

**OPEB Finance Board meeting.**

**May 14, 2019**

**Meeting began at 2:58**

In attendance: Mary Blowe, Celeste Broadstreet, Jeremy Nichols, Jeff Barbour Kathleen Bowe Per Kathleen - amend minutes to reflect Allison's last name of Corbally Motion to approve minutes as amended by Jeremy Nichols, Seconded by Jeff Barbour.

Kathleen stated this was a strong quarter for returns, not a whole lot of volatility.

The economic data not a lot different from last quarter.

First release of 1st quarter gross domestic product grew 3.2 percent.

The fed has placed the markets on hold.

Unlikely to raise rates further or cut rates.

Feds look at employment and inflation.

Core inflation is about 2% level.

Wage growth approaching a 4% level

Yield curve inverted slightly at the end of the last quarter, but only for a few days.

We are seeing manufacturing slow down globally.

International economies, continue to be very low levels of growth.

Japan implementing a consumption tax soon.

No Brexit yet, which helped the economy.

Markets this and last week took a tumble due to trade situation.

US equities- prefer small and mid-cap space.

Sensitive to interest rate risk.

Appears no indications rates will climb.

Credit performed well, we are a bit over weight. We will be adjusting that sector.

We had almost a 10% return for the last quarter.

Moved the portfolio to be in line with our investment policy Meeting adjourned at 3:34

Next meeting August 20th at 3:00