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## Investment Committee Minutes

April 25, 2024

MPCF's Investment Committee held its quarterly meeting 04/25/2024 on the MPC Campus.

- Members present in-person: Ron Eastman, Nathan Steen
- Members attending remotely: Bill Doolittle, Jason Griffin, Joe Servi
- Members absent:, Andrew Ausonio, Matthew Morgan
- Monterey Private Wealth (MPW) Advisors present: Cris Cabanillas, Hannah Rogge
- Monterey Peninsula College Foundation (MPCF) Staff present: Karen Kelly, Beccie Michael

**1. Chair Nathan Steen called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.**

**2. There were no guests; no public comment**

**3. Approval of 2024 Q1 minutes deferred**

A quorum was not physically present, but the group expressed a sense of approval to guide the committee in its approval process at the July 2024 meeting.

**4. Review and Discussion of Quarterly Portfolio Results**

Cris Cabanillas of Monterey Private Wealth noted that the market had an overall strong first quarter of 2024, with the S&P 500 up over 10%. The rapid rise of Artificial Intelligence has driven much of this strong performance, and AI will likely continue its disruptive influence. Earlier expectations of interest rate drops now seem unlikely in the face of ongoing inflation, and the upcoming federal election in the fourth quarter will generate market volatility. Nevertheless, MPW is comfortable with MPCF's portfolio performance. Highlights of Q1 2024 portfolio performance include:

- Total value of Schwab holdings at 3/31/2024 was \$13,326,541
- The value of the Intermediate Fund increased 2.66 % since the end of the previous year; 10.02% over the past year to \$839,824—tracking or outperforming its benchmark.

- Long-term portfolio value at was \$12,429,881--up 4.65% over the first quarter; up 14.74% over the past year--tracking its benchmark.
- The balance in the short-term cash fund was \$56,836
- No funds are currently on MPW's "watch list"
- Asset allocations remain within Investment Policy parameters; no rebalancing

#### **5. Updates to MPCF's Investment Policy**

MPCF's Investment Policy was most recently updated in the in the spring of 2020, and was reviewed without revision in July 2023. After a robust discussion in this meeting about whether the IPS's asset allocation is still appropriate, and whether MPCF is using its Intermediate Fund to best advantage, the committee requested more information at the next meeting:

- MPW will report on the asset allocation of endowments similar in size and intent to MPCF's
- MPW will propose alternative allocations, and alternative asset classes such as private equity
- MPCF staff will review the intended duration of the funds currently held in the Intermediate Fund, and move funds to the Long-term portfolio if appropriate.

#### **6. Adjournment:** Mr. Steen adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.