

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
RETIREMENT INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, 7:30

1. Retirement Fund - Summary of Assets

	<u>1/31/2024</u>		<u>12/1/2023</u>		<u>1/31/2023</u>	
Blackrock Total Return K - Fixed Income	11,072,695	11.0%	10,845,499	10.8%	11,556,284	11.8%
Metropolitan West Total Return K - Fixed Income	11,102,775	11.0%	10,879,287	10.8%	11,453,392	11.7%
Fidelity 500 Index Fund - Large-Cap Equity	38,896,136	38.7%	38,845,859	38.7%	28,169,650	28.7%
MFS Mid-Cap Value	4,067,234	4.0%	3,900,356	3.9%	6,127,554	6.3%
Blackrock Mid-Cap Growth Equity	4,170,097	4.1%	3,970,623	4.0%	4,655,393	4.7%
Allspring Special Small-Cap Value Fund	5,412,182	5.4%	5,546,546	5.5%	2,562,534	2.6%
Principal Small-Cap Growth Fund	5,480,171	5.5%	5,627,316	5.6%	2,009,026	2.0%
American Funds Europacific Growth	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9,011,143	9.2%
Hartford International Opportunities Fund	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	9,436,867	9.6%
Partners Group Private Equity	6,738,541	6.7%	6,738,541	6.7%	5,450,734	5.6%
Whitebox Multi-Strategy - Hedge Fund	-	0.0%	883,644	0.9%	3,339,416	3.4%
Starwood Realty Income Trust	3,655,710	3.6%	3,655,710	3.6%	3,932,778	4.0%
Government Natl Mtg Assn Pool	144	0.0%	154	0.0%	-	0.0%
US Treasury Bills	4,714,303	4.7%	4,694,445	4.7%	-	0.0%
US Treasury Notes	4,704,742	4.7%	4,688,924	4.7%	-	0.0%
AMPCO Pittsburg Corp Warrants	2,495	0.0%	3,360	0.0%	-	0.0%
Other	3,000	0.0%	3,000	0.0%	-	0.0%
Cash/Comerica Short Term Fund	485,066	0.5%	105,388	0.1%	333,472	0.3%
Total	<u>100,505,291</u>	100.0%	<u>100,388,652</u>	100.0%	<u>98,038,243</u>	100.0%

2. Retiree Health Care Fund - Summary of Assets

	<u>1/31/2024</u>		<u>12/31/2023</u>		<u>1/31/2023</u>	
Blackrock Total Return K - Fixed Income	5,125,153	10.7%	5,126,660	10.6%	5,522,858	12.4%
Metropolitan West Total Return K - Fixed Income	5,146,867	10.7%	5,150,192	10.6%	5,462,474	12.2%
Fidelity 500 Index Fund - Large-Cap Equity	18,953,247	39.5%	18,640,119	38.4%	12,697,869	28.4%
MFS Mid-Cap Value	1,872,820	3.9%	1,903,735	3.9%	2,580,173	5.8%
Blackrock Mid-Cap Growth Equity	1,875,876	3.9%	1,892,002	3.9%	2,042,007	4.6%
Allspring Special Small-Cap Value Fund	2,654,768	5.5%	2,720,676	5.6%	1,084,149	2.4%
Principal Small-Cap Growth Fund	2,637,974	5.5%	2,708,804	5.6%	849,972	1.9%
American Funds Europacific Growth	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4,184,611	9.4%
Hartford International Opportunities Fund	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	4,168,858	9.3%
Partners Group Private Equity	2,213,860	4.6%	2,213,860	4.6%	1,790,734	4.0%
Whitebox Multi-Strategy - Hedge Fund	-	0.0%	290,378	0.6%	1,097,365	2.5%
Starwood Realty Income Trust	2,772,604	5.8%	2,772,604	5.7%	2,982,733	6.7%
US Treasury Bills	2,229,766	4.6%	2,220,373	4.6%	-	0.0%
US Treasury Notes	2,225,349	4.6%	2,217,867	4.6%	-	0.0%
AMPCO Pittsburg Corp Warrants	1,158	0.0%	1,560	0.0%	-	0.0%
Cash/Gold Sach Fin Gov Fund	295,188	0.6%	667,871	1.4%	172,435	0.4%
Total	<u>48,004,630</u>	100.0%	<u>48,526,701</u>	100.0%	<u>44,636,238</u>	100.0%

3. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 15, 2023

4. Investment Consultant Report

- A. Employee Retirement System/ Retiree Health Care F
- 1) Economic Update & Capital Markets Overview
  - 2) December 2023 Performance Report

5. New Business

- A. Recommendation to extend US Treasury ladder

6. Meeting open to the public for matters not on the agenda

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7. Schedule of Investment Funds/ Services

- A. Retirement Fund
- B. Retiree Health Care Fund

8. Adjourn

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RETIREMENT INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 AM

PRESENT: Mark Gerber, Finance Director/Treasurer; Christopher Conti, Retirement Board Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Pisano, Library Board; Brett Reardon and Jeremy Chambers, Captrust

ABSENT: Richard Aginian, Citizen Member

Motion by Conti:  
Second by Gerber:

To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 30, 2023

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
Conti: Aye  
Gerber: Aye

Jeremy Chambers and Brett Reardon reviewed Captrust's Quarterly Review for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2023.

As of September 30, 2023 the Retirement Funds investment performance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 was -3.46%. The Retiree Health Care Fund's investment performance was

The Captrust team reviewed the Investment Policy Monitor ratings for each of the managers. International managers underperformed over the last two years. They did not manage to keep with the bench markers. Short-Term US Treasury Bonds and Notes continue to grow. Shorter term treasuries are at 5.5% and are performing better than long term treasuries. Slowing inflation has created optimism. 12 month US Treasury is 4.95% as of this meeting. Overall positive year-to-date.

The Captrust team has no current recommendations at this time. They plan on having some recommendations for the next quarter and are able to provide an analysis between meetings.

Motion by Conti:  
Second by Gerber:

To make motion to rollover treasury bond portfolio

Conti: Aye  
Gerber: Aye

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Rais

Treasury Secretary

# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** February 21, 2024  
**TO:** Retirement Investment Committee  
**FROM:** Mark Gerber, Secretary-Treasurer  
**SUBJECT:** Extension of US Treasury Ladder

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Last Fall, the Retirement Board and Retiree Health Care Fund Investment Committee approved the investment strategy of a US Treasury ladder which included the purchase of 4 one-year US Treasury investments with a maturity dates staggered by 3 months. In December both boards approved the extension of the Treasury ladder by 3 months with a purchase of another one-year US Treasury investment.

Both investment portfolios have another investment maturing in March 2024. Captrust will provide the latest interest rate information at the meeting. The Committee will need to decide whether to recommend extending the ladder another 3 months.

## **Suggested Action:**

Resolution to recommend that the Retirement Board and Retiree Health Care Fund Investment Committee extend the US Treasury ladder in each portfolio another 3 months by purchasing a one-year US Treasury investment with a maturity date in March 2025.