BPL FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair 9.19.23

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BPL OPENING STATEMENT

The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.

The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library's Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations. We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto 'free to all.'

Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.



F&A COMMITTEE

Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair

- Welcome Remarks
- Roll Call of Committee Members



2023 Financial Statements

Boston Public Library

September 19, 2023

Presented by: Kyle Connors, CPA, Partner



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Introduction

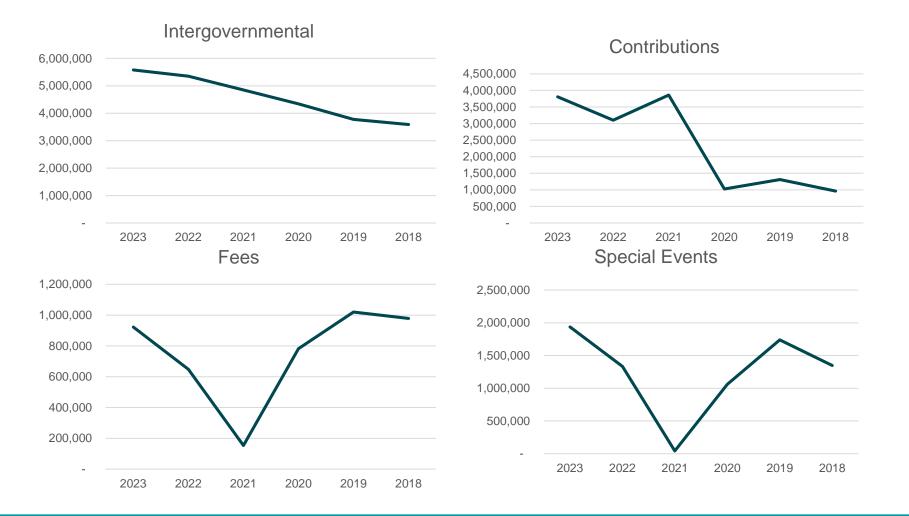
Presentation will review the Library's 2023 financial statement audit and financial results

Feel free to ask questions at any time

Library Operations

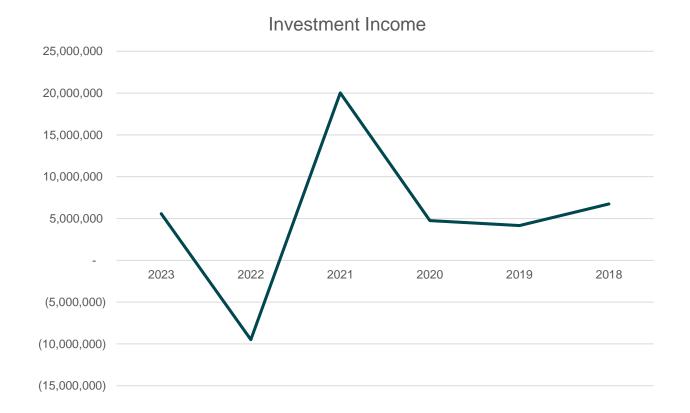
- Net position increased \$2.4 million
- Majority of increase relates to City Managed Funds of \$1.4 million, Investment gain net of distributions were \$5.2 million offset by transfers out and expenditures of \$3.8 million
- Also saw increases in Deferrari Trust fund of \$288 thousand, and the Fund for the BPL fund of \$490 thousand

Revenue Trends



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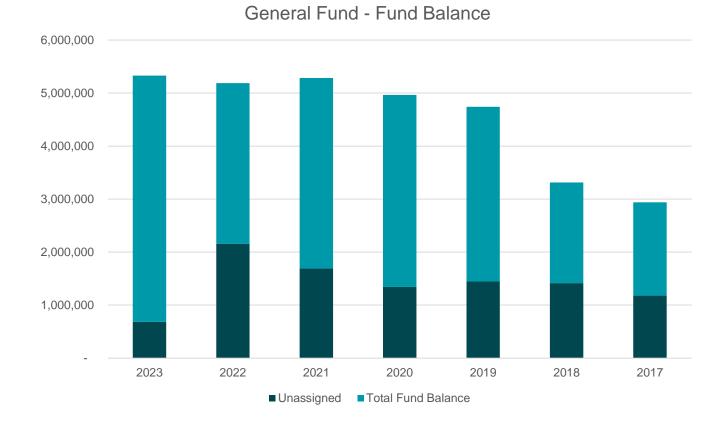
Revenue Trends



General Fund

- Total Fund Balance increased by \$144 thousand
- Unassigned Fund Balance = \$685 thousand
- Assigned Fund Balance = \$2.56 million
- Unassigned Fund Balance represents 4.9% of current year expenditures – assigned and unassigned combined represent 23.2%
- Healthy target typically 8-16% of expenditures

Fund Balance: Last Seven Years



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Adoption of GASB 96

- GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITA's), enhances the relevance and consistency of the Library's SBITA activities
- Added right of use assets and corresponding subscription agreement liabilities to the government wide financial statements
 - Agreements impacted include OCLC, Bibliocommons and Innovative – which restated subscription agreements by \$2.3 million at July 1, 2022

Yellowbook audit includes a review internal controls over significant transaction cycles.

No material findings



Thank you!



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MARKET AND PORTFOLIO UPDATE SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

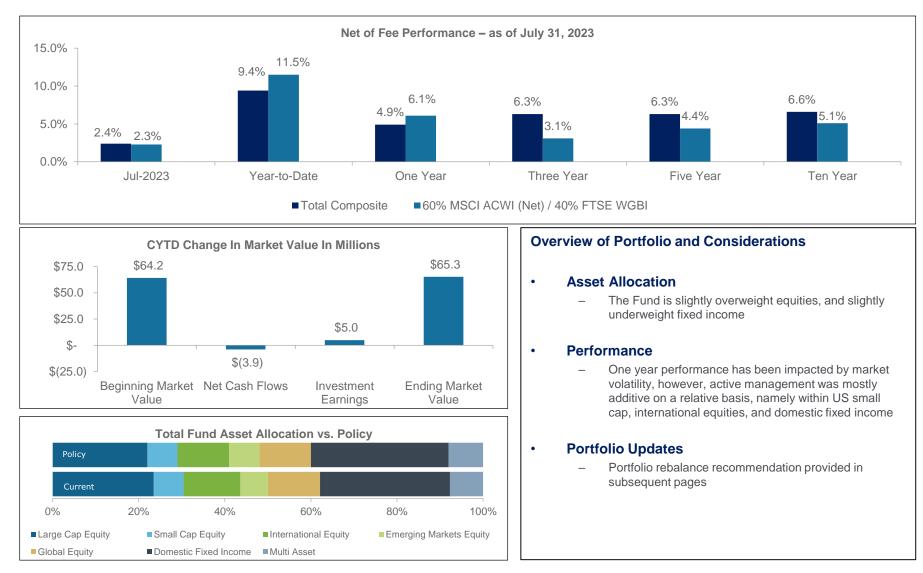
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TOTAL FUND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Boston Public Library





Boston Public Library TOTAL FUND PERFORMANCE DETAIL (NET)

		Allocation					Perform	ance (%)			
	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio	Policy (%)	1 Mo (%)	YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Composite	66,816,818	100.0	100.0	2.4	9.4	4.9	6.3	6.3	6.6	9.1	Jan-81
60% MSCI ACWI (Net) / 40% FTSE WGBI				2.3	11.5	6.1	3.1	4.4	5.1	-	
Total Domestic Equity	20,304,330	30.4	29.0	3.3	13.9	9.9	12.8	10.3	11.3	12.5	Dec-10
SSgA SRI S&P 500	7,966,707	11.9		3.0	21.0	12.3	13.0	12.0	12.6	14.0	Jan-09
S&P 500 Index				3.2	20.6	13.0	13.7	12.2	12.7	14.0	
Diamond Hill Large Cap Class Y Shares	7,726,598	11.6		3.3	8.8	6.4	12.0	8.7	-	-	Mar-17
Russell 1000 Value Index				3.5	8.8	8.3	14.1	8.0	-	8.0	
Segall Bryant & Hamill Small Cap	4,611,025	6.9		3.7	9.1	10.9	13.5	9.6	-	9.5	Jan-15
Russell 2000 Index				6.1	14.7	7.9	12.0	5.1	-	7.5	
Total International Equity	8,826,732	13.2	12.0	4.1	15.7	14.6	13.3	7.2	-	5.9	May-14
Earnest International Investment Trust Fund	8,826,732	13.2		4.1	15.7	14.6	13.3	6.2	-	5.3	May-14
MSCI AC World ex USA (Net)				4.1	13.9	13.4	7.1	3.9	-	3.8	
Total Emerging Markets Equity	4,306,558	6.4	7.0	5.5	9.5	6.6	-3.1	-	-	2.3	Jun-19
UBS EME HALO	4,306,558	6.4		5.5	9.3	6.5	-3.2	-	-	2.2	Jun-19
MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)				6.2	11.4	8.3	1.5	-	-	3.8	
Total Global Equity	8,065,294	12.1	12.0	2.7	12.0	2.9	10.1	-	-	18.4	Apr-20
Impax Global Resource Optimization Fund	8,065,294	12.1		2.7	12.0	2.9	10.1	-	-	18.4	Apr-20
MSCI AC World Index (Net)				3.7	18.1	12.9	10.4	-	-	17.0	
Total Domestic Fixed Income	20,192,816	30.2	32.0	0.1	2.5	-2.8	-2.4	1.4	1.9	2.3	Dec-10
IR&M Core Bond Fund II	5,519,691	8.3		-0.1	2.3	-3.1	-4.2	0.1	1.3	3.0	Mar-07
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate Index				-0.1	2.0	-3.4	-4.5	0.7	1.5	2.9	
SSgA Treasury Inflation Protected Securities	3,944,034	5.9		0.1	2.1	-5.4	-0.9	2.6	-	2.2	Jan-18
Bimbg. U.S. TIPS				0.1	2.0	-5.4	-0.8	2.6	-	2.2	
Manulife Asset Management	3,677,498	5.5		0.7	4.1	1.3	-0.9	2.0	-	2.0	Jan-17
Bimbg. Global Aggregate				0.7	2.1	-2.7	-5.7	-0.9	-	0.1	
State Street U.S. Treasury Index Non-Lending Common Trust Fund	5,236,952	7.8		-0.4	1.4	-4.0	-	-	-	-5.1	Jun-21
Bimbg. U.S. Treasury Index				-0.4	1.2	-4.0	-	-		-5.0	
Vanguard Short-Term Corp Bond	1,814,641	2.7		0.7	-	-	-	-	-	0.7	Jul-23
Bimbg. U.S. Corporate 1-5 Year Index				0.7	-		-	-	-	0.7	
Total Balanced - GAA	5,121,088	7.7	8.0	2.3	6.3	3.0	6.4	4.8	4.3	4.5	Jul-12
PIMCO All Asset	5,121,088	7.7		2.3	6.3	3.0	6.4	4.7	4.3	4.5	Jul-12
PIMCO All Asset Index				0.7	4.6	-0.4	-0.7	2.7	3.1	3.0	



-PIMCO All Asset Index consists of 40% Bloomberg Aggregate / 30% Bloomberg US TIPS Index/ 10% S&P 500 / 10% HY / 10% JPM EMBI + TR.

-Diamond Hill Large Cap Class Y Shares Cash: \$91,856; Impax Multi Asset Fund Cash: \$632; IR&M Core Bond Fund II Cash: \$148,145; Manulife Cash: \$65,050; PIMCO Cash: \$108,844; Segall Bryant & Hamill SC Cash: \$208,332; SSgA SRI S&P 500 Cash: \$48,924; Earnest International: \$7,107 -New Policy % targets as of 4/1/2020; Returns are net of fees.

REBALANCING RECOMMENDATION

ton Public Library set Allocation Rebalance Summ v 31, 2023	ary						
	Market Value	Current Weight in Fund	Target Weight	Over/ Under%	Recommendation	New Market Value	New Weight
Composite	\$66,816,818	87.9%	100.0%	-12.4%	\$0	\$66,816,818	100.0%
Total US Equity	\$20,304,330	30.4%	29.0%	1.4%	-\$700,000	\$19,604,330	29.3%
SSgA SRI S&P 500 Diamond Hill Large Cap Segall Bryant Small Cap	\$7,966,707 \$7,726,598 \$4,611,025	11.9% 11.6% 6.9%	11.0% 11.0% 7.0%	0.9% 0.6% -0.1%	-\$400,000 -\$300,000 \$0	\$7,566,707 \$7,426,598 \$4,611,025	11.3% 11.1% 6.9%
Total Non US Equity	\$13,133,290	19.7%	19.0%	-5.5%	-\$800,000	\$12,333,290	18.5%
Earnest International Equity UBS Emerging Markets HALO	\$8,826,732 \$4,306,558	13.2% 6.4%	12.0% 7.0%	1.2% -0.6%	-\$800,000 \$0	\$8,026,732 \$4,306,558	12.0% 6.4%
Total Global Equity	\$8,065,294	12.1%	12.0%	-6.2%	\$0	\$8,065,294	12.1%
Impax	\$8,065,294	12.1%	12.0%	0.1%	\$0	\$8,065,294	12.1%
Total Fixed Income	\$20,192,816	30.2%	32.0%	-1.8%	\$1,200,000	\$21,392,816	32.0%
IRM Core Bond SSgA TIPS SSgA Treasury Manulife Vanguard Short Corporate (VSTBX)	\$5,519,691 \$3,944,034 \$3,677,498 \$5,236,952 \$1,814,641	8.3% 5.9% 5.5% 7.8% 2.7%	10.0% 7.0% 7.0% 8.0% 0.0%	-1.7% -1.1% -1.5% -0.2% 2.7%	\$0 \$0 \$400,000 \$400,000 \$400,000	\$5,519,691 \$3,944,034 \$4,077,498 \$5,636,952 \$2,214,641	8.3% 5.9% 6.1% 8.4% 3.3%
Total Multi Asset	\$5,121,088	7.7%	8.0%	-0.3%	\$300,000	\$5,421,088	8.1%
PIMCO All Asset	\$5,121,088	7.7%	8.0%	-0.3%	\$300,000	\$5,421,088	8.1%





MARKET UPDATE



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CURRENT MARKET OUTLOOK



Resilient economic data and moderating inflation increased optimism regarding the economic soft-landing narrative



We are concerned about U.S. mega-caps and suggest reducing exposure, while maintaining U.S. large-cap value exposure



We believe U.S. high yield offers a greater return versus U.S. large-cap equity and we recommend increasing exposure



Look to hold greater levels of cash within safe-haven fixed income and maintain greater levels of portfolio liquidity



TRAILING ANNUAL INDEX PERFORMANCE

	Equity												
	Jul-23	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR							
MSCI ACWI	3.7%	18.1%	12.9%	10.4%	8.2%	8.6%							
S&P 500	3.2%	20.6%	13.0%	13.7%	12.2%	12.7%							
Russell 1000	3.4%	20.7%	12.9%	13.2%	11.9%	12.4%							
Russell 2000	6.1%	14.7%	7.9%	12.0%	5.1%	8.2%							
Russell 2500	5.0%	14.2%	8.0%	12.6%	7.2%	9.2%							
MSCI EAFE	3.2%	15.3%	16.8%	9.3%	4.5%	5.2%							
MSCI EM	6.2%	11.4%	8.3%	1.5%	1.7%	3.5%							

		Credit				
	Jul-23	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR
BBG Global Agg	0.7%	2.1%	-2.7%	-5.7%	-0.9%	0.1%
BBG US Agg	-0.1%	2.0%	-3.4%	-4.5%	0.7%	1.5%
BBG Credit	0.3%	3.4%	-1.3%	-4.3%	1.6%	2.5%
BBG US HY	1.4%	6.8%	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%	4.4%
BBG Muni	0.4%	3.1%	0.9%	-1.0%	1.9%	2.8%
BBG Muni HY	0.7%	5.1%	-0.2%	1.1%	2.8%	4.5%
BBG TIPS	0.1%	2.0%	-5.4%	-0.8%	2.6%	2.0%
BBG 20+ STRIPS	-3.8%	1.1%	-16.0%	-19.4%	-2.4%	2.4%
BBG Long Treasuries	-2.2%	1.5%	-11.2%	-13.9%	-1.0%	1.8%
BBG Long Credit	-0.1%	4.8%	-3.6%	-7.9%	1.2%	3.4%
BBG Govt/Credit 1-3 Yr	0.4%	1.6%	0.4%	-0.8%	1.2%	1.0%
JPM EMBI Glob Div	1.9%	6.1%	6.4%	-3.7%	0.4%	2.9%
JPM GBI-EM Glob Div	2.9%	10.9%	14.3%	-1.5%	0.5%	-0.2%

Real Assets											
Jul-23 YTD 1 YR 3 YR 5 YR 10 YR											
BBG Commodity	6.3%	-2.0%	-7.9%	18.0%	6.5%	-0.5%					
Alerian Midstream Index	3.3%	8.0%	5.3%	26.0%	7.5%	-					
NAREIT Composite Index	2.1%	5.3%	-10.1%	5.6%	4.7%	6.8%					



TOP FIVE COMPANIES LED THE S&P 500 HIGHER

CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS

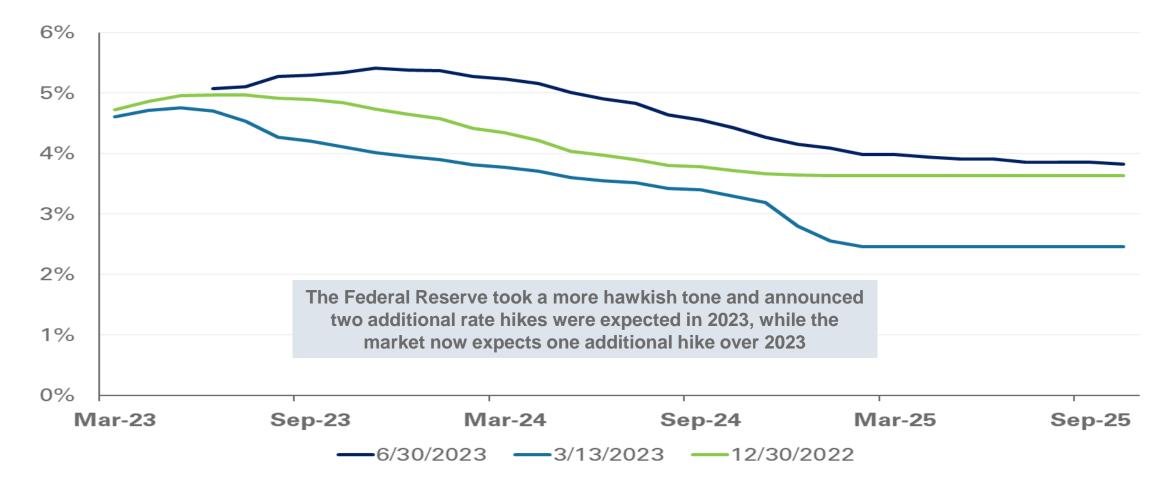




Top Five Companies represent Apple, Amazon, Alphabet, Microsoft, and NVidia, Source: FactSet

MARKET RATE HIKE EXPECTATIONS ROSE

FEDERAL FUNDS FUTURES





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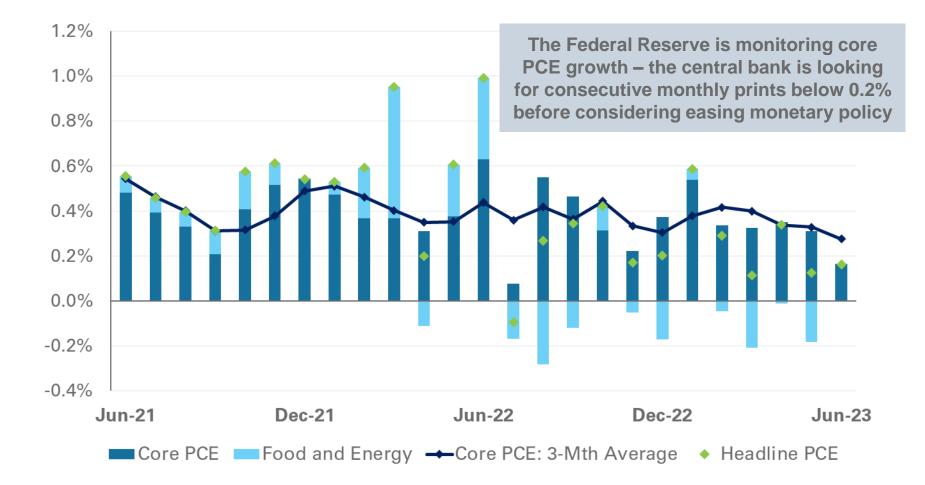
THE MARKET IS DIGESTING THREE DISTINCT ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

Investor Sentiment	No Landing		
Labor Market	No Landing		
Economic Growth	Soft Landing	Soft Landing	
Inflation	No Landing	Hard Landing	
Consumer Spending	Soft Landing	No Landing	
Fed Funds Expectations	Soft Landing	anding	
FOMC Expectations	Soft Landing		
Yield Curve	Hard Landing		
Manufacturing Sector	Hard Landing		
Services Sector	No Landing		
Commercial Real Estate	Hard Landing		



U.S. CORE INFLATION TRENDED LOWER

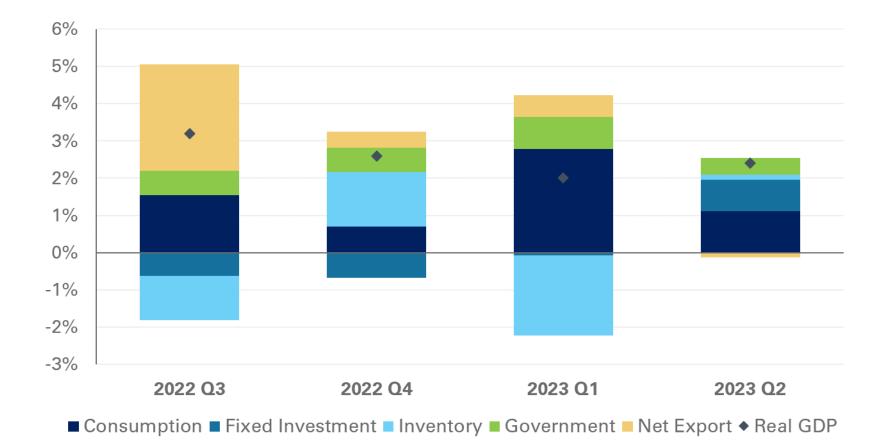
MONTHLY U.S. PCE PRICE INDEX CHANGES





U.S. ECONOMY SUPPORTED BY CONSUMPTION

CONTRIBUTIONS TO U.S. REAL GDP



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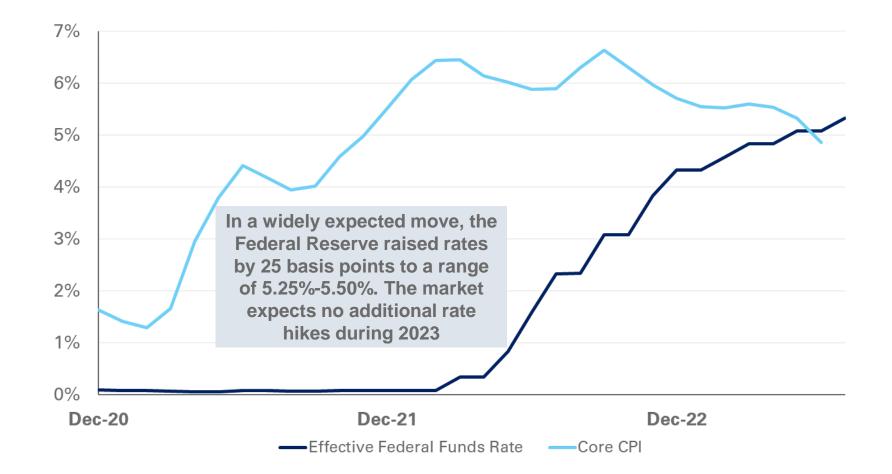
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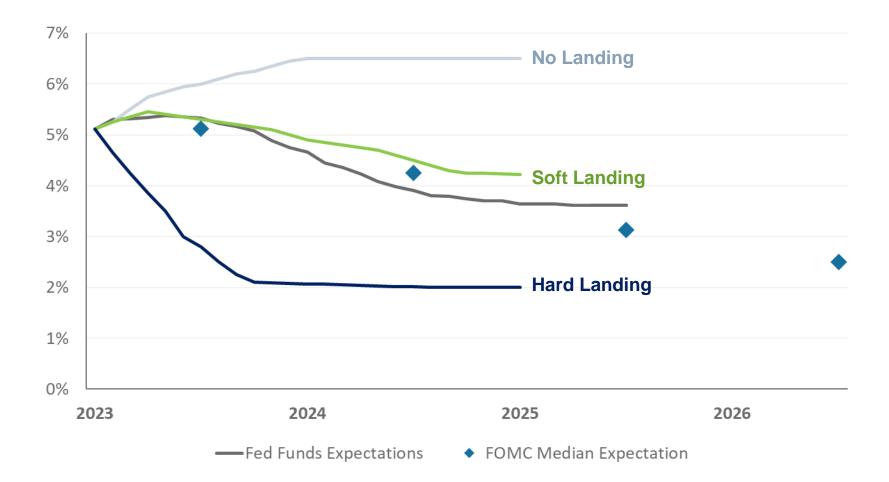
THE FED FUNDS RATE IS HIGHER THAN CORE CPI FEDERAL FUNDS FUTURES





MARKET PRICING CONVERGING WITH THE FOMC

THE FED DOT PLOT VERSUS FED FUNDS FUTURES





Notes: "No landing", "Soft landing", and "Hard landing" paths are illustrative; Fed Funds expectations as of 07/12/2023 Sources: Federal Reserve, FactSet

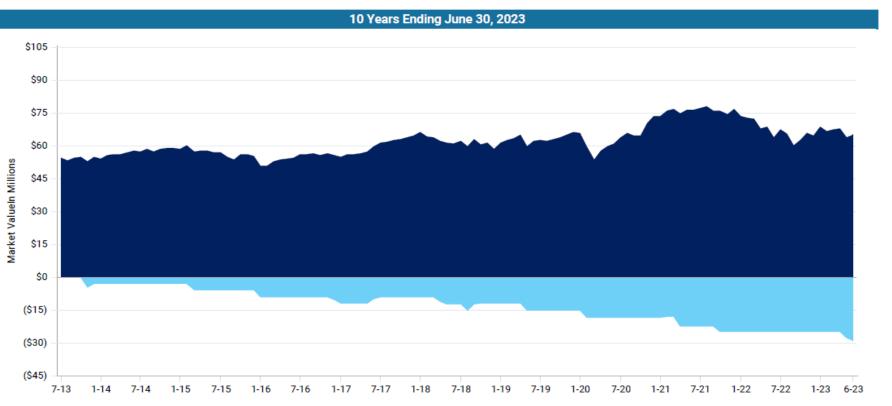


APPENDIX



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Boston Public Library TOTAL FUND ASSET GROWTH SUMMARY

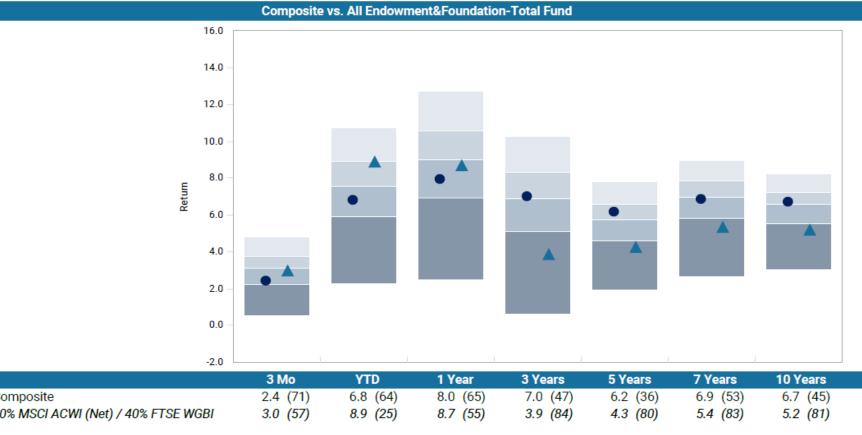


Market Value Net Cash Flow

	Last Three Months	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Beginning Market Value	67,664,892	64,873,770	64,166,103	61,138,046	61,354,834	54,716,643	52,773,696
Net Cash Flow	-3,898,511	-3,912,032	-3,922,336	-10,503,169	-16,650,348	-20,009,102	-28,761,289
Net Investment Change	1,492,115	4,296,758	5,014,729	14,623,619	20,554,010	30,550,955	41,246,089
Ending Market Value	65,258,496	65,258,496	65,258,496	65,258,496	65,258,496	65,258,496	65,258,496
Net Change	-2,406,396	384,726	1,092,393	4,120,450	3,903,662	10,541,853	12,484,800



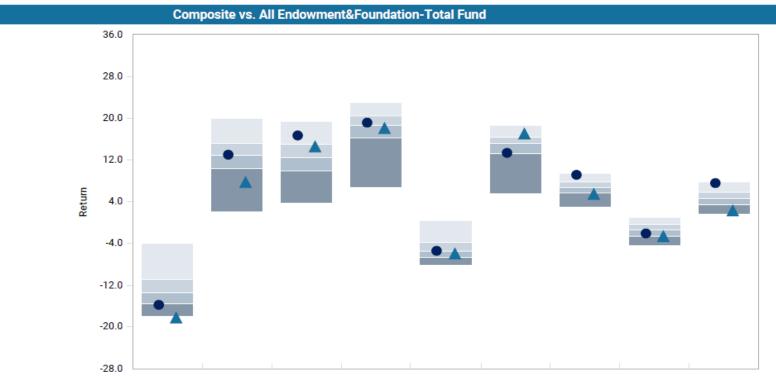
Boston Public Library TOTAL FUND RETURN SUMMARY VS. PEER UNIVERSE



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Composite	2.4 (71)	6.8 (64)	8.0 (65)	7.0 (47)	6.2 (36)	6.9 (53)	6.7 (45)
🔺 60% MSCI ACWI (Net) / 40% FTSE WGBI	3.0 (57)	8.9 (25)	8.7 (55)	3.9 (84)	4.3 (80)	5.4 (83)	5.2 (81)
5th Percentile	4.8	10.7	12.7	10.3	7.8	8.9	8.3
1st Quartile	3.8	8.9	10.6	8.3	6.6	7.9	7.2
Median	3.1	7.6	9.0	6.9	5.7	7.0	6.6
3rd Quartile	2.3	5.9	6.9	5.1	4.6	5.8	5.6
95th Percentile	0.5	2.3	2.5	0.6	2.0	2.6	3.0
Population	604	596	567	507	464	425	350



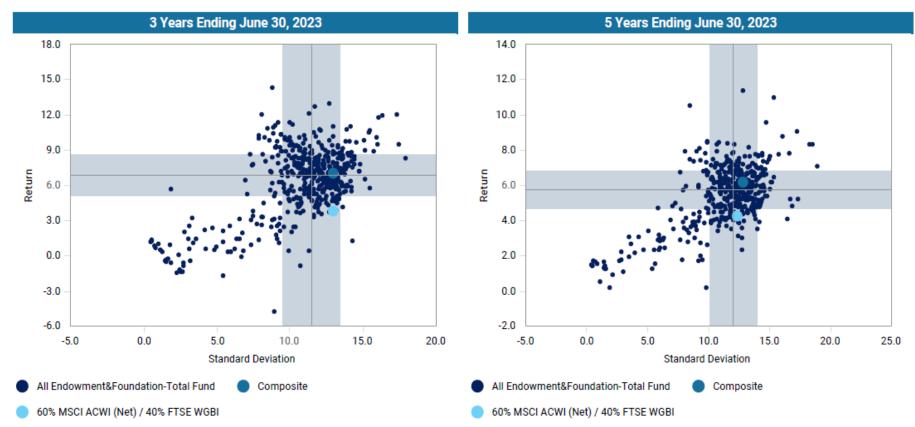
Boston Public Library TOTAL FUND RETURN SUMMARY VS. PEER UNIVERSE



	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
 Composite 	-15.6 (76)	12.9 (50)	16.8 (13)	19.1 (44)	-5.4 (52)	13.3 (75)	9.1 (8)	-2.1 (67)	7.6 (6)
🔺 60% MSCI ACWI (Net) / 40% FTSE WGBI	-18.1 (96)	7.8 (88)	14.5 (29)	18.2 (56)	-5.8 (60)	17.1 (17)	5.5 (77)	-2.6 (77)	2.3 (90)
5th Percentile	-4.0	20.1	19.3	23.0	0.4	18.7	9.5	1.2	7.8
1st Quartile	-10.8	15.1	14.9	20.3	-3.8	16.4	7.8	-0.3	5.9
Median	-13.5	12.9	12.6	18.6	-5.4	15.1	6.6	-1.4	4.6
3rd Quartile	-15.6	10.4	9.9	16.1	-6.6	13.2	5.6	-2.5	3.4
95th Percentile	-18.0	2.2	3.7	6.7	-8.1	5.4	3.0	-4.4	1.6
Population	927	1,095	1,302	1,295	1,084	1,034	991	925	885



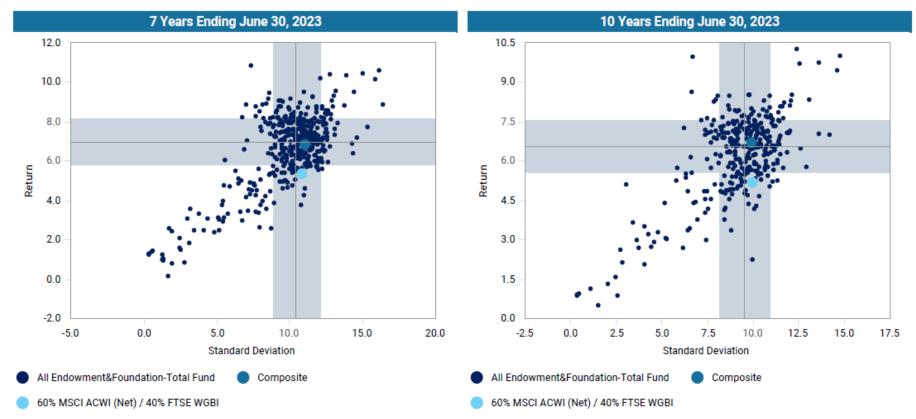
Boston Public Library TOTAL FUND RISK/RETURN - 3 AND 5 YEARS



3 Years Ending Ju	ine 30, 2023			5 Years Ending June 30, 2023					
	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio		Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio		
Composite	7.0 (47)	13.0 (78)	0.5 (53)	Composite	6.2 (36)	12.8 (69)	0.4 (41)		
60% MSCI ACWI (Net) / 40% FTSE WGBI	3.9 (84)	12.9 (77)	0.3 (87)	60% MSCI ACWI (Net) / 40% FTSE WGBI	4.3 (80)	12.3 (56)	0.3 (87)		
Allocation Index	5.7 (69)	12.3 (66)	0.4 (71)	Allocation Index	5.1 (65)	12.0 (48)	0.3 (63)		
Population	507	507	507	Population	464	464	464		



Boston Public Library TOTAL FUND RISK/RETURN - 7 AND 10 YEARS



7 Years Ending Ju	ine 30, 2023			10 Years Ending June 30, 2023					
	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio		Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio		
Composite	6.9 (53)	11.0 (67)	0.5 (57)	Composite	6.7 (45)	9.9 (61)	0.6 (49)		
60% MSCI ACWI (Net) / 40% FTSE WGBI	5.4 (83)	10.8 (60)	0.4 (89)	60% MSCI ACWI (Net) / 40% FTSE WGBI	5.2 (81)	10.0 (62)	0.5 (88)		
Allocation Index	5.9 (75)	10.3 (46)	0.5 (76)	Allocation Index	6.1 (64)	9.2 (44)	0.6 (57)		
Population	425	425	425	Population	350	350	350		



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NEPC PORTFOLIO AND ASSET ALLOCATION OVERVIEW

A. Vote to Rebalance the Annual Spend (Pending Discussion)

VOTED: "that, the Trustees Finance and Audit Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston vote to rebalance the annual spend based on the recommendations presented and discussed with NEPC."



New Business

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair

Public Comment

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



- People will be chosen in the order they were received and allowed 2 minutes to speak.
- The Moderator will unmute your mic when you are called on.
- Comments made in chat during meeting will not be acknowledged.
- If follow up is required, please send your contact email or phone number to the Clerk of the Board at <u>pcarver@bpl.org</u>

Adjournment

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• *Next Committee meeting is scheduled for 10.31.23. Please check the BPL website for details/changes