

# 2025 Participant Administrative Fee Recommendation

 Item 6 – Deferred Compensation Board

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# Action Needed

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# Program Expenses



**Administrative  
services contract**



**ETF administrative  
expenses**

# Revenues to Fund Program Expenses



Participant fees



Investment income

# Considerations in Fee Structure Change

- Fee structures of peers
- Plan expenses and what causes them to change
- Analysis if a flat fee structure was used, beginning with 2020

## Benefits of a flat fee structure:

Alignment with cost drivers

Reduce volatility in fees

Simplify the monitoring and analysis of the administrative account balance

# Participant Administrative Fee Analysis Overview

- Obtain updated administrative account balance for most recent quarter
- Estimate future expenses impacting the administrative account
- Determine participant count with balances over \$5,000
- Consider Board's policy of account balance target between 50-75% of projected annual expenses

# Change in Participant Counts by Tier

Participant Account Balance	Number of Participants as of 9/30/2024	Number of Participants as of 9/30/2023	Increase (Decrease)
\$0.01 – \$5,000	12,428	13,538	(1,110)
\$5,001 - \$25,000	17,499	18,245	(746)
\$25,001 - \$50,000	10,116	9,945	171
\$50,001 - \$100,000	10,109	9,665	444
\$100,001 - \$150,000	5,455	5,227	228
\$150,001 - \$250,000	5,939	5,461	478
\$250,001 and above	8,528	7,187	1,341
Total	70,074	69,268	806

# Administrative Account Balance (in Thousands)

	2023	2024	2025 \$4.05/Month	2025 \$3.90/Month	2025 \$3.75/Month
<b>January 1 Account Balance</b>	\$955	\$2,259	\$2,121	\$2,121	\$2,121
<b>Revenues</b>					
Participant Fees	4,092	2,681	2,819	2,714	2,610
Investment Earnings & Other	57	76	111	109	107
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>2,717</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administrative Service Contract	2,624	2,624	2,624	2,624	2,624
ETF Administration & Miscellaneous	221	271	295	295	295
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>2,895</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,919</b>
<b>December 31 Account Balance</b>	<b>\$2,259</b>	<b>\$2,121</b>	<b>\$2,132</b>	<b>\$2,025</b>	<b>\$1,919</b>
<b>Account Balance as % of Projected Annual Expenses</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>66%</b>

2023 and 2024 Q1 through Q3 figures are actual.

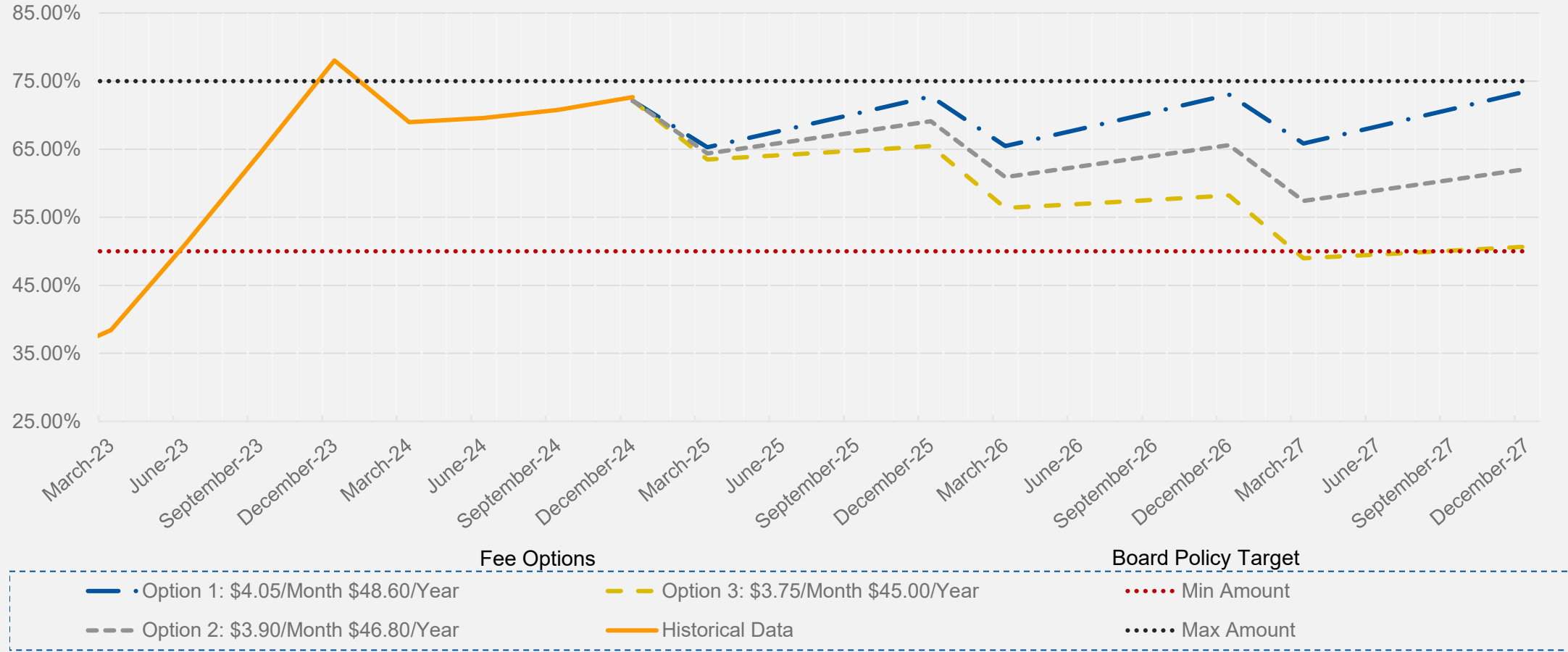
2024 Q4 through 2025 are projected

Increase in projected Investment Earnings & Other relates to fees charged to participants using the Self-Directed Brokerage option, starting in 2025.



# Projection of Fee Options

Maintain administrative account balance equal to 50-75% of projected annual plan expenses



# Option 1: \$4.05/month \$48.60/year

Participant Account Balance	Number of Participants 9/30/2024	Current 2024 Monthly Fees	Option 1 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)
\$0.01-5,000	12,428	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
\$5,001-25,000	17,499	\$0.75	\$4.05	440%
\$25,001-50,000	10,116	\$1.75	\$4.05	131%
\$50,001-100,000	10,109	\$4.00	\$4.05	1%
\$100,001-150,000	5,455	\$5.00	\$4.05	(19%)
\$150,001-250,000	5,939	\$7.00	\$4.05	(42%)
Over \$250,000	8,528	\$10.25	\$4.05	(60%)

# Option 2: \$3.90/month \$46.80/year

Participant Account Balance	Number of Participants 9/30/2024	Current 2024 Monthly Fees	Option 2 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)
\$0.01-5,000	12,428	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
\$5,001-25,000	17,499	\$0.75	\$3.90	420%
\$25,001-50,000	10,116	\$1.75	\$3.90	123%
\$50,001-100,000	10,109	\$4.00	\$3.90	(3%)
\$100,001-150,000	5,455	\$5.00	\$3.90	(22%)
\$150,001-250,000	5,939	\$7.00	\$3.90	(44%)
Over \$250,000	8,528	\$10.25	\$3.90	(62%)

# Option 3: \$3.75/month \$45.00/year

Participant Account Balance	Number of Participants 9/30/2024	Current 2024 Monthly Fees	Option 3 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)
\$0.01-5,000	12,428	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
\$5,001-25,000	17,499	\$0.75	\$3.75	400%
\$25,001-50,000	10,116	\$1.75	\$3.75	114%
\$50,001-100,000	10,109	\$4.00	\$3.75	(6%)
\$100,001-150,000	5,455	\$5.00	\$3.75	(25%)
\$150,001-250,000	5,939	\$7.00	\$3.75	(46%)
Over \$250,000	8,528	\$10.25	\$3.75	(63%)

# Fee History (2015 – 2019)

Participant Account Balance	2015 Monthly Fee <sup>(1)</sup>	% Increase (Decrease)	2016 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)	2017 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)	2018 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)	2019 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)
\$0.01 – 5,000	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%
\$5,001 – 25,000	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00	0%
\$25,001 – 50,000	\$2.00	0%	\$2.50	25%	\$3.00	20%	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00	0%
\$50,001 – 100,000	\$4.00	0%	\$5.00	25%	\$6.00	20%	\$6.00	0%	\$6.00	0%
\$100,001 – 150,000	\$5.50	0%	\$7.00	27%	\$8.00	14%	\$8.00	0%	\$8.00	0%
\$150,001 – 250,000	\$5.50	0%	\$10.00	82%	\$11.00	10%	\$11.00	0%	\$11.00	0%
Over \$250,000	\$5.50	0%	\$15.00	173%	\$16.50	10%	\$16.50	0%	\$16.50	0%
Average Increase (Decrease)		0%		56%		13%		0%		0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Fee schedule from 2008-2015

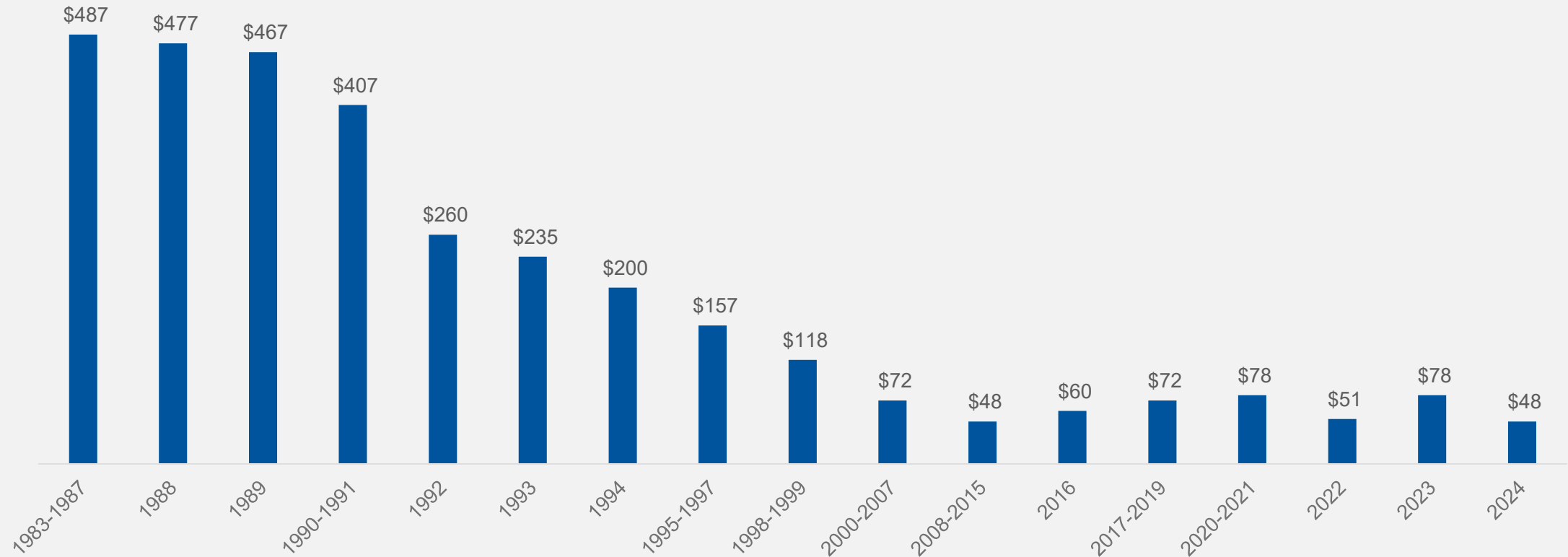
# Fee History

## (2020 - 2024)

Participant Account Balance	2020 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)	2021 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)	2022 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)	2023 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)	2024 Monthly Fee	% Increase (Decrease)
\$0.01 – 5,000	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	0.0%
\$5,001 – 25,000	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00	0%	\$0.75	(25%)	\$1.25	67%	\$0.75	(40%)
\$25,001 – 50,000	\$3.25	8%	\$3.25	0%	\$2.00	(38%)	\$3.00	50%	\$1.75	(42%)
\$50,001 – 100,000	\$6.50	8%	\$6.50	0%	\$4.25	(35%)	\$6.50	53%	\$4.00	(39%)
\$100,001 – 150,000	\$8.50	6%	\$8.50	0%	\$5.50	(35%)	\$8.25	50%	\$5.00	(39%)
\$150,001 – 250,000	\$11.75	7%	\$11.75	0%	\$7.75	(34%)	\$11.75	52%	\$7.00	(40%)
Over \$250,000	\$17.50	6%	\$17.50	0%	\$11.50	(34%)	\$17.25	50%	\$10.25	(41%)
Average Increase (Decrease)		6.5%		0.0%		(34%)		52%		(40%)

# Participant Annual Fee History

(based on \$50,001 account balance)



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