



The Investment and Capital Planning Committee met at 12:30 p.m. on October 19, 2023, at Plymouth State University. Committee members participating at the meeting location: Morgan Rutman, Mike Pilot

February, but in January 2024, Ryan O'Quinn would start serving as OCIO and an additional person would be added to the team servicing USNH.

- A. Review of endowment and operating cash portfolio performance for the period ending August 31, 2023, and updated for September 30, 2023

Mr. Croteau commented on the market environment for the period ending August 31, 2023, sharing insights on inflation, interest rate increases and their impact on the bond market.

Mr. Croteau shared portfolio performance results for the period ending August 31, 2023. The market value of the portfolio was \$577 million, and the portfolio had a return that was above both policy and actual increase. He reviewed performance by asset class, asset allocation, and recent activity to rebalance within policy targets.

Mr. Croteau reviewed the short-term operating portfolio for the period ending August 31, 2023. He said the return for the month was .6 % and a 5.9% year to date total return, He said the portfolio value was \$250 million.

Mr. Croteau announced that Prime Buchholz will be providing some additional services to clients in a legal review and power of attorney for certain Private Equity investment activity. These services will be provided at no additional cost. Chairman Rutman said he appreciates the enhanced services as they will reduce the amount of staff time needed for review and will have Prime assuming additional the responsibility.

- B. Recap of activity since last meeting

Mr. Croteau commented on some recent changes in the portfolios to rebalanced and increased. He said the portfolio value was \$250 million and the return for the month was .6 % and a 5.9% year to date total return. He said the portfolio value was \$250 million and the return for the month was .6 % and a 5.9% year to date total return.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs, Karen Benincasa said if the Committee approves the budget assumptions for investment earnings, they will be recommended to the Financial Affairs Committee for inclusions in the overall FY25 budget planning assumptions. She noted that there is no recommendation for a change in payout methodology but the increase to a 4% return on the short-term funds will result in about \$2 million additional budgeted revenue.

Chairman Rutman discussed the assumptions and how they impact both the endowment growth and the budget. The Committee agreed that they would be recommended to the Financial Affairs Committee.

Chairman Rutman said thanked Mr. Croteau for his 14 years of service to USNH saying that he had provided excellent advice to both management and the Committee. He presented Mr. Croteau with a State of New Hampshire statue made from Granite and wished him well. Those in attendance gave him a round of applause.

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#### A. Master Plan Update

Matt Purcell, USNH Director of Capital Planning, provided an update of the status of the master plan process. He discussed the objectives, principles and timeline indicating the plans for all campuses that should be completed in June of 2024. The differences in scope and level of engagement by campus constituents between UNH and the smaller institutions was discussed. Questions were raised about the process that resulted in two separate consulting firms doing the work (one for UNH and the other for

## B. Update on Treasury Restructuring

Vice Chancellor Provencher asked Assistant Vice Chancellor Benincasa to share some of the outcomes of the excellent work she had done with the Treasury Office restructuring. Assistant Vice Chancellor Benincasa gave highlights of the restructuring including elimination of positions, redistributing work both internally and outsourcing, implementing recommendations from a treasury consultant in the banking area. The result is an improvement of \$800K in operating margin.

A. Next meeting date is March 7, 2024

B. The Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.