

Joint Meeting Minutes
Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust
May 23, 2018
Dukes County Administration Building Meeting Room

Members Present: Kathy Logue, West Tisbury; Jonathan Snyder, Chair, Tisbury; Amy Tierney, MV Schools Business Administrator; Lauren Thomas, MV Transit Authority; Noreen Flanders, Dukes County; Sander Shapiro, West Tisbury; Melanie Becker, Chilmark

Also Present: David Lee, DAHAB Associates

Members not present: Steve Jordan, Edgartown; Sibel Sumin, Aquinnah; Curtis Schroeder, MV Commission; Oak Bluffs representative

Jon convened the meeting at 11:03 am

Kathy moved, seconded by Amy, to approve the minutes as corrected of the May 4, 2018 meeting. Four ayes. Lauren abstained because she had not been present.

Performance Review with David Lee of DAHAB Associates

Jon said that he is in the process of signing paperwork for the selected managers; he asked David if any other managers still need to be selected. David replied no. Jon said that they are working on specific legal questions.

David presented the quarterly Performance Review that showed our fund actively managed by Rockland Trust had under performed the bench mark, sometimes substantially. Our actuarial target is 8%, over the last five years with Rockland our average return has been 5.8% . By contrast over that period the Dukes County Retirement System under DAHAB's financial management had a five year average of 10% . David attributed the returns to too much bond exposure at a point when the Trust is not making withdrawals and should be focusing on higher yields. Noreen commented that our investment policy played a role. David said that it illustrates how important asset allocation is. Jon said there is no further need for a postmortem because we're in the process of making changes. Noreen asked if we can participate in PRIT, the Pension Reserves Investment Trust, managed by the state. David said yes. Jon, "Active?" David, "A combination of active and passive, but I think we can beat PRIT."

Kathy said she is hoping the transition to the new custodian can be done by June 30th . David said we won't be fully invested until around January; the last will be real estate. Kathy asked if having everything in cash will look peculiar on our end of year financials? **Kathy moved, seconded by Sander, that the board request Jon and David be mindful of that issue. All ayes.**

FY18 Budget shortfall and revised Budget for FY19

Jon said that Curtis is next on the agenda but he isn't here. Kathy said that Curtis was going to query all the units to ask if they wanted to pay their portion of the additional assessment in this fiscal year or after July 1st in fiscal 2019; she asked, has this happened? Jon said he will follow up with Curtis.

Noreen noted that she will be retiring on June 2nd but will be staying on this board; however going forward her email address will be nmf01@verizon.net . Jon said that while going through this transition time we should meet once a month.

**The board will meet next on June 22, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Dukes County Meeting Room.
Note: the location was later changed to the Katherine Cornell Theatre, Vineyard Haven.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm**

**Respectfully submitted, Melanie Becker, Secretary/Clerk
Approved: June 22, 2018**