



Johns Hopkins University Public Interest Investment Advisory Committee (PIIAC)

Meeting Minutes | Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Time	4:00 – 5:00 PM EST
Format	Zoom Web Conference
Members Present	Charlie Scheeler (Chair), Mohammad Allaf, Ona Ambrozaite, Stefanie DeLuca, Mary Ann Dickson, Clark Didavi, Paul Ferraro, Jackson Ireland, Kostas Konstantopoulos, Mario Macis, Thomas Rid, Robbie Shilliam, Hannah West, Cynthia Wolberger, Stephen Gange (ex officio), Jay Rowan (ex officio), Tiffany Wright (ex officio)
Others Present	N/A

Kick-Off

The meeting was kicked off at 4:00 pm by the committee chair, Charlie Scheeler. The committee unanimously approved the Meeting Minutes for the June 28, 2024 meeting as written. Mr. Scheeler reminded the committee of the [five review factors](#) that were approved by the Board of Trustees and asked the members to continue to direct external questions and correspondence to the committee’s email account (piiac@jhu.edu).

Planning Discussion

Mr. Scheeler guided an open discussion among the members on several important topics including the following:

- The desire to hear more from the central administration on the university’s recent statement on institutional restraint, and how the committee should consider this proposal in light of that statement. The committee agreed to invite an institutional official to the next meeting to discuss this topic further.
- The need to ensure that the individuals who submitted the proposal are members of the JHU community since the proposal was unsigned, sent from an anonymous email account affiliated with the Hopkins Justic Collective, and since the Hopkins Justice Collective is not a recognized student group. The committee agreed to continue discussion of this topic in their next meeting.
- The need to fact-check the assertions made in the proposal. The ex officio members agreed to work on identifying an efficient fact checking process.

Walkthrough of Proposed Meeting Schedule

The ex officio committee members walked through a proposed meeting schedule through the spring of 2025. The committee agreed that—contingent on the validation that the proposal was submitted by members of the JHU community—it should solicit written feedback from the JHU community about the proposal and to solicit volunteers from the JHU community who would be willing to speak to the committee about their perspectives on the proposal. The committee agreed that they would need to establish criteria for determining which members of the community to invite to present their views and to revisit that discussion in a later meeting. The committee also acknowledged the need to hear from the submitters of the proposal in the early fall, again contingent on the validation that they are members of the JHU community.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 5:00 pm by the chair, Charlie Scheeler.

Submitted by Jay Rowan