## WEST VIRGINIA

## BOARD OF TREASURY INVESTMENTS

CALENDAR NOTE
Board Meeting August 11, 2022

## OPERATING REPORT

MAY 2022

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Total Net Assets Under Management<br>\$9,228,127,000<br>Last Month \$8,548,522,000<br>Beginning of Fiscal Year $\$ 8,119,584,000$



Net Assets for the Past 12 Months

Total Net Income \& Changes in Fair Value

Fiscal Year
(\$5,777,000)


Monthly Net Income \& Changes in Fair Value for the Past 12 Months

## Money Market Pools

As of May 31, 2022
30-Day
Avg. Yield * W.A.M. ** Net Assets
Pool

WV Money Market
0.8581\%

23 Days
$\$ 8.1$ Billion

WV Gov't Money Market
0.6176\%

32 Days
\$197.6 Million

* Yields represent the simple money market yield net of fees.
** W.A.M. is the weighted average maturity.


# West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments The Economic State MAY 2022 

Markets Seesaw Experience

## Markets Update

A quick glance at the S\&P 500 's $0.2 \%$ return for May might mislead one into thinking it was a quiet month for stocks. Despite finishing roughly flat, intra-month volatility remained elevated and the index briefly dropped into a bear market (i.e., down $20 \%$ from its peak) before solidly rebounding in the final week to recover losses. With two interest rate hikes now in the bag, including a 50 -basis point increase in May, market sentiment was buoyed by some better earnings reports from a pocket of retailers later in the month, sentiment shifted toward positive consumer spending as a tailwind for the economy despite heightened inflation. As the curtain closes on May, the Federal Reserve is also set to begin the next step in quantitative tightening, that is to initiate the run-down of its massive $\$ 8.9 \mathrm{~T}$ bond portfolio. While the late in the month turnaround for stocks was certainly welcomed by investors, a heightened sense of uncertainty remains, and we expect volatility to continue. As one might expect in this backdrop of macro uncertainty, inflation and supply constraints, commodities continue to dominate the return environment. Other private assets are also positive contributors, (real estate, PE , infrastructure) and we will review more data after quarter end results are in.

## Fixed Income

Ultra-short-term rates continued to march higher during the month, consistent with Federal Reserve interest rate hikes, but yields were otherwise subdued relative to prior months, which was a welcome reprieve for bond investors.

Less volatility in yields translated into better performance for most sectors of the bond market. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index was positive at $0.6 \%$ but is down $8.9 \%$ year-to-date. U.S. TIPS ( $-1.0 \%$ ) were lower on the back of moderating inflation expectations, while nominal U.S. Treasuries ( $+0.2 \%$ ) managed a small positive return for the month. Emerging market debt remains challenged this year, pressured by sustained inflation and rising interest rates, among other country specific factors.

## Equities

The seesaw experience of May saw continued momentum for value stocks relative to growth stocks. Unlike the broad U.S. equity market, growth stocks have been unable to skirt bear market status this year. As was noted in our mid-May market commentary, troubling earnings (e.g., Walmart and Target) added to the growing list of investors concerns, but some relief came later in the month from other retailers (e.g., Macy's), suggesting the future prospect for consumers may not be as dire as some are predicting. Meanwhile, markets outside the U.S. turned in another month of relative outperformance, and both developed international markets and the emerging markets are slightly outperforming the broad U.S. market year-to-date. Given the macro issues that face non-U.S. economies and companies, the performance seems to be coming from relative valuations of non-U.S. stocks versus U.S. stocks.

## Looking Ahead

Stabilization in the bond market and a late month rally in stocks were encouraging developments and engendered a sense of optimism largely absent from markets this year. Whether we've seen the worst for stocks remains to be seen, but bargain hunters do seem to be emerging. With an eye towards May's inflation data (released in early June), the gradual lifting of lockdowns in China and what Fed officials say next, the tale of 2022 continues to be written in short choppy chapters.

# West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments Financial Highlights as of May 31, 2022 

| WV Short Term Bond Pool |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Rates of Return for the Past 12 Months Net of All Fees | WV Short Term Bond Pool Rates of Return <br> Past 12 Months <br> June 1 - May 31 |


| Summary of Value and Earnings (In Thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pool | Net Asset Value | May Net Income (Loss) |  | al YTD ncome oss) | Percent of Total Net Asset Value <br> Participant <br> Accounts, 0.5\% <br> Reserve, 0.2\% <br> - Loans, 1.3\% <br> WV Bank, 0.3\% <br> WV Short Term Bond, 7.6\% Ma Govt Money Market, $2.1 \%$ WV Money Market, 87.9\% |
| WV Money Market | \$ 8,115,927 | \$ 5,491 | \$ | 13,344 |  |
| WV Gov't Money Market | 197,550 | 126 |  | 245 |  |
| WV Short Term Bond | 704,268 | 2,699 |  | $(21,533)$ |  |
| WV Bank | 30,200 | 9 |  | 107 |  |
| Loans | 115,851 | 139 |  | 1,580 |  |
| Reserve | 19,988 | 13 |  | 46 |  |
| Participant Accounts | 44,343 | 13 |  | 434 |  |
|  | \$ 9,228,127 | \$ 8,490 | \$ | $(5,777)$ |  |




Inter-pool transfers in
Inter-pool transfers out
Net inter-pool transfers in (out)
Change in net position
Net position at beginning of period
Net position at end of period


