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#### CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 16, 2013

**TO:** Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Board Investment Committee

**FROM:** Shelly Schueller, Deferred Compensation Director

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Investment Committee Charter

The Investment Committee is asked to review and consider recommending that the Board adopt the attached Investment Committee charter.

The Deferred Compensation Board (Board) currently maintains a standing Investment Committee. It serves as an advisory committee only. It was created by the Board in the early 1990s to help establish standards and criteria for evaluating investment products and to refine the investment products offered to Wisconsin Deferred Compensation participants. This two-member committee meets about two or three times per year.

The Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) recommends the Investment Committee develop a charter similar to what other governing boards attached to ETF have created for their standing committees. The charter would be added to the Board's Governance Manual. The attached draft charter was developed by ETF, based on research of peer s. 457 plans and model charters for similar organizations. This document addresses the basic responsibilities of the Investment Committee. In way, it "formalizes" what the Investment Committee has traditionally monitored and researched on behalf of the Board, including:

- Formulating and proposing investment standards
- Periodically evaluating the Board's *Investment Policy Statement*
- Monitoring the performance of the Board's investment options
- Bringing to the attention of the Board any investment-related issue it deems significant or otherwise appropriate

Staff will be available at the August 20, 2013 Investment Committee meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment: Investment Committee Charter

Reviewed and approved by Matt Stohr, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services

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Electronically Signed 7/24/13

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# Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program Deferred Compensation Board Investment Committee Charter

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### <u>General</u>

The Deferred Compensation Board (Board) established the Investment Committee in 1990 to provide investment expertise in the evaluation of investment options offered by the Board to Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program (WDC) participants.

#### Membership

Membership shall be composed of two Board members selected by the Board. Members appointed to the Investment Committee shall serve on the committee at the pleasure of the Board until replaced by the Board.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

In consultation with the Department of Employee Trust Funds and other experts as needed, the Investment Committee shall:

- Formulate and propose investment standards and guidelines which will be
  recommended to the Board for adoption and if adopted, formalized in the Board's
  Investment Policy Statement. These guidelines will reflect the Board's investment
  objectives related to offering a broad range of investment alternatives with diverse risk
  and return characteristics appropriate for WDC participants.
- Periodically evaluate the Board's *Investment Policy Statement* for relevancy and appropriateness, making any revision recommendations to the Board.
- Monitor the performance of the Board's investment options (with the exception of any
  options selected by a participant via the self-directed brokerage account option) in
  accordance with the Board's *Investment Policy Statement* and recommend any
  changes that may need to be made from time to time to the full Board.
- Bring to the attention of the Board any investment-related issue it deems significant or otherwise appropriate for the Board's consideration
- Keep informal minutes of Investment Committee meetings and report all actions at the next meeting of the full Board following an Investment Committee meeting.

#### Meetings

The committee shall meet at least twice per calendar year, to review mid-year and end of year investment performance reports, and may convene more frequently as circumstances require.

#### **Charter Review**

The Board, in consultation with the Investment Committee, shall periodically review this charter for relevancy and appropriateness.

