

CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD

Statutory Authority: 29 Delaware Code, Section 2716 (29 **Del.C.** §2716)
1 **DE Admin. Code** 1201

FINAL

REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER

1201 Statement of Objectives and Guidelines for the Investment of State of Delaware Funds

The Cash Management Policy Board (the "Board") hereby adopts and issues this ORDER repealing the prior guidelines and promulgating new guidelines for the deposit and investments of State funds (the "Guidelines").

I. BACKGROUND

The Board is authorized by statute to establish policies (a) for the investment of all money belonging to the State or on deposit from its political subdivisions, except money deposited in any State Pension Fund or the State Deferred Compensation Program, and (b) to determine the terms, conditions, and other matters relating to those investments including the designation of permissible investments. See 29 **Del.C.** §2716(a). The Board previously promulgated Guidelines that, among other things, require collateralization of State deposits and establish maturity restrictions for securities purchased with State funds. See 1 **DE Admin. Code** 1201.

The Board, upon the recommendations of the Board's Subcommittees, has proposed changes to the Guidelines. The changes (a) modify existing collateralization requirements for the State's depository banks and (b) remove a seven-year cap on the maximum average maturity for reserve accounts managed by the State's investment managers. The Banking Subcommittee unanimously recommended the collateralization-related changes based on a comprehensive review of collateralization practices and issues conducted by the Office of State Treasurer ("OST"). The Investment Subcommittee unanimously recommended the investment-related changes to accommodate the State's new investment architecture, as approved and memorialized in Board Resolution 2018-1. The Board, after a public meeting on February 28, 2018, and by unanimous vote, approved revised Guidelines for proposal under Delaware's Administrative Procedures Act, 29 **Del.C.** Ch. 101 (the "APA").

In accordance with the APA, OST caused notice and a copy of the revised Guidelines to be published in the Delaware *Register of Regulations*, Vol. 21, Issue 10, from April 1, 2018 through May 1, 2018. Only one comment was received relating to Guideline §5.3. The Delaware Bankers Association ("DBA") suggested certain changes relating to the manner by which cash management banks submit "call reports" to OST. OST and DBA worked together to craft mutually acceptable changes to § 5.3. DBA also inquired about OST's "flexibility" with respect to the manner in which State funds are collateralized. OST has proposed changes to Section 1.2 that clarify the Board's authority to grant exceptions to the Guidelines.

Additionally, OST recommended two minor changes to address potential ambiguity. OST proposed a change to Section 5.1 to clarify that the Guidelines strive to achieve, but do not necessarily require, full collateralization of all end-of-day demand deposit account balances. OST also proposed a change to Section 5.2.1 to clarify that U.S. agency obligations, when posted as collateral by cash management banks, are not subject to the percentage limitations that apply when such obligation are purchased by the State's investment managers.

The Banking Subcommittee, after a meeting on May 9, 2018, unanimously agreed that the foregoing changes are non-substantive and recommended that the changes be incorporated into the revised Guidelines.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board, for the reasons discussed in detail at, and reflected in the minutes of, the Board meetings convened on February 28, 2018 and May 14, 2018, finds that the revised Guidelines, as further amended to address DBA's comments and OST's suggested changes, are necessary and appropriate to ensure the safe deposit and prudent investment of State funds. The Board also finds that the changes identified above are non-substantive and may be incorporated in the revised Guidelines and finally approved without re-proposal under the APA.

III. DECISION TO AMEND THE REGULATION

For the foregoing reasons, the Board concludes that it is appropriate to repeal the Guidelines presently published at 1 **DE Admin. Code** 1201 and replace them with the revised Guidelines attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IV. TEXT AND CITATION

The text of 1 **DE Admin. Code** 1201, as amended hereby, shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and shall be cited as 1 **DE Admin. Code** 1201, Objectives and Guidelines for the Investment of State of Delaware Funds.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days form the date this Order is published in the Delaware *Register of Regulations*.

IT IS SO ORDERED the 14th day of May, 2018.

John V. Flynn, Chair

Cash Management Policy Board

David Marvin, Chair

Investment Subcommittee

Warren C. Engle, Chair

Banking Subcommittee

Kenneth A. Simpler, Member

State Treasurer

Jeffrey Bullock, Member

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Lynda A. Messick, Co-Chair

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Richard J. Geisenberger, Member

Secretary, Department of Finance

Michael Morton, Member

Controller General

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1.0 Statutory Authorization

- 1.1 **Role of the Cash Management Policy Board.** The Cash Management Policy Board ("Board") was created by 63 Del. Laws, c. 142, to establish policies (a) for the investment of all money belonging to the State or on deposit from its political subdivisions, other than money deposited in any State Pension Fund or the State Deferred Compensation Program, ("State Funds") and (b) to determine the terms, conditions, and other matters relating to those investments including the designation of permissible investments (29 **Del.C.** §2716(a)).
- 1.2 **Role of the Office of the State Treasurer.** The investment of State Funds is to be made by the Office of the State Treasurer ("OST") in accordance with the objectives and guidelines outlined herein ("Guidelines"); ~~29 Del.C. §2716(e)(2))~~ **provided, however, that the Board, by majority vote, may authorize OST to depart from the Guidelines**.

2.0 Accounts

- 2.1 **Designation of Accounts.** For purposes of these Guidelines, State Funds are to be allocated and held in a variety of accounts as outlined below ("Accounts"):
 - 2.1.1 **Collection and Disbursement Accounts.** Cash required to meet the State's anticipated near-term operating requirements is to be held in "Collection and Disbursement Accounts." These accounts will be managed and invested in accordance with the general provisions of these Guidelines and the specific provisions of Section 5.0 below by qualified financial institutions ("Cash Management Banks") selected by the Board through a competitive bid process.
 - 2.1.2 **Liquidity Accounts.** Cash not required for the State's near-term operating requirements but readily available for anticipated funding needs of the State will be held in "Liquidity Accounts." State Funds in these accounts will be managed and invested in accordance with the general provisions of these Guidelines and the specific provisions of Section 6.0 below by qualified investment managers ("Liquidity Managers") selected by the Board through a competitive bid process.
 - 2.1.3 **Reserve Accounts.** Cash that is not anticipated to be needed for the State's near-term operating requirements or funding needs, but can be made available for unanticipated needs is to be held in "Reserve Accounts". State Funds in these accounts will be managed and invested in accordance with the general provisions of these Guidelines and the specific provisions of Section 7.0 below by qualified investment managers ("Reserve Managers") selected by the Board through a competitive bid process.
 - 2.1.4 **Endowment Accounts.** "Endowment Accounts" consist of State Funds set-aside for specified legislative purposes with the intent of growing the corpus of such funds over time. State Funds in these accounts will be managed and invested in accordance with the general provisions of these Guidelines and the specific

provisions of Section 8.0 below by qualified investment managers selected by the Board through a competitive bid process (“Endowment Managers”).

2.1.5 **Operating Accounts.** “Operating Accounts” consist of State Funds set aside for specified purposes to be made available as and when required to meet such purposes. State Funds in these accounts will be managed and invested in accordance with the general provisions of these Guidelines and the specific provisions of Section 9.0 below by Liquidity Managers or such other financial institutions as determined by the Board.

2.2 **List of Accounts.** OST shall maintain on its website a current listing of all Accounts and the Cash Management Banks, Liquidity Managers, Reserve Managers, and Endowment Managers approved by the Board to manage State Funds in such Accounts.

3.0 Allocation of State Funds

3.1 **General Allocation.** The Board is responsible for setting the policy as to the allocation of State Funds among the Accounts (29 Del.C. §2716(a)(2)).

3.2 Allocation among Accounts

3.2.1 **Cash Accounts.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, OST shall use its discretion to allocate State Funds among the Collection and Disbursement Accounts, Liquidity Accounts, and Reserve Accounts (collectively, “Cash Accounts”) in accordance with the general purposes of such Accounts as described in Section 2.0 of these Guidelines and the investment objectives more particularly described in Sections 5.0 – 7.0 below. In general, OST attempts to minimize the number of transfers of State Funds in and out of both Liquidity Accounts and Reserve Accounts. In the former case, OST maintains balances of funds with the Cash Management Banks sufficient to meet the State’s daily requirements over the near-term, allowing Liquidity Account balances to fluctuate based on the reasonably predictable cyclical pattern of the State’s annual collections and disbursements. In the latter instance, OST allocates State Funds to and from Reserve Accounts only as unforeseen need for, or receipt of, funds occurs that deviates meaningfully from the State’s historical pattern of collections and disbursements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may express a fixed allocation of State Funds to be held in each of the Cash Accounts to reflect then-prevailing market conditions or other considerations related to the probable income from and/or level of risk related to the investment of State Funds. (29 Del.C. §2716(a)). In such cases, OST may be required to make more frequent allocations among the Cash Accounts.

3.2.2 **Endowment Accounts and Operating Accounts,** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, OST shall allocate State Funds to the Endowment Accounts and Operating Accounts in accordance with the general purposes of such Accounts described in Section 2.0 of these Guidelines and the investment objectives more particularly described in Sections 8.0 and 9.0 below.

3.3 Allocation among Banks and Managers

3.3.1 **Cash Management Banks.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, OST shall further allocate State Funds in the Collection and Disbursement Accounts among the Cash Management Banks in such proportions as OST determines in its discretion are necessary or desirable to meet the State’s anticipated near-term anticipated operating liquidity requirements.

3.3.2 **Liquidity Managers.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board and subject to the provisions of subsection 3.3.5 below, OST shall further allocate State Funds in the Liquidity Accounts pro rata among the Liquidity Managers based on the aggregate amount of State Funds in such Accounts.

3.3.3 **Reserve Managers.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, OST shall further allocate State Funds in the Reserve Accounts pro rata among the Reserve Managers based on the aggregate amount of State Funds in such Accounts.

3.3.4 **Endowment Managers.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, OST shall further allocate State Funds in the Endowment Accounts pro rata among the Endowment Managers based on the aggregate amount of State Funds in such Accounts.

3.3.5 **Special Allocation of State Funds in Operating Accounts.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, OST shall further allocate State Funds in Operating Accounts pro rata among the Liquidity Managers or such other financial institutions as directed by the Board pursuant to subsection 2.1.5.

4.0 General Investment Standards and Objectives

4.1 **Standard of Care.** In general, the banks and managers engaged as fiduciaries to manage State Funds shall exercise the judgment and care over the investment of such funds with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that prudent professional investment managers, acting in like capacity and familiar with such matters, would use in the investment of State Funds.

- 4.2 **General Objectives.** Subject to the more specific policies set out in Sections 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0 of these Guidelines, State Funds shall be invested in a manner that ensures the safety of, provides liquidity for, and maximizes return on such funds. For purposes of these Guidelines, the foregoing priorities have the following meanings:
- 4.2.1 **Safety.** Safety is defined as the ability, under ordinary market conditions, to ensure against the loss of the original investment amount of State Funds. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the portfolio.
- 4.2.2 **Liquidity.** Liquidity is defined as the capacity to realize, convert to cash, an asset in a timely fashion, at or near its value. An asset is said to be liquid when the act of selling has little impact on the asset's price. State Funds shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all anticipated operating requirements and funding needs, and should be managed and invested for availability to meet unanticipated needs with minimal losses associated with illiquidity.
- 4.2.3 **Return.** Return is defined as the gain or loss on an investment over a specified period. Gains on investments are considered to be any income received from the security plus the earnings an asset generates in excess of its initial cost. The State Funds portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints of safety and liquidity set out herein.

5.0 Collection and Disbursement Accounts

- 5.1 **Investment Objectives.** The funds in the Collection and Disbursement Accounts must be immediately available to support the State's daily governmental programs and activities. The primary investment objectives are therefore safety and liquidity of such funds; return is a secondary priority. OST may, consistent with these investment objectives, minimize credit risk associated with demand deposit account balances at Cash Management Banks through same-day money market mutual fund sweep products in accordance with subsection 5.2.2 and/or banking services arrangements offering "daylight overdraft" or similar privileges. End-of-day ledger balances shall be [fully] secured as provided in subsection 5.2.
- 5.2 **Permissible Investments.** Cash Management Banks shall maintain State Funds in either collateralized demand deposit accounts or open-end money market mutual funds, in each case, subject to the provisions of subsections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2, respectively, in order to mitigate the risk of State Funds being exposed to the credit risk of such financial institution.
- 5.2.1 **Demand Deposit Accounts.** State Funds held by Cash Management Banks in demand deposit accounts shall be collateralized ~~by the pledge and transfer by such financial institution of [with] one or more of following approved methods: (a) pledges of government securities that meet the definitions set out in subsections [6.3.1 6.3.1.1] and [6.3.2 6.3.2.1] ("Eligible Collateral") to a custody account held for the benefit of the State at a Federal Reserve Bank [for the benefit of the State], or held by an independent trust company, bank or similar financial institution rated in the highest rating category by at least one Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations approved by OST ("NRSRO"); ("Fed Custody Account") (b) irrevocable standby letters of credit ("LOCs") issued by a Federal Home Loan Bank or financial institution rated in the highest rating category by at least one NRSRO; and (c) surety bonds issued by insurance companies rated in the highest rating category by at least one NRSRO (collectively, "Eligible Collateral").~~ The terms of any pledge or custody agreement, LOC, or surety bond shall be reviewed and approved by OST. The market aggregate value of Eligible Collateral in a Fed Custody Account shall be set at a level equivalent to the highest daily intra-day shall equal or exceed the total average monthly closing ledger balances of State Funds held or expected to be held at such financial institution by Cash Management Banks during the prior month, plus such additional amount of Eligible Collateral as OST may request such bank require Cash Management Banks to pledge and transfer as may be required to ensure against volatility in daily balances provide to protect against volatility and ensure that all uninsured ledger balances are fully secured at the close of each business day. Eligible Collateral in the form of government securities shall be marked to market at the close of each business day using an independent pricing service. A Cash Management Bank may adjust collateral levels at a Fed Custody Account as frequently as may be required to comply with the substitute or reduce Eligible Collateral provided that Eligible Collateral levels meet or exceed the foregoing requirements, so long as OST is shall be provided with same-day notice of any additions to or reductions such substitutions or reductions of Eligible Collateral in the Custody Account. In addition, a Cash Management Bank shall provide OST with a detailed report of the Eligible Collateral held in ~~any Fed Custody Account by 5:00 P.M. on the close of each business day~~ a custody account as requested by OST.
- 5.2.2 **Money Market Mutual Funds.** State Funds held by Cash Management Banks in money market mutual funds shall be invested solely in government securities that meet the definitions set out in subsections

6.3.1 and 6.3.2 and which are rated in the highest rating category by at least one ~~Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (“NRSRO” defined as Fitch, Moody’s, Morningstar and S&P)~~ NRSRO.

- 5.3 **Call Reports.** Each Cash Management Bank shall provide OST with a Consolidated Report of Condition and Income ~~[(FFIEC 031), generally referred to as a “call report,”]~~ with respect to such financial institution on a quarterly basis ~~[by the last day of the month following the end of such calendar quarter unless such report is available publicly from the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council’s web site or a successor agency’s website].~~

6.0 Liquidity Accounts

- 6.1 **Investment Objectives.** The primary investment objectives of the Liquidity Accounts are to maintain the safety of State Funds while ensuring the liquidity of such funds to be drawn down to the Cash Management Banks for the support of the anticipated funding needs of the State. As variations in the State’s otherwise predictable pattern of annual collections and disbursements do occur and can be material, Liquidity Managers must be prepared to meet unanticipated liquidity demands of the State in addition to those anticipated by OST. After the achievement of those goals, the State seeks to maximize the return on such investments.

- 6.2 **Maturity Restrictions.** The maximum maturity for any investment of State Funds in the Liquidity Accounts shall be two years from the date of settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, securities identified in subsections 6.3.4, 6.3.9, and 6.3.10 that are subject to periodic reset of coupon or interest rate may have an average life not to exceed three years as measured from the date of settlement.

- 6.3 **Permissible Investments and Percentage of Account Limitations.** State Funds held in Liquidity Accounts can be invested solely in the types of securities set out in this subsection 6.3. Each Liquidity Manager is further subject to limit the aggregate value of State Funds invested in each type of security held in the account under such manager’s discretion to the “Percentage Limit” of such security type identified in this subsection 6.3, measured as a percentage of the total Liquidity Account value of State Funds under such manager’s discretion.

6.3.1 United States Treasury Obligations

6.3.1.1 Definition: Bills, bonds, and notes issued by the U.S. Treasury.

6.3.1.2 Percentage Limit: No limit.

6.3.2 United States Government Agency Obligations

6.3.2.1 Definition: Any obligation of, or obligation that is insured as to principal and interest by, the U.S. or any agency or corporation thereof (excluding bills, bonds and notes issued by the U.S. Treasury), and any obligation and security of U.S.-sponsored enterprises, including, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Land Banks, and the Government National Mortgage Association.

6.3.2.2 Percentage Limit: 50% in total; 20% in any one issuer.

6.3.3 Certificates of Deposit and Time Deposits

6.3.3.1 Definition: Certificates of deposit and time deposits denominated in U.S. dollars and issued or endorsed by either (i) a bank or a savings and loan association organized and supervised under federal or any state laws and regulated by the Federal Reserve or a trust company which is a member of the Federal Reserve system or (ii) a bank organized and supervised under the laws of Japan, Canada, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, or Norway. Any such banking institution must have assets of not less than \$100 billion and be rated not lower than A1/P-1/F1 Short Term by at least two NRSROs.

6.3.3.2 Percentage Limit: 50% in total (domestic & non-domestic combined); 25% in all non-domestic banking institutions; 5% in any one issuer.

6.3.4 Corporate Debt Instruments

6.3.4.1 Definition: Commercial paper, variable rate notes, and non-convertible bonds and debentures denominated in U.S. dollars and issued by a U.S. corporation or a non-domestic corporation subject to the laws of Japan, Canada, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, or Norway. Such securities must be rated by at least two NRSROs and (i) in the case of commercial paper, must be rated not lower than "A-2" by S&P, "P-2" by Moody's and "F2" by Fitch and the senior long-term debt of the issuer must be rated not lower "A-" by S&P, "A3" by Moody's and "A-" by Fitch (excluding asset-backed commercial paper that is rated A1 or better) and (ii) in the case of notes, bonds and debentures, must be rated not lower than "A-" by S&P, "A3" by Moody's and "A-" by Fitch; provided that, any security that meets the foregoing rating standards and is backed fully by an irrevocable, unconditional letter of credit issued by a banking institution shall not be permissible hereunder unless such banking

institution meets the definition of subsection 6.3.3.1 (in which case, any such securities will be deemed to be securities of both the corporate issuer and the banking institution for purposes of calculating the Percentage Limits set forth in subsections 6.3.4.2 and 6.3.3.2, respectively).

6.3.4.2 Percentage Limit: 50% in total; 25% in all non-domestic corporations; 25% in any one industry; 5% in any one issuer.

6.3.5 Repurchase Agreements

6.3.5.1 Definition: Securities permissible pursuant to subsections 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 acquired from a primary dealer designated by the NY Federal Reserve Bank, or a domestic bank which meets the definition set out in subsection 6.3.3.1, subject to a written repurchase agreement from such dealer or bank; provided that, (i) in the case of securities held in book-entry form in the Federal Reserve System, all deliveries of such securities must be made through the Federal Reserve book-entry system to an account designated by the State's custodian for such purpose and (ii); in the case of securities held in certificated form, all deliveries of such securities must be made to such address as designated by the State's custodian.

6.3.5.2 Percentage Limit: 50% in total; provided that any securities purchased subject to repurchase agreements shall be subject to the respective Percentage Limit for such security type as set forth in this subsection 6.3 and valued for such purposes at the lesser of fair market value and 102 percent of the maturity value of the securities pursuant to the repurchase agreement and marked-to-the-market daily as requested by the investment manager.

6.3.6 Money Market Funds

6.3.6.1 Definition: Open-end money market mutual funds that are invested solely in government securities (as defined in subsections 6.3.1 and 6.3.2) and which are rated in the highest rating category by at least one NRSRO.

6.3.6.2 Percentage Limit: No limit.

6.3.7 Canadian Treasury Bills

6.3.7.1 Definition: Marketable securities issued by the government of Canada; provided that such securities are U.S. dollar denominated.

6.3.7.2 Percentage Limit: 25% in total.

6.3.8 Canadian Agency Securities

6.3.8.1 Definition: Any obligation of any Canadian government-sponsored agency that is insured as to principal and interest by the Canadian Government; provided that the obligation is U.S. dollar denominated commercial paper having a maximum maturity of 270 days from the date of settlement.

6.3.8.2 Percentage Limit: 25% in total; 10% in any one agency.

6.3.9 Mortgage-Backed Securities

6.3.9.1 Definition: Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (FHLMC) mortgage-backed securities issued in the form of pass-throughs; provided that, such securities have (i) been issued and guaranteed by the US Government or Government Agency and (ii) an average life not to exceed two years from the date of settlement (unless such securities are subject to periodic reset of coupon or interest rate, in which case the average life may not exceed three years from the date of settlement).

6.3.9.2 Percentage Limit: 10% in total, including securities defined in subsection 6.3.10.1.

6.3.10 Asset-Backed Securities

6.3.10.1 Definition: Securities collateralized by pools of auto loan receivables, credit card receivables, and equipment loans; provided that such securities have (i) the highest credit rating from at least two NRSROs and (ii) an average life not to exceed two years from the date of settlement (unless such securities are subject to periodic reset of coupon or interest rate, in which case the average life may not exceed three years from the date of settlement).

6.3.10.2 Percentage Limit: 10% in total, including securities defined in subsection 6.3.9.1.

7.0 Reserve Accounts

7.1 **Investment Objectives.** The Reserve Accounts have been established to provide funding over an intermediate horizon but must be available to meet unanticipated operating requirements of the State as they arise. The primary investment objectives are to maintain the safety of and maximize the return on such funds. Liquidity of such funds is a secondary consideration, but Reserve Managers are expected to invest State

Funds in a manner to mitigate losses in connection with the need to liquidate investments for unforeseen operating requirements.

7.2 **Maturity Restrictions.** The maximum maturity for any investment of State Funds in the Reserve Accounts shall be ten years from the date of settlement; ~~provided that, the maximum average maturity of each account managed by a Reserve Manager shall be seven years.~~

7.3 **Permissible Investments and Percentage of Account Limitations.** State Funds held in Reserve Accounts can be invested solely in the types of securities set out in this subsection 7.3. Each Reserve Manager is further subject to limit the aggregate value of State Funds invested in each type of security held in the account under such manager's discretion to the "Percentage Limit" of such security type identified in this subsection 7.3, measured as a percentage of the total Reserve Account value of State Funds under such manager's discretion.

7.3.1 **United States Treasury Obligations**

7.3.1.1 Definition: Bills, bonds, and notes issued by the U.S. Treasury.

7.3.1.2 Percentage Limit: No Limit.

7.3.2 **United States Government Agency Obligations**

7.3.2.1 Definition: Any obligation of, or obligation that is insured as to principal and interest by, the U.S. or any agency or corporation thereof (excluding bills, bonds and notes issued by the U.S. Treasury), and any obligation and security of U.S.-sponsored enterprises, including, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Land Banks, and the Government National Mortgage Association.

7.3.2.2 Percentage Limit: 50% total; 20% in any one issuer.

7.3.3 **Certificates of Deposit and Time Deposits**

7.3.3.1 Definition: Certificates of deposit and time deposits denominated in U.S. dollars and issued or endorsed by either (i) a bank or a savings and loan association organized and supervised under federal or any state laws and regulated by the Federal Reserve or a trust company which is a member of the Federal Reserve system or (ii) a bank organized and supervised under the laws of Japan, Canada, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, or Norway. Any such banking institution must have assets of not less than \$100 billion and be rated not lower than A1/P-1/F1 Short Term by at least two NRSROs.

7.3.3.2 Percentage Limit: 50% in total (domestic & non-domestic combined); 25% in all non-domestic banking institutions; 5% in any one issuer.

7.3.4 **Corporate Debt Instruments**

7.3.4.1 Definition: Commercial paper, variable rate notes, and non-convertible bonds and debentures denominated in U.S. dollars and issued by a U.S. corporation or a non-domestic corporation subject to the laws of Japan, Canada, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, or Norway; provided that such securities must be rated by at least two NRSROs and (i) in the case of commercial paper, must be rated not lower than "A-2" by S&P, "P-2" by Moody's and "F2" by Fitch and the senior long-term debt of the issuer must be rated not lower than "A-" by S&P, "A3" by Moody's and "A-" by Fitch (excluding asset-backed commercial paper that is rated A1 or better) and (ii) in the case of notes, bonds and debentures, must be rated not lower than "A-" by S&P, "A3" by Moody's and "A-" by Fitch; provided that, any security that meets the foregoing rating standards and is backed fully by an irrevocable, unconditional letter of credit issued by a banking institution shall not be permissible hereunder unless such banking institution meets the definition of subsection 7.3.3.1 (in which case, any such securities will be deemed to be securities of both the corporate issuer and the banking institution for purposes of calculating the Percentage Limits set forth in subsections 7.3.4.2 and 7.3.3.2, respectively).

7.3.4.2 Percentage Limit: 50% in total; 25% in all non-domestic corporations; 25% in any one industry; 5% in any one issuer.

7.3.5 **Repurchase Agreements**

7.3.5.1 Definition: Securities permissible pursuant to subsections 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 acquired from a primary dealer designated by the NY Federal Reserve Bank, or a domestic bank which meets the definition set out in subsection 7.3.3.1, subject to a written repurchase agreement from such dealer or bank; provided that, (i) in the case of securities held in book-entry form in the Federal Reserve System, all deliveries of such securities must be made through the Federal Reserve book-entry system to an account designated by the State's custodian or such purpose and (ii); in the case of securities

held in certificated form, all deliveries of such securities must be made to such address as designated by the State's custodian.

- 7.3.5.2 Percentage Limit: 50% in total; provided that any securities purchased subject to repurchase agreements shall be subject to the respective Percentage Limit for such security type as set forth in this subsection 7.3 and valued for such purposes at the lesser of fair market value and 102 percent of the maturity value of the securities pursuant to the repurchase agreement and marked-to-the-market daily as requested by the investment manager.

7.3.6 Money Market Funds

- 7.3.6.1 Definition: Open-end money market mutual funds that are invested solely in government securities (as defined in subsections 7.3.1 and 7.3.2) and which are rated in the highest rating category by at least one NRSRO.

- 7.3.6.2 Percentage Limit: 100% in total.

7.3.7 Canadian Treasury Bills

- 7.3.7.1 Definition: Marketable securities issued by the government of Canada, provided that such securities are U.S. dollar denominated.

- 7.3.7.2 Percentage Limit: 25% in total.

7.3.8 Canadian Agency Securities

- 7.3.8.1 Definition: Any obligation of any Canadian government-sponsored agency that is insured as to principal and interest by the Canadian Government; provided that the obligation is U.S. dollar denominated commercial paper having a maximum maturity of 270 days from the date of settlement.

- 7.3.8.2 Percentage Limit: 25% in total; 10% in any one agency.

7.3.9 Mortgage-Backed Securities

- 7.3.9.1 Definition: Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (FHLMC) mortgage-backed securities issued in the form of pass-throughs; provided that they have (i) been issued and guaranteed by the US Government or Government Agency and (ii) an average life not to exceed ten years (from the date of settlement of purchase).

- 7.3.9.2 Percentage Limit: 10% in total, including securities defined in subsection 7.3.10.1.

7.3.10 Asset Backed Securities

- 7.3.10.1 Definition: Securities collateralized by pools of auto loan receivables, credit card receivables, and equipment loans; provided that (i) such securities have the highest credit rating from the highest credit rating from at least two NRSROs and (ii) an average life not to exceed two years from the date of settlement (unless such securities are subject to periodic reset of coupon or interest rate, in which case the average life may not exceed three years from the date of settlement).

- 7.3.10.2 Percentage Limit: 10% in total, including securities defined in subsection 7.3.9.1.

7.3.11 Municipal Obligations

- 7.3.11.1 Definition: Taxable and tax-exempt securities issued by state and local governments and public authorities in the U.S., excluding securities issued by the State of Delaware, its local governments and public authorities; provided that such securities must be rated by at least two NRSROs and must be rated not lower than "A-" by S&P, "A3" by Moody's and "A-" by Fitch.

- 7.3.11.2 Percentage Limit: 20% in total; 5% in any one issuer.

8.0 Endowment Accounts

- 8.1 **Investment Objectives.** Endowment Accounts are funded with State Funds to be preserved and grown over time with a portion of the investment income and/or appreciation thereon withdrawn periodically to provide for specified legislative purposes. The primary objective of such Accounts is to create a perpetual fund whereby returns are maximized over the long term while ensuring safety of the corpus and the availability of amounts prescribed to meet the periodic liquidity requirements of the permitted withdrawals.

- 8.2 **Permissible Investments and Percentage of Account Limitations.** State Funds held in Endowment Accounts can be invested solely in the types of securities set out in this subsection 8.2. Each Endowment Manager is further subject to (i) limit the aggregate value of State Funds invested in each type of security held in the account under such manager's discretion to the "Percentage Maximum" of such security type identified in this subsection 8.2, measured as a percentage of the total account value of State Funds under such manager's discretion, and (ii) maintain a minimum of the aggregate value of State Funds invested in each type of security held in the account under such manager's discretion to the "Percentage Minimum" of such security

type identified in this subsection 8.2, measured in each case as a percentage of the total account value of State Funds under such manager's discretion.

8.2.1 Money Market Funds

8.2.1.1 Definition: Open-end money market mutual funds that are invested solely in government securities (as defined in subsections 6.3.1 and 6.3.2) and which are rated in the highest rating category by at least one NRSRO.

8.2.1.2 Percentage Maximum: 30% in total.

8.2.1.3 Percentage Minimum Limit: 5% in total.

8.2.2 Domestic and International Equities

8.2.2.1 Definition: Common and preferred stocks of companies domiciled both within the U.S. and outside the U.S. that trade on U.S. or foreign exchanges and over the counter. Ownership in a publicly traded company, whether common or preferred, that trades on globally recognized exchanges, and issued by corporations, both foreign and domestic.

8.2.2.2 Percentage Maximum: 75% in total; no more than 35% of which are in international equities.

8.2.2.3 Percentage Minimum: 45% in total; no more than 35% of which are in international equities.

8.2.3 Domestic and International Fixed Income

8.2.3.1 Definition: Debt securities of U.S. and non-U.S. governments, public agencies, corporations and other non-government entities.

8.2.3.2 Percentage Maximum: 55% in total, including securities permitted under subsection 8.2.4.

8.2.3.3 Percentage Minimum: 25% in total, including securities permitted under subsection 8.2.4.

8.2.4 Alternative Investments

8.2.4.1 Definition: Securities not otherwise permissible pursuant to subsections 8.2.1 – 8.2.3 that a prudent manager would deem appropriate for portfolios of like character with comparable investment objectives, excluding hedge funds or other blind pool funds that incorporate leverage as part of their investment strategies.

8.2.4.2 Percentage Maximum: 25% in total.

8.2.4.3 Percentage Minimum: none.

9.0 Operating Accounts

9.1 **Investment Objectives.** State agencies and other public authorities maintain various operating accounts with the intent of segregating such funds for accounting and reporting purposes. In addition, operating accounts may be created by the State to meet particular purposes and/or to comply with state statutes, bond trust agreements and/or Federal guidelines. The investment objectives with respect to such funds are to ensure safety and maximize return while providing for the liquidity requirements specifically identifiable to the use of such funds.

9.2 **Maturity Restrictions.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the maximum maturity for any investment of State Funds in the Operating Accounts shall be two years from the date of settlement. In some circumstances, State Funds in an Operating Account may be set aside to fund a known, specific future liability; in such cases, the Board grants OST the discretion to set the maturity restrictions with respect to securities purchased with such funds to correspond to the due date of the corresponding liability.

9.3 **Permissible Investments and Percentage of Account Limitations.** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, Operating Accounts shall be governed by the Permissible Investment and Percentage of Account Limitations for the Liquidity Accounts set out in subsections 6.2 and 6.3.

10.0 Restrictions & Violations

10.1 **Investment Restrictions.** Notwithstanding any other provision, none of the banks or managers engaged to manage or invest State Funds may:

10.1.1 Purchase any securities other than those expressly permitted under Sections 5.0 – 9.0 of these Guidelines;

10.1.2 Make investments for the purpose of exercising control or management of an issuer;

10.1.3 Purchase any securities on margin, except for use of short-term credit necessary for clearance of purchases and sales of portfolio securities;

10.1.4 Make short sales of securities or maintain a short position or write, purchase or sell puts, calls, straddles, spreads or combinations thereof;

10.1.5 Make loans to other persons, other than in connection with repurchase agreements as provided herein;

- 10.1.6 Mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or in any manner transfer as security for indebtedness any securities owned or held;
- 10.1.7 Invest in securities with legal or contractual restrictions on resale or for which no readily available market exists (except for repurchase agreements or variable rate master demand notes as provided herein and 144a private placements considered not to be illiquid, but, instead, readily marketable by issuing dealers);
- 10.1.8 Act as an underwriter of securities on behalf of the State of Delaware; or
- 10.1.9 Buy or sell any authorized investment when it is a party or any related or affiliated party in the transaction on both sides.
- 10.2 **Purchases in Violation of Guidelines.** In the event that a bank or manager purchases any security that at the time of purchase violates Sections 5.0 – 9.0, the bank or manager shall remove the security from the State's portfolio as soon as possible and will bear all costs associated with the purchase and sale of such security. The bank or manager shall further ensure that the State recognizes no investment gain or loss on the purchase and sale of such security and/or shall effect such transactions as shall be necessary to eliminate any such gain or loss on the books and records of the State's Account with such bank or manager. A bank or manager shall report immediately any such violation and the action(s) taken to correct such violation to OST.
- 10.3 **Holding Impermissible Securities Following a Downgrade.** In the event that a bank or manager holds any security that complied with Sections 5.0 – 9.0 at the time of purchase, but which ceases to qualify as a permissible investment as the result of a downgrade, the bank or investment manager shall remove the security from the State's portfolio immediately without any consideration as to the investment gains or losses occasioned thereby. In such case, the State shall bear all costs associated with the purchase and sale of such security and shall recognize any investment gain or loss on such transactions on the books and records of the State's Account with such bank or manager. A bank or manager shall report immediately any such violation and the action(s) taken to correct such violation to OST.
- 10.4 **Holding Impermissible Securities Following a Drawdown.** In the event that a manager's account exceeds the percentage of account limitations set forth in Sections 6.0 - 9.0 hereof as the result of a portfolio withdrawal, ~~The~~ the manager shall provide to OST within 2 business days, a detailed plan for remediation of the allocation to within the permissible percentage of account limitation. Such plan shall include: any expected paydowns on structured securities, expected maturities and expected cash flow items. The manager and OST shall work together to determine a prudent path for remediation, with care taken to manage the overall portfolio risk and implications of any book gains or losses within the portfolio.
- 10.5 **Mutual or Commingled Fund Exceptions to Guidelines.** The Board recognizes that (i) mutual funds and other types of commingled investment vehicles can provide, under some circumstances, lower costs and better diversification than can be obtained with a separately managed fund pursuing the same investment objectives and (ii) such funds cannot customize their investment policies to conform to the guidelines set out herein. In such cases, the policies of such funds shall supersede these guidelines and are exempt from the policies and restrictions specified herein.

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