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Investment Committee

Austin Community Foundation and its fundholders are fortunate to work with an experienced team of professionals to achieve asset growth through sound investment of endowed and quasi-endowed assets. The Foundation's investment manager, Wealthspire (formerly Fiducient Advisors), is a leading investment management and consulting firm based in Chicago, managing and advising on over $660 billion in assets.

Investment Committee Members

David Lack (committee chair) is a Managing Partner of Tritium Partners, responsible for sourcing and executing acquisitions and monitoring several of Tritium Partners' portfolio companies. Prior to co-founding Tritium Partners, David was a Partner at Austin Ventures where he spent 11 years helping to launch and build the Growth Equity practice. Previously, David was a manager at The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where he spent seven years in the Chicago Office. His primary focus was in the Retail and Consumer client practice. Prior to BCG, David was a consultant at Alliance Consulting Group in Cambridge, Massachusetts. David has supported the Anti-Defamation League in their efforts to launch tolerance programs in the Austin business community. David received his BA from Dartmouth College and MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Bill Bock is an independent consultant and board director. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Silicon Laboratories, where he previously served as SVP/CFO from 2006-2011. He also previously served as Chairman of the Board of Convio, until its acquisition by Blackbaud in 2012. Bock is a Senior Advisor to Foros, a financial services firm that provides M&A and corporate financial advisory services. He is also a Board Director and advisor for a number of venture capital backed private technology companies. Bock co-founded the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Central Texas in 1999 and continues to serve as its Chairman. Bock participated in the venture capital industry from 2001 to 2006, primarily as a general partner with CenterPoint Ventures. Before his venture career, Bock held senior executive positions with three venture-backed companies. Bock began his career with Texas Instruments. He holds an MS in Industrial Administration from Carnegie Mellon University and a BS in Computer Science from Iowa State University.

David Martin is currently serving on the board of Northern Funds and Northern Institutional Funds (Northern Trust) and is a lecturer at the University of Texas. He was Chief Financial Officer at Dimensional Fund Advisors from March 2007 until April 2016. In addition to finance and accounting (for both funds and advisor), he was responsible for compliance, real estate/facilities and a project management office, and he also served on numerous internal boards. Prior, he was Chief Financial Officer at Janus Capital Group from 2005 until 2007. Mr. Martin oversaw finance & accounting, human resources, IT, real estate and procurement for Janus Capital Management, which administers mutual funds and separate accounts in retail and intermediary markets. Previously, Martin was at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., where he served in senior management positions across a variety of financial and business disciplines.

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Neil Randall is the managing director of the private equity team at the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) of Texas. In this role, he has primary responsibility for a $30 billion private equity portfolio, is the chair of the Private Equity Investment Committee, and serves on the TRS-wide Management Committee. Randall was a member of the ILPA Board of Directors from 2014 to 2021, serving as chair from 2019 to 2021. Before joining TRS in 2007, Randall was at Convergent Investors, an early-stage venture capital firm. At Convergent, he focused on evaluating new investments as well as portfolio management, which included acting as the director of business development for one of its portfolio companies, TeraVicta Technologies. Previously, he worked in the Enterprise Systems Group at Dell. Randall holds a B.B.A. and an M.S. in finance from Texas A&M University.

Tony Schell is Managing Director and Partner at Escalate Capital, a leading mezzanine firm focused on investing in high growth later-stage technology companies including SaaS, tech-enabled services, Internet, and healthcare. Prior to Escalate, Tony was a Managing Director of the Technology and Life Sciences Division for Comerica Bank and its predecessor, Imperial Bank. Prior to Comerica, he held a variety of corporate finance positions with The Sabre Group and Coopers & Lybrand. Tony began his career as a commercial lender with MBank Dallas (subsequently acquired by Bank One) and First Gibraltar Bank (subsequently acquired by BofA). Tony earned both a BBA and MBA from The University of Texas. Tony is also a member of the Advisory Council at The University of Texas McCombs School of Business and is a CPA.

Sara Seely is the founder of Eberly Wealth Management, LLC where she helps women grow and protect their wealth through comprehensive financial planning and smart investment management. Prior to founding Eberly in 2022, Sara spent 14 years as an advisor at private wealth management firms in Austin, TX. Before that, she invested for large institutional clients, such as pension plans and nonprofits as an analyst at Smith Barney and later as a relationship manager and director of research at an independent institutional consulting firm. Sara holds a BA in finance from Texas Tech University and has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. She is a Past President of the CFA Society of Austin, member of the 2018 Leadership Austin Essential Class, and works with a handful of local nonprofits, including as member of the grants committee for the Women's Fund at Austin Community Foundation.

Venu Shamapant is a co-founder of LiveOak Venture Partners and a founding member of Austin Speech Labs. Prior to LiveOak, Venu was a General Partner at Austin Ventures where he invested in companies producing more than $1 billion in exit values to date. Additionally, Venu has worked with McKinsey & Co. serving clients in the enterprise systems and software markets. He started his professional career as a software developer and engineering lead at Mentor Graphics. Venu received his MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business, MS in Computer Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and a BS in Electronics and Communications Engineering from Osmania University, India.

Glenn Stotts is the Deputy CIO and a Managing Director at Meritage Capital. Prior to joining Meritage, Glennserved as an Associate with The University of Texas Investment Management Company, Strategy Analyst for Merrill Lynch, and Senior Associate at Mainspring (acquired by IBM). He serves on the Endowment Committee of Tarrytown United Methodist Church and on the Alumni Admission Council for Northwestern University. He received a BA in Economics and International Studies from Northwestern University and an MBA in Finance from The University of Texas at Austin and holds the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) designation.

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Drew Tate has been an investor at Vista Equity Partners since 2009. Headquartered in Austin, Vista invests in software, data, and technology companies led by world-class management teams with a long-term perspective. Prior to Vista, Drew was an Investment Banker at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Chicago. Drew graduated from the University of Colorado in 2007 with a degree in Finance.

Mark Warner is a partner at Equis Group, a Singapore-based infrastructure private equity manager, where he is responsible for management functions and takes a primary role in their fundraising activities. He previously served 11 years at the University of Texas/Texas A&M Management Company (UTIMCO) in Austin, Texas. Warner served in various capacities at UTIMCO including interim CEO, CIO and Senior Managing Director where he developed their private natural resources, emerging markets and co-investment strategies. Prior to UTIMCO, Warner was a director at Enron Capital and Trade Resources where he structured complex commodity derivative transactions and led energy-linked project and corporate equity investments.