



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Zoom Conference Call

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present:	M. Mahboob Akter	Dr. Lonita Cordova	Anthony Ferry
	Isaiah Henry	Jim Leach	Mark Schwartz
	Andrew Hom, staff	Roxanne Metz, Fiscal staff	Kimberly Borromeo, District
	Elizabeth McCann, staff	Emily Cramer, staff	

Absent: Jackie Han, District fiscal

Guest: Dan Tichenor

1. Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.
2. Attendance taken and quorum achieved.
3. Since attending for the first time, Dr. Lonita Cordova introduced herself and spoke briefly about her background to the Finance Committee members.
4. Consent Agendas
 - May 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes
 - Gifts Received (5/1/26 - 5/31/26)Jim Leach motioned to approve, and M. Mahboob Ahkter seconded. Dr. Cordova abstained. Motion approved.
4. Investment Performance Report 06/30/26 Review by Dan Tichenor, Graystone Consulting
 - Dan Tichenor introduced himself to Dr. Cordova, and his company, as the investment consultant to Saddleback College Foundation.
 - Market Outlook
 - S&P 500 at all-time highs and earnings continue to beat expectations.
 - Portfolio
 - At the end of June, the portfolio was sitting at \$12.6 million across the two investment portfolios. The General Fund is more conservatively positioned, and the Endowment Fund is the long-term capital to build sustainability for the support that they are providing to the college.
 - All the returns for the year-to-date period came in the second quarter.
 - Endowment Portfolio is intended to gain a 7% return and a 5% return on the General Fund with as little volatility as possible.
 - Asset allocations are a little bit overweight in equities, both U.S. and international, a little overweight in fixed income and a little underweight in alternatives.

- Geneva has been off their benchmark over the last year, and we are ready to step away.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

General Fund & Endowment

- Placed Aristotle Value Equity on unofficial “watchlist” following underperformance (5th Quarter on “Watch”)
 - Strategy is outperforming the S&P 500 Value benchmark in Q3
- Trimmed Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF and Martin Currie Emerging Markets SMA by 0.5% - 1.0% each and used proceeds to increase iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF

Endowment Fund

- Reaffirm asset allocation targets based on the latest asset allocation analysis

RECOMMENDATIONS

General Fund & Endowment Fund

- Terminate Geneva Small Cap Growth SMA and trim Miller Howard Income Equity by ~1.0% and use proceeds to establish NEW ~3% position in **Goldman Sachs Equal Weight US Large Cap Equity ETF (GSEW)**
 - Terminate Geneva following a prolonged period of relative underperformance, using recent relative outperformance as opportunity to transition away from the strategy
 - Trim Miller Howard modestly to reduce the portfolio’s slightly overweight position while maintaining exposure to the strategy
 - Improve diversification within US Equities by adding a new position to GSEW which provides low-cost, passive US Large Cap exposure through and equal-weighted index approach
 - Market-cap weighted indices have become increasingly concentrated in the largest companies / sectors
 - Structured Note tied to the Emerging Markets Index is set to mature in August; discuss rolling proceeds into new note tied to the same index →
 - 1.5x upside participation in the positive return of the underlying, to a maximum gain of 31.85% (i.e. a +10% underlying return will result in a +15% return for the note; a +15% underlying return will result in a +31.85% return for the note)
 - Dual directional return to -15% buffer (i.e. a -5% underlying return will result in a +5% absolute return for the note)
 - 1:1 downside below -15% buffer (i.e. a -20% underlying return will result in a -5% return for the note)
 - Trim existing Emerging Markets exposure (iShares Core MSCI EM & Martin Currie EM SMA) by 0.5% each and iShares Core International Stock ETF by 1.0% to fund position

5. Foundation Financial Report by Andrew Hom

- Saddleback Foundation Statement of Financial Position as of the end of April
- Current Assets
 - \$8,158,677 Total Current Assets
 - \$10,287,075 Total Noncurrent Assets
 - \$18,445,752 TOTAL ASSETS
- Liabilities and Net Assets
 - \$9,337 Accounts Payable
 - \$5,000 Deferred Revenue
 - \$42,681 Trust Accounts

- \$1,198,793 Due to Primary Government
- \$1,255,811 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES
- Net Assets
 - \$5,079,672 Net Assets without Donor Restrictions
 - \$5,649,519 Net Assets Temporarily Restricted
 - \$4,608,645 Net Assets Permanently Restricted
 - \$15,337,836 TOTAL NET ASSETS
- \$16,593,647 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

6. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.