



## **STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES ENDOWMENT AND OTHER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

### **PURPOSE**

It is the intent of the Education Foundation of Collier County ("EFCC") that its investment funds be managed prudently and productively. The guidelines and goals of this policy reflect the EFCC's purposes, risk tolerance, legal restrictions, and time horizons associated with invested funds, as well as the appropriate balance between the need for current income and the desire for long-term growth to offset the effects of inflation. Investments shall be made with judgment and care, not for speculation. Investment managers are accorded full discretion to invest and manage the assets consistent with this policy statement.

### **DELEGATION**

The Board of Directors of the Education Foundation of Collier County (the "Board") has delegated supervisory authority over its financial affairs to the Finance Committee of the Board. The Finance Committee is responsible for regularly reporting on investments to the full Board. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Finance Committee and its agents will act in accordance with this Investment Policy and all applicable laws and regulations. The Board reserves the exclusive right to revise this policy.

The Board has delegated to the Community Foundation of Collier County (the "Community Foundation") the investment authority over the Education Foundation of Collier County's Agency Fund at the Community Foundation (the "Agency Fund"). At least annually, the Board shall review the Community Foundation's current investment policy and the most recent audited statement for the Agency Fund.

### **INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**

The intended use of endowment or other funds covered by this policy is to provide support for the operational needs of the EFCC or as determined by the Board.

The primary investment objective of the EFCC is the long-term sustainability of the organization consistent with its Vision and Mission statements. The priorities for all investments are, in order of priority:

1. Preserve principal
2. Attain competitive returns within prevailing market conditions
3. Maintain an appropriate degree of liquidity

The EFCC may engage in a fund management partnership with a public non-profit Florida-based community foundation that administers and oversees permanent, philanthropic community resources to manage some or all of the EFCC's investment funds. In that instance, the EFCC's investments will be in accordance with the community foundation's policies.

If circumstances and the size of its endowment(s) warrant, the EFCC may choose to enter into an agreement with a professional advisor in lieu of or in addition to working through a community foundation but only if a separate policy defining investment guidelines and clarifying oversight responsibilities by the EFCC is established in advance.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT & REPORTING**

All investment funds must be scrutinized by the Finance Committee for competitive fees, good execution, timely and accurate reporting and acceptable performance. Failure to meet any of these criteria may result in termination of the services of the provider.

The Finance Committee shall provide the Board with reports on investment performance quarterly.

## **USE OF FUNDS**

Use of earnings from donor-restricted funds shall be in accordance with the applicable donor's designations. Use of unrestricted funds shall be in accordance with EFCC policies.