

Joint Meeting Minutes
Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust
March 14, 2024
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Jonathan Snyder, Chair, Tisbury; John O'Hara, Dukes County; Lauren Thomas, MV Transit Authority; Amelia Tierney, Edgartown; Kathy Logue, West Tisbury; Dawn Barnes, Chilmark; Janette Andrews, MV Land Bank

Also Present: David Lee, DAHAB Associates

Members Not Present: Sibel Suman, Aquinnah; Don Hatch, MV Refuse District; Cheryl Sashin, Oak Bluffs; Mark Friedman, MVRHS & UIRS Districts

The Chair begins the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Review of Investments with David Lee of Dahab Associates: David Lee reported on the investment performance review for the quarter ending December 2023. He reported on a robust market quarter, noting only real estate took a downturn of -4.8%, all other indexes were positive. The quarterly gain on investments was 9.1%, a gain of \$2,962,106, to an overall value of \$39,501,232.

Discussion of Small Cap Equity Managers: The Trustees, advised by DAHAB, are seeking an active manager for the small cap investments in the Trust portfolio. The portfolio of the Trust shows enough money in small cap equity investments for investment firms to be interested and the market timing is also good. David Lee provided and reviewed the document 'Small Cap Manager Search' for the Trustees. DAHAB Associates reviewed approximately 60 managers in the small cap field and excluded the new, volatile, and high fee managers. DAHAB researched three of the top small cap managers based on their organizational structure, strategies, returns, holdings and fee structure. Three investment managers were presented in detail, Ameriprise Trust Company, Cornerstone Investment Partners LLC, and Fiduciary Management. The Trustees were impressed by DAHAB's presentation of the investment firms. After the Trustees reviewed each of the three companies, the Trustees gravitated toward the firm of Fiduciary Management mostly based on Total Assets, Philosophy, and Fee Structure. Kathy Logue motioned, John O'Hara seconded, to choose Fiduciary Management as small cap managers for the Trust. The vote was 6-0-1, with one abstention by Janette Andrews. David Lee was charged with notifying Fiduciary Management and will handle the mechanics by fiscal year end.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy Logue motioned, and Dawn Barnes seconded, the approval of the following sets of minutes: 11/17/22, 8/4/23, 11/16/23. The vote was unanimous.

Kathy Logue reminds the Trustees that the next meeting will include the second reading of the Investment Policy and that this fiscal year is a rollover year for the KMS Actuarial Study.

John O'Hara motions and Kathy Logue seconded adjournment. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amelia Tierney, Secretary/Clerk

Documents:

2/29/24 Meeting Agenda

3/2/24 Notice of Re-scheduled 2/29/24 Meeting

DAHAB Associates DCPOT Performance Review December 2023

DAHAB Associates DCPOT Small Cap Manager Search February 2024

Minutes 11/17/22

Minutes 8/4/23

Minutes 11/16/23

Approved: 11/7/24