colleagues creates cultural problems.
Plan Targets	Targets range from 35% for the CIO to 10% for analysts. The maximum upside for all participants is 1.5X.	Target of 75% for the CIO ranging down to the 20-25% for analysts. Typical upside in the market is 2X Target.	There is both a cost and a publicity risk in increasing the target incentives for SBA employees. However, without increases, SBA cannot compete as well against the market from a total compensation standpoint and recruiting and retention will be impacted.



Element	SBA Practice	Market	Considerations
Performance Measurement	classes as appropriate.	Majority of peers use both financial performance against a defined benchmark and a mix of quantitative and qualitative measures. Most peers also measure asset class performance for incentive purposes.	SBA's performance measures are aligned with market practice among pension group peers though weighting for Total Fund performance Relative to Benchmark tends to be lower in market with a larger emphasis on Qualitative/Individual metrics.
Performance Standards	SBA requires minimum benchmark outperformance of 5 basis points in order to activate the incentive plan. 25 Bps of outperformance is required to achieve target incentive levels, and 50 Bps is required to achieve maximum incentive levels.	Market performance levels are 0 Bps/20 Bps/40 Bps (as compared to SBA's 5/25/50).	Excess return standard information from surveys can be useful as a data point when formulating entity specific standards, the focus should be on the entity's risk tolerance, investment guidelines, liquidity profile and other portfolio characteristics relative to the entity specific benchmark. A common/best practice is to use peers as guidelines but calibrate off prior performance.
Award Pay Out	SBA pays out 50% of the earned incentive immediately and pays the other half one year later, which creates a retention hook for investment staff.	The market is split between deferring a portion of the award and paying it all immediately. There is a trend to tie the deferred portion to future performance as well.	There is no compelling reason to shift away from current 1 year deferral practice. Tying deferred payouts to following year performance is complicated and will not significantly add to the overall value of the plan.
Risk Governors	SBA has a active risk escalation standard that acts as a circuit breaker for the incentive plan to prevent too much risk being taken in the portfolio to earn an incentive payout.	The market does not typically have active risk circuit breakers. Some plans include risk in the overall calculation (such as an information ratio or a Sharpe ratio) to ensure the appropriate risk levels are taken. Most States have prescribed asset allocation targets that prevent too much risk.	Having a risk measurement in the plan is a solid concept, but Mercer recommends that SBA may want to allow for discretion in unusual circumstances such as the COVID pandemic in 2020.

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Overall, SBA's incentive plan is acting as designed and has helped SBA attract and retain top investment staff, which in turn has helped overall fund performance. There are some areas of the plan that could be examined to improve the effectiveness and competitiveness of the plan if SBA so desires.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Josh

## **Attachment 5**

## 2020-2021 SBA Compensation Update



## **SBA Incentive Compensation Update**

	FY2015-2016	FY2016-2017	FY2017-2018	FY2018-2019	FY2019-2020 <sup>+</sup>	FY2020-2021
Total Eligible Positions	63	63	63	63	64	66 <sup>‡</sup>
Total Participants Receiving an Award	57	59	54	58	0	58
Maximum Possible Quantitative Award	\$1,786,970	\$1,783,384	\$1,831,456	\$1,962,033	\$2,182,470	\$2,123,588
Actual Quantitative Award (Paid over 2 years)	\$1,382,538	\$1,610,799	\$1,648,299	\$1,783,358	\$0	N/A
Maximum Possible Individual Award	\$339,580	\$343,442	\$350,144	\$369,655	\$417,468	\$403,005
Actual Individual Award (Paid over 2 years)	\$255,999	\$296,867	\$311,107	\$335,657	\$0	N/A
Maximum Possible Award	\$2,126,550	\$2,126,827	\$2,181,600	\$2,331,688	\$2,599,938	\$2,526,594
Actual Total Award Earned (Paid over 2 years)	\$1,638,535	\$1,907,665	\$1,959,406	\$2,119,014	\$0	N/A
Total Earned Quantitative ÷ Max Possible	77%	90%	90%	91%	0%	N/A
Total Earned Individual ÷ Max Possible	75%	86%	89%	91%	0%	N/A
Total Earned ÷ Max Possible	77%	90%	90%	91%	0%	N/A
% Participants Earning Max Possible	53%	63%	69%	37%	0%	N/A
Total Awards Paid in December following FY	\$869,218*	\$1,728,304	\$1,886,568	\$2,063,465*	\$0	N/A
Total Awards Deferred to December after next FY	\$769,318	\$953,833	\$979,703	\$922,488	\$0	N/A

## SBA Base Compensation Comparison for 2019 & 2020 Salary Adjustments

	All SBA E	mployees	Non-Incent	tive Eligible	Incentive Eligible	
	December 2019 Adjustments	December 2020 Adjustments	December 2019 Adjustments	December 2020* Adjustments	December 2019 Adjustments	December 2020 Adjustments
Total Employees	182	170	127	113	55	57
Employees as % of Total Employees	-	-	70%	66%	30%	34%
SBA Compa-Ratio (Total Salaries ÷ Total Midpoints)	94%	97%	98%	101%	89%	93%

The table above reflects adjustments to SBA employees only and excludes ineligible employees, position reclassifications, and the ED/CIO adjustment.

12 non-incentive eligible employees were ineligible for adjustments because they were hired or promoted between 7/1/2020 and 11/30/2020.
10 non-incentive eligible employees were promoted or reclassified effective 12/1/2020.

	All SBA E	mployees	Non-Incent	tive Eligible	Incentive Eligible		
	December 2019 Adjustments	December 2020 Adjustments	December 2019 Adjustments	December 2020* Adjustments	December 2019 Adjustments	December 2020 <sup>†</sup> Adjustments	
Aggregate Pate Increase	\$820,393	\$868,523	\$509,856	\$366,276		\$502,248	
Aggregate Rate Increase Median Base Pay Increase	\$4,165	\$3,800	\$3,702	\$3,000	\$310,537 \$4,812	\$8,779	
Average Base Pay Increase	\$4,508	\$5,109	\$4,015	\$3,241	\$5,646	\$8,811	
Median % of Base Pay Increase	4.7%	4.0%	5.0%	4.0%	4.1%	6.1%	
Average % of Base Pay Increase	4.8%	4.9%	5.1%	4.0%	4.1%	6.8%	

## SBA Base Compensation Adjustments December 2020 – Latest Cycle

#### **Distribution Update**

	All SBA E	mployees	Non-Incent	tive Eligible	Incentive Eligible		
% of Increase	# of Employees % of Employees		# of Employees	% of Employees	# of Employees	% of Employees	
0% - 3%	22	13%	20	18%	2	4%	
3.1% - 6%	113	66%	87	77%	26	46%	
6.1% - 10%	24	14%	6	5%	18	32%	
Greater than 10%	11	6%	0	0%	11	19%	

#### Market-Based Base Pay Adjustments – Investment Positions

	Number of	Average Salary Grade	Average Salary before		Midpoint as	Pre 12/1/2020 Salary as % of	Average Adjusted Salary as of	Adjusted Salary as % of
Positions	Positions	-		Market Salary	-	Market	12/1/2020	Market
Portfolio Manager 1, Mgr. of Investment Analytics, and Mgr. Asset Allocation & Investment Analytics	9	\$95,378.00	\$84,054.00	\$100,000.00	95%	84%	\$89,659.66	90%
Portfolio Manager 2, Dir of Reporting & Analytics, and Real Estate Acquisitions Mgr.	12	\$130,000.00	\$112,173.00	\$142,000.00	92%	79%	\$125,153.14	88%
Senior Portfolio Manager	18	\$184,900.00	\$158,360.00	\$200,000.00	92%	79%	\$167,895.31	84%
Weighted Average	N/A	\$147,348.77	\$127,001.08	\$159,076.92	93%	80%	\$136,689.49	86%

## **Progress Toward Target Salaries**

(Organization-wide Compa-Ratio)

Progress Toward Target Salaries Salary as Percent of Pay Grade Midpoint (Total Salaries ÷ Total Midpoints)



### Progress Toward Target Salaries (Distribution of Employees by Compa-Ratio)

### Progress Toward Target Salaries Salary as Percent of Pay Grade Midpoint



### Turnover for all SBA, ODCP, and FHCF Staff



## Turnover for all SBA, ODCP, and FHCF Non-Incentive Eligible Staff

**Non-Incentive Eligible** 



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## Turnover for all SBA, ODCP, and FHCF Incentive Eligible Staff



## Projected Retirements by December 2027 for all SBA, ODCP, and FHCF Staff

- 75 (33.5%) of 224 employees are eligible to retire by the end of 2027.
- 43 (57.3%) of the 75 employees eligible to retire are manager/supervisor-level and above.
- There are 43 (49.4%) manager/supervisor-level and above employees eligible to retire of the 87 total manager/supervisor-level and above employees. This means that 49.4% of the SBA's manager/supervisor-level and above positions could be replaced by the end of 2027.
- Of the 75 employees eligible to retire, 17 (22.7%) are already in DROP. Of the 17 in DROP, 7 (41.2%) are manager/supervisor-level and above.
- Of the 75 employees eligible to retire, 16 (21.3%) are in an asset class and 59 (78.7%) are in operations.
- Of the 66 incentive eligible positions, 21 employees (31.8%) are eligible to retire by the end of 2027.