

# **City of Concord Trustees of Trust Fund Meeting**

Minutes of October 17, 2024 Meeting

Meeting was convened at approximately 8:30AM at City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord.

In attendance: Trustees Jeff Schindler, Joseph Kwasnik, & Susan Dunton; Rob Hannon & Laurie Leduc of Citizens Bank Wealth Management Group; Chelsey Michalski from the City of Concord.

Meeting minutes from 4/11/24 meeting and 7/18/24 meeting was distributed for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Joseph Kwasnik and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schindler. All in favor, none opposed.

Market update and portfolio review presented by Rob Hannon:

For the third quarter, the three Concord Trust Funds generated positive absolute returns, ranging from 3.9 to 4.4% (net of fees) but underperformed the benchmark on a relative basis. Over the first half of the year, the portfolios had been outperforming, but lost some of their excess returns in the third quarter. Absolute positive results were driving by Treasury yields moved lower across the yield curve as the priced in expectations that the Federal Reserve would cut interest rates at the September FOMC meeting. Relative underperformance can be mostly attributed to our shorter duration posture within the fixed income allocation relative to the benchmark. As the yield curve made a parallel move lower, the longer duration benchmark outperformed the funds. Within the equity allocations, our tilt towards U.S. large cap growth detracted on a relative basis as the S&P 500 delivered 5.9%. This allocation had previous been the major contributor the relative results. The allocation to U.S. mid cap equities was a positive as it outperformed its larger peers returning 6.9% for the quarter. International Developed equities outperformed as an asset class but was a significant detractor from the portfolios. The allocation to the active manager, which had been a positive contributor YTD, was anything but in the most recent quarter.

The next meeting date was set for January 16, 2025 at 9:30am at Concord City Hall.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Joe Kwasnik and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schindler. All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51am

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsey Michalski – Trustee Secretary