

**RESOLUTION NO. 122**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE,  
WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A MONEY PURCHASE PLAN  
FOR THE CITY MANAGER WITH ICMA**

WHEREAS, the City Manager renders valuable services; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a money purchase retirement plan for such employee serves the interests of the City by enabling it to provide reasonable retirement security, by providing increased flexibility in its personnel management system, and by assisting in the attraction and retention of competent personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the establishment of a money purchase retirement plan to be administered by the ICMA Retirement Corporation serves the above objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that this money purchase retirement plan be administered by the ICMA Retirement Corporation, and that the funds held under such plan be invested in the ICMA Retirement Trust, a trust established by public employers for the collective investment of funds held under their retirement and deferred compensation plans,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Adoption of Plan. The City hereby adopts the money purchase retirement plan (the "Plan") in the form of the ICMA Retirement Corporation Prototype Money Purchase Plan and Trust, pursuant to the specific provisions of the Adoption Agreement, referred to as Appendix A.

**Section 2.** Declaration of Trust. The City hereby executes the Declaration of Trust of the ICMA Retirement Trust, referred to as Appendix B, intending this execution to be operative with respect to any retirement or deferred compensation plan where the assets are to be invested in the ICMA Retirement Trust.

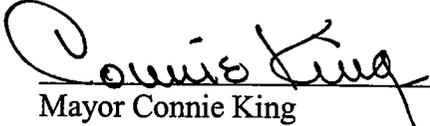
**Section 3.** Plan Trustee. The City hereby agrees to serve as the trustee under the Plan and to invest funds held under the Plan in the ICMA Retirement Trust.

**Section 4.** Plan Coordinator. The City Manager or designee shall be the coordinator for the Plan; shall receive necessary reports and notices from the ICMA Retirement Corporation or the ICMA Retirement Trust; shall cast, on behalf of the City of Shoreline, any required votes under the ICMA Retirement Trust; may delegate any administrative duties relating to the plan to the appropriate departments, and is authorized

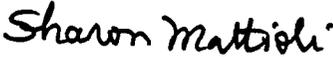
to execute all necessary agreements with ICMA Retirement Corporation incidental to the administration of the Plan.

**Section 5. Employee Eligibility.** The Plan shall be maintained for the exclusive benefit of eligible employees and their beneficiaries. For the purposes of this plan, the City Manager, as provided for by contract with the City Council, shall be the only eligible employee covered by this plan.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 24, 1997.**

  
Mayor Connie King

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sharon Mattioli, CMC  
City Clerk

ICMA RETIREMENT CORPORATION  
PROTOTYPE MONEY PURCHASE PLAN & TRUST  
ADOPTION AGREEMENT  
#001

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

The Employer hereby establishes a Money Purchase Plan and Trust to be known as \_\_\_\_\_  
**The Plan** (the "Plan") in the form of the ICMA Retirement  
Corporation Prototype Money Purchase Plan and Trust.

This Plan is an amendment and restatement of an existing defined contribution money purchase plan.

Yes  No

If yes, please specify the name of the defined contribution money purchase plan which this Plan hereby amends and restates:

I. Employer: City of Shoreline

II. Prototype Sponsor:

Name: ICMA Retirement Corporation

Address: 777 N. Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002-4240

Telephone Number: (202) 962-4600

III. The Effective Date of the Plan shall be the first day of the Plan Year during which the Employer adopts the Plan, unless an alternate Effective Date is hereby specified:  
\_\_\_\_\_

IV. Plan Year will mean:

The twelve (12) consecutive month period which coincides with the limitation year. (See Section 6.05(i) of the Plan.)

The twelve (12) consecutive month period commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ and each anniversary thereof.

V. Normal Retirement Age shall be age 60 (not to exceed age 65).

VI. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. The following group or groups of Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan:

- \_\_\_\_\_ All Employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ All Full-Time Employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ Salaried Employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-union Employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ Management Employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Safety Employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
City Manager

The group specified must correspond to a group of the same designation that is defined in the statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, personal manuals or other material in effect in the state or locality of the Employer.

2. The Employer hereby waives or reduces the requirement of a twelve (12) month Period of Service for participation. The required Period of Service shall be N/A (write N/A if an Employee is eligible to participate upon employment).

If this waiver or reduction is elected, it shall apply to all Employees within the Covered Employment Classification.

3. A minimum age requirement is hereby specified for eligibility to participate. The minimum age requirement is N/A (not to exceed age 21. Write N/A if no minimum age is declared.)

VII. CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS

1. The Employer shall contribute as follows (choose one, if applicable):

Fixed Employer Contributions With Or Without Mandatory Participant Contributions.

The Employer shall contribute on behalf of each Participant \_\_\_\_\_ % of \* Earnings or \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Plan Year (subject to the limitations of Article VI of the Plan). Each Participant is required to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ % of Earnings \* or \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Plan Year as a condition of participation in the Plan. (Write "0" if no contribution is required.) If Participant Contributions are required under this option, a Participant shall not have the right to discontinue or vary the rate of such contributions after becoming a Plan Participant.

\*To be adjusted annually to reflect the current rate of the Washington State PERS II Plan.

The Employer hereby elects to "pick up" the Mandatory/Required Participant Contribution.



Yes



No

[Note to Employer: Neither an opinion letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the Prototype Plan, nor a determination letter issued to an adopting Employer is a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service that Participant contributions that are picked up by the Employer are not includable in the Participant's gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Employer may seek such a ruling.

Picked up contributions are excludable from the Participant's gross income under section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 only if they meet the requirements of Rev. Rul. 81-35, 1981-1 C.B. 255. Those requirements are (1) that the Employer must specify that the contributions, although designated as employee contributions, are being paid by the Employer in lieu of contributions by the employee; and (2) the employee must not have the option of receiving the contributed amounts directly instead of having them paid by the Employer to the plan.]

Fixed Employer Match of Participant Contributions.

The Employer shall contribute on behalf of each Participant \_\_\_% of Earnings for the Plan Year (subject to the limitations of Articles V and VI of the Plan) for each Plan Year that such Participant has contributed \_\_\_% of Earnings or \$\_\_\_\_. Under this option, there is a single, fixed rate of Employer contributions, but a Participant may decline to make the required Participant contributions in any Plan Year, in which case no Employer contribution will be made on the Participant's behalf in that Plan Year.

Variable Employer Match Of Participant Contributions.

The Employer shall contribute on behalf of each Participant an amount determined as follows (subject to the limitations of Articles V and VI of the Plan):

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the Participant contributions made by the Participant for the Plan Year (not including Participant contributions exceeding \_\_\_% of Earnings or \$\_\_\_\_\_);

PLUS \_\_\_\_\_ % of the contributions made by the Participant for the Plan Year in excess of those included in the above paragraph (but not including Participant contributions exceeding in the aggregate \_\_\_% of Earnings or \$\_\_\_\_\_).

Employer Contributions on behalf of a Participant for a Plan Year shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% of Earnings, whichever is  more or  less.

2. Each Participant may make voluntary (unmatched), after-tax contribution, subject to the limitations of Section 4.05 and Articles V and VI of the Plan.  
 Yes  No
3. Employer contributions and Participant contributions shall be contributed to the Trust in accordance with the following payment schedule:  
Bi-weekly

VIII. EARNINGS

Earnings, as defined under Section 2.09 of the Plan, shall include:

- (a) Overtime  Yes  No
- (b) Bonuses  Yes  No

IX. LIMITATION ON ALLOCATIONS

If the Employer (i) maintains or ever maintained another qualified plan in which any Participant in this Plan is (or was) a participant or could possibly become a participant, and/or (ii) maintains a welfare benefit fund (as defined in section 419(e) of the Code) or an individual medical account (as defined in section 415(1)(2) of the Code, under which amounts are treated as Annual Additions with respect to any Participant in this Plan) the Employer hereby agrees to limit contributions to all such plans as provided herein, if necessary in order to avoid excess contributions (as described in Sections 6.03 and 6.04 of the Plan).

1. If the Participant is covered under another qualified defined contribution plan maintained by the Employer, other than a Regional Prototype Plan, the provisions of Section 6.02(a) through (f) of the Plan will apply as if the other plan were a Master Prototype Plan, unless another method has been indicated below.

- Other Method. (Provide the method under which the plans will limit total Annual Additions to the Maximum Permissible Amount, and will properly reduce any excess amounts, in a manner that precludes Employer discretion.) **N/A**

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2. If the Participant is or has ever been a participant in a defined benefit plan maintained by the Employer, and if the limitation in Section 6.04 of the Plan would be exceeded, then the Participant's Projected Annual Benefit under the defined benefit plan shall be reduced in accordance with the terms thereof to the extent necessary to satisfy such limitation. If such plan does not provide for such reduction, or if the limitation is still exceeded after the reduction, annual additions shall be reduced to the extent necessary in the manner described in Sections 6.01 through 6.03. The methods of avoiding the limitation described in this paragraph will not apply if the Employer indicates another method below.

Other Method. (Note to Employer: Provide below language which will satisfy the 1.0 limitation of section 415(e) of the Code. Such language must preclude Employer discretion. See section 1.415-1 of the Regulations for guidance.)

N/A

3. The limitation year is the following 12-consecutive month period: 1/1 - 12/31

#### X. VESTING PROVISIONS

The Employer hereby specifies the following vesting schedule, subject to (1) the minimum vesting requirements as noted and (2) the concurrence of the Plan Administrator.

<u>Years of Service Completed</u>	<u>Specified Percent Vesting</u>	<u>Minimum Vesting Requirements**</u>
Zero	<u>100</u> %	No minimum
One	<u>      </u> %	No minimum
Two	<u>      </u> %	No minimum
Three	<u>      </u> %	Not less than 20%
Four	<u>      </u> %	Not less than 40%
Five	<u>      </u> %	Not less than 60%
Six	<u>      </u> %	Not less than 80%
Seven, or more	<u>100</u> %	Must equal 100%

(\*\*These minimum vesting requirements conform to the Code's three to seven year vesting schedule. If the employee becomes 100% vested by the completion of five years of service, there is no minimum for years three and four.)

XI. Loans are permitted under the Plan, as provided in Article XIV:



Yes



No

- XII. The Employer hereby attests that it is a unit of state or local government or an agency or instrumentality of one or more units of state or local government.
  - XIII. The Prototype Sponsor hereby agrees to inform the Employer of any amendments to the Plan made pursuant to Section 15.05 of the Plan or of the discontinuance or abandonment of the Plan.
  - XIV. The Employer hereby appoints the Prototype Sponsor as the Plan Administrator pursuant to the terms and conditions of the ICMA RETIREMENT CORPORATION PROTOTYPE MONEY PURCHASE PLAN & TRUST.
- The Employer hereby agrees to the provisions of the Plan and Trust.
- XV. The Employer hereby acknowledges it understands that failure to properly fill out this Adoption Agreement may result in disqualification of the Plan.
  - XVI. An adopting Employer may not rely on a notification letter issued by the National or District Office of the Internal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan is qualified under section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code. In order to obtain reliance with respect to plan qualification, the Employer must apply to the appropriate key district office for a determination letter.

This Adoption Agreement may be used only in conjunction with basic Plan document number 001.

In Witness Whereof, the Employer hereby causes this Agreement to be executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

EMPLOYER

Accepted: ICMA RETIREMENT CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Deis

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

Title: Corporate Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

# EXHIBIT B : DECLARATION OF TRUST

## DECLARATION OF TRUST OF ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST

### ARTICLE I. NAME DEFINITIONS

**Section 1.1 Name:** The Name of the Trust, as amended and restated hereby, is the ICMA Retirement Trust.

**Section 1.2 Definitions:** Wherever they are used herein, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

- (a) **Bylaws.** The bylaws referred to in Section 4.1 hereof, as amended from time to time.
- (b) **Deferred Compensation Plan.** A deferred compensation plan established and maintained by a Public Employer for the purpose of providing retirement income and other deferred benefits to its employees in accordance with the provision of section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.
- (c) **Employees.** Those employees who participate in Qualified Plans.
- (d) **Employer Trust.** A trust created pursuant to an agreement between RC and a Public Employer for the purpose of investing and administering the funds set aside by such Employer in connection with its Deferred Compensation agreements with its employees or in connection with its Qualified Plan.
- (e) **Guaranteed Investment Contract.** A contract entered into by the Retirement Trust with insurance companies that provides for a guaranteed rate of return on investments made pursuant to such contract.
- (f) **ICMA.** The International City Management Association.
- (g) **ICMA/RC Trustees.** Those Trustees elected by the Public Employers who, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.1(a) hereof, are also members, or former members, of the Board of Directors of ICMA or RC.
- (h) **Investment Adviser.** The Investment Adviser that enters into a contract with the Retirement Trust to provide advice with respect to investment of the Trust Property.
- (i) **Portfolios.** The Portfolios of investment established by the Investment Adviser to the Retirement Trust, under the supervision of the Trustees, for the purpose of providing investments for the Trust Property.
- (j) **Public Employee Trustees.** Those Trustees elected by the Public Employers who, in accordance with the provision of Section 3.1(a) hereof, are full-time employees of Public Employers.
- (k) **Public Employer Trustees.** Public Employers who serve as trustees of the Qualified Plans.
- (l) **Public Employer.** A unit of state or local government, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, that has adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan or a Qualified Plan and has executed this Declaration of Trust.
- (m) **Qualified Plan.** A plan sponsored by a Public Employer for the purpose of providing retirement income to its employees which satisfies the qualification requirements of Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.
- (n) **RC.** The International City Management Association Retirement Corporation.
- (o) **Retirement Trust.** The Trust created by the Declaration of Trust.
- (p) **Trust Property.** The amounts held in the Retirement Trust on behalf of the Public Employers in connection with Deferred Compensation Plans and on behalf of the Public Employer Trustees for the exclusive benefit of Employees pursuant to Qualified Plans. The Trust Property shall include any income resulting from the investment to the amounts so held.
- (q) **Trustees.** The Public Employee Trustees and ICMA/RC Trustees elected by the Public Employers to serve as members of the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Trust.

### ARTICLE II. CREATION AND PURPOSE OF THE TRUST; OWNERSHIP OF TRUST PROPERTY

**Section 2.1 Creation:** The Retirement Trust is created and established by the execution of this Declaration of Trust by the Trustees and the Public Employers.

**Section 2.2 Purpose:** The purpose of the Retirement Trust is to provide for the commingled investment of funds held by the Public Employers in connection with their Deferred Compensation and Qualified Plans. The Trust Property shall be invested in the Portfolios, in Guaranteed Investment Contracts, and in other investments recommended by the Investment Adviser under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. No part of the Trust Property will be invested in securities issued by Public Employers.

**Section 2.3 Ownership of Trust Property:** The Trustees shall have legal title to the Trust Property. The Public Employers shall be the beneficial owners of the portion of the Trust Property allocable to the Deferred Compensation Plans. The portion of the Trust Property allocable to the Qualified Plans shall be held for the Public Employer Trustees for the exclusive benefit of the Employees.

### ARTICLE III. TRUSTEES

**Section 3.1 Number and Qualification of Trustees:**

(a) The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine Trustees. Five of the Trustees shall be full-time employees of a Public Employer (the Public Employee Trustees) who are authorized by such Public Employer to serve as Trustees. The remaining four Trustees shall consist of two persons who, at the time of election to the Board of Trustees, are members of the Board of Directors of ICMA and two persons who, at the time of election, are members of the Board of Directors of RC (the ICMA/RC Trustees). One of the Trustees who is a director of ICMA, and one of the Trustees who is a director of RC, shall, at the time of election, be full-time employees of a Public Employer.

(b) No person may serve as a Trustee for more than one term in any ten-year period.

**Section 3.2 Election and Term:** (a) Except for the Trustees appointed to fill vacancies pursuant to Section 3.5 hereof, the Trustees shall be elected by a vote of a majority of the Public Employers in accordance with the procedures set forth in the By-Laws. (b) At the first election of Trustees, three Trustees shall be elected for a term of three years, three Trustees shall be elected for a term of two years and three Trustees shall be elected for a term of one year. At each subsequent election, three Trustees shall be elected

for a term of three years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

**Section 3.3 Nominations:** The Trustees who are full-time employees of Public Employers shall serve as the Nominating Committee for the Public Employee Trustees. The Nominating Committee shall choose candidates for Public Employee Trustees in accordance with the procedures set forth in the By-Laws.

**Section 3.4 Resignation and Removal:** (a) Any Trustee may resign as Trustee (without need for prior or subsequent accounting) by an instrument in writing signed by the Trustee and delivered to the other Trustees and such resignation shall be effective upon such delivery, or at a later date according to the terms of the instrument. Any of the Trustees may be removed for cause, by a vote of a majority of the Public Employers. (b) Each Public Employee Trustee shall resign his or her position as Trustee within sixty days of the date on which he or she ceases to be a full-time employee of a Public Employer.

**Section 3.5 Vacancies:** The term of office of a Trustee shall terminate and a vacancy shall occur in the event of the death, resignation, removal, adjudicated incompetence or other incapacity to perform the duties of the office of a Trustee. In the case of a vacancy, the remaining Trustees shall appoint such person as they in their discretion shall see fit (subject to the limitations set forth in this Section), to serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the Trustee who has resigned or otherwise ceased to be a Trustee. The appointment shall be made by a written instrument signed by a majority of the Trustees. The person appointed must be the same type of Trustee (i.e., Public Employee Trustee or ICMA/RC Trustee) as the person who has ceased to be a Trustee. An appointment of a Trustee may be made in anticipation of a vacancy to occur at a later date by reason of retirement or resignation, provided that such appointment shall not become effective prior to such retirement or resignation. Whenever a vacancy in the number of Trustees shall occur, until such vacancy is filled as provided in this Section 3.5, the Trustees in office, regardless of their number, shall have all the powers granted to the Trustees and shall discharge all the duties imposed upon the Trustees by this Declaration. A written instrument certifying the existence of such vacancy signed by a majority of the Trustees shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of such vacancy.

**Section 3.6 Trustees Serve in Representative Capacity:** By executing this Declaration, each Public Employer agrees that the Public Employee Trustees elected by the Public Employers are authorized to act as agents and representatives of the Public Employers collectively.

**ARTICLE IV. POWERS OF TRUSTEES**

**Section 4.1 General Powers:** The Trustees shall have the power to conduct the business of the Trust and to carry on its operations. Such power shall include, but shall not be limited to, the power to:

- (a) receive the Trust Property from the Public Employers, Public Employer Trustees or other Trustees of any Employer Trust;
- (b) enter into a contract with an investment adviser providing, among other things, for the establishment and operation of the Portfolios, selection of the Guaranteed Investment Contracts in which the Trust Property may be invested, selection of the other investments for the Trust Property and the payment of reasonable fees to the investment adviser and to any sub-investment adviser retained by the investment adviser;
- (c) review annually the performance of the investment adviser and approve annually the contract with such investment adviser;
- (d) invest and reinvest the Trust Property in the Portfolios, the Guaranteed Interest Contracts and in any other investment recommended by the investment adviser, but not including securities issued by Public Employers, provided that if a Public Employer has directed that its monies be invested in specified Portfolios or in a Guaranteed Investment Contract, the Trustees of the Retirement Trust shall invest such monies in accordance with such directions;
- (e) keep such portion of the Trust Property in cash or cash balances as the Trustees, from time to time, may deem to be in the best interest of the Retirement Trust created hereby without liability for interest thereon;
- (f) accept and retain for such time as they may deem advisable any securities or other property received or acquired by them as Trustees hereunder, whether or not such securities or other property would normally be purchased as investment hereunder;
- (g) cause any securities or other property held as part of the Trust Property to be registered in the name of the Retirement Trust or in the name of a nominee, and to hold any investments in bearer form, but the books and records of the Trustees shall at all times show that all such investments are a part of the Trust Property;
- (h) make, execute, acknowledge, and deliver any and all documents of transfer and conveyance and any and all other instruments that may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers herein granted;
- (i) vote upon any stock, bonds, or other securities; give general or special proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution; exercise any conversion privileges, subscription rights, or other options, and make any payments incidental thereto; oppose, or consent to, or otherwise participate in, corporate reorganizations or to other changes affecting corporate securities, and delegate discretionary powers and pay any assessments or charges in connection therewith; and generally exercise any of the powers of an owner with respect to stocks, bonds, securities or other property held as part of the Trust Property;
- (j) enter into contracts or arrangements for goods or services required in connection with the operation of the Retirement Trust, including, but not limited to, contracts with custodians and contracts for the provision of administrative services;
- (k) borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Retirement Trust in such amount, and upon such terms and conditions, as the Trustees shall deem advisable, provided that the aggregate amount of such borrowings shall not exceed 30% of the value of the Trust Property. No person lending money to the Trustees shall be bound to see the application of the money lent or to inquire into its validity, expediency or propriety or any such borrowing;
- (l) incur reasonable expenses as required for the operation of the Retirement Trust and deduct such expenses from of the Trust Property;
- (m) pay expenses properly allocable to the Trust Property incurred in connection with the Deferred Compensation Plans, Qualified Plans, or the Employer Trusts and deduct such expenses from the portion of the Trust Property to whom such expenses are properly allocable;
- (n) pay out of the Trust Property all real and personal property taxes, income taxes and other taxes of any and all kinds which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are properly levied, or assessed under existing or future laws upon, or in respect of, the

Trust Property and allocate any such taxes to the appropriate accounts;

- (e) adopt, amend and repeal the bylaws, provided that such bylaws are at all times consistent with the terms of this Declaration of Trust;
- (f) employ persons to make available interests in the Retirement Trust to employers eligible to maintain a Deferred Compensation Plan under Section 457 or a Qualified Plan under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended;
- (g) issue the Annual Report of the Retirement Trust, and the disclosure documents and other literature used by the Retirement Trust;
- (h) make loans, including the purchase of debt obligations, provided that all such loans shall bear interest at the current market rate;
- (i) contract for, and delegate any powers granted hereunder to, such officers, agents, employees, auditors and attorneys as the Trustees may select, provided that the Trustees may not delegate the powers set forth in paragraphs (b), (c) and (o) of this Section 4.1 and may not delegate any powers if such delegation would violate their fiduciary duties;
- (j) provide for the indemnification of the Officers and Trustees of the Retirement Trust and purchase fiduciary insurance;
- (k) maintain books and records, including separate accounts for each Public Employer, Public Employer Trustee or Employer Trust and such additional separate accounts as are required under, and consistent with, the Deferred Compensation or Qualified plan of each Public Employer; and
- (l) do all such acts, take all such proceedings, and exercise all such rights and privileges, although not specifically mentioned herein, as the Trustees may deem necessary or appropriate to administer the Trust Property and to carry out the purposes of the Retirement Trust.

**Section 4.2 Distribution of Trust Property:** Distributions of the Trust property shall be made to, or on behalf of, the Public Employer or Public Employer Trustee, in accordance with the terms of the Deferred Compensation Plans, Qualified Plans or Employer Trusts. The Trustees of the Retirement Trust shall be fully protected in making payments in accordance with the directions of the Public Employers, Public Employer Trustees or other Trustees of the Employer Trusts without ascertaining whether such payments are in compliance with the provision of the Deferred Compensation or Qualified Plans, or the agreements creating the Employer Trusts.

**Section 4.3 Execution of Instruments:** The Trustees may unanimously designate any one or more of the Trustees to execute any instrument or document on behalf of all, including but not limited to the signing or endorsement of any check and the signing of any applications, insurance and other contracts, and the action of such designated Trustee or Trustees shall have the same force and effect as if taken by all the Trustees.

**ARTICLE V. DUTY OF CARE AND LIABILITY OF TRUSTEES**

**Section 5.1 Duty of Care:** In exercising the powers heretofore granted to the Trustees, the Trustees shall perform all acts within their authority for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits for the Public Employers in connection with Deferred Compensation Plans and Public Employer Trusts pursuant to Qualified Plans, and shall perform such acts with the care, skill, prudence and diligence in the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in

a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.

**Section 5.2 Liability:** The Trustees shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment or other action taken in good faith, and for any action taken or omitted in reliance in good faith upon the books of account or other records of the Retirement Trust, upon the opinion of counsel, or upon reports made to the Retirement Trust by any of its officers, employees or agents or by the Investment Adviser or any sub-investment adviser, accountants, appraisers or other experts or consultants selected with reasonable care by the Trustees, officers or employees of the Retirement Trust. The Trustees shall also not be liable for any loss sustained by the Trust Property by reason of any investment made in good faith and in accordance with the standard of care set forth in Section 5.1.

**Section 5.3 Bond:** No Trustee shall be obligated to give any bond or other security for the performance of any of his or her duties hereunder.

**ARTICLE VI. ANNUAL REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS**

The Trustees shall annually submit to the Public Employers and Public Employer Trustees a written report of the transactions of the Retirement Trust, including financial statements which shall be certified by independent public accountants chosen by the Trustees.

**ARTICLE VII. DURATION OR AMENDMENT OF RETIREMENT TRUST**

**Section 7.1 Withdrawal:** A Public Employer or Public Employer Trustee may, at any time, withdraw from this Retirement Trust by delivering to the Board of Trustees a written statement of withdrawal. In such statement, the Public Employer or Public Employer Trustee shall acknowledge that the Trust Property allocable to the Public Employer is derived from compensation deferred by employees of such Public Employer pursuant to its Deferred Compensation Plan or from contributions to the accounts of Employees pursuant to a Qualified Plan, and shall designate the financial institution to which such property shall be transferred by the Trustees of the Retirement Trust or by the Trustee of the Employer Trust.

**Section 7.2 Duration:** The Retirement Trust shall continue until terminated by the vote of a majority of the Public Employers, each casting one vote. Upon termination, all of the Trust Property shall be paid out to the Public Employers, Public Employer Trustees or the Trustees of the Employer Trusts, as appropriate.

**Section 7.3 Amendment:** The Retirement Trust may be amended by the vote of a majority of the public Employers, each casting one vote.

**Section 7.4 Procedure:** A resolution to terminate or amend the Retirement Trust or to remove a Trustee shall be submitted to a vote of the Public Employers if: (i) a majority of the Trustees so direct, or; (ii) a petition requesting a vote signed by not less than 25 percent of the Public Employers, is submitted to the Trustees.

**ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 8.1 Governing Law:** Except as otherwise required by state or local law, this Declaration of Trust and the Retirement Trust hereby created shall be construed and regulated by the laws of the District of Columbia.

**Section 8.2 Counterparts:** This Declaration may be executed by the Public Employers and Trustees in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.