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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held January 16, 2009

#### FRANKLIN COVEY CO.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Franklin Covey Co. (the Company), which will be held on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., at the Hyrum W. Smith Auditorium, 2200 West Parkway Boulevard, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2331 (the Annual Meeting), for the following purposes:

- (i) To elect three directors of the Company, each to serve a term of three years expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held following the end of fiscal year 2011 and until their respective successors shall be duly elected and shall qualify;
- (ii) To consider and vote on a proposal to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009; and
- (iii) To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on November 18, 2008, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

All shareholders are urged to attend the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Robert A. Whitman

Robert A. Whitman Chairman of the Board of Directors December 12, 2008

#### **IMPORTANT**

Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting in person, to assure that your shares will be represented, please promptly complete, date, sign and return the enclosed proxy card without delay in the enclosed envelope, which requires no additional postage if mailed in the United States. Your proxy will not be used if you are present at the Annual Meeting and desire to vote your shares personally.

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	PROXY STATEMENT
January 16, 2009	Annual Meeting of Shareholders

#### SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to the shareholders of Franklin Covey Co., a Utah corporation (FranklinCovey or the Company), in connection with the solicitation by the board of directors (the Board or Board of Directors) of the Company of proxies from holders of outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock, \$0.05 par value per share (the Common Stock) for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held on Friday, January 16, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., at the Hyrum W. Smith Auditorium, 2200 West Parkway Boulevard, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2331, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof (the Annual Meeting). This Proxy Statement, the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and the accompanying form of proxy are first being mailed to shareholders of the Company on or about December 15, 2008.

## PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Shareholders of the Company will consider and vote on the following proposals: (i) to elect three directors to serve for a term of three years; (ii) to consider and vote on a proposal to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP (KPMG) as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009; and (iii) to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

#### COSTS OF SOLICITATION

The Company will bear all costs and expenses relating to the solicitation of proxies, including the costs of preparing, printing and mailing to shareholders this Proxy Statement and accompanying materials. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by use of the mails, the directors, officers and employees of the Company, without receiving additional compensation therefore, may solicit proxies personally or by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail. Arrangements will be made with brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries for the forwarding of solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the shares of Common Stock held by such persons, and the Company will reimburse such brokerage firms, custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection therewith.

#### **VOTING**

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on November 18, 2008 as the record date for determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the

Annual Meeting (the Record Date). As of the Record Date, there were issued and outstanding 16,879,498 shares of Common Stock. The holders of record of the shares of Common Stock on the Record Date are entitled to cast one vote per share on each matter submitted to a vote at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Proxies**

Shares of Common Stock which are entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting and which are represented by properly executed proxies will be voted in accordance with the instructions indicated on such proxies. If no instructions are indicated, such shares will be voted (i) FOR the election of each of the three director nominees and (ii) FOR the ratification of the appointment of KPMG as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009. It is not anticipated that any other matters will be presented at the Annual Meeting. If other matters are presented, proxies will be voted in accordance with the discretion of the proxy holders.

A shareholder who has executed and returned a proxy may revoke it at any time prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting by executing and returning a proxy bearing a later date, by filing with the Secretary of the Company, at the address set forth above, a written notice of revocation bearing a later date than the proxy being revoked, or by voting the Common Stock covered thereby in person at the Annual Meeting.

## Vote Required

A majority of the votes entitled to be cast at the Annual Meeting is required for a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business. Holders of Common Stock will vote as a single class.

In the election of the directors, the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. Accordingly, abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of the election for directors.

The ratification of the appointment of KPMG as the Company's independent registered public accountants requires that the number of votes cast in favor of the proposal exceed the number of votes cast in opposition. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of this proposal.

#### PROPOSAL I

## TO APPROVE THE ELECTION OF THE THREE NOMINEES AS DIRECTORS

At the Annual Meeting, three directors are to be elected to serve three-year terms expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held following the end of fiscal year 2011 and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Unless the shareholder indicates otherwise, the accompanying proxy will be voted in favor of the following persons: Stephen R. Covey, Robert H. Daines, and Dennis G. Heiner. If any of the nominees should be unavailable to serve, which is not now anticipated, the proxies solicited hereby will be voted for such other persons as shall be designated by

the present Board of Directors. The three nominees receiving the highest number of votes at the Annual Meeting will be elected.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR EACH OF THE THREE NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors

Certain information with respect to the nominees is set forth below.

Stephen R. Covey, 76, has been Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors since June 1999. He served as Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors from May 1997 to June 1999. Dr. Covey founded Covey Leadership Center and served as its Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board from 1980 to 1997. Dr. Covey received his MBA from Harvard Business School and his doctorate from Brigham Young University, where he was a professor of organizational behavior and business management from 1957 to 1983, except for periods in which he was on leave from teaching, and served as Assistant to the President and Director of University Relations. Dr. Covey is the author of several acclaimed books, including The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, Principle-Centered Leadership, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families, Living the 7 Habits: Stories of Courage and Inspiration, The 8th Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness, The Nature of Leadership, Everyday Greatness and The Leader in Me. Dr. Covey is also the co-author of First Things First.

Robert H. Daines, 74, has been a director of the Company since April 1990. Dr. Daines is an Emeritus Driggs Professor of Strategic Management at Brigham Young University, where he was employed for 44 years. While employed by Brigham Young University, Dr. Daines taught courses in finance, strategic financial management, and advanced financial management. During that time, Dr. Daines also taught financial strategy and management controls courses for corporations such as Chase Manhattan Bank, Bank of America, and British Petroleum. He also co-authored the finance textbook Strategic Financial Management, published by Irwin as well as several articles and cases. Additionally, Dr. Daines served as a consultant to Aetna Life and Casualty where he managed their treasury services including cash management, accounting controls, and financial policies and procedures. Dr. Daines received his MBA from Stanford and his DBA from Indiana University.

Dennis G. Heiner, 65, was appointed as a director of the Company in January 1997 and subsequent to August 31, 2008 was named the Lead Independent Director of FranklinCovey. Mr. Heiner currently serves as Managing Member of Sunrise Oaks Capital Fund, LLC, a small private bridge loan financing fund. Mr. Heiner served from 1999 to 2004 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Werner Holding Co., a leading manufacturer of climbing products and aluminum extrusions. Prior to joining Werner, he was employed by Black & Decker Corporation from 1985 to 1999 where he served as Executive Vice President and President of the Hardware and Home Improvement Group, a world leader in residential door hardware and plumbing fixtures. From 1979 to 1985 Mr. Heiner was employed by Beatrice Foods where he served as a Division President. From 1972 to 1979 Mr. Heiner was employed by Conroy Inc, a manufacturer of recreational vehicles, where he held positions of Director of Marketing and Vice President of Finance and International Marketing. Mr. Heiner received his

Bachelor of Arts degree from Weber State University and his MBA from Brigham Young University. He also completed Executive programs at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management and Harvard Business School.

#### Directors Whose Terms of Office Continue

In addition to the directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting, the directors named below will continue to serve their respective terms of office as indicated. Joel C. Peterson, E. Kay Stepp, and Robert A. Whitman are currently serving terms that expire at the annual meeting of the Company's shareholders to be held following the end of fiscal 2009. Clayton M. Christensen, E.J. "Jake" Garn, and Donald J. McNamara are currently serving terms that expire at the annual meeting of the Company's shareholders to be held following the end of fiscal 2010.

Joel C. Peterson, 61, has been a director of the Company since May 1997. Mr. Peterson served as a director of Covey Leadership Center from 1993 to 1997 and as Vice-Chairman of Covey Leadership Center from 1994 to 1997. Mr. Peterson recently founded Peterson Ventures, which focuses on providing early-stage capital to entrepreneurs with a typical investment size between \$100,000 and \$3 million. In 1995, he co-founded Peterson Partners, a Salt Lake City-based private equity group, and continues to serve as its Founding Partner. Mr. Peterson has been a lecturer at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University since 1992 where he has taught courses in real estate investment, entrepreneurship, and leadership. He currently serves as Faculty Director at Stanford's Center for Leadership Development and Research and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Board at JetBlue Airways, and an Overseer at the Hoover Institution. He has served on dozens of public and private boards over the past 35 years, including Asurion, the Dallas Market Center, Texas Commerce Bank (Dallas), the Advisory Board at the GSB at Stanford, and on the President's Council at his alma mater. Mr. Peterson was valedictorian at his undergraduate institution, Brigham Young University, and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1973.

E. Kay Stepp, 63, has been a director of the Company since May 1997. Ms. Stepp served as a director of Covey Leadership Center from 1992 to 1997. Ms. Stepp is the Chairperson of the Board of Providence Health and Services, and is the former President and Chief Operating Officer of Portland General Electric, an electric utility. Ms. Stepp is also currently a director of StanCorp Financial Group (NYSE) and Planar Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ). She formerly was principal of Executive Solutions, an executive coaching firm, and was a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University, a Master of Arts in Management from the University of Portland, and attended the Stanford Executive Program and the University of Michigan Executive Program.

Robert A. Whitman, 55, has been a director of the Company since May 1997 and has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors since June 1999 and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Company since January 2000. Mr. Whitman served as a director of Covey Leadership Center from 1994 to 1997. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Whitman served as President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of The Hampstead Group from 1992 to 2000. Mr. Whitman received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance from the University of Utah and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Clayton M. Christensen, 56, was appointed as a director of the Company in March 2004 and began his service in July 2004. Dr. Christensen is the Robert and Jane Cizik Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School where he has been a faculty member since 1992. His research and teaching interests center on the management issues related to the development and commercialization of business model innovation and technology. His specific area of focus is in developing organizational capabilities. Dr. Christensen was a Rhodes Scholar and received his Masters of Philosophy degree from Oxford and his MBA and DBA from the Harvard Business School. He also served as President and Chairman of Ceramics Process Systems from 1984 to 1989. From 1979 to 1984 he worked as a consultant and project manager for the Boston Consulting Group.

E. J. "Jake" Garn, 75, was elected to serve as a director of the Company in January 1993. Mr. Garn is a self-employed consultant. From December 1974 to January 1993, Mr. Garn was a United States Senator from the State of Utah. During his term in the Senate, Mr. Garn served six years as Chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and served on the Appropriations, Energy and Natural Resources, and Senate Rules Committees. Prior to his election to the Senate, Mr. Garn served as Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah, from January 1972 to December 1974. Mr. Garn also currently serves as a director for Headwaters, Inc. (NYSE), and Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc. (NYSE).

Donald J. McNamara, 55, was appointed to serve as a director of the Company in June 1999. Mr. McNamara is the founder of The Hampstead Group, LLC ("The Hampstead Group"), a private equity investor based in Dallas, Texas, and has served as its Chairman since its inception in 1989. He currently serves as a Director of Kimpton Hotel and Restaurant Group, LLC. Mr. McNamara received an undergraduate degree in architecture from Virginia Tech in 1976 and an MBA from Harvard University in 1978. The Hampstead Group is the sponsor of Knowledge Capital, and Mr. McNamara serves as a designee of Knowledge Capital.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

FranklinCovey upholds a set of basic values and principles to guide its actions and is committed to maintaining the highest standards of business conduct and corporate governance. We have adopted a code of business conduct and ethics for all directors, officers, senior financial officers that include the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and other members of the Company's financial leadership team and other employees. The Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics are available on the Company's website at www.franklincovey.com. In addition, each of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics are available in print free of charge to any shareholder by making a written request to Investor Relations, Franklin Covey Co.,

2200 West Parkway Boulevard, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2331. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applies to all directors, officers and employees of FranklinCovey.

Affirmative Determination Regarding Board Independence

The Board of Directors has determined each of the following directors to be an "independent director" under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE): Clayton M. Christensen, Robert H. Daines, E.J. "Jake" Garn, Dennis G. Heiner, Donald J. McNamara, and E. Kay Stepp.

In assessing the independence of the directors, the Board of Directors determines whether or not any director has a material relationship with the Company (either directly, or as a partner, shareholder, or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company). The Board of Directors considers all relevant facts and circumstances in making independence determinations, including the director independence standards adopted by the Board of Directors and the existence of related party transactions as described in the section entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" found in this report.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

During the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008, there were five meetings held by the Board of Directors of the Company. All directors attended more than 75 percent of the Board meetings, except for Clayton M. Christensen and Stephen R. Covey, who each attended 60 percent of the Board Meetings. No director attended fewer than 75 percent of the total number of meetings of the committees on which he or she served. Although the Company encourages Board members to attend the Annual Meetings, it does not have a formal policy regarding director attendance at annual shareholder meetings. There were seven members of the Board of Directors in attendance at the Annual Meeting held in January 2008.

The non-management directors meet regularly in executive sessions, as needed, without the management directors or other members of management. The Lead Independent Director generally presides over these meetings. Subsequent to August 31, 2008, Dennis G. Heiner was appointed as the Lead Independent Director.

The Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the Nominating Committee), and an Organization and Compensation Committee (the Compensation Committee). The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Jake Garn, Chairperson, Robert H. Daines, Dennis G. Heiner, and E. Kay Stepp. The Nominating Committee consists of Messrs. Dennis G. Heiner, Chairperson, Robert H. Daines, and Ms. E. Kay Stepp. The Compensation Committee consists of Ms. E. Kay Stepp, Chairperson, and Messrs. Dennis G. Heiner and Robert H. Daines.

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for each of the committees. These charters are available at the Company's website at www.franklincovey.com. In addition, shareholders may obtain a printed copy of any of these charters free of charge

by making a written request to Investor Relations, Franklin Covey Co., 2200 West Parkway Boulevard, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2331.

#### The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee functions on behalf of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and met four times during fiscal 2008. The Audit Committee's primary functions are: (i) to review and approve the selection of, and all services performed by, the Company's independent registered public accountants; (ii) to review the Company's internal controls and audit functions; and (iii) to review and report to the Board of Directors with respect to the scope of internal and external audit procedures, accounting practices and internal accounting, and financial and risk controls of the Company. Each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent as described under NYSE rules. The Board of Directors has determined that one of the Audit Committee members, Robert H. Daines, is a "financial expert" as defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

#### The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met once during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008. The Nominating Committee assists the Board of Directors by: (i) identifying individuals who are qualified and willing to become Board members; (ii) recommending that the Board nominate as many identified individuals as needed for appointment as a director for each annual Company shareholder meeting; (iii) ensuring that the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nominating Committees of the Board are comprised of qualified and experienced "independent" directors; (iv) developing and recommending succession plans for the Chief Executive Officer; (v) developing corporate governance policies and procedures applicable to the Company and recommending that the Board adopt said policies and procedures; and (vi) conducting the annual board self-assessment. All of the members of the Nominating Committee are "independent" as defined under NYSE rules.

#### The Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee met eight times during fiscal 2008. Its functions are: (i) to review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation, evaluate CEO performance in light of those goals and objectives, determine and approve CEO compensation (salaries, bonuses, and other compensation) based on this evaluation, and ensure that the CEO's compensation plan is aligned with business strategies and designed to deliver shareholder value; (ii) to review and approve compensation for executives other than the CEO following recommendation by the CEO; (iii) to review and make recommendations to the Board for any incentive compensation and equity-based plans that are subject to Board approval; (iv) to review and administer any stock option plan, stock purchase plan, stock award plan and employee benefit plan or arrangement established by the Board of Directors for the benefit of the executive officers, employees and the independent directors of the Company; and (v) to review management development plans and succession plans to ensure business continuity. All of the Compensation Committee members are "independent" as defined under NYSE rules.

#### Role of the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee administers all elements of the Company's executive compensation program, including the Long-Term Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee has responsibility for all compensation-related matters, including equity awards for Robert A. Whitman, the Company's Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer. It also determines any equity awards under the incentive plan for all other executive officers. In consultation with the Committee, Mr. Whitman annually reviews and establishes compensation for the other Named Executive Officers (as defined below). The Compensation Committee reports quarterly to the full Board on decisions related to the Company's executive compensation program.

#### Compensation Committee Membership and Process

The Compensation Committee is composed of independent directors who are not employees of the Company or its subsidiaries. For fiscal 2008, the members of the Compensation Committee were E. Kay Stepp, who serves as Chairperson, Robert H. Daines and Dennis G. Heiner. None of the Compensation Committee members have any material business relationships with the Company except as described in this Proxy Statement. The Compensation Committee held eight meetings during fiscal year 2008 and regularly meets without any employees present to discuss executive compensation matters, including Mr. Whitman's compensation package.

## **Compensation Committee Charter**

The Compensation Committee and the Board periodically review and revise the Committee's charter to ensure it accurately reflects these responsibilities and also conducts an annual committee assessment. A copy of the charter is available at www.franklincovey.com.

#### **Compensation Consultants**

Within its charter, the Compensation Committee has the authority to engage the services of outside advisors, experts, and others to assist the Committee. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee has engaged Mercer U.S., Inc. (Mercer) for advice on matters related to CEO, executive, and Board of Director compensation. The Compensation Committee has the authority to determine the scope of the consulting firm's services and retains the right to terminate the consultant's contract at any time. Currently, Mercer's services include:

- Executive compensation program design
  - Total rewards benchmarking
  - Long-term incentive plan design
  - Executive severance policy design
  - Change-in-control policy design
  - Timing of equity grant awards

Additionally, Mercer assists with calibrating the executive compensation program incentive targets to Company performance and the competitive market and monitors overall program effectiveness.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

No member of the Compensation Committee was or is an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

Members of the Compensation Committee include E. Kay Stepp (Chair), Robert H. Daines, and Dennis G. Heiner. During fiscal 2008, the Company employed Boyd Craig, who is the son-in-law of Robert H. Daines, a member of the Compensation Committee, and paid him compensation totaling \$129,637.

The following table shows the current membership of each of the Company's committees.

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Clayton M. Christensen	-	-	-
Stephen R. Covey	-	-	-
Robert H. Daines	X	X	X
E. J. "Jake" Garn	Chair	-	-
Dennis G. Heiner	X	X	Chair
Donald J. McNamara	-	-	-
Joel C. Peterson	-	-	-
E. Kay Stepp	X	Chair	X
Robert A.			

Whitman

Director Audit Compensation Nominating

#### **OUR DIRECTOR NOMINATION PROCESS**

As indicated above, the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors oversees the director nomination process. This committee is responsible for identifying and evaluating candidates for membership on the Board of

Directors and recommending to the Board of Directors nominees to stand for election. Each candidate to serve on the Board of Directors must be able to fulfill the responsibilities for directors set out in the Corporate Governance Guidelines approved by the Board of Directors. These Corporate Governance Guidelines may be found on the Company's website at www.franklincovey.com. In addition to the qualifications set forth in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, nominees for Director will be selected on the basis of such attributes as their integrity, experience, achievements, judgment, intelligence, personal character, ability to make independent analytical inquiries, willingness to devote

adequate time to Board duties, and the likelihood that he or she will be able to serve on the Board for a sustained period. In connection with the selection of nominees for director, consideration will be given to the Board's overall balance of diversity of perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences. Accordingly, the Board will consider factors such as global experience, experience as a director of a large public company, and knowledge of particular industries.

Although not an automatically disqualifying factor, the inability of a candidate to meet independence standards of the NYSE will weigh negatively in any assessment of a candidate's suitability.

The Nominating Committee intends to use a variety of means of identifying nominees for director, including outside search firms and recommendations from current Board members and from shareholders. In determining whether to nominate a candidate, the Nominating Committee will consider the current composition and capabilities of serving Board members, as well as additional capabilities considered necessary or desirable in light of existing Company needs and then assess the need for new or additional members to provide those capabilities.

Unless well known to one or more members of the Nominating Committee, normally at least one member of the Nominating Committee will interview a prospective candidate who is identified as having high potential to satisfy the expectations, requirements, qualities, and capabilities for Board membership.

#### **Shareholder Nominations**

The Nominating Committee, which is responsible for the nomination of candidates for appointment or election to the Board of Directors, will consider, but shall not be required to nominate, candidates recommended by the Company's shareholders who beneficially own at the time of the recommendation not less than one percent of the Company's outstanding stock (Qualifying Shareholders).

Generally speaking, the manner in which the Nominating Committee evaluates nominees for director recommended by a Qualifying Shareholder will be the same as that for nominees from other sources. However, the Nominating Committee will seek and consider information concerning the relationship between a Qualifying Shareholder's nominee and that Qualifying Shareholder to determine whether the nominee can effectively represent the interests of all shareholders.

Qualifying Shareholders wishing to make such recommendations to the Nominating Committee for its consideration may do so by submitting a written recommendation, including detailed information on the proposed candidate, including education, professional experience and expertise, via mail addressed as follows:

c/o Stephen D. Young, Corporate Secretary, Franklin Covey Co., 2200 West Parkway Boulevard, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2331.

Contractual Rights of Knowledge Capital to Designate Nominees

Currently, under the Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement dated March 8, 2005 between the Company and Knowledge Capital, the Company is obligated to

nominate one designee of Knowledge Capital for election to the Board of Directors. Donald J. McNamara, a current member of the Board of Directors, is the designee of Knowledge Capital pursuant to this agreement. Upon the mutual agreement of the Company and Knowledge Capital, Robert A. Whitman, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, does not currently serve as a designee of Knowledge Capital. To the extent requested by Knowledge Capital, the Company is obligated at each meeting of the shareholders of the Company at which directors are elected to cause the Knowledge Capital designee to be nominated for election and will solicit proxies in favor of such nominee and vote all management proxies in favor of such nominee except for proxies that specifically indicate to the contrary.

The Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement also provides that the Company is obligated, if requested by Knowledge Capital, and to the extent permitted by law and applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange, to ensure that at least one designee of Knowledge Capital is a member of all committees of the Board other than any special committee of directors formed as a result of any conflict of interest arising from any Knowledge Capital designee's relationship with Knowledge Capital. Knowledge Capital has not requested that its designee serve on any committees of the Board and Donald J. McNamara does not currently serve on any Board of Director committees.

#### COMMUNICATIONS WITH DIRECTORS

Shareholders or other interested parties wishing to communicate with the Board of Directors, the non-management directors as a group, or any individual director may do so in writing by addressing the correspondence to that individual or group, c/o Stephen D. Young, Corporate Secretary, Franklin Covey Co., 2200 West Parkway Boulevard, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-2331 or by using the Company's website at www.franklincovey.com. All such communications will initially be received and processed by the office of the Corporate Secretary. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary will initially review such correspondence and either (i) immediately forward the correspondence to the indicated director and to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, or (ii) hold for review for before or after the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Robert A. Whitman, the Company's Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO, does not currently receive compensation for Board or committee meetings. In fiscal 2008, the remaining directors were paid as follows:

- Each Board member was paid an annual retainer of \$30,000 paid quarterly for service on the Board and attending Board meetings;
- In lieu of committee meeting fees, each Board member was paid an additional annual retainer of \$7,000 for service on each committee on which he/she served.
- Committee chairpersons were paid an additional annual retainer of \$5,000 for the Audit and Compensation Committees and \$3,000 for all other committees;

- Each non-employee member of the Board of Directors received a restricted stock award of 4,500 shares which vest over a three-year service period;
- Directors were reimbursed by the Company for their out-of-pocket travel and related expenses incurred in attending all Board and committee meetings.

Fiscal 2008 Director Compensation

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Name	Fees earned or paid in cash (\$)	Stock awards (\$)	Option AwardsC (\$)	Non-stock n	deferred ompensation	All other Comp (\$)	Total (\$)
Name	(Φ)	(Φ)	( <b>4</b> )	(Φ)	(Φ)	(Φ)	(Φ)
Clayton Christensen	\$ 30,000	\$ 33,979	_	_	-	- \$	6 63,979
Robert H. Daines	\$ 51,000	\$ 33,979	-	_	-	- \$	84,979
E.J. "Jake" Garn	\$ 42,000	\$ 33,979	-	_	_	- \$	5 75,979
Stephen R. Covey	\$ 30,000	\$ 16,538	_	-	_	- \$	6 46,538
Dennis G. Heiner		\$ 33,979	_	_	_		5 77,979
Joel C.							
Peterson	\$ 47,000	\$ 33,979	-	-	-	- \$	80,979
E. Kay Stepp	\$ 49,000	\$ 33,979	-	-	-	- \$	82,979
Donald McNamara	\$ 30,000	\$ 4,688	-	-	-	- \$	34,688
Robert A. Whitman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Amounts reported in columns C and D represent the share-based compensation expense recognized under SFAS No. 123R in the Company's fiscal 2008 financial statements. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are

included in Note 13 to the Company's financial statements in the Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2008 as filed with the SEC. Board of Director restricted stock awards were made annually on March 31 of the year corresponding to the fiscal year. All restricted shares awarded during fiscal years 2005-2008 vest three years from the date of grant. Accordingly, the restricted shares awarded in March 2005 vested in March 2008. The grant date fair value of the stock awards granted under SFAS No. 123R during fiscal 2008 was \$7.50 per share. At August 31, 2008, each of the directors named above, other than Mr. Whitman, held 94,500 shares of restricted stock. The Company did not grant any stock options in fiscal 2008 and has not granted stock options to members of the Board of Directors in recent fiscal years.

#### Director Compensation for Fiscal 2009

In July 2008, the Compensation Committee received a report from Mercer regarding competitive compensation practices for Boards of Directors of similar sized public companies. Based upon this report, and to provide closer alignment with current and emerging market practices which support the Board's stewardship role, the Compensation Committee has approved the following modifications to the Board of Director compensation plan in fiscal 2009:

- Maintain current board, committee, and committee chair retainers at fiscal 2008 levels, which is consistent with the current philosophy of targeting board compensation at the market median for similar sized companies.
- Modify the annual stock award to a dollar denominated amount of \$40,000, rather than a fixed number of shares, to provide consistency during a time of market and share price volatility. Further, shares awarded under this plan shall vest one year from the date of grant.
- Modify ownership guidelines for each Director to maintain FranklinCovey stock equivalent to three years of the Board cash retainer or \$90,000.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

In addition to Mr. Whitman, whose biographical information was previously presented, the following information is furnished with respect to the following executive officers of the Company, who served in the capacities indicated for all or part of fiscal 2008:

Robert W. Bennett, Jr., 52, served as President of the Organizational Solutions Business Unit (OSBU) of the Company from March 2002 until August 31, 2008. Effective September 1, 2008, Mr. Bennett became the practice leader for the Company's Leadership practice, and acting practice lead for the Company's Sales Effectiveness practice. In these strategic new roles, Mr. Bennett is responsible for the overall worldwide growth of FranklinCovey's Leadership and Sales Solutions.

Sarah Merz, 43, served as President and General Manager of the Consumer Solutions Business Unit (CSBU) from October 2003 until July 5, 2008. Upon completion of the sale of the CSBU in July 2008, Ms. Merz' employment ended with FranklinCovey and she transferred to Franklin Covey Products, LLC as its President and CEO.

Stephen D. Young, 55, joined the Company as Executive Vice President of Finance, was appointed Chief Accounting Officer in January 2001, Chief Financial Officer in November 2002, and Corporate Secretary in March 2005. Prior to joining the Company he served as Senior Vice-President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and director of international operations for Weider Nutrition for seven years. Mr. Young has 25 years of accounting and management experience. Mr. Young is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from Brigham Young University.

In addition to Mr. Whitman and Mr. Young who remain in their current roles, the following associates joined the FranklinCovey executive team effective September 1, 2008:

Jennifer Colosimo, 39, joined FranklinCovey in 1996 and became the Vice President for Global Sales Effectiveness in September 2008. Ms. Colosimo brings 17 years of values-based change management, organizational and leadership development, and global sales experience to her consulting work. Prior to joining FranklinCovey, she was a Change Management Consultant with Accenture. Jennifer holds bachelors and master's degrees in organizational communication and business administration.

Sean Covey, 44, joined FranklinCovey as Director of Retail Marketing in August 1994. He has been in his current role of Senior Vice President of Innovations and Product Development since April 2006. Most of FranklinCovey's current organizational offerings, including: Focus; The 7 Habits curriculum; xQ; The 4 Disciplines of Execution; and Leadership were developed under Sean's leadership. Mr. Covey is also the author of several books, including The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make, The 7 Habits of Happy Kids, and the international bestseller The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. Sean graduated with honors from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor's degree in English and later earned his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Stephan Mardyks, 45, joined FranklinCovey as a Regional Director in International Sales in April 2002. In August 2004 he was promoted to Vice President of FranklinCovey International, and became Senior Vice President of FranklinCovey International in April 2006 where he leads the global strategy, sales, delivery and operations for FranklinCovey in over 140 countries. Prior to joining FranklinCovey, Stephan served as Senior Vice President for Global Operations at Frontline Group, Worldwide Managing Director for DOOR Training International, and Vice President of Raytheon Training LLC where he contributed to forming the global business strategy and management of its corporate university. Mr. Mardyks is a graduate of University of Paris-Nanterre with two postgraduate degrees in Law and Educational Science.

David M.R. Covey, 42, joined FranklinCovey in July 1994 as a Client Partner. Mr. Covey has served as Managing Director for FranklinCovey Australia, President and General Manager of FranklinCovey Japan, General Manager of worldwide licensees, President and General Manager of International, and currently serves as Senior Vice President of U.S. Sales. Prior to joining the Company, David worked as a sales representative for Proctor & Gamble. David earned his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University and an MBA from Harvard University.

C. Todd Davis, 51, has over 26 years of experience in training, training development, executive recruiting, human resources, and sales & marketing. Mr. Davis has been with FranklinCovey for the past 12 years and is currently the Vice President of People Services. While at FranklinCovey, Todd has served as a director in the Innovation group and director of recruitment. Prior to FranklinCovey, Todd worked in the medical industry for nine years where he recruited physicians and medical executives along with marketing physician services to hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the contents of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth below. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in FranklinCovey's proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

Date: November 21, 2008 E. Kay Stepp, Chairperson Robert H. Daines Dennis G. Heiner

THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

#### COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following compensation discussion and analysis contains information regarding future performance targets and goals. These targets and goals are disclosed in the limited context of FranklinCovey's compensation programs and should not be understood to be statements of management's performance expectations or guidance or anticipated results. Investors should not apply these performance targets and goals to other contexts.

**Executive Compensation Philosophy** 

**Guiding Principles** 

Overall, the same principles that govern the compensation of all our salaried associates apply to the compensation of FranklinCovey's Named Executive Officers (NEOs). Specifically:

- FranklinCovey pays for performance. Executives who have the greatest direct influence on organizational performance have a significant portion of their compensation at risk based on annual business performance and each individual's contribution to that performance. Therefore, executives are held accountable through the compensation program for overall organizational performance as well as specific business unit results.
- Compensation rewards successful execution of the business strategy. Therefore, the executive compensation program is aligned with achieving the Company's strategic business plan and directly related to Company performance.
- Company success depends on teamwork from the executive level down through the organization. Therefore, the compensation program is designed to promote shared destiny and reward entity/team success, not just individual effort.
- All compensation components are aligned to attract and retain qualified executive talent. Successful execution of the business strategy necessitates keeping the Company's management team in place and focused on achieving

business goals. Therefore, the Company's program is competitive and equity awards are granted with vesting schedules designed to promote retention.

• Executive pay is aligned with the interests of shareholders. Equity awards are used to reward executives for creating shareholder value over a multi-year horizon.

## Importance of Governing Values

The FranklinCovey Governing Values guide the actions of the Company and its leaders as they fulfill their responsibilities to the Company's employees, customers, shareholders, and the communities it serves. These Governing Values include the following:

- 1. Commitment to Principles
- 2. Lasting Customer Impact
- 3. Respect for the Whole Person
  - 4. Profitable Growth

Each component of the executive compensation program is supported by the Governing Values. In assessing the contributions of its executive officers to the Company's performance, the Compensation Committee looks primarily to the quantitative results obtained, but also considers how the results were achieved—and whether the decisions and actions leading to the results are consistent with the Governing Values.

Objectives of the Executive Compensation Program

Through fiscal 2008, the executive compensation program was designed to reward performance and goal achievement in a diverse organization covering multiple industries. During this time, the compensation program had four primary objectives:

- 1. Ensure base pay is competitive for the role or job to be done.
- 2. Reward performance of annual objectives and milestones achieved toward the long-term plan through annual, or short-term, incentives (STIP).
- 3. Maintain focus on the long-term financial plan and reward achievement of long-term objectives that build shareholder value through the long-term incentive program (LTIP).
  - 4. Provide a competitive benefits package as part of a great work environment.

As FranklinCovey begins fiscal 2009 with a simplified and streamlined organization focused on its training and consulting business and a new corporate structure designed to adapt quickly to new client opportunities and changing market conditions, the Company's compensation objectives have been adapted to support the objectives of the new organization. These objectives are specifically designed to:

1. Ensure total target compensation is both competitive, to attract and retain executive talent, and affordable in support of increasing shareholder value.

2.	Provide wider ranges in the target positioning for executive total compensation, recognizing that FranklinCover
	puts more pay at risk than our market comparators.

3. Emphasize incentive payouts tied to goal achievement over base salary when structuring the total pay mix which results in a highly leveraged total compensation program.

We believe these refined compensation objectives will further position the organization for success, enable greater consistency between the CEO and his direct reports in terms of overall compensation structure, and provide competitive pay to retain executive talent.

#### Compensation Reviews

Through July 2008, the Company's operations spanned several industries including training and consulting, retail, and manufacturing. Operating in these diverse industries, with the associated staffing requirements and other functional needs, required compensation programs that were flexible, competitive, and motivating while still working under one central system for plan design, approval, and control. With the sale of CSBU assets in fiscal 2008, which included the retail and manufacturing operations of the Company, compensation plans for the remaining FranklinCovey training and consulting business can be more focused on the practices in this industry in fiscal 2009 and beyond.

Executive compensation is reviewed annually by the Compensation Committee, which is supported by Mercer, an external consultant. The executive compensation policy for fiscal 2008 was established during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. While determining the total compensation package for the Named Executive Officers in fiscal 2008, the Compensation Committee considered the following:

#### Competitiveness to the external market

To assess the competitiveness of executive compensation, the Compensation Committee used public survey data from general industry, professional services and retail scope services companies with a similar size to FranklinCovey, rather than relying on data from a specific peer group. This procedure normalized the potential of market compensation data to be biased one way or the other due to practices intrinsic to any one industry segment. Survey sources covered companies similar to FranklinCovey in terms of size, revenues, and/or market capitalization. For fiscal 2008 compensation decisions, the published survey data was comprised of companies with revenues ranging from \$150 - \$300 million. Specifically, the Compensation Committee reviewed compensation data for base salary, short-term incentives, total cash compensation, long-term incentives, and total direct compensation for positions comparable to those of FranklinCovey from a job role and responsibility perspective using the following sources:

- Mercer, 2006 Americas Executive Remuneration Database
  - Mercer, 2006 Multi-Outlet Retailer Survey
    - Mercer, 2006 Benchmark Database
- Watson Wyatt, 2006/2007 Report on Top Management Compensation

Market data from the listed surveys was aged to July 1, 2007 using an annualized aging factor of 3.5 percent for executives in the retail industry. In addition to published survey data, the Committee relied on current market pay practices, trends, plan design, and consulting services pertaining to executive compensation which were provided by Mercer, the Compensation Committee's external consultant.

As a starting point, the Compensation Committee targeted the 50th to 75th percentile (depending on maturity in the position and previous performance) of the general industry group for total direct compensation (base pay, short-term incentive pay at target, and long-term incentive pay) at 100 percent of budget, i.e., for target level of performance.

#### Tally sheets

The Compensation Committee reviewed tally sheets prepared by Mercer for all Named Executive Officers (NEOs), which showed each NEO's current compensation components and provided context for fiscal 2008 compensation discussions.

#### Recommendations from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

While the CEO made recommendations regarding the total compensation for those executives who report directly to him, the Compensation Committee reviewed each person's compensation and made final compensation decisions. The CEO did not participate in any decisions that determined his own compensation.

Compensation Committee knowledge of the performance of each NEO and his/her division as reported quarterly to the Compensation Committee during the fiscal year.

Following review of market data, tally sheets, and CEO recommendations, the Compensation Committee took into consideration individual contribution to the business, experience, and ability to impact the Company's financial results before determining the level of pay. After considering all the factors as described above, the Compensation Committee set the final target total direct compensation opportunity for each NEO in fiscal 2008 within the approximate range of the 50th to 75th percentile of the market (depending on role and previous performance). The NEOs could earn more or less relative to the opportunity described below based on actual performance:

Fiscal 2008 Target Total Direct Compensation

Name	Base Salary	Target STIP	Target Total Cash	Target LTIP	Total Direct Compensation
Robert A. Whitman Chief Executive Officer	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Stephen D. Young Chief Financial Officer	250,000	175,000	425,000	-	425,000
Sarah Merz President, CSBU	250,000	175,000	425,000	-	425,000
	275,000	192,500	467,500	-	467,500

Robert William Bennett President, OSBU

The target STIP for Mr. Whitman was set at 100 percent of his base salary. The target STIP for the other NEOs was set at 70 percent of their base salary. The base salary plus target STIP for each NEO resulted in targeted total direct cash compensation at approximately the 50th to the 75th percentile of the market.

Due to potential changes in the business, no LTIP shares were granted during fiscal 2008 to any of the NEOs, other members of management, or other employees eligible for the plan. As a result of this determination, the target total direct compensation opportunity actually provided to each NEO for fiscal 2008 was below the 50th percentile of the market.

For determining the CEO's compensation, the Compensation Committee met in an executive session to consider the same inputs for the CEO's compensation as used for the other NEOs. In addition to all of the foregoing factors, the Compensation Committee discussed the CEO Performance Feedback Survey administered to the Board of Directors and senior management during the first quarter of 2008 and the CEO's self assessment.

**Elements of Executive Compensation** 

FranklinCovey's Executive Compensation Plan incorporates five main elements:

- 1. Base Salary
- 2. Short-Term Incentive Plan (STIP)
- 3. Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) Performance-Based Equity Grants
  - 4. Certain Other Benefits
    - 5. Severance Benefits

Each element of the Company's executive compensation program addresses different purposes, as described below:

### 1. Base Salary

Base salaries for NEOs are determined by considering the relative importance of the position, the competitive marketplace, and the individual's performance and contribution. Base salaries are targeted between the 50th and 75th percentiles, reviewed annually, and may be adjusted to reflect changing market levels. For fiscal 2008, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Bennett's base salary from \$250,000 to \$275,000 to align with market competitive levels. Base compensation was also reviewed for Mr. Whitman, Ms. Merz, and Mr. Young; the Compensation Committee determined that their base salaries were competitive with the market and no changes were made for fiscal 2008.

#### 2. Short-Term Incentive Plan

The annual short-term incentive plan reinforces the Company's pay for performance philosophy and rewards the achievement of specific business and financial goals achieved during the fiscal year. The fiscal 2008 STIP program was designed to reward financial performance (Operating EBITDA and Operating Income) and individual objectives.

The STIP payout is weighted so that 70 percent of the incentive is based on corporate or divisional financial goals, while 30 percent of the incentive is based on the achievement of individual goals. The 70/30 split found in the STIP is focused on achieving line-of-sight performance tied to the Company's strategic and operational objectives. The

largest portion of the incentive (70 percent) is aligned with achieving financial results (Operating EBITDA and Operating Income), which the Compensation Committee believes are the best drivers of shareholder value.

## STIP Payout Opportunities

The annual STIP payout opportunities for fiscal 2008, as a percentage of base salary for the NEOs, are shown below. The target earnings opportunity is established to position total cash compensation of the NEOs between the 50th and 75th percentiles of the market when performance is at targeted levels.

Based on actual performance relative to performance goals for fiscal 2008, NEOs can earn from 0 percent to 200 percent of their target bonus per the payout scaling tabulated below. The Compensation Committee has established the payout scale illustrated below with the goal of the plan paying out at target five to six times every ten years and paying out at maximum one to two times every ten years. Maximum payout under the plan would result in total cash compensation at or above the market 75th percentile.

Annual STIP Payouts at Various Performance Levels as a Percentage of Base Salary

		Threshold		
Name Robert A. Whitman Chief Executive Officer	Minimum Payout for Financial Performance at 60% of Budget	Payout for Financial Performance Greater than 60% of Budget (1) 1%	Target Payout for Financial Performance at 100% of Budget 70%	Maximum Payout for Financial Performance at 110% of Budget 140%
Stephen D. Young Chief Financial Officer	-	1%	70%	140%
Sarah Merz President, CSBU	-	1%	70%	140%
Robert William Bennett President, OSBU	-	1%	70%	140%

(1) Financial Performance is defined as Operating Income for Mr. Whitman and Mr. Young, and business unit Operating EBITDA for Ms. Merz and Mr. Bennett.

In July 2007, the Compensation Committee decided to increase Mr. Young's STIP target for fiscal 2008, recognizing his increasing corporate responsibilities. Effective September 1, 2007, his STIP target increased from \$125,000 to \$175,000 per year to equal 70 percent of his base salary.

For Mr. Bennett and Ms. Merz, the maximum STIP payout could only be achieved based on the achievement of their respective business unit's annual financial goals. In the event of performance greater than target, the maximum payout percent would be applied to both financial and individual portions of the STIP.

For Mr. Whitman and Mr. Young, the maximum STIP payout could only be achieved based on the achievement of the Company's annual financial goals. In the event of performance greater than target, the maximum payout percent would be applied to both financial and individual portions of the STIP.

#### Performance Measures

#### Financial Performance Measures

Short-Term Incentive Payouts are based on corporate/business unit financial performance and individual objectives. Operating EBITDA is defined as EBITDA less certain revenues and expenses that the Compensation Committee determines should not be included in the calculation of compensation. The Company defines EBITDA as income from operations less depreciation, amortization, and certain items such as the gain from the sale of the CSBU. The table below presents the corporate/business unit financial measures for each executive:

Name	Financial	FY2008
	Measure	Target
Whitman Chief	Operating Income for Franklin Covey Co.	\$ 19.28 million
D. Young Chief	Operating Income for Franklin Covey Co.	\$ 19.28 million

Sarah	Operating	\$10.92
Merz	EBITDA for	million
President,	CSBU	
CSBU	Division	
Robert	Operating	\$ 29.00
William	EBITDA for	million
Bennett	OSBU	
President,	Division	
OSBU		

In the process of establishing target Operating EBITDA and Operating Income performance ranges for fiscal 2008, the executive team, in conjunction with business unit leaders and finance leaders, reviewed historical performance data, general economic and market trends, industry-specific trends and results, new and updated product offerings that will be available during the year, and other variables related to business unit performance.

### **Individual Performance Objectives**

The individual objectives for the NEOs are determined by the CEO for his direct reports and by the Board of Directors for the CEO. These goals are confidential in nature and disclosing specifics could cause potential competitive harm. In general, targets may be set for goals related to revenues, sales proficiency, customer relations, balance sheet management and winning culture. Named executive officers generally average three to four individual goals per year which are related to achieving the Company's long-term strategy. Achievement of the goals is not automatic.

To maintain operating flexibility and enable rapid responses to changing market conditions, the fiscal 2008 plan was structured so that Mr. Whitman could establish new goals every quarter for his direct reports, if needed, to ensure attention to specific results.

Achievement of individual performance objectives accounted for up to 30 percent of the target STIP amount for each named executive officer for fiscal 2008. As shown in the following table, if an executive had three individual performance objectives, achievement of each objective counted toward one-third of the STIP amount tied to his or her individual performance objectives. Similarly, if an executive had four

performance objectives, achievement of each objective counted toward one-quarter of the STIP amount tied to his or her individual performance objectives.

Payout Calculations Tied to Individual Performance Objectives – Example Based on 3 Individual Performance Objectives

		Percentage
Number of	Number of	of STIP
Individual	Individual	Payout for
Performance	Performance	Individual
Objectives	Objectives	Performance
Achieved		(30%
		portion)
1	3	33.33%
2	3	66.67%
3	3	100.00%

Fiscal 2008 Actual Performance and Short-Term Incentive Plan Payouts

For fiscal 2008, actual payouts relative to targets were as follows:

Name	Year	Target Annual STIP (\$)	Financial Performance Component as a Percentage of Total STIP (%)	Individual Performance Component as a Percentage of Total STIP (%)	Total STIP Payout (\$)
Robert A. Whitman Chief Executive Officer	2008	500,000	70%	30%	295,000
Stephen D. Young Chief Financial Officer	2008	175,000	70%	30%	103,250
Sarah Merz President, CSBU	2008	175,000	70%	30%	80,208
Robert William Bennett President, OSBU	2008	192,500	70%	30%	130,000

The above STIP payouts resulted in actual total short-term incentive plan compensation that was approximately 58 percent of target, averaged for all NEOs. The NEO STIP incentives were less than the target amount primarily due to the Company not achieving specified financial performance goals during fiscal 2008.

STIP Plan Changes for Fiscal 2008 and Fiscal 2009

The following changes were made to the STIP for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009:

- As part of a multi-year move from quarterly to annual payouts, during fiscal 2008 NEOs who reported to the CEO received, based on performance, up to one-quarter of their target annual STIP following the first and second quarters of the year, and up to one-half of their target annual STIP following the fourth quarter of the year. In fiscal 2009, Executive STIP payments will be made annually following the close of the fiscal year.
- The maximum payout for any executive for overachievement is 200 percent of target. This change maintains the emphasis on paying for performance and drives each Named Executive Officer to achieve stretch goals that enhance shareholder value.

• Fiscal 2009 goals for Target Operating EBITDA and Operating Income were set at levels considerably above actual results achieved in fiscal 2008 for the remaining Company, which increases the difficulty of NEOs attaining the goals and receiving STIP payouts tied to goal achievement.

Subsequent to the sale of the CSBU, the Compensation Committee approved NEO bonuses totaling \$1,510,383. The bonuses were in recognition of each NEO's efforts in completing the transaction and all associated responsibilities of separating the two companies, including information and financial systems.

#### 3. Long-Term Incentive Plan

In fiscal 2005, the Compensation Committee adopted a new long-term incentive strategy solely using performance-based shares. The LTIP was established as a performance incentive for certain members of management, including the NEOs, and other employees to reward Company progress toward achieving its long-term financial plan as measured by revenue growth and cumulative operating income over a three-year period. Under this plan, shares will be awarded only after specific goals are attained. Long-Term Incentive Plan grants made in fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006 were made in accordance with the terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 1992 Stock Incentive Plan which was approved by shareholders in January 2006.

As reported subsequent to the end of fiscal 2007, the Compensation Committee postponed making LTIP grants in fiscal 2008 to allow additional time to ensure appropriate alignment with the Company's emerging strategy. No LTIP shares were granted during fiscal 2008 to any of the NEOs, other members of management, or other employees eligible for the plan. Further, when the Company sold the assets of its Consumer Sales Business Unit in July 2008, the Company's current and projected financial and sales goals significantly changed, eliminating the reference points for payouts under the fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006 LTIP awards.

The Compensation Committee, working with Mercer, has approved a LTIP award that is expected to be granted in fiscal 2009. The fiscal 2009 LTIP award is expected to be offered to a smaller group of participants, primarily the NEOs and those who lead major divisions or segments of the business. The fiscal 2009 LTIP award is designed to reward achievement of the Company's multi-year revenue growth and Operating Income goals.

Additionally, the fiscal 2009 LTIP agreements with each NEO are expected to include similar non-compete and non-hire provisions as those in previously granted LTIP awards.

#### **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

Philosophically, the Company believes that ownership of FranklinCovey Common Stock is important for executives and outside directors and further aligns their interests with those of our shareholders. Through the LTIP and issuance of Restricted Share Awards (RSAs), executives have the opportunity to increase their stock ownership as the Company achieves specific sales and operating income targets. As a general guideline, and consistent with industry best practices, executives are encouraged to maintain stock ownership where the market value of shares held is equivalent to at least two times base

salary and outside directors were encouraged to maintain stock ownership equal to at least two times their annual retainer.

The Compensation Committee annually reviews executives' and directors' progress toward meeting these guidelines. Based on the Company's closing share price on August 31, 2008, multiplied by the number of shares (including common shares and vested and unvested RSAs) held by each executive and director, all executives and directors met the fiscal 2008 stock ownership guidelines.

For fiscal 2009, the Compensation Committee has determined that outside Directors should maintain stock ownership where the market value of shares held is equivalent to at least three times their annual cash retainer for board service, or \$90,000.

#### 4. Other Benefits and Perquisites

The Company maintains a number of other broad-based employee benefit plans in which, consistent with Company values, executive officers participate on the same terms as other employees who meet the eligibility requirements, subject to any legal limitations on amounts that may be contributed to or benefits payable under the plans. These benefit plans include:

- The Company's Cafeteria Plan administered pursuant to Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).
- The Company's 401(k) Plan, in which the Company matches 100 percent of the first one percent contributed and 50 percent of the next four percent contributed for a net three percent match on a five percent contribution. Contributions to the 401(k) plan from highly compensated employees are currently limited to a maximum of seven percent of the participant's compensation, subject to statutory limits.
- The Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan implemented and administered pursuant to Section 423 of the Code.

In addition to the benefits available to all full-time associates, FranklinCovey provides the following benefits to the Named Executive Officers:

- Term Life Insurance. FranklinCovey provides a portable 20-year term life policy for each named executive officer. The coverage amount is 2.5 times each executive's target cash compensation (base salary plus target annual incentive).
- Supplemental Disability Insurance. The Company provides Mr. Whitman with long-term disability insurance which, combined with the Company's current group policy, provides, in aggregate, monthly long-term disability benefits equal to 75 percent of his fiscal 2008 target cash compensation. Executives and other highly compensated associates may purchase voluntary supplemental disability insurance at their own expense.

The Company believes that these benefits are critical to retaining key executive talent and are required as part of a competitive executive compensation and benefits package.

#### **Perquisites**

Keeping with the spirit of partnership at FranklinCovey, there are no executive perquisites.

#### 5. Severance and Change–in-Control Benefits

FranklinCovey does not have an employment agreement with any of its NEOs, including Robert A. Whitman, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

#### Severance Policy

The Company has implemented a severance policy to establish, in advance, the appropriate treatment for terminating executives and to ensure market competitiveness. Named executive officers who are terminated involuntarily without cause receive an equivalent of one year of base salary and target annual short-term incentive compensation. Additionally, FranklinCovey pays COBRA medical and dental insurance premiums for the term of the severance. Consistent with FranklinCovey's severance payment policy, all severance payments are made as a lump sum and the Company does not gross-up severance payments to compensate for taxes withheld.

#### Change-in-Control Severance Agreements

FranklinCovey does not currently have change-in-control severance agreements for any executive officers.

#### Section 162(m) Implications for Executive Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, imposes a \$1.0 million limit on the amount that a public company may deduct for compensation paid to a company's principal executive officer or any of a company's three other most highly compensated executive officers, other than the company's chief financial officer, who are employed as of the end of the year. This limitation does not apply to compensation that meets the requirements under Section 162(m) for "qualifying performance-based" compensation (i.e., compensation paid only if the individual's performance meets pre-established objective goals based on performance criteria approved by shareholders).

To maintain flexibility in compensating executive officers in a manner designed to promote varying corporate goals, the Compensation Committee reserves the right to recommend and award compensation that is not deductible under Section 162(m). The Company's STIP payments in fiscal 2008 were not considered qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m).

### **COMPENSATION TABLES**

#### Fiscal 2008 Summary Compensation Table

The salary, bonus, other compensation, long-term compensation, and share-based awards for Robert A. Whitman, the Company's Chairman and CEO, and the other named executive officers listed below (collectively, the Named Executive Officers) as of August 31, 2008, the most recent fiscal year end, are shown on the following Summary Compensation Table. Information for Ms. Merz is included although her

employment terminated upon the sale of the Consumer Solutions Business Unit in July 2008. For a complete understanding of the data on the table, please refer to the narrative disclosures that follow.

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Name and		Salary	Bonus	Awards	Awar <b>d</b> sc	ompensatio	nEarning(S	ompen-sation	Total
Principal Position	Year	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Robert A.	2008	500,000	645,134	(107,973	3) -	295,000	) -	52,793	1,384,954
Whitman	2007	500,000	-	264,776	5 -	668,012	2 -	56,870	1,489,658
Chairman & Chief									
Executive Officer									
Stephen D.	2008	250,000	177,913	(42,919	) -	103,250	) -	12,068	500,312
Young	2007	250,000	50,000	74,09	3 _	167,003	-	12,318	
Chief Financial									
Officer									