

**MINUTES**  
**MCKNIGHT BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**February 1-2, 2011**

**February 2, 2011**

The Trustee's meeting of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on February 2, 2011 in the Magic City Room at the Residence Inn, Birmingham, AL.

The following members were present:

Dr. John Clarkson, Trustee  
Dr. J. Lee Dockery, Trustee  
Dr. Michael Dockery, Trustee  
Dr. Nina Ellenbogen Raim, Trustee  
Mrs. Teresa Borcheck, Corporate Trustee

SunTrust Bank Institutional Investment Solutions

Others attending:

Mr. Henry H. Raattama, Jr., Legal Counsel  
Mr. Michael Hill, Managing Director, SunTrust Institutional Investment Advisors

Via teleconference:

Dr. Judith Salerno, Trustee  
Ms. Kaytie Hall, President, Hall Capital Partners

**1. Investment Review**

Mr. Hill presented the investment review and commented on key economic and investment factors for the fourth quarter (Attachment 1).

- **Economic growth is reaccelerating**
  - Fourth quarter economic data was unambiguous –global growth was reaccelerating after the summer slowdown.
  - There are clear signs that the credit constraints, which Suntrust believes were a primary contributor to the below average recovery in the first six quarters of this cycle, are starting to abate and stronger growth in 2011 is expected.
  
- **Bond yields are biased upward in 2011, but developed country central banks will keep policy rates low**
  - The risk of deflation has given way to concerns about excess liquidity induced inflation overwhelming the impact of quantitative easing designed to keep rates low.

- **Outlook for stocks remains attractive relative to bonds**
  - Economic growth should continue to support stock prices. Current valuations suggest stock prices reflect muted expectations and thus there is room for additional upside.
- **Inflation risk is rising as monetary policies remain accommodative and growth accelerates**
  - Oil prices above \$125 per barrel could choke off the recovery.

**Action Item 1: The trustees received the Investment Review for information (Attachment 1).**

## **2. Hall Capital/Private Equity Discussion**

Mr. Hill, the Trustees and Ms. Kaytie Hall, President, Hall Capital Partners engaged in an extensive discussion of Hall Capital's Private Equity offering. After the discussion and in accordance with the MBRF Investment Policy Statement, Mr. Hill said SunTrust would invest \$1,000,000 in HCP Private Equity Fund V, L.P. (on shore) or HCP Private Equity fund V (Cayman), L.P. (off shore). SunTrust will consult with Mr. Raattama and Michele Wales at the Batts CPA Firm as to whether to invest in the on shore or off shore Fund. The Trustees did not object. Mrs. Borcheck will complete the applicable Subscription Agreement and Investor Questionnaire and return it to Mr. Hill by February 15, 2011 (Attachment 2).

**Action Item 2: Mrs. Borcheck will complete Hall Capital's Subscription Agreement and Investor Questionnaire and return it to Mr. Hill by February 15, 2011 (Attachment 2).**

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation were reviewed. The minutes were approved as amended (Attachment 3).

**Action Item 3: The trustees approved the minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting as amended (Attachment 3).**

## **4. Trademark Registration Update**

Mrs. Borcheck and Mr. Raattama updated the trustees on the progress of the trademark registration of the "Preserving Memory, Enhancing Life" tag line. The trustees have agreed to register the trademark in the United States only, versus having a foreign and US registration for the trademark.

## **5. Research Partnership in Cognitive Aging Update**

Dr. J. Lee Dockery updated the trustees on the Research Partnership in Cognitive Aging and provided a timeline of discussions he has had with Dr. Richard Hodes, Director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) concerning the possibility of renewing the partnership so that his

consideration can coincide with the budget cycle of the NIA prior to the expiration of the current agreement on June 30, 2014 (Attachment 4).

**Action Item 4: Dr. Lee Dockery will continue discussions with Dr. Richard Hodes and the staff of the NIA regarding the possibility of a renewing the Research Partnership in Cognitive Aging and develop a process for identification of targeted areas for future funding of research in cognitive aging and associated memory loss to coincide with the budgeting cycle of the NIA which would permit renewal the research partnership in cognitive aging beginning July1, 2014, if funding is approved.**

#### **6. Society of Neuroscience**

The trustees reviewed a budget proposal from the staff of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and agreed to sponsor and host the scientific poster/reception at the Tier 2 level for \$17,500 (Attachment 5) in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN). The event is a MBRF sponsored and hosted event for graduate students and faculty who will be attending the meeting from each of the four institutions to which the MBRF provides funding. The trustees are invited to attend the event, which will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 6:30-9:00pm at a SfN assigned hotel in Washington, DC. The event will feature scientific poster displays from each of the four McKnight Brain Institutes.

#### **7. The Center for Brain Health-University of Texas at Dallas**

The proposal from The Center for Brain Health-University of Texas at Dallas by Dr. Sandra Chapman was reviewed. After discussion the trustees did not approve the proposal for funding. Mrs. Borcheck will send Dr. Chapman a letter informing her of the trustees' decision to decline funding the proposal.

**Action Item 5: Mrs. Borcheck will send Dr. Chapman a letter informing her of the trustees' decision to decline funding the proposal (Attachment 6).**

#### **8. Columbia University**

The trustees discussed the upcoming site visit at the Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC). Dr. Clarkson, Dr. Salerno and Mrs. Borcheck will visit CUMC on February 28, 2011. The visit will allow the trustees to learn more about the opportunities and the commitment by the respective individuals in the institution, and the potential for success of the proposed partnership between the MBRF and the CUMC.

**Action Item 6: Mrs. Borcheck will continue to work Dr. Scott Small and Ms. Amelia Alverson at CUMC to further coordinate arrangements for the site visit at CUMC on February 28, 2011.**

## **9. Inter-Institutional Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will meet in conjunction with the Inter-Institutional Meeting May 1-3, 2011, in Miami, FL. Mrs. Borcheck will continue to work directly with Ms. Susan Fox-Rossellini at the University of Miami to further coordinate program and meeting arrangements.

**Action Item 7: Mrs. Borcheck will continue to work directly with Ms. Susan Fox-Rossellini at the University of Miami to further coordinate program and meeting arrangements for the inter-institutional meeting May 1-3, 2011.**

## **10. Annual Reports**

**A. University of Alabama** – The trustees reviewed the annual report from the University of Alabama (UAB) and were pleased with the progress Dr. David Sweatt has made as the Evelyn F. McKnight Chair in Learning and Memory in Aging and Director of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at UAB (Attachment 7).

**Action Item 8: Send thank you letter for the report to Dr. Shirley Sallaway Kahn commending Dr. Sweatt on the progress of the Institute and his achievements as Director and occupant of the Evelyn F. McKnight Chair of Learning and Memory in Aging and Director of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at UAB (Attachment 7).**

**B. University of Arizona** – The trustees reviewed the annual report concerning the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Arizona and look forward to additional progress in clinical applications of scientific discoveries in cognitive aging and age related memory loss with successful recruitment efforts for four new faculty, one of whom is a clinical research scientist in Neurology with an MD/PhD degree (Attachment 8).

**Action Item 9: Send thank you letter for the report to Dr. Barnes commending her on the progress of the Institute (Attachment 8).**

**C. University of Florida** – The trustees reviewed the annual report concerning the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Florida. The trustees were pleased to see the progress Dr. Thomas Foster (Age Related Memory Loss Program) and Dr. Marco Pahor (Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translation Research Program) have made and look forward to periodic updates on the continued progress and the successful recruitment of additional research scientists (Attachment 9).

**Action Item 10: Send thank you letter to Dr. Foster and Dr. Pahor acknowledging the report and periodic updates on the continued progress and the successful recruitment of additional research scientists (Attachment 9).**

**D. University of Miami** – The trustees reviewed the annual report concerning the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Miami submitted by Dean Goldschmidt. The trustees look forward to receiving periodic updates on the progress in developing the success of the program (Attachment 10).

**Action Item 11: Send thank you letter to Dean Goldschmidt, Dr. Sacco and Dr. Wright acknowledging the report (Attachment 10).**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Summary of Action Items:**

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Respectfully Submitted,



Melanie A. Cianciotto  
SunTrust Bank, Corporate Trustee