

# Committee on Investments Charter

## Maryland 529

(Last updated: April 2020)

### **Purpose**

The Committee on Investments (the “Investments Committee or “Committee”) shall oversee and make recommendations to the Board concerning matters related to

- i) the Statements of Investment Policy for the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer Prepaid College Trust (“Prepaid Trust”), the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan (“MCIP”), and the Maryland ABLE program (“ABLE program”) as well as the investing activities conducted thereunder;
- ii) the asset allocation of the Prepaid Trust; and
- iii) the performance of the investment portfolios; and
- iv) any other matters referred to the Committee by the Chairperson or the Board.

### **Membership**

The Committee shall consist of at least three members including the Chairperson of the Committee. The members of the Committee shall be appointed and replaced by the Chairperson of the Board. In addition, the Chairperson of the Board shall designate the Chairperson of the Committee. Each Committee member shall serve at the pleasure of the Board Chairperson.

### **Responsibilities**

Among its duties, the Committee shall:

- Review with Maryland 529’s staff and investment adviser(s), at least annually, the Investment Policies and recommend to the Board any amendments to the policies.
- Review with Maryland 529’s staff and investment adviser(s), at least quarterly, compliance with the Investment Policies.
- Make recommendations to the Board with respect to the method and appointment of Prepaid Trust investment managers and/or investments.
- At least annually, review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the MCIP investment performance, objectives and portfolio offerings.
- At least annually, review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the ABLE program’s investment performance, objectives and portfolio offerings.

- Review and make recommendations to the Board with respect to investment-related proposals made regarding the programs and plans offered by Maryland 529.
- Review and make recommendations of potentially controversial matters, as determined by the Director of Investments and Cash Management, regarding the voting of proxies for the MCIP and MPCT.
- Recommend to Investment Managers that they vote proxies, to the extent possible, in a manner consistent with the best interests of Maryland 529, and in accordance with the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment.
- Review and make recommendations to the Board on the actuarial assumptions for the Prepaid College Trust.

### **Operational Matters; Reports**

- The Committee may recommend to the Board Chairperson the formation and delegation of responsibilities to ad-hoc committees when appropriate and shall also recommend the referral of certain matters to a separate committee or the full Board as appropriate.
- The Committee shall annually review its performance. In addition, the Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend to the Board any changes it considers necessary or advisable.
- The Committee shall coordinate with other Board committees as necessary or advisable.
- The Committee shall make reports of its actions to the full Board at its next regular meeting.

### **Limitation of the Committee's Role**

While the Committee has the oversight, supervisory and other responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the responsibility of the Committee to plan or conduct audits, to implement internal controls, or to determine or certify that the financial statements of Maryland 529 are complete and accurate or are in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. These matters and tasks are the responsibility of management and Maryland 529's independent and legislative auditors. Those parties are entrusted with bringing appropriate matters to the attention of the Committee and keeping the Committee informed of issues that Maryland 529's management or the auditor believes require attention, guidance, resolution or other actions, the bases therefore, and other relevant considerations.

To the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, each member of the Committee is entitled to rely in good faith upon the records of Maryland 529 and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Committee by any of Maryland 529's officers, employees, or committees, the independent

auditors, legislative auditors, program managers, investment advisers and independent investment managers or any other person as to matters the member reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of Maryland 529.