

## ESS Finance Committee Call Notes

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 1 pm ET, 12 noon CT

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**Participants:** Shirley Hymon-Parker, Glenda Humiston, Matt Kappa, Saied Mostaghimi, Chris Pristos, Doug Steele, Jeff Jacobsen, Chris Hamilton (recorder)

### Agenda/Notes:

1. Approve Agenda – Approved as distributed (Saied made a motion to approve, Glenda seconded)
2. ESS TD Wealth Account Update
  - Jeff shared with the group the [Excel table and figure pasted below](#) illustrating the account performance since inception.
  - Our starting value was \$582,420 back in 10/2020 and was \$652,894 as of 8/2021.
  - As a reminder the ESS Investment Policy defines moderately conservation investment framework as: Fixed (60-70%, Equity (30-40%) and cash (0-10%).
3. TD Wealth Update, Q&A as needed
  - Matt reviewed the account performance and distributions as presented on the statements, as of 8/2021.
  - Matt noted that we opened the account at an opportune time and have benefited from the 20-25% equity market growth bounce-back since the pandemic recession, with an account rate of return around 9% YTD. We should expect this to moderate though over the next 1-2 years to a low to mid-single digit percent.
  - Note that the cash values in the account fluctuate due to fees and with rebalancing on a quarterly basis.
  - With the federal government pulling slowly out of the bond market, starting initially with the intermediate bonds, we do expect a dip in bond prices to about 1-2% per year. Short-term bonds should not change for about a year.
  - Our account is considered moderately conservative and that's where TD recommends we stay for now, unless there's a particular ESS investment theme or upcoming need.
  - Matt reminded the group that our account is 100% liquid and we can convert it to cash within several days, if required.
  - In addition, if there were specific 'interest areas' that reflects ESS priorities and mission, TD can try to work within identified areas and develop appropriate investment targets. 'Climate' was mentioned as one potential area of interest to ESS.
4. Other, as needed

- With the change in ESCOP leadership after the Fall ESS meeting, membership in this group will change as well.
- Shirley will rotate off fully, replaced by Moses Kairo as ESCOP Past-Chair.
- Matt Wilson will join the Finance Committee as ESCOP Chair-Elect.
- Chris P. will be copied on messages as the active ESCOP Chair but will rotate off until he becomes ESCOP Past-Chair.

Account Summary as of 8/2021:

| Period (MonthYear) | Fixed Income | Equity  | Cash   | Total   |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Oct20              | 406,013      | 164,659 | 11,747 | 582,420 |
| Nov20              | 419,967      | 176,667 | 10,441 | 607,075 |
| Dec20              | 424,033      | 181,768 | 11,007 | 616,808 |
| Jan21              | 421,976      | 177,153 | 12,937 | 612,066 |
| Feb21              | 420,653      | 177,483 | 13,026 | 611,161 |
| Mar21              | 422,802      | 180,982 | 13,242 | 617,026 |
| Apr21              | 423,093      | 193,280 | 11,031 | 627,404 |
| May21              | 426,864      | 193,600 | 11,111 | 631,575 |
| Jun21              | 429,673      | 197,589 | 11,930 | 639,192 |
| Jul21              | 435,173      | 197,311 | 14,210 | 646,693 |
| Aug21              | 436,628      | 201,976 | 14,290 | 652,894 |
| Sep21              |              |         |        |         |
| Oct21              |              |         |        |         |
| Nov21              |              |         |        |         |
| Dec21              |              |         |        |         |

