

RESOLUTION 22-09 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY AND BROWN ADVISORY TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO THE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is a bi-state Authority of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey, created by compact, that operates and maintains the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Forts Ferry Operation and five regional airports; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to engage a professional investment management firm to exercise discretionary authority over the assets and administration of the Authority’s General Fund, Construction Fund, certain Debt Service Reserve Funds, Reserve Maintenance Fund, Authority Employee Defined Benefit Plan Trust, Authority Retiree Health Benefit Trust, and any other identified or created fund(s) that the Authority may choose to have managed by the Investment Manager throughout the term of the Agreement (hereinafter, the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, such Services are to be delivered in accordance with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions adopted by the Authority and are subject to the applicable provisions of the 1993 Trust Agreement and all following Supplemental Trust Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Authority publicly advertised a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the Services in compliance with Resolution 98-31, as amended, which governs the Authority’s procurement policy; and

WHEREAS, the Authority received seven (7) proposals in response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, a Selection Committee performed a preliminary evaluation of all proposals received and selected the three (3) highest-ranked proposals for further consideration and conducted interviews with those firms; and

WHEREAS, following interviews and a final evaluation, Brown Advisory was designated as the highest-ranked firm; and

WHEREAS, the Authority conducted an analysis of the fees proposed by Brown Advisory, and negotiated fees to be fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to enter into a Service Agreement (“Agreement”) with TBD for an initial term of four (4) years, with the option to extend the Agreement for up to two (2) consecutive one-year terms, either such additional one-year term to be authorized by the originating committee, with the consent of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Budget & Finance Committee reviewed this recommendation and concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the Agreement with Brown Advisory to provide

the Services to the Authority and to have the Agreement executed by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Executive Director.

Resolution 22-09 Executive Summary Sheet

Resolution: Authorizes an agreement between the Delaware River and Bay Authority and Brown Advisory for Investment Management Services.

Committee: Budget & Finance Committee

**Committee/
Board Date:** March 15, 2022

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize the Authority to enter into an agreement with Brown Advisory to provide Investment Management Services.

Background for Resolution:

Subject to and in accordance with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions adopted by the Authority and subject to the applicable provisions of the Trust Agreement and all additional Supplemental Trust Agreements, the Authority uses a professional investment management firm to exercise discretionary authority over the assets and administration of various funds and trusts. The procedures leading to this Resolution followed the requirements of Resolution 98-31, as amended, which governs the Authority's purchasing thresholds and procurement policy.

The Authority received and evaluated proposals submitted by the following seven (7) firms:

- Brown Advisory
- Chandler Asset Management
- Columbia Threadneedle Investments
- Federated Hermes
- Marquette Associates
- PFM
- SEI

The Selection Committee conducted a preliminary evaluation of each proposal received, conducted interviews with the three (3) highest-evaluated firms, and utilized final evaluation criteria to establish a final ranked list, with Brown Advisory being identified as the highest-ranked firm. The Authority analyzed the proposed costs for the Services and finds them to be fair and reasonable.