
 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY Dalhousie Pension Trust Fund Signing Authority	<i>Policy Sponsor:</i> <i>Gitta Kulczycki, VP Finance & Administration</i> 	<i>Approval Date:</i> <i>September 11, 2000</i>
	<i>Responsible Unit:</i> <i>Nancy-Beth Foran, Treasurer, Treasury & Investment Office</i>	<i>Amendments:</i> <i>December 23, 2013</i> <i>November 2, 2023</i>

Background & Purpose:

This policy outlines the level of signing authority required for the Dalhousie Pension Trust Fund (PTF) to execute contracts, fund transfers, fund contributions, fund withdrawals; approve investment-related expenditures; and to convey instructions relating to investment administration and account administration.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy:

- **"PTF agreements"** include investment management agreements and mandates, custodian agreements and consultant contracts;
- **"Fund Transfers"** refers to the re-allocation of investments within the PTF;
- **"Fund Contributions"** refer to pension contributions received by the PTF and the related instructions will include the transfer of funds (by wire or other approved forms of instructions) from Dalhousie University's bank accounts to the PTF accounts, or the receipt of funds from an external plan under a Reciprocal Transfer Agreement;
- **"Fund Withdrawals"** refer to the sale of invested securities and the subsequent deposit of the proceeds to the accounts of the PTF, and also includes the transfer of funds or securities from the PTF's accounts to the

accounts of either Dalhousie University or the Dalhousie Retirees' Trust Fund for the settlement of obligations and liabilities;

- **"Investment-related Expenditures"** is limited to the fees of custodians, consultants, and investment managers;
- **"Investment Administration"** refers to instructions associated with invested securities such as the interpretation and enforcement of investment policies and directions on proxy voting;
- **"Account Administration"** operates under the terms of any custodian agreement and includes opening and closing of accounts and investment of temporary cash investments.

POLICY:

1. Any PTF agreement entered into shall be signed by the Vice-President, Finance and Administration and any one of the CFO and AVP Finance, the Treasurer, or the Controller.
2. Instructions issued for Fund Transfers, Fund Contributions, or Fund Withdrawals, where the amount equals or exceeds \$750,000, shall be signed by the Vice-President, Finance and Administration, and any one of the CFO and AVP, Finance, the Treasurer, or the Controller.
3. Instructions issued for Fund Transfers, Fund Contributions, or Fund Withdrawals, where the amount is less than \$750,000, shall be signed by any two of the Vice-President, Finance and Administration, the CFO and AVP, Finance, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, or the Investment Accounting Manager.
4. Approvals of Investment-related expenditures, where the amount equals or exceeds \$250,000, shall be signed by the Vice-President, Finance and Administration.
5. Approvals of Investment-related expenditures, where the amount is less than \$250,000, shall be signed by any one of the Vice-President, Finance and Administration, the CFO and AVP, Finance, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, or the Controller
6. Instructions for Investment or Account Administration shall be signed by any one of the Vice-President, Finance and Administration, the CFO and AVP, Finance, the Treasurer, or the Controller.
7. Should the Vice-President, Finance and Administration, be unavailable to

sign Instructions/Approvals as specified in the preceding clauses (1) to (4) inclusive, then the President and Vice-Chancellor or any other Vice-President may serve as alternates.

Procedures:

1. Once an instruction advice for transfers, contributions or withdrawals is ready for signature, the instruction and supporting documentation are to be sent to the appropriate signing designates to have the instruction signed and returned as soon as possible. The signed instruction(s) shall then be delivered to the custodian, bank, and/or investment manager as appropriate by the Treasury & Investments office.
2. Approval for payment requests for Investment related expenditures are to be delivered with supporting invoices/documentation to the appropriate signing designates for signature. Once signed, the payment approvals are to be forwarded to Financial Services for payment via EFT or cheque and to Treasury & Investments if paid by wire. Final payment of these expenditures are to adhere to the policy on Signing Authority - Authorization of Large Disbursements.