



## **Minutes of Telephonic Investment Committee**

### **Quarterly Meeting**

**FINAL**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
1:00 p.m.**

**The following Investment Committee Members were present virtually and a quorum was met:**

Megan Spielman; Chairperson	La Paz County
Derek Rapier; Vice – Chairperson	Greenlee County
Ryan Patterson	Apache County

**The following vendors were present virtually:**

Patrick Kohnen, Chief Compliance Officer	Claremont Capital
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John Hatz	Gallagher
Tori Hudson	Gallagher
Amanda Weaver	Gallagher

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Megan Spielman at 1:04 p.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Amanda Weaver took roll call. A quorum was met.

#### **3. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Investment Results Through August 31, 2024**

Patrick Kohnen discussed that after fed fund rates being at 0%, they began hiking rates in 2022 to head off inflation. Markets were expecting an increase of approximately 1%; however, within 18 months they had increased by approximately 5.5%. 2022 is known as the worst year in Bond Market history. Inflation is coming back down to the Feds target. Feds to discuss on November 18<sup>th</sup> how much the rates will be cut, if at all.

Investment Policies and State Restrictions are conservative and limited on how the AZLGEBT Funds can be invested. The portfolio shows the returned approximately 4.5% net of fees over the last 12 months.

Patrick noted that the longer maturity bills got hit hard in 2022/2023 and the T-Bills and Short Maturity Bonds were the only investments that did well which is why the AZLGEBT investments did so well. Earlier this year, investments were made into Long Term Investments due to the rate cuts. It was also discussed that T-Bills are running very well which is uncommon and could change depending on the November 18<sup>th</sup> discussion and the higher yields will likely start to decrease.

Derek Rapier verified with Patrick that the AZLGEBT notes are held to maturity and the process for managing the lower yields as interest rates flatten out.

Derek Rapier made a motion to approve the Investment Results through August 31, 2024 as presented and recommend approval to Board of Trustees. Ryan Patterson seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**4. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action Regarding Election of Investment Committee Officers for the 2024-2025 Plan Year**

Megan Spielman requested nomination for a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Recording Secretary.

Current roles are as follows:

Megan Spielman; Chairperson

Derek Rapier; Vice-Chairperson

Ryan Patterson; Member

Gallagher; Recording Secretary

Megan noted that her contract with La Paz County ends in December and will continue month to month until the County Manager position is filled. It was asked the process of the election for the Investment Committee. Amanda Weaver noted that in prior years the election occurred at the August/September Quarterly Meeting unless there was a change to the Committee and at that time it would go to the AZLGEBT Board of Trustees to vote at an upcoming quarterly meeting.

Ryan Patterson made a motion to continue the Committee as is until the December meeting and add to the agenda for Trustees to vote.

Derek Rapier seconded the motion.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**5. Next Meeting Date – AZLGEBT Investment Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**

**6. Call to Public**

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

**7. Call to Public**

Megan Spielman made a motion to adjourn at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Amanda R. Weaver*

Amanda Weaver, Gallagher  
Senior Account Manager