

#### BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT REO Town Depot 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, Michigan March 28, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017

#### 4. Public Comment

Members of the public are welcome to speak to the Board on any agenda subject. Anyone wishing to comment on any matter **not** on the agenda may do so immediately prior to adjournment.

#### 5. Communications

Electronic Mail from:

a. June Rochon re: Outage system failures

#### 6. Committee Reports

- a. Committee of the Whole Meeting (March 14, 2017)
- b. Finance Committee Meeting (March 14, 2017)

#### 7. Manager's Recommendations

- a. Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Commissioner Appointment
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business

#### **10.** Resolutions/Action Items

- a. Futures Trading Authority
- b. Travel & Reimbursement Policy (Commissioners, Appointees, Employees & Investment Fiduciaries)

#### 11. Manager's Remarks

#### 12. Commissioners' Remarks

#### 13. Motion of Excused Absence

#### 14. Public Comment

Members of the public are welcome to speak to the Board on any Board of Water and Light subject. Is there anyone who would care to speak? If so, please step to the podium and state your name for the record?

#### 15. Adjournment



#### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

#### LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT

#### January 24, 2017

The Board of Commissioners met at the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) Headquarters-REO Town Depot located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Chairperson David Price called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Dennis M. Louney, Anthony McCloud, Tony Mullen, David Price, and Sandra Zerkle. Non-Voting Commissioners present: Stuart Goodrich (Dehli Township), and Bill Long (Delta Township).

Absent: Commissioners Tracy Thomas and Bob Nelson (East Lansing).

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

Commissioner Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

a. Letter of Resignation from BWL 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Commissioner Mark Alley

**Motion** by Commissioner Ross, Seconded by Commissioner McCloud to accept, receive and place on File the letter of resignation from Commissioner Mark Alley.

Action: Carried Unanimously

#### ELECTION OF OFFICER FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

**Motion** by Commissioner McCloud, Seconded by Commissioner Ross to nominate Tony Mullen for the officer position of Vice Chairperson for the remaining of the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Action: Carried Unanimously

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Commissioner Mullen, Seconded by Commissioner McCloud, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 15, 2016.

Action: Motion Carried

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Electronic Mail received from:

- a. Steve Rall re: Before the Flood Film- Received and Placed on File
- b. Kindra Weid re: Health Impact Assessment- Referred to Management-Received and Placed on File
- c. Dave Hayhurst re: Response to Complaint- Referred to Management -Received and Placed on File
- d. Francesca Boville re: Light Speed Internet- Referred to Management -Received and Placed on File

## COMMITTEE REPORTS HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes January 10, 2017

The Human Resources Committee (HR) of the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) met at the BWL Headquarters-REO Town Depot located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI, at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Human Resources Committee Chairperson Tony Mullen called the meeting to order and asked the Corporate Secretary to call the roll. The following members were present: Commissioners Tony Mullen, Anthony McCloud and Sandra Zerkle. Also present: Commissioners David Price, Ken Ross, and Tracy Thomas; and Non-Voting Commissioner William Long.

## Public Comments

None

## Approval of Minutes

**Motion** by Commissioner McCloud, Seconded by Commissioner Zerkle, to approve the Human Resources Committee meeting minutes of November 8, 2016.

Action: Motion Carried.

# Amendment to 401a Defined Contribution Plan and the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

Executive Director of Human Resources Michael Flowers explained that the two resolutions presented this evening are for Non-Bargaining Unit employees. The same resolutions were presented and approved by the Board for the Bargaining Unit employees. As previously outlined, the proposed amendments to the 401a are such that the employer contribution for Non-Bargaining Unit employees is increased from 8.1% to 9.5% for employees hired after January 1, 1997. The 457 Deferred Compensation Plan will be amended such that the limit of the employer match for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees is increased from \$1,250 per year to \$1,500 per year.

**Motion** by Commissioner McCloud, Seconded by Commissioner Zerkle to forward the proposed Resolutions to the full Board for consideration.

Action: Motion Carried.

Other None

Public Comments None

## <u>Adjourn</u>

With **Motion** by Commissioner McCloud, Seconded by Commissioner Zerkle, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tony Mullen, Chair Human Resources Committee

# FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes January 10, 2017

The Finance Committee of the Board of Water and Light (BWL) met at the BWL Headquarters – REO Town Depot, located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI, at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Finance Committee Chair Ken Ross called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

Present: Commissioners Ken Ross, David Price and Sandra Zerkle (Alternate Member). Also present: Commissioners Tony Mullen, Anthony McCloud and Non-Voting Commissioner William Long (Departed at 6:10 p.m.).

Absent: Commissioner Dennis M. Louney

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

Public Comments

None

## Approval of Minutes

**Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 8, 2016.

Action: Motion Carried.

## **November YTD Financial Summary**

Chief Financial Officer, Heather Shawa-DeCook presented the following:

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Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Shawa-DeCook announced that the BWL went through an evaluation in December from both Moody's and S&P Credit Rating Agencies and the results are an affirmed AA- rating with stable outlook.

Ms. Shawa-DeCook mentioned that the Bad Debt process is currently being reviewed and special attention is being focused on large commercial customers, as there seems to be an upward trend of their debt.

Ms. Shawa-DeCook also informed the Committee that the BWL will be going out for a Bond reissuance which was approved by the Board last November. She stated that there is a Net Present Value estimated savings of \$3.7 million or 10.7%.

#### Update on Management Responses to Internal Audits

Chief Financial Officer Heather Shawa-DeCook presented management's responses to audits as follows:



## **Internal Audit Status Report**

Internal Auditor Phil Perkins presented the following status report:

Revised FY 2017 Audit Plan- Proposed

| Planned Audits:  | Estimated<br>Hours | Status         |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| Performance Evaluation/Compensation                                  | 300                | About complete |
| Collections  | 400                | In progress    |
| Post-Cyber Incident Review   | 300                | In progress    |
| IT - Help/Service Desk-Management<br>Identity and Access Management* | 400                | Start Apr 2017 |
| New Service Order Management - Water                                 | 300                | Start Feb 2017 |
| Payroll Management   | 400                | Start Feb 2017 |
| Follow-up - Hiring Process   | 100                | Start Apr 2017 |
| Follow-up – Training & Development                                   | 100                | In progress    |
| Other Engagements:   |                    |                |
| Cash Counts, Time Reporting Reviews, etc.                            | 300                | In progress    |
| Total Estimated Hours  | 2,600              |                |

Internal Auditor Perkins proposed a change to the Fiscal Year (FY) 17 Audit Plan due to the fact that the planned audit for Help/Service Desk Management was not practical this FY because of a new software system coming on-line within the next couple of months. Mr. Perkins advised that it would be impractical to audit the old system based on the addition of the new software system. He suggested that the Help/Service Desk Management audit of Identity and Access Management.

**Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Ross to approve the revision of the Internal Auditor's Audit Plan as presented in today's report.

Action: Motion Carried

## Travel Policy Reviews

The Finance Committee, BWL Management and Appointees reviewed the Travel Policies for the Board of Commissioners, Board Appointees and BWL Employees as well as the Resolution for the Retirement System Education and Travel Policy. After a very detailed work session several suggested clarifications and amendments were recommended. In conclusion, a draft policy was requested by Finance Chair Ross to be presented which would result in a combined policy with specific sections addressing each BWL representative group.

# Other

None

## Excused Absence

Motion by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Ross, to excuse Commissioner Louney from today's meeting.

Action: Motion Carried

## <u>Adjourn</u>

**On Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Louney, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Ken Ross, Chair, Finance Committee

## MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no Manager's Recommendations.

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair Price acknowledged that with the election of Commissioner Tony Mullen to the Officer position of Vice Chairperson he officially becomes a member of the Executive Committee.

## RESOLUTIONS

## RESOLUTION 2017-01-01 AMENDMENT TO 401A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby amends the Lansing Board of Water & Light 401a Defined Contribution Plan # 106696 such that the Employer Contributions for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees is increased from 8.1% to 9.5%, effective 2/1/2017, for those Non-Bargaining Unit Employees hired after January 1, 1997.

FURTHER RESOLVED, all other provisions of the 401a Defined Contribution Plan # 106696 shall remain in full force and effect.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager and Corporate Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the applicable Adoption Agreement or Plan Document that accurately captures the above noted change in Employer Contributions.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mullen, Seconded by Commissioner Zerkle, to approve the amendment to 401a Defined Contribution Plan for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees.

Action: Motion Carried.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-01-02**

# AMENDMENT TO 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby amends the Lansing Board of Water & Light 457 Deferred Compensation Plan # 300435 such that the limit of the Employer Match for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees is increased from \$1,250 per year to \$1,500 per year, effective February 1, 2017.

FURTHER RESOLVED, all other provisions of the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan # 300435 shall remain in full force and effect.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager and Corporate Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the applicable Adoption Agreement or Plan Document that accurately captures the above noted change in the Employer Match.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mullen, Seconded by Commissioner Zerkle, to approve the amendment to 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees.

Action: Motion Carried.

# MANAGER'S REMARKS

General Manager Peffley informed of the following:

The television commercials that were being streamed before tonight's meeting began are part of the BWL's Lansing Energy Tomorrow campaign and will be running through the end of March. He stated that the commercials have had a very positive response from the public.

Here (at the Depot) on display tonight is the last lead pipe that was removed. This is a big mile stone and is something this company and the commissioners should be proud of as we are one of two cities in the County to complete the task of all lead pipes being removed from the service territory.

There were two design charrettes this week. A third charrette will be held in a couple of weeks in which a view of two walls will be presented for fine tuning. This project did fall within the budget and as soon as a decision is made copies of the chosen design for the substation will be distributed.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS**

None

# MOTION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE

**Motion** by Commissioner McCloud, Seconded by Commissioner Mullen, to excuse Commissioners Thomas and Nelson from tonight's meeting.

Action: Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On behalf of the Lansing Promise Organization Executive Director Justin Sheehan presented General Manager Peffley and the Board of Commissioners with a plaque inscribed "Investing in a Brighter Future" to express their appreciation for the support received from the BWL over the years to help send Lansing kids to college.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Price adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

M. Denise Griffin, Corporate Secretary Preliminary Minutes filed (electronically) with Lansing City Clerk: February 7, 2017 Official Minutes filed (electronically) with Lansing City Clerk:



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| email             | junerealtor@comcast.net   |
| E-mail<br>Subject | Outage system failures  |
| Message           | We have been without power since Wednesday at 2:00. Every time I texted BWL for an update it gave me the "sorry we do not have an estimated time for<br>restoration". Problem is that just my house & everyone on Rosedale Rd is without power and everyone around us has power. I was told by 3 different BWL employees<br>3 different times for restoration all within 12 hours but my text from BWL says the same thing. I called today & spoke to a supervisor and was told that on<br>Cooper there are 3-4 poles down and that those feed my power. Problem is Cooper / Fisher (where the poles are down) are across Edgewood and across 196! I then<br>drove over there, found lots of line crews & asked if those poles fed my home & those on Rosedale. I was told there is no way the poles would feed my house way<br>over 96 & Edgewood! There is a serious issue if BWL has spent thousands of taxpayer dollars to upgrade the outage map, text notification, employee training,<br>etc. and it still does not function properly and I can't get a straight answer from anyone. I just sent yet one more text to STAT & im still not getting a time!<br>I appreciate the line crews and their hard work but at the same time I am upset and frustrated by the cluster within the information center at BWL. There is a<br>problem with just Rosedale and my home at 208 Sawyer Rd! Thank you, June Rochon |

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Meeting Minutes March 14, 2017

The Committee of the Whole of the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) met at the BWL Headquarters-REO Town Depot located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Committee of the Whole Chair Tony Mullen called the meeting to order and asked the Corporate Secretary to call the roll.

Present: Commissioners Tony Mullen, Dennis M. Louney, Anthony McCloud, David Price, Ken Ross, Tracy Thomas and Sandra Zerkle and Non-Voting Members: Stuart Goodrich (Delhi), William Long (Delta Township) and Robert Nelson (East Lansing).

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

#### Public Comments

None

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of November 8, 2016.

#### Action: Motion Carried

## **Charrette Presentation for the New Substation Exterior Wall**

George Stojic, Executive Director of Planning and Development stated that three design charrettes have been conducted around the design of the wall for the Central Substation. Mr. Stojic introduced Ken Jones of Studio Intrigue Architects.

Ken Jones of Studio Intrigue Architects explained in detail the charrettes process that was conducted and the results achieved from the process regarding the design of the BWL Substation Wall. He informed the Committee that a series of charrettes took place involving the public from which a lot of input was received. He stated that there were conversations and ideas presented regarding height and appearance and the process included live interaction with the public to demonstrate suggestions. Mr. Jones stated during the charrettes process designs were narrowed down to three and the public went through a series of iterations to arrive at what is being presented today. Mr. Jones presentation included views of the proposed wall from various vantage points.





## Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Commissioner Appointment

George Stojic, Executive Director of Planning and Development stated due to his focus on other major projects, he would like to relinquish his MPPA appointed Commissioner position and request that Robert Lalonde be appointed as the new Commissioner and that Brad Stoecker be named as the First Alternate Commissioner with Constance Carantrza remaining as the Second Alternate Commissioner.

**Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Ross to forward the proposed resolution to the full Board for consideration.

## Action: Motion Carried

George Stojic, Executive Director of Planning and Development informed the Committee that the MPPA is having a Stakeholders meeting in May and that this would be a great opportunity for the Boards to meet and understand how the MPPA works. The MPPA also plans on bringing in guest speakers who will speak on industry issues. General Manager Peffley stated that information regarding the upcoming meeting will be provided to Commissioners by way of Corporate Secretary Griffin.

## **Futures Trading Resolution & Presentation**

George Stojic, Executive Director of Planning and Development presented a PowerPoint presentation on Futures Contacts, which is an agreement to buy or sell commodity in the future for a price agreed upon when the contract is made. (Futures Option gives the option holder the right, but not obligation to buy or sell in the future at the agreed upon price) Mr. Stojic informed the Committee that Futures are traded on exchanges and exchanges are regulated by the Federal Government's Commodities Futures Trading Commission; this Commission wants a Resolution from the Board of Directors (or whomever is in control of the company) that authorizes the staff to engage in this act, which it is part of the regulatory process. With the passage of the proposed Resolution the Board will incorporate the futures contract in to the Risk Management program which includes a Risk Oversight Committee.

Mr. Stojic stated as we rely more on natural gas especially with another plant coming on, this is an excellent way to help manage both the risk of volatility of gas as well as the volume risk.

Bob LaLonde, BWL's Manager of Compliance and Operations provided more detail on the Futures contracts and what is being proposed to limit risk.

After a short question and answer session Mr. Lalonde spoke about the possibility of periodically reporting to the Board of Commissioners the results of Futures trading.

**Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas to forward the proposed resolution for Futures Trading to the full Board for consideration.

Action: Motion Carried

#### Proposed Strategic Plan Update Format

Mark Matus, Director of Technical Services described the proposed update report on the strategic plan. The Committee discussed options for a reporting schedule. After some discussion among Board members it was determined that reporting should take place semiannually (twice a year).

#### <u>Other</u>

General Manager Peffley provided a brief update on the recent (wind) storm outage.

Commissioner Dennis M. Louney spoke about the possibility of Jan Beecher from MSU providing governance education to the Board. He also provided the Commissioners with a copy of an article that was published titled "Efficiency Deficiency" and thanked Sue Warren for her assistance with the SWAT Energy Efficiency event.

#### <u>Adjourn</u>

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Tony Mullen, Chair Committee of the Whole

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes March 14, 2017

The Finance Committee of the Board of Water and Light (BWL) met at the BWL Headquarters – REO Town Depot, located at 1201 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI, at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Finance Committee Chair Ken Ross called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

Present: Commissioners Ken Ross, David Price, Dennis M. Louney and Anthony McCloud. Also present: Commissioners Tony Mullen, Tracy Thomas, Sandra Zerkle and Non-Voting Commissioners Stuart Goodrich (Departed at 5:25 p.m.), William Long and Robert Nelson.

Absent: None

The Corporate Secretary declared a quorum.

#### Public Comments

None

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner McCloud, to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 10, 2017.

Action: Motion Carried.

#### January YTD Financial Summary

Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Heather Shawa presented the following:



CFO Heather Shawa presented the January Year-to-date Financial Summary which indicated that the Cash target is on track and there was an upward trend from the prior month as expected. The Year-to-date net income actual is \$10.7 million better than budget and the projected fiscal-year-end net income is approximately \$14.5 million; however, the projection

was prior to the recent wind storm and quarterly budget reviews, therefore, adjustments will be made.

Ms. Shawa indicated that though we are showing underspend in capital projects, there is expected to be an increase in capital spending over the remainder of the fiscal year. She also stated that the company is on track for exceeding the budgeted year-end adjusted net income rate of return. Ms. Shawa also mentioned that three out of five Ratios are being achieved, bad debt and uncollectable continue to be watched and Day sales are outstanding. She also informed the Committee that benefit cost is over budget due to the VEBA adjustment as part of the annual valuation.

#### **Update on Management Responses to Internal Audits**

CFO Heather Shawa presented management's responses to audits as follows:



In response to Finance Chair Ross' inquisition regarding a quick one year assessment of external auditors Baker Tilly, CFO Shawa indicated that Baker Tilly has value in different ways from previous external auditors and there has been discussion about additional services that they can provide due to their experience in the industry.

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Commissioner Dennis M. Louney inquired about the completion date delay of the Outage Management System stress test (indicated as #33 on the report). In response CFO Shawa stated that the stress test had been completed but wanted the recommendations and the action plan for the recommendations completed before removing it from the report.

#### AT THE LIBERTY OF THE FINANCE CHAIR ROSS THE LAST TWO ITEMS WERE TAKEN OUT OF POSTED AGENDA ORDER

#### **Internal Audit Status Report**

Internal Auditor Phil Perkins presented the following status report:

| Current Audit Progress Report  | Remaining FY 2017 Audit Plan<br>Audits:  |
|--|--|
| Engagements Completed in FY 17;<br>1. Surprise Cash Count #1.<br>2. Time Reporting Review #1 & 2.<br>3. Performance Evaluation/Compensation/Merit Pay Audit<br>4. Collections Audit  | <ol> <li>IT – Identity and Access Management</li> <li>Follow-up – Hiring Process Audit</li> <li>Other Engagements:</li> </ol>  |
| Engagements in Progress:<br>1. Follow-up Audit Training & Development-draft audit report stage.<br>2. IT - COBIT Compliance – in progress, about 75% complete. Anticipate<br>completion in March 2017.<br>3. New Service Order Management – Water. Fieldwork in progress; anticipate<br>completion in April 2017.<br>4. Payrol Management – just underway; anticipate completion in May 2017.  | Control Engagements     Control Engagements     Surprise Cash Count#2  |
| 3  |  |
| Other Items         Itemat Auditor Professional Development:         • On target to meet professional education requirements for certifications:         • CPA         • CPA         • CIA         • CIA         • Passed examination in November 2016 to attain Fundamentals of Cybersecurity certification.         Ouality Assurance Improvement Program:         • An Internal Quality Review has been completed with good results, in preparation for the required 5-year External Peer Review.         • Anticipate the External Peer Review.         • Anticipate the External Peer Review. | Other Items, continued<br>Annual Planning & Risk Assessment for FY 2018 Audit Plan<br>Meetings to be held with executive management and staffs to discuss<br>werent risk areas and potential auditopics for FY 2018.<br>Draft audit plan for FY 2018 to be presented for Board approval not later<br>than July 2017. |
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#### **Travel & Reimbursement Policy & Resolution**

Finance Chair Ross relayed to the Committee that most of what is being presented in the proposed document is the result of the previous Committee of the Whole meeting in which there was extended review and discussion on the Board of Water and Light's four separate travel policies. Feedback was taken and a consolidation of the four policies was uniformly produced and that is what is being reviewed and ultimately approved.

Lori Pung, General Accounting Manager provided a high level review of the combined travel policy. During the review the Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding their meal reimbursement and the allowable per diem amount per IRS Rules. Upon completion of the review and discussion it was determined to maintain the \$100.00 a day per diem with the understanding that the per diem rate will be taxed according to current IRS regulations through the issuance of a W-2. The proposed Resolution was presented with the following motion:

**Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner McCloud to repeal all existing travel policies and recommend that the proposed consolidated travel policy as amended (Under the Substantiation Section language should read as "Original Receipts **shall** be obtained") be forwarded to the full Board for consideration

## Action: Motion Carried

Chair Price and Finance Chair Ross thanked Lori Pung and her team for all of their hard work on the travel policy.

<u>Other</u> None

## Excused Absence

None

## <u>Adjourn</u>

**On Motion** by Commissioner Price, Seconded by Commissioner Louney, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Ken Ross, Chair Finance Committee

#### AMENDING APPOINTMENTS TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC POWER AGENCY

WHEREAS, George Stojic is the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Commissioner on behalf of the Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL), along with Robert Lalonde and Constance Carantza, who serve as First and Second Alternate Commissioners, respectively; and

WHEREAS, George Stojic has served as the MPPA Commissioner for approximately 10 years; and

WHEREAS, George Stojic has been assigned to major projects being undertaken by the BWL; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lalonde has served as the BWL's first alternate Commissioner to the BWL for approximately three years; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the best interest of the BWL to name a replacement for the MPPA Commissioner and BWL's First Alternate on behalf of the BWL.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that Constance Carantza will remain as the Second Alternate Commissioner.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert Lalonde is named as the MPPA Commissioner on behalf of the BWL.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bradley Stoecker is named as BWL's First Alternate MPPA Commissioner.

#### **BWL Futures Trading Authorization**

**WHEREAS,** the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) Board of Commissioners approved a Risk Management Policy (Resolution 2010-05-04) in May 2010, to develop an Energy Risk Management Program that would provide guidelines to govern BWL's energy portfolio and risk management activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the BWL'S Energy Risk Management objectives include minimizing the risk of wholesale price volatility, as well as optimizing resources and value assets through wholesale transactions to minimize the cost of service to retail ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS,** the BWL has determined that investments and transactions in Futures and Exchange Traded Options are suitable and appropriate for the BWL's objectives; and

**WHEREAS,** the BWL has been informed that a resolution from the BWL Board of Commissioners, specifically stating that the BWL can invest and transact in futures and exchange-traded options, is required to apply for and open an account with, a futures commission merchant; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the BWL Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the BWL to invest and transact in futures and exchange-traded options under the guidelines set forth in the BWL Energy Risk Management Policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in approving this authorization, the BWL Board of Commissioners herby confirms that the BWL has full power and authority under applicable law, the Lansing City Charter and its by-laws to undertake investments and transactions and to establish accounts, and execute agreements and related documentation in furtherance of undertaking such transactions as follows:

- a. Futures and exchange-traded options on such futures for the purchase, sale, and delivery of commodities, options to purchase or sell commodities or contract for the future delivery of commodities, forward contracts and instruments regulated as Futures (collectively, "Futures and Option Contracts").
- b. To deposit with and withdraw money, commodities, contracts for the purchase or sale of commodity futures and option on such futures, checks and other negotiable instruments, securities, and other property;
- c. To settle, compromise, adjust, and give releases with respect to any and all claims, demands, disputes and controversies and make agreements and take any other action relating to any of the foregoing matters.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that <u>*Richard R. Peffley, General Manager* (the "Authorized Individual"), is authorized to carry out all of the powers set forth herein, and bind the BWL to</u>

transactions and agreements, until the BWL issues written revocation instructions that a previously Authorized Individual is no longer authorized by the BWL to act on its behalf and confirms such revocation with the futures commission merchant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Richard R. Peffley, General Manager, is authorized to delegate his authority to another or others, as he determines appropriate to be Authorized Individuals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the General Manager and/or his designee, are authorized to give instructions on behalf of the BWL in furtherance of purchases, sales, delivery of property, or all other transactions required to consummate transactions and agreements contemplated herein to the fullest extent and to take all actions necessary or desirable in connection with the BWL account, to receive requests and demands for additional margin, notices of intention to sell or purchase any instrument and other notices and demands of whatever nature and to receive and acquiesce in the correctness of notices, statements of account and other records and documents relating to transactions in the account(s). This enumeration of specific authority shall not limit any other authority of the Authorized Individuals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Authorized Individuals are empowered to borrow money, securities, or commodities and to secure repayment thereof with property of the BWL; and to bind and obligate the BWL to carry out any contract, agreement, or transaction involving such sums as such Authorized Individual determines are necessary in connection with any of the said accounts; to deliver securities and contracts for future delivery; to order the transfer or delivery thereof to any other person or entity whatsoever.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that each of the Authorized Individuals are empowered to endorse any securities or contracts in order to pass title thereto; to sign for the BWL all agreements, supplemental forms, acknowledge risk disclosures and receive other disclosures, releases, powers of attorney or other documents in connection with the BWL's account(s), and to agree to any terms or conditions to control such account(s); to direct any swap dealer or futures commission merchant or counterparty to surrender any securities to the proper agent or party for the purpose of effecting any exchange or conversion, or for the purpose of deposit or otherwise; to accept delivery of any securities or commodities against a contract for future delivery, option or otherwise; and to appoint any other person or persons to do any and all things which any of the said Authorized Individuals are hereby authorized to do.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that these resolutions shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing, in whole or in part, by the BWL.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution is hereby incorporated into the Risk Management Policy (Resolution 2010-05-04), and shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Board of Commissioners.

I, <u>M. Denise Griffin, Corporate Secretary</u> of the City of Lansing by its Board of Water and Light ("BWL"), a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan hereby certify that at

a meeting of its Board of Directors held on March \_\_\_\_, 2017, the aforementioned resolutions were duly adopted, and in no way conflict with any provision of the Lansing City Charter, any other documents of the BWL, or any laws applicable to the BWL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the BWL,

#### The City of Lansing by its Board of Water and Light

| M. Denise Griffin   |
|---------------------|
| Corporate Secretary |
|                     |
| Signature           |
| Date:               |

# **Proposed Resolution**

# TRAVEL & REIMBURSEMENT POLICY – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES and INVESTMENT FIDUCIARIES

**RESOLVED**, That the Travel & Reimbursement Policy for the Board of Commissioners, Board Appointees, Employees and Investment Fiduciaries (formerly known as Retirement System Representatives) will replace the existing Policies and Resolutions listed below:

- 1) Policy 0004 Travel Expense Board Appointees
- 2) Policy 0007 Travel Expense Board of Commissioners
- 3) Policy 0056 Travel & Reimbursement Employees
- 4) Resolution #2007-05-14 Amendment to Travel Policy for the Board of Commissioners
- 5) Resolution #2014-11-02 Retirement System Education & Travel Policy

Staff Comments: The purpose of this Resolution is to consolidate the existing policies and resolutions listed above into 1 policy and apply uniform requirements throughout. The following significant changes were made:

#### **Board of Commissioners**

- Policy covers 4 Year Term Commissioners
- Advance Approval by the Board Chair
- Reimbursement Approval by the Board Chair
- Policy may be overridden by Board Chair when emergency or special circumstance arises

#### **Board Appointees**

- Advance Approval by the Board Chair
- Reimbursement Approval by the Board Chair
- Eliminated the \$50/day per diem rate
- Meal Reimbursement will be at actual cost with a 20% gratuity cap
- Policy may be overridden by Board Chair when emergency or special circumstance arises

#### Employees

- Meal reimbursement increased (from \$50) to \$70 per day with a 20% gratuity cap
- Miscellaneous Expense increased (from \$25) to \$50 per day

#### Investment Fiduciaries

- Advance Approval by the Board Chair
- Reimbursement Approval by the Board Chair
- Eliminate \$500 per day cash travel advance
- Policy may be overridden by Board Chair when emergency or special circumstance arises

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt the combined and updated travel policy as presented.



# Travel & Reimbursement Policy

**Commissioners, Board Appointees, Employees, Investment Fiduciaries** 

March 28, 2017

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# **General Guidelines**

This Travel and Reimbursement Policy ("Policy") is designed to act as a guideline for business travel and related expense reimbursements. They are based on practices employed by many organizations of our size and take into consideration what is considered reasonable and customary. While this Policy does contain suggested expense limits, we challenge all employees to use professional judgment when incurring expenses on behalf of the Board of Water & Light ("BWL").

Abuse of this Policy, including falsifying expense reports to reflect costs not incurred, can be grounds for disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, termination of employment; for BWL Board of Commissioners ("Board") removal from service as an officer and or disqualification from service as an officer for the duration of their service on the Board.

Conference registration fees, lodging, airfare or other items which may be scheduled in advance can be prepaid with a BWL P-Card or via a check through the Request for Payment option included in BWL's Travel Form and with the appropriate advance approval.

Travelers should review reimbursement guidelines outlined in this Policy before spending personal funds for business travel to determine if such expenses are reimbursable. The BWL reserves the right to deny reimbursement of travel-related expenses for failure to comply with policies and procedures.

Travelers who use personal funds to facilitate travel arrangements will be reimbursed after the trip occurs and when proper documentation is submitted. Should reimbursement be requested prior to traveling, the request must be submitted via BWL's Travel Form with proper approval.

ALL APPROVED EXPENSES INCURRED MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR AVAILABLE DEPARTMENT BUDGET, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DEPARTMENT MANAGER PRIOR TO INCURRING ANY EXPENSES.

#### This Policy is designed to accomplish the following key points:

- Ensure all travelers have a clear and consistent understanding of policies and procedures for business travel and related expenses.
- Ensure travelers have a clear understanding of what a legitimate business travel expense is.
- Ensure travelers are reimbursed for legitimate business travel expenses when spending personal funds.
- Provide the appropriate level of accounting & business controls to ensure that expenses are reviewed & approved by the appropriate person.

# Purpose

Due to the complex and changing environment, it is essential for Commissioners, Board Appointees, Employees and Investment Fiduciaries to be well informed on issues of importance to the utility industry. Commissioners, Board Appointees, Employees and Investment Fiduciaries are encouraged and occasionally required to attend seminars, meetings, or other programs that provide information impacting the operations of the BWL.

# Scope

This Policy shall apply to the following:

- > Commissioners: All 4 Year Term Commissioners
- > *Board Appointees:* General Manager, Internal Auditor, and Corporate Secretary
- *Employees:* Active Employees
- > Investment Fiduciaries

# Approval

| Commissioner  | Board Appointee   | Employee   | Investment<br>Fiduciary   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Advance approval for all<br>business travel is<br>required by the Board<br>Chair. | Advance approval for all<br>business travel is<br>required by the Board<br>Chair. | Advance approval for all<br>business travel is required<br>by the next level of<br>management above<br>supervisor level. | Advance approval for all<br>business travel is<br>required by the Board<br>Chair. |

# Registration

| Commissioner   | Board Appointee  | Employee   | Investment<br>Fiduciary  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Registration fees or<br>similar expenses for<br>training, meetings,<br>conferences or seminars<br>will be reimbursed with<br>substantiation. | Registration fees or<br>similar expenses for<br>training, meetings,<br>conferences or seminars<br>will be reimbursed with<br>substantiation. | Registration fees or<br>similar expenses for<br>training, meetings,<br>conferences or seminars<br>will be reimbursed with<br>substantiation. | Registration fees or<br>similar expenses for<br>training, meetings,<br>conferences or seminars<br>will be reimbursed with<br>substantiation. |
| Registration fees for<br>guest programs will be<br>reimbursed with<br>substantiation.  | Registration fees for<br>guest programs will be<br>reimbursed with<br>substantiation.  |  |  |

# Lodging

Actual expenses for lodging will be reimbursed. In the event a Commissioner, Board Appointee, Employee or Investment Fiduciary is accompanied by a guest or family member(s), the BWL will only reimburse at the single room rate.

Many hotels offer discounts to non-profit and/or governmental agencies. When making lodging arrangements, this discount should be requested.

Accommodations such as different room types, extra rooms, and other special amenities for personal guests should be arranged by the Commissioner, Board Appointee, Employee or Investment Fiduciary, and paid directly to the hotel via a personal credit card or other means of personal payment.

Allowance for lodging will be at the lowest rate charged at the hotel facility housing the conference or seminar. If the conference facility upgrades the room rate, based on availability at the time of registration, the upgrade shall be allowed.

| Commissioner               | Board Appointee            | Employee                   | Investment<br>Fiduciary    |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Commercial airline* or     | Commercial airline* or     | Commercial airline* or     | Commercial airline* or     |
| rail travel will be        |
| reimbursed for Main        | reimbursed for Main        | reimbursed for Main        | reimbursed for Main        |
| Cabin seating. **          | Cabin seating. **          | Cabin seating. **          | Cabin seating. **          |
| Rental car will be         |
| reimbursed up to the cost  | reimbursed up to the cost  | reimbursed up to the       | reimbursed up to the       |
| of a mid-size              | of a mid-size              | cost of a mid-size         | cost of a mid-size         |
| automobile or smaller      | automobile or smaller      | automobile or smaller      | automobile or smaller      |
| only if taxis or other     |
| means of transportation    | means of transportation    | means of transportation    | means of transportation    |
| are less economical or     |
| otherwise impractical.     | otherwise impractical.     | otherwise impractical.     | otherwise impractical.     |
| Justification for a rental |
| car should be included     |
| on BWL's Travel Form.      |
| Taxi, bus, subway,         | Taxi, bus, subway,         | Taxi, bus, subway,         | Taxi, bus, subway,         |
| shuttle, garage and        | shuttle, garage and        | shuttle, garage and        | shuttle, garage and        |
| airport parking costs will | airport parking costs will | airport parking costs will | airport parking costs      |
| be reimbursed.             | be reimbursed.             | be reimbursed.             | will be reimbursed.        |

# Transportation

(Transportation continued on next page.)

# **Transportation (Continued)**

| Commissioner   | Board Appointee   | Employee   | Investment<br>Fiduciary |
|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| Flat rate mileage will be<br>paid for use of a private<br>vehicle as per current<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>regulations.<br>All mileage must be<br>documented on BWL's<br>Travel Form. | Flat rate mileage will be<br>paid for use of a private<br>vehicle as per current<br>Internal Revenue<br>Service regulations.<br>Mileage shall be<br>submitted through BWL's<br>time entry system and<br>documented on BWL's<br>Travel Form. | Flat rate mileage will be<br>paid for use of a private<br>vehicle as per current<br>Internal Revenue<br>Service regulations.<br>Mileage shall be submitted<br>through BWL's time entry<br>system and documented on<br>BWL's Travel Form. | 6                       |

**\*Reservations:** In order to optimize cost savings for the company, individuals should make every attempt to make travel arrangements 30 or more days in advance of in advance of travel.

**\*\*Air Travel:** Non-Refundable Main Cabin is the allowable booking class for all domestic flights. If a medical condition necessitates upgraded travel, you must obtain a physician's order and discuss with a BWL Human Resources Representative for approval **prior** to booking.

A Commissioner, Board Appointee, Employee or Investment Fiduciary may elect for a more expensive travel option, such as first class airfare or driving a rental car rather than flying, but reimbursement will be limited to the amounts specified in this section. When more expensive transportation is selected, documentation of the comparative transportation cost, such as coach class airfare, must be provided and any difference must be covered by the traveler. Additional costs, such as lodging and meals, incurred due to an individual's decision to use a less time-efficient mode of transportation, will not be reimbursed.

# Meals

| Commissioner   | Board<br>Appointee  | Employee   | Investment<br>Fiduciary  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Reimbursement will<br>be based on a per diem<br>rate of \$100 per day. | Reimbursement will be<br>based on actual cost<br>incurred with receipt<br>substantiation. Meal<br>gratuity exceeding 20%<br>will not be reimbursed. | Reimbursement will be<br>based on actual cost not<br>to exceed \$70 per day<br>with receipt<br>substantiation. Meal<br>gratuity exceeding 20%<br>will not be reimbursed. | Reimbursement will be<br>based on a per diem rate of<br>\$100 per day. |

| Commissioner   | <b>Board Appointee</b>   | Employee   | Investment<br>Fiduciary  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Original receipts shall be<br>obtained and retained to<br>substantiate the expense<br>with the exception of<br>meal receipts.  | Original receipts<br>shall be obtained and<br>retained to<br>substantiate the expense.   | Original receipts<br>shall be obtained<br>and retained to<br>substantiate the expense.   | Original receipts<br>shall be obtained<br>and retained to<br>substantiate the expense.   |
| Miscellaneous expenses<br>(gratuities, parking, tolls,<br>baggage fees, etc.)<br>considered to be<br>reasonable will be<br>reimbursed with receipt.<br>If a receipt cannot be<br>reasonably obtained, the<br>expenditures will be<br>reimbursed up to \$50 per<br>day, but must be<br>documented including<br>location, date and a<br>description of the<br>expenditure. | Miscellaneous expenses<br>(gratuities, parking, tolls,<br>baggage fees, etc.)<br>considered to be<br>reasonable will be<br>reimbursed with receipt.<br>If a receipt cannot be<br>reasonably obtained, the<br>expenditures will be<br>reimbursed up to \$50 per<br>day, but must be<br>documented including<br>location, date and a<br>description of the<br>expenditure. | Miscellaneous expenses<br>(gratuities, parking, tolls,<br>baggage fees, etc.)<br>considered to be<br>reasonable will be<br>reimbursed with receipt.<br>If a receipt cannot be<br>reasonably obtained, the<br>expenditures will be<br>reimbursed up to \$50 per<br>day, but must be<br>documented including<br>location, date and a<br>description of the<br>expenditure. | Miscellaneous expenses<br>(gratuities, parking,<br>tolls, baggage fees, etc.)<br>considered to be<br>reasonable will be<br>reimbursed with receipt.<br>If a receipt cannot be<br>reasonably obtained, the<br>expenditures will be<br>reimbursed up to \$50<br>per day, but must be<br>documented including<br>location, date and a<br>description of the<br>expenditure. |
| All expenses must be<br>summarized on<br>BWL's Travel Form with<br>receipts and submitted for<br>review and approval by<br>the Board Chair. If<br>reimbursement is<br>requested, substantiation<br>must be sent to Accounts<br>Payable within 60 days of<br>incurred date.   | All expenses must be<br>summarized on BWL's<br>Travel Form with receipts<br>and submitted for review<br>and approval by the<br>Board Chair. If<br>reimbursement is<br>requested, substantiation<br>must be sent to Accounts<br>Payable within 60 days of<br>incurred date.   | All expenses must be<br>summarized on BWL's<br>Travel Form with receipts<br>and submitted for review<br>and approval by next<br>level of management<br>above a supervisor. If<br>reimbursement is<br>requested, substantiation<br>must be sent to Accounts<br>Payable within 60 days of<br>incurred date.  | All expenses must be<br>summarized on<br>BWL's Travel Form<br>with receipts and<br>submitted for review and<br>approval by the Board<br>Chair. If reimbursement<br>is requested,<br>substantiation must be<br>sent to Accounts<br>Payable within 60 days<br>of incurred date.  |
| Retention = Creation<br>Date +7 Years  | Retention = Creation<br>Date +7 Years  | Retention = Creation<br>Date +7 Years  | Retention = Creation<br>Date +7 Years.   |

**Cancellation Policy:** If an individual cancels travel for personal reasons and the BWL is unable to obtain a refund, the individual may be held responsible for the expenses incurred for travel.

**Missed Flights and No-Show Charges**: If an individual misses or fails to show for a flight for personal reasons they may be responsible for the nonrefundable costs.

**Personal Upgrades**: Personal miles or coupons can be used to upgrade to first class, or an individual may opt to pay personally for the price difference between coach and first class. Individuals are responsible for paying the difference in price.

# **Non-Reimbursed Expenses**

The BWL is a public entity and individuals representing the company are expected to act in the best interest of the BWL and its ratepayers. Examples of expenses which are not allowed and **WILL NOT** be reimbursed include, but are not limited to, the following:

| Commissioner   | Board<br>Appointee  | Employee  | Investment<br>Fiduciary  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Personal expenses not<br>associated with Board of<br>Water and Light business.   | Personal expenses not<br>associated with Board<br>of Water and Light<br>business.   | Personal expenses not<br>associated with Board of<br>Water and Light<br>business.   | Personal expenses not<br>associated with Board of<br>Water and Light<br>business.  |
| Alcoholic beverages.   | Alcoholic beverages.  | Alcoholic beverages.  | Alcoholic beverages.   |
| Guest travel expenses.<br>BWL will only<br>reimburse guest<br>program registration<br>fees.                                    | Guest travel expenses.<br>BWL will only<br>reimburse guest<br>program registration<br>fees.                                       | Guest Travel Expenses.  | Guest Travel Expenses.   |
| Golf course or tennis<br>court fees, golf clubs, or<br>any other sporting<br>equipment, entertainment<br>events or activities. | Golf course or tennis<br>court fees, golf clubs,<br>or any other sporting<br>equipment,<br>entertainment events<br>or activities. | Golf course or tennis<br>court fees, golf clubs, or<br>any other sporting<br>equipment,<br>entertainment events or<br>activities. | Golf course or tennis<br>court fees, golf clubs, or<br>any other sporting<br>equipment, entertainment<br>events or activities. |
| Traffic and parking violations.  | Traffic and parking violations.   | Traffic and parking violations.   | Traffic and parking violations.  |
| Travel Insurance.  | Travel Insurance.   | Travel Insurance.   | Travel Insurance.  |

# Waiver

| Commissioner           | Board<br>Appointee     | Employee               | Investment<br>Fiduciary |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| This Policy may not be  |
| waived or overridden,  | waived or overridden,  | waived or overridden,  | waived or overridden,   |
| except by the Board    | except by the Board    | except by the General  | except by the Board     |
| Chair when an          | Chair when an          | Manager when an        | Chair when an           |
| emergency or special   | emergency or special   | emergency or special   | emergency or special    |
| circumstance arises.   | circumstance arises.   | circumstance arises.   | circumstance arises.    |

# **Travel for Investment Fiduciary - Retirement System Education**

The Board recognizes that it is subject to the provisions of the Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act, Michigan Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended. The Board is required to act as a prudent investor in all transactions related to Retirement System funds and assets by discharging its duties solely in the interests of the participants and beneficiaries and shall act with the same care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a similar capacity and familiar with those matters would use in the conduct of a similar enterprise with similar aims; and with due regard for the management, reputation, and stability of the issuer and the character of the particular investments being considered.

The Board is vested with the general administration, management, and operation of BWL's Retirement System ("Retirement System"), which consist of the Defined Benefit Plan, Defined Contribution Plan and the Retiree Benefit Plan (also known as VEBA) and has fiduciary responsibility to make decisions solely in the interest of plan members and beneficiaries.

An Investment Fiduciary means a person other than a participant that exercises any discretionary authority or control in the investment of a system's assets which would include Trustees and the Retirement Planning Committee.

The Board recognizes that, consistent with its fiduciary duty and liability, it is necessary and appropriate for Investment Fiduciaries to attend Board meetings and educational seminars/conferences so that the Board and its appointed Trustees may be made aware of developments regarding Retirement System administration, and so that the Board may further become aware of how persons acting in a like capacity administer their respective retirement systems.

The BWL recognizes that in order for the participants and beneficiaries of the Retirement System to have the best representation, it is imperative for the Investment Fiduciaries to participate in Board business, including Board meetings, continuing education programs, and due diligence evaluations of current and potential investments. Investment Fiduciaries are encouraged to attend all meetings of the Board, and attend one conference per year. Individuals wishing to attend additional conferences in a year must request prior Board approval and provide a post conference report to the Board on topics covered.

All persons who attend a seminar or conference must earn an attendance or participatory certificate if the seminar or conference sponsor offers such a certificate. The failure to earn such a certificate may result in the particular attendee becoming ineligible to attend any further educational seminars and/or conferences. In the event that a certificate is not offered, the Investment Fiduciary must provide seminar or conference materials to the Corporate Secretary on behalf of the Board.

# **Revision History**

| Date           | Reason       | Action         |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| March 28, 2017 | New Policy # | Board Approved |
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