

## **BCC Meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**Attendance:** Sonia Andrews, Amy Barczak, John Bennett, Jill Boehm, Chuck Cabrera, Gregory Caton, Kelly Corsette, Judy Doyle, Cindi Eberhardt, Troy Jensen, Ana Lia Johnson, Jim Keeler, Karrie Marsh, Kent Morris, Bill Murphy, Paul Nacario, Lynna Soller, Jim Thompson, Eric Valliere, George Woods, Dan Worth

- Meeting was called to order by Lynna Soller at 2:03pm.
- Troy Jensen from Innovest began the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Portfolio Review with a firm update. Innovest continues to grow. They promoted 4 employees to partners, added the City of Goodyear, AZ as a client and received an award from Pension and Investments for participant communication with Colorado State University's transition to one provider. Troy then reviewed City's history of decisions made by the Committee since the hiring of Innovest in 2016, followed by their quarterly topics and trends that addressed investment menu design. He provided historical context of the investment menu prior to Innovest's hiring and recent trends affecting menu design. The City's investment offering today is designed with the interests of a wide range of investors in mind, offering best-in-class options utilizing active managers, passive managers and a self-directed brokerage account. Innovest raised the subject of specialty funds and sector funds as appropriate investment options in the core lineup, erring on the side of caution due to the concentrated risk in specialty funds and sector funds. Troy then addressed the City's 457 and PEHP plan design, deliverables from Innovest in 2024, the Fee Review and finished with the plan asset allocation for the 457 and PEHP plans.
- Troy then reviewed the capital markets for Q1 2024. He addressed the broad market's performance, focusing on the indexes for US Large Cap stocks, US Small Cap stocks, Developed International stocks, Emerging Market stocks, Core Fixed Income, Municipal Fixed Income and a blended 70/30 portfolio. Troy followed with a recap of Q1 '24, commenting on the economy, labor market, corporate profits, consumer sentiment, inflation, interest rates, risks to investors and investment themes. He concluded the Innovest report by discussing the Manager Scorecard and table of returns, citing 6 minor concerns, 3 due to performance, 2 for personnel and 1 for outflows. Overall, the City's investment menu had very strong returns for Q1 on a relative and absolute basis.
- Jim Keeler from Nationwide began their 1st quarter report with a review of plan demographics and statistics via their Plan Sponsor Health Dashboard. Jim addressed 457 and PEHP plan assets, current participant count, participation rates, Roth figures and online engagement. Nationwide also highlighted the representative activity for the 1st quarter, addressing participant education, new hire contact, workshops and on-site meetings.
- Nationwide finished with a discussion on Unforeseen Emergency Withdrawals up to \$1000 and domestic Abuse provisions from Secure 2.0.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:59