

1. OPEB Trust Board Meeting Documents

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TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

OPEB Trust Board Meeting Minutes

8:30 A.M. Wednesday, January 6, 2011  
Gisborne Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Present:

Trust Board: Robert Stricker, Chairman, Philip Skidmore,  
William Ferdinand

BET Attendees: William Finger, Art Norton, Randall Huffman  
Joseph Pellegrino, Laurence Simon

Attendees: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller and ex-officio member of the  
OPEB Trust Board, Kathleen Murphy, OPEB Board Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 A.M.

**1. Review minutes of Trust Board's meeting of November 5, 2010**

Mr. Skidmore made a motion to approve the November 5, 2010 minutes, seconded by Mr. Ferdinand. The motion passed 3 to 0 in favor.

**2. Review Performance of Trust and Rebalancing**

Ms. Murphy distributed the December 2010 monthly OPEB investment performance reports and related materials. Ms. Murphy reported that the OPEB Trust performance was good for calendar year 2010 with an annual return of 12.73%.

The Board members reviewed the report and Mr. Stricker questioned the composite return from inception of 9.70% regarding its accuracy. Ms. Murphy agreed to verify the accuracy of the figure.

Mr. Ferdinand passed out a monthly performance report regarding returns for domestic equities. No discussion was held on the report.

**3. Status of potential new brokerage accounts at Charles Schwab and at Fidelity Investments**

Ms. Murphy reported that the processing of the Charles Schwab and Fidelity agreements was not progressing due to the issue of indemnification language in the brokerage account agreements. Mr. Stricker stressed that the situation was not acceptable and called

for a motion to address this issue. Mr. Skidmore made a motion to request the assistance of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) regarding approaching the Town's Law Department in an attempt to resolve the indemnification language issue. Mr. Ferdinand seconded the motion and it passed 3 to 0.

#### **4. Review of Funds/Assets Allocations**

Mr. Stricker started the discussions with a suggestion to reduce the fixed income allocation down to 25%. After lengthy discussions between Board and BET members the following motions were made:

Mr. Ferdinand made a motion to reduce the fixed income allocation to 25%, seconded by Mr. Skidmore. The motion passed 3 to 0.

Mr. Ferdinand made a motion to increase the allocation in the Met West High Yield Fund to 3.75%, seconded by Mr. Skidmore. The motion passed 3 to 0.

Mr. Ferdinand made a motion to reduce the allocation in the Vanguard Total Bond Index to 10%, seconded by Mr. Skidmore. The motion passed 3 to 0.

Mr. Ferdinand made a motion to increase the allocation in the iShares 1 -3 year Credit Fund to 8.25%, seconded by Mr. Skidmore. The motion passed 3 to 0.

The allocated portion in the PIMCO Foreign Bond will remain at 3.0%.

The aforementioned actions will result in a transfer of 4.6% of funds out of fixed income into equities.

Ms. Murphy distributed a spreadsheet on several domestic equity options that were discussed by the Board and BET members. Based on their discussions, the following actions were taken:

Mr. Skidmore made a motion to allocate 5% into the SPDR S&P Dividend Exchange Traded Fund (SDY), seconded by Mr. Ferdinand. The motion passed 3 to 0.

Mr. Ferdinand made a motion to allocate 3% into the Fairholme Fund (FAIRX), seconded by Mr. Skidmore. The motion passed 3 to 0.

The previous two actions would be funded from the 4.6% transfer of fixed income funds first and then from the Vanguard Domestic Equity Fund second.

#### **5. New Business: Discussion of topics for future meetings**


At a suggestion from Mr. Pellegrino, the Finance Department will be contacting a Greenwich High School student to work on a project to update potential investments options which will be presented at the April OPEB Trust Board meeting, if available.

**6. Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Skidmore, seconded by Mr. Ferdinand, the Board voted 3 to 0 to adjourn the meeting at 9: 41 A. M.



Robert Stricker, OPEB Trust Board Chairman



Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary

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**8:30 A.M. Thursday, January 6, 2011**

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**AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes of November 5, 2010 Meeting
2. Review Performance of Trust and Rebalancing
3. Status of potential new brokerage accounts at Charles Schwab and at Fidelity Investments
4. Review of Funds/Asset Allocations
5. New Business: Discussion of topics for future meetings
6. Adjournment