

Board Governance Committee Agenda Item 5

April 20, 2016

Item Name: Review of Board Governance Committee Delegation

Program: Board Governance

Item Type: Action

Recommendation

Approve, and recommend to the Board that it approve, proposed revisions to the Board Governance Committee (Committee) Delegation.

Executive Summary

Attachment 1 is the current Delegation Resolution to the Committee (Delegation) with proposed revisions.

Strategic Plan

This item supports Strategic Plan Goal B – to cultivate a high performing, risk intelligent, and innovative organization.

Background

In accordance with the Board Governance Policy, each committee's delegation is reviewed annually and updated as needed. This item affords the Committee an opportunity to update the Delegation and recommend changes for consideration by the Board. The Committee last reviewed the Delegation in March of 2015 and did not recommend any changes at that time.

Analysis

Staff reviewed the Delegation and recommends the following revisions:

- Delete the references to the State Peace Officers' and Firefighters' Defined Contribution
 Plan and its statutory references in the first and second WHEREAS clauses of the
 Delegation to reflect that the State Peace Officers' and Firefighters' Defined Contribution
 Plan has been terminated; and
- Delete the reference to the duty of reviewing the powers reserved and the delegations to committees in section (B)(7) of the Delegation because in practice, the Committee does not do this.
- Delete the reference to the Chief Investment Officer (CIO) in section (B)(7) of the Delegation to reflect that the CIO is no longer a position that reports directly to the Board.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

Not applicable.

Benefits and Risks

The benefits of accepting this item include following best practices in board governance and ensuring the Committee's authority and responsibilities are clearly defined. The risks of not accepting this item include reduced effectiveness of the Committee in operating in accordance with the Board's processes and reduced clarity between the roles of the Board, Committee, and staff.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Board Governance Committee Delegation Resolution BG-16-01 (marked to show proposed revisions)

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