### Members

The Operations Committee (committee) of the board of directors (board) of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka (FHLBank) will consist of at least five directors appointed by the board chairperson who will also appoint the chair of the committee.

# **Purpose**

The committee shall assist the board by providing oversight of, and management of risks associated with, the FHLBank's operations. The committee is delegated the responsibility of reviewing the FHLBank's development and maintenance of information technology, information security management, financial management strategies, pricing methodologies and product offerings. The committee also reviews project management and solution delivery progress, information technology risk metrics, financial performance, and balance sheet strategy.

## **Specific Duties and Responsibilities**

The committee is responsible for advising the board with respect to the following:

- Annual operating and capital expenditures budgets and policy
- Capital Plan
- Dividends
- Interest rate risk management strategies
- Project management and solution delivery strategies
- Information security management
- Pricing methodologies
- Electronic Resources and Communications Policy
- Information Technology Governance Policy
- Records Management Policy
- Membership Policy
- Membership terminations
- Membership agreements and forms
- Quarterly Certification of Liquidity
- Eligible financial transaction counterparties
- Facilities

# **Outside Advisors / Consultants / Counsel**

The committee shall have the authority to retain and terminate independent advisors, consultants and counsel as it determines appropriate to assist it in the full performance of its duties and responsibilities. The committee shall also have authority to approve any related fees and other retention terms related to the independent advisors, consultants and counsel. The FHLBank shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the committee, for payment of compensation to any advisor, consultant or counsel retained by the committee. Any communications between the committee and legal counsel in the course of obtaining legal advice will be considered privileged communications of the FHLBank, and the committee will take all necessary steps to preserve the privileged nature of those communications.

#### Meetings

The committee will meet at least on a quarterly basis, either in person, via video conference or telephonically, and at such times and places as the committee shall determine. It will report all of its activities to the board and make such recommendations to the board for action from time to time as deemed appropriate related to its charter duties and

responsibilities. Quorum requirements and procedures for calling special meetings are set forth in the Board of Directors' Operating Guidelines.

## Charter

The committee shall review its charter annually. The committee shall perform an annual self-assessment to conduct an evaluation of its performance and, as part of that self-assessment, confirm that all responsibilities outlined in this charter have been fulfilled.

### **Minutes**

Written minutes shall be prepared for each meeting, with a copy made available to the board. Approved committee minutes will be provided to the Federal Housing Finance Agency.