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## CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 11, 2014  
**TO:** Budget and Operations Committee Members  
**FROM:** Matt Stohr, Administrator  
Division of Retirement Services  
**SUBJECT:** Review of Budget and Operations Committee Charter

**This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.**

The current Budget and Operations Committee (Committee) charter specifies that the charter be reviewed for relevancy and appropriateness every three years. The Committee charter was last reviewed at the December 1, 2011, meeting of the Committee. However, a request was made at the December 5, 2013, ETF Board meeting to review the Budget and Operations Committee Charter. The updates being proposed are to provide clarification on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. The Committee is not being asked to recommend these changes at this time. Rather, the charter will be a decision item for the Committee at the June meeting. This provides time for the Committee to consider and propose other changes.

For ease of review, one draft designates suggested changes with strike-through and underscoring, while the other draft is a clean copy of the charter with the changes incorporated.

I will be available at the Committee meeting to answer any questions.

Attachments: A) Draft Budget and Operations Committee Charter with mark-up  
B) Draft Budget and Operations Committee Charter with changes incorporated

Reviewed and approved by Robert J. Marchant, Deputy Secretary

Electronically Signed 3/13/14

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**CHARTER**  
**EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS BOARD**  
**BUDGET AND OPERATIONS ~~CHARTER COMMITTEE~~**

Adopted: December 12, 2008  
Last Revised: December 1, 2011

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**General Purpose**

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The Employee Trust Funds Board (Board) has established the Budget and Operations Committee to assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary and oversight responsibilities. Generally, the Committee will review:

1. The biennial budget process and the Department's budget request; and
2. The Department's strategic business and information technology planning activities; and
3. The Department's operational activities. -

**Membership**

Membership shall be determined by the Board chair, except that the Committee shall be composed of three Board members.

At the first meeting of the Committee in each calendar year, the Committee shall elect one of its members chair, another member vice chair, and a third member secretary, each to serve for a term of one year or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, whichever is less. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair, the vice chair shall immediately assume the office of chair for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice chair or secretary, the Committee shall, at its next regular meeting, elect one of its members to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

In consultation with the Secretary, the Budget and Operations Committee shall:

- Review and offer recommendations to the Board and Secretary on the following matters:
  - The Department's biennial budget requests
  - The Department's proposed annual operating budget
  - The Department's annual report of operating expenses
  - The Department's requests to exceed expenditure or position authority, as necessary
  - The Department's capital budget requests and facility planning needs
  - The Department's strategic business plan, including service goals and benchmarks
  - The Department's information technology plans

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- The Department's efforts to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of its administration practices for the benefit plans overseen by the Board
- Proposed legislation affecting the Department's budget or operations
- Monitor the Department's progress in meeting its strategic business plan goals and benchmarks.
- Monitor WRS demographic data.
- Monitor the Department's workload data.
- Review and approve proposed changes to the policies and procedures for procurements conducted on behalf of the Board.
- Keep minutes of the Budget and Operations Committee meetings and ensure that minutes are made available to Board members.

### **Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at least one (1) time per calendar year, and may convene more frequently as circumstances require.

[The committee may invite members of management or others to attend the meetings and provide pertinent information, as necessary. Meeting agendas will be prepared and provided in advance to members, along with appropriate briefing materials. Minutes will be prepared. The committee chair, or designee, will provide a committee report and submit applicable recommendations to the ETF Board.](#)

### **Charter Review**

The Board, in consultation with the Budget and Operations Committee, shall review this charter for relevancy and appropriateness at least once every three years.

### **History**

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