

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this 30 day of June 2022, by and between the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky, 479 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, hereinafter referred to as "TRS," and Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc., 303 Broadway, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, hereinafter referred to as the "Counselor."

WHEREAS, TRS by its Board of Trustees at a meeting held on the 20 day of June 2022, has by order pursuant to authority granted in KRS 161.340(3) selected the Counselor to provide investment counseling services to the board in connection with the investment of funds of TRS; and

WHEREAS, the Counselor is a reputable, qualified and established counseling firm and has agreed to provide investment counseling services to TRS; and

WHEREAS, TRS, is responsible for management of the funds of the retirement system and to assist in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility in the management of those trust funds TRS desires to avail itself of the services of the Counselor to provide investment advisory services for a portion of TRS assets.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby and herewith mutually agreed as follows:

1. Scope of Services.

a. Provide particular investment counseling services described as follows:

- (1) Continuing investment advisory services including recommendations as to the purchase, sale and retention of securities under management of TRS (such securities, the "Account"). Counselor shall have full power and authority to supervise and direct the investment of the Account, subject to such limitations as TRS may impose by notice in writing. Counselor may, when it deems appropriate and without prior consultation with TRS, buy, sell, exchange, convert and otherwise trade in any stocks, bonds and other securities (including money market instruments) on behalf of the Account.
- (2) Meet with the board and staff of the retirement system when deemed necessary to discuss and review investment policies, practices, and procedures.
- (3) Upon request of the Investment Committee, Counselor will meet formally with the Investment Committee of TRS to review its economic forecast and market outlook and expectations and how these relate to the investment policy of the board, review past performance of the securities portfolio, and exercise or evaluate any other matters deemed by Counselor or the Investment Committee to be important to the investment of the trust

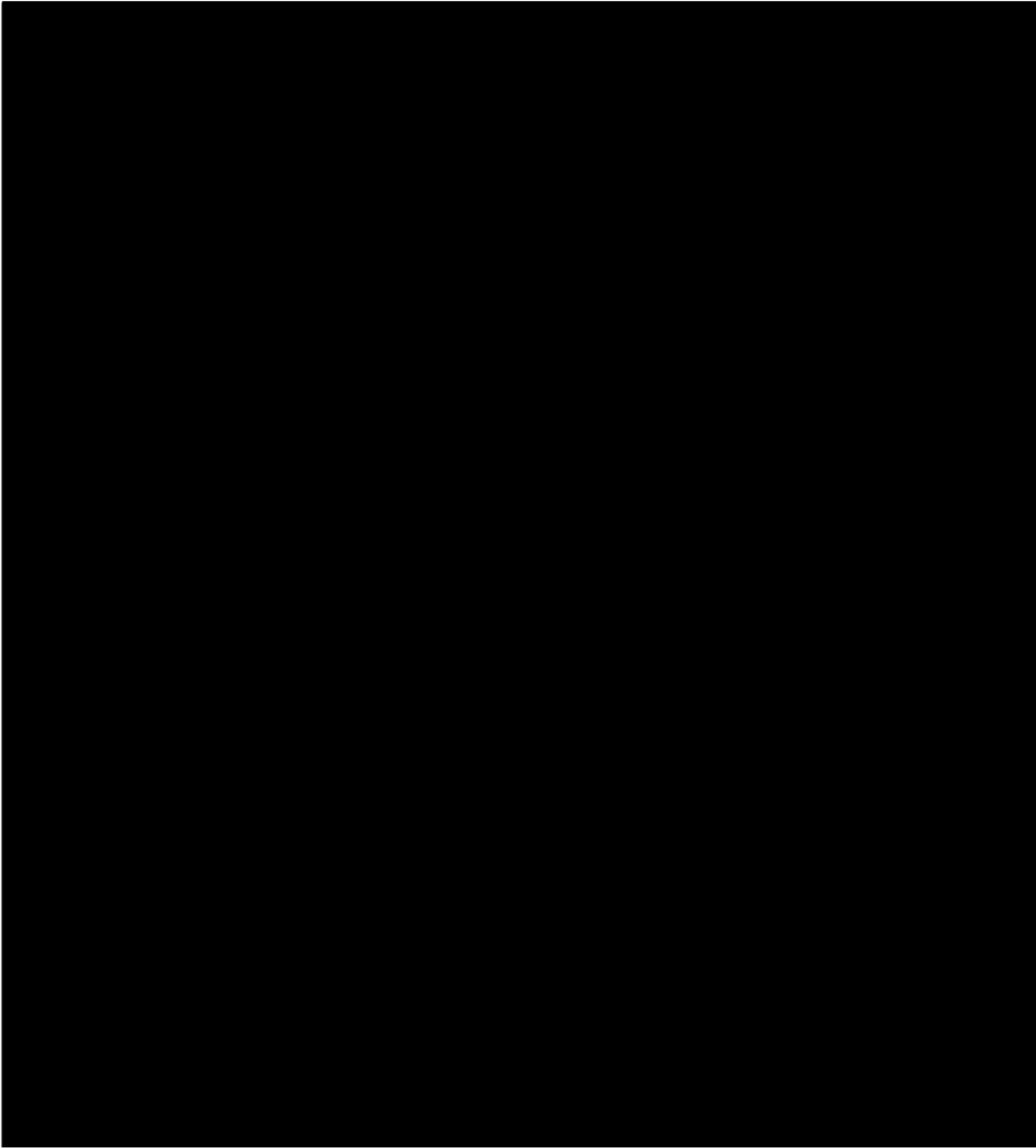
funds managed by TRS. Counselor shall, not less than quarterly, submit written reports to the Investment Committee in such form as the Investment Committee may require.

- (4) Investment positions held upon the advice of Counselor will be regularly reviewed regarding their creditworthiness and the prospects for future appreciation. Counselor may be expected to provide such evaluations in oral and written form.
 - (5) Upon the request of the Investment Committee, Counselor will reallocate funds among the various asset classes managed by the Counselor.
 - (6) The individual or individuals assigned by Counselor to the TRS account must be accessible by telephone to TRS on a daily basis.
- b. Provide confirmation that portfolio managers assigned by Counselor to provide TRS with investment counseling services hold the "Chartered Financial Analyst" (CFA) designation or are supervised by a Charter holder.
 - c. Provide the services enumerated in paragraph 1 above in accordance with the objectives and constraints established for the portfolios by TRS. The objectives and constraints may infrequently be revised.
 - d. Purchase and maintain at Counselor's own expense an Errors and Omission and Directors Officers Liability insurance policy, to be in effect during the entire term of this contract, which includes a minimum Limit of Liability of [REDACTED] for each Wrongful Act. In the event that the Counselor's policy is written on a "Claims Made" form, Counselor shall, upon written request of TRS, furnish evidence that the liability coverage has been maintained for at least five years after this contract's expiration or cancellation date, either by submitting renewal policies with a retroactive date of not later than the date work commenced under this contract, or by evidence that Counselor has purchased an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement that will apply to any and all claims arising from work performed under this contract. Upon request of TRS, Counselor shall provide copies of renewal policies or Certificates of Insurance on an annual basis to TRS so that continuous coverage is provided during the term of this contract.
 - e. Upon written request of the Investment Committee, Counselor shall establish and maintain separate accounts for separate funds and account separately for (i) the trust assets for a plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code sections 401(a) and 401(h); (ii) a section 115 insurance trust known as the "Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System insurance trust fund;" and (iii) such other funds as TRS may establish.
 - f. The standard of care imposed upon Counselor for performing services under this agreement is set forth in KRS 161.430.

- g. Counselor is authorized to place orders for the execution of securities transactions for the Account with or through such brokers, dealers or issuers as Counselor may select. Where Counselor places orders for the execution of portfolio transactions for the Account, Counselor may allocate such transactions to such brokers and dealers for execution on such markets, at such prices and at such commission rates (which may be in excess of the rates another broker would charge) as in the good faith judgment of Counselor will be in the best interest of the Account, taking into consideration in the selection of such brokers and dealers not only the available prices and rates of brokerage commissions, but also other relevant factors (such as, without limitation, execution capabilities, research and other services provided by such brokers and dealers that are expected to enhance the general portfolio management capabilities of Counselor and the value of an ongoing relationship of Counselor with such brokers and dealers) without having to demonstrate that such factors are of a direct benefit to the Account. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Counselor hereby acknowledges that it is a fiduciary and shall abide by the standard of care imposed upon Counselor by KRS 161.430.
- h. Counselor shall provide TRS with the following information on a timely basis applicable to those assets for which Counselor is to provide advisory services:
- Weekly reports of security sales and purchases.
 - Monthly lists of individual securities owned by TRS.
 - Quarterly listings of securities owned by TRS with market values.
- i. TRS hereby acknowledges that it (i) has received a current copy of Counselor's Brochure and Brochure Supplements (Parts 2A and 2B of its Form ADV) and consents to receiving future amendments and supplements thereto via electronic delivery; and (ii) has received a current copy of the Counselor's Privacy Policy.
- j. A faxed or electronically transmitted signed document sent to Counselor has the same legal force and effect as the original signed document, and once received, is the controlling record.

2. Fees.



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3. Training/Seminars. In the event the Counselor conducts seminars, training sessions or similar events which are generally made available to the Counselor's clients receiving similar services, TRS shall be invited to attend upon the same terms and conditions as such other clients. If the Counselor offers to pay the cost of such events and/or expenses

incurred by the clients in such events, the Counselor shall pay for such expenses by TRS on the same basis as the Counselor pays for its other clients.

4. Duration of Contract. The period in which subject services are to be performed is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. At the expiration of its term, this contract may, at the option of the parties hereto, be renewed by negotiation for further periods not to exceed 12 months for each such renewal.
5. Termination or Cancellation. Termination or cancellation of this contract may be effected at any time by either party upon 30 days advance written notice of its intent to terminate. The notice of termination shall be served on the other party by registered or certified mail. Upon such termination, TRS will only pay such fees as had been incurred until the date of termination as specified in the notice of termination.
6. Conflict of Interest. Counselor hereby certifies that it has not and will not pay or cause to be paid any money, fees, political contributions or other things of value to any third party as result of or in relation to investment counseling services provided to TRS without TRS's informed written consent. Counselor hereby certifies that it has not and will not accept any money, fees or other things of value from any third party as a result of or in relation to investment counseling services provided to TRS without TRS's informed written consent. In addition, Counselor agrees to act as a fiduciary to TRS in regard to any payments, fees or other things of value nevertheless received from a third party in relation to providing investment counseling services to TRS, unless the Counselor's acceptance and retention of such item was disclosed fully to and approved by TRS in writing. Counselor agrees to exercise independent professional judgment, without conflict of interest, in providing independent investment counseling services to TRS. Counselor shall acknowledge its adherence with this section and the TRS Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy by executing the TRS External Service Provider Conflict of Interest Statement. The TRS Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy and External Service Provider Conflict of Interest Statement are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1. Counselor hereby certifies that Counselor is legally entitled to enter into the subject contract with TRS and certifies that Counselor is not and will not be violating any conflict of interest statute (KRS 121.056 or any other applicable statute) or principle by the performance of this contract. The Counselor shall not engage directly or indirectly in any financial or other transaction with a trustee or employee of TRS that would violate the Executive Branch Ethics law as set forth in KRS Chapter 11A. Further, the Counselor certifies that neither the firm, nor its employees, knowingly have violated any of the Executive Branch Ethics or campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth, and the award of a contract to the firm will not violate any of the Executive Branch Ethics or campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth or the TRS Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy. Counselor hereby acknowledges that no funds of TRS, including fees and commissions paid to Counselor were used to pay fees and commissions to placement agents in adherence to KRS 161.430(6).
7. Relationship of the Parties. Counselor warrants that all work performed by Counselor under this contract is and shall be performed as an independent contractor. Counselor shall

be responsible for compliance with all laws, rules and regulations by its respective employees, including, but not limited to, employment of labor, hours of labor, health and safety, working conditions, workers' compensation insurance, and payment of wages. This contract shall not be construed so as to create a partnership or joint venture between Counselor and TRS.

8. Amendments and Renewal. Written modifications, amendments or additions to this contract shall be effective only when signed by both parties.
9. Notices of Material Changes. Counselor shall notify the Board of Trustees in writing within five business days of any material changes in senior officers providing or overseeing the services identified herein, significant legal actions instituted against Counselor, or any significant investigations, examinations, or other proceedings commenced by any governmental agency relating to the kinds of services identified herein. Notices required in this section shall be served on TRS by registered or certified mail.
10. Assignment. This contract may not be assigned by Counselor without the written consent of TRS. Further, the obligations of Counselor under this contract shall be considered personal obligations of Counselor, performable solely by the Counselor and Counselor may not delegate its duties hereunder to any entity other than an employee of Counselor without the express written consent of TRS.
11. Controlling Law; Jurisdiction and Venue; Waiver. All questions as to the execution, validity, interpretation, construction, and performance of this contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, without regard to conflicts of laws principles thereof. Counselor hereby consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and further consents that venue shall lie in Franklin Circuit Court located in Franklin County, Kentucky. To the extent that in any jurisdiction Counselor may now or hereafter be entitled to claim for itself or its assets immunity from suit, execution, attachment (before or after judgment) or other legal process, Counselor, to the extent it may effectively do so, irrevocably agrees not to claim, and it hereby waives, same.
12. Auditing. The Counselor agrees that TRS shall have reasonable access to any books, documents, papers, records, or other evidence, which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of financial audit or program review.
13. Access to Confidential Information. The Counselor's employees, agents and subcontractors may have access to confidential information maintained by TRS to the extent necessary to carry out its responsibilities under the contract. The Counselor shall presume that all information received pursuant to this contract is confidential except (i) as required by law, rule, or regulation, (ii) as requested by a regulatory authority, (iii) for disclosures of information that has become public by means other than wrongful conduct by the Counselor or its agents or employees, (iv) for disclosures by the Counselor to its legal counsel, accountants, or other professional advisers, (v) as necessary for the

Counselor to perform its responsibilities hereunder. The Counselor shall remain the responsible authority in charge of all information collected, used, or disseminated by the Counselor in connection with the performance of this contract. The Counselor shall provide adequate supervision and training to its agents, employees and subcontractors to ensure compliance with the terms of this contract. The private or confidential information shall remain the property of TRS at all times.

- a. No Dissemination of Confidential Information. No confidential information collected, maintained, or used in the course of the contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of TRS either during the period of the contract or thereafter. Any information supplied to or created by the Counselor shall be considered the property of TRS. The Counselor must return any and all information collected, maintained, created or used in the course of the performance of the contract in whatever form it is maintained promptly at the request of TRS.
 - b. Subpoena. In the event that a subpoena or other legal process is served upon the Counselor for records containing confidential information, the Counselor shall promptly notify TRS and cooperate with TRS in any lawful effort to protect the confidential information, at TRS's expense.
 - c. Reporting of Unauthorized Disclosure. The Counselor shall immediately report to TRS any unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.
 - d. Survives Termination. The Counselor's obligations under this section regarding the security, confidentiality, and ownership of information as set forth in this section shall survive termination of this contract.
14. Authorized Signature. The undersigned, Gary L. Harbin, CPA, is Executive Secretary of TRS and as such has been duly authorized by the Board of Trustees of TRS to sign this contract in behalf thereof, therefore, binding TRS to the provisions of this contract.
 15. Authorized Signature. The undersigned, Maribeth S. Rahe, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc., and Brendan White, is the Co-Chief Investment Officer of Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc., are duly authorized to sign this contract on behalf of the Counselor and their signatures, therefore, binds Counselor to the provisions of this contract.
 16. Severability. The provisions of this contract shall be deemed severable, and the unenforceability of any one or more provisions shall not affect the enforceability of any of the other provisions. In addition, if any provision of this contract, for any reason, is declared to be unenforceable, the parties shall substitute an enforceable provision that, to the maximum extent possible in accordance with applicable law, preserves the original intentions and economic positions of the parties.

17. Principal Contact. Martin Flesher shall be the principal contact for the Counselor for the implementation of the services set forth in this contract.
18. Principal Contact. Gary L. Harbin, shall be the principal contact for TRS for the implementation of the services set forth in this contract.

[Signatures on following page]

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY

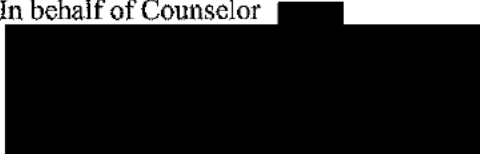


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Executive Secretary
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In behalf of TRS

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In behalf of Counselor



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In behalf of Counselor

Approved as to Form and Legality:

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY



Robert B. Barnes
Deputy Executive Secretary Operations and
General Counsel

BOARD GOVERNANCE MANUAL

APPENDIX 7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

INTRODUCTION

1. Adoption of Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 161.250, the Board of Trustees (board) of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS) is vested with the responsibility for the general administration and management of the retirement system. The Board may adopt procedures necessary to conduct the business of the retirement system as needed. The law shall control if any inconsistency exists between the law and this policy.

2. Statement of Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy

TRS recognizes the need to maintain the public's confidence and trust in the integrity of TRS and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Individuals associated with TRS must not engage in activities that have the potential to become a conflict of interest in their association with TRS. Likewise, individuals associated with TRS must not release information about TRS or any of its members that would breach any duty to protect such information. TRS recognizes the need to establish procedures to prevent such conflicts or breaches.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy is to: establish which individuals are subject to TRS's conflict of interest provisions; establish the specific standards of conduct with regard to conflict of interest; establish standards with regard to the confidentiality of information; and establish procedures for obtaining written conflict of interest statements and confidentiality agreements from certain individuals.

4. Procedures Regarding Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality

A. Application of Policy

- 1) This policy shall apply to all individuals who have a statutory, contractual or working relationship with TRS.
- 2) Individuals affected by this policy shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Employees of TRS;
 - b) The board;
 - c) Independent contractors of TRS;

- d) Vendors of TRS;
- e) Employees or Officers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky providing legal or expert advice at the request of TRS; and
- f) Any person acting in a fiduciary capacity for TRS.

B. Standards of Conduct Regarding Conflicts of Interest

- 1) Individuals have an obligation to diligently identify, disclose, avoid and manage conflicts of interest.
- 2) Potential conflicts of interest exist when an individual or an individual's family may be directly or indirectly financially impacted, whether favorably or detrimentally, by a decision made by TRS in which the individual participates.
- 3) Individuals and their family members should not enter into any contract with TRS or any agency doing business with TRS for financial gain, apart from an employment contract, without full disclosure and satisfactory management of any potential conflict of interest in accordance with the Executive Branch Code of Ethics and this policy.
- 4) Individuals should not be involved in the decision to hire or in the supervision of any member of their family as defined by the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.
- 5) Individuals should not conduct business or participate in decisions with a company or agency in which the individual or family member is employed or is actively seeking employment.
- 6) Individuals should not accept campaign contributions, gifts, loans, gratuities, discounts, services or other compensation under circumstances from which it could reasonably be inferred that a major purpose of the donor is to influence the individual in the performance of their duties for TRS.
- 7) Individuals must avoid all conduct that in any way might lead the public to believe that the individual is using his or her position with TRS to further a professional, political or private interest.
- 8) Individuals not covered by the conflict of interest provisions under KRS Chapter 11A must not violate any conflict of interest statute or principle by the performance of their duties with TRS. These individuals must not engage directly or indirectly in any financial or other transaction with a trustee or employee of TRS that would violate the standards of the Executive Branch Ethics provisions, as set forth in KRS Chapter 11A.

Standards of Conduct Regarding Confidentiality

- 1) Individuals associated with TRS may be granted access to confidential information in the course of being a TRS employee, board member or contractor.
- 2) This information may include, but is not limited to, investment trade data; individual member information, including but not limited to, Social Security numbers, names, addresses, phone numbers, birth dates, beneficiaries, health insurance information, member numbers; documents; records; programs; files; scientific or technical information; and other information made available to individuals for purposes of completing their obligations to TRS.
- 3) These individuals have a duty to keep confidential the information to which they are granted access as a result of their association with TRS.
- 4) TRS and these individuals shall also recognize that confidential member information is protected under KRS 161.585.

5. Written Statements of Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality

- A. On an annual basis, the executive secretary, deputy executive secretaries, chief investment officer, chief financial officer, the members of the board, independent contractors, vendors of TRS and other persons identified in Section 2 (2) shall file a written conflict of interest statement on the form(s) provided by TRS and adopted by the board.
- B. Upon proposal for contract and continuing on an annual basis, any independent contractors and vendors of TRS shall file a written confidentiality agreement on the form provided by TRS and adopted by the board. This form may be amended to conform to specific needs of the individual vendor or contractor as deemed necessary by general counsel or designee.
- C. Other employees of TRS also may be requested to file a written conflict of interest statement as needed or requested by the board.
- D. An individual who abstains from involvement in an official decision because of a personal or private interest must disclose that fact in writing to the executive secretary.

6. Ethics and Confidentiality

Individuals as set forth above shall conform to the Executive Branch Code of Ethics with regard to conflicts of interests as set forth in KRS Chapter 11A; applicable provisions of KRS 161.430 and KRS 161.460; and this policy. Individuals as set forth above shall conform to the confidentiality requirements of KRS 161.585.

Adopted March 16, 2009; amended September 19, 2016 and June 20, 2018

**TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY**

**EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDER
CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

I, Martin Flesher, in my role as Managing Director / Investment
MANAGER for the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky
(TRS), recognize the need to maintain the public's confidence and trust in the integrity of TRS
and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I understand that I have the obligation to diligently identify, disclose, avoid and manage conflicts
of interest that may arise through my relationship with TRS.

I will conduct my activities with TRS so that I do not advance or protect my own interests or the
private interests of others with whom I have a relationship in a way that is detrimental to the
interests of TRS.

In every instance in which I am acting on behalf of TRS, I will conduct my activities in a manner
to best promote the interests of TRS.

I agree not to attempt to influence TRS in disregard of the public interest at large.

In all matters where an official decision must be made that may favorably or detrimentally
impact my own financial interests or the financial interests of other individuals or organizations
with whom I have a relationship, I will reveal that relationship and abstain from involvement in
the official decision.

When a conflict of interest arises, or when a potential conflict of interest arises, I will disclose
that conflict or potential conflict to my contact person at TRS and seek resolution of that issue.

I agree not to violate any conflict of interest statute or principle by the performance of my duties
with TRS, including the TRS Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy (policy). I will not
engage, directly or indirectly, in any financial or other transaction with a trustee or employee of
TRS that would violate the Executive Branch Ethics law (as set forth in KRS Chapter 11A);
applicable provisions of KRS 161.430; or the policy.

Agreed this the 24th day of JUNE, 2022

Signature

Marty Flesher

Name

Managing Director, Business Development

Title

FORT Washington Investment Advisors

Company

EXHIBIT 1

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