This Committee reviews matters pertaining to the operations of the Board of Trustees and its Committees and the conduct of legal affairs for the Funds. The Committee evaluates and recommends all candidates for election as Trustees and recommends the appointment of members and chairs of each board committee. The Committee also reviews policy matters affecting the operation of the Board and its independent staff. The Committee also oversees the voting of proxies associated with portfolio investments of the Funds with the goal of ensuring that these proxies are voted in the best interest of the Funds' shareholders. The Committee reports to the Trustees and makes recommendations to the Trustees regarding these matters.