# State of Illinois Office of the Treasurer The Illinois Funds

Financial Audit For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Performed as Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, State of Illinois

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## The Illinois Funds Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Office of the Treasurer's Officials

Treasurer Honorable Michael W. Frerichs

Chief of Staff Mr. G. Allen Mayer

Deputy Treasurer Ms. Catherine Shannon

Chief Banking Officer Ms. Elizabeth Turner

Chief Fiscal Officer Ms. Deborah Miller

Chief Investment Officer Mr. Joseph Aguilar

General Counsel & Ethics Officer Ms. Laura Duque

Executive Inspector General for the Illinois State Treasurer Ms. Heather Stone

Chief Internal Auditor

(June 16, 2025 to Present) Ms. Jennifer Boen

(December 1, 2024 to June 15, 2025) Vacant

(July 1, 2022 to November 30, 2024)

Ms. Leighann Manning

Deputy Chief Fiscal Officer Mr. Wes Howerton

Director of Illinois Funds Mr. Thomas Gary

Director of IPTIP (Illinois Public Treasurer's

Investment Pool) Investments Mr. Jack Weisenborn

#### Office of the Treasurer's Offices

The Office of the Treasurer had the following office locations during the year:

Executive Office Operational Divisions
State Capitol Marine Bank Building
219 State House 1 East Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62706 Springfield, Illinois 62701

Chicago Office Legal/Programmatic State Treasurer's Office 555 W. Monroe, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Chicago, IL 60661



## The Illinois Funds Financial Audit For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### **Financial Statement Report**

#### Summary

The audits of the accompanying financial statements of The Illinois Funds of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, were performed by Crowe LLP, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Based on their audits, the auditors expressed an unmodified opinion on The Illinois Funds' financial statements.

#### **Summary of Findings**

Number of	Current Prior Report Report
Findings Repeated Findings	1 2 0 2
Prior Recommendattions Implemented or Not Repeated	2 0
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS	
Last/First  Item No. Page Reported Description	Finding Type
CURRENT FINDINGS	

#### PRIOR FINDING NOT REPEATED

to Review of Investments

Inadequate Internal Controls Related

Material Weakness

Α	76	2023/2020	Inadequate Internal Controls Related to Review of Financial Statements	Material Weakness
В	76	2023/2022	Inadequate Internal Controls Relatted to Review of Service Providers	Significant Deficiency

#### **Exit Conference**

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The Office waived an exit conference in a correspondence from Ms. Jennifer Boen, Chief Internal Auditor, on August 20, 2025.





#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Honorable Frank J. Mautino Auditor General State of Illinois

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited the financial statements of The Illinois Funds, as defined in Note 1, a fiduciary (investment trust) fund of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Illinois Funds, as defined in Note 1, of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Office of the Treasurer, and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Illinois Funds are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position of only that portion of the Office of the Treasurer that is attributable to the transactions of The Illinois Funds, available to external participants. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Illinois or the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud
  or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
  examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
  statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Office of the Treasurer's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is
  expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the financial statements of The Illinois Funds of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, as defined in Note 1. The Supplementary Information (pages 19 - 28) as listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplementary Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The Other Information (pages 29 – 72) as listed in the table of contents does not include the financial statements of The Illinois Funds of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, as defined in Note 1 and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements of The Illinois Funds of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, as defined in Note 1, do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 28, 2025, on our consideration of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting of The Illinois Funds and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office of the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Crowe LLP

Springfield, Illinois August 28, 2025



#### The Illinois Funds Statements of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash	\$ 79,	517 \$ 4,099
Repurchase agreements, including accrued interest of		
\$527,622 and \$113,099 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	1,188,615,	806,977,577
Commercial paper, net of unaccreted discount of		
\$1,159,789 and \$1,523,194 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	423,216,8	373,358,456
U.S. Treasury Bills, net of unaccreted		
discount of \$280,444 and \$0 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	166,468,	710 -
U.S. Treasury Notes, net of unaccreted		
discount of \$132,568 and \$60,205 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	663,794,2	200 351,649,953
Money market mutual funds, net of unamortized premium of		
\$389,832 and \$323,645, in 2024 and 2023 respectively	2,145,398,	789 1,642,732,433
U.S. agency obligations		
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes, net of unaccreted		
discount of \$67,128 and \$0 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	41,620,	160 -
Corporate Bonds, net of unaccreted discount of \$361,913 in 2024		
and \$1,956,223 in 2023, respectively	626,828,	345 425,175,488
Supranational Notes, net of unaccreted		
discount of \$333,128 and unaccreted discount of \$0		
in 2024 and 2023, respectively	108,092,	174
Total cash and cash equivalents	5,364,114,0	048 3,599,898,006
Deposits and investments		
Commercial paper, net of unaccreted discount		
of \$6,790,762 and \$13,857,995 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	422,838,4	433 867,755,236
U.S. Treasury Bills, net of unaccreted		
discount of \$0 and \$2,249,279 in 2024 and 2023, respectively		- 390,838,544
U.S. Treasury Notes, net of unamortized premium of		
\$4,807 and \$35,492 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	177,175,	783 62,031,006
U.S. agency obligations		
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures,		
net of unaccreted discount of \$86,119 and \$565,377		
in 2024 and 2023, respectively	162,494,3	755,340,437

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

#### The Illinois Funds Statements of Fiduciary Net Position (Continued) June 30, 2024 and 2023

		2024		2023
Assets (Continued)				
U.S. agency obligations (Continued)				
Federal Farm Credit Bureau Debentures,				
net of unaccreted net discount of \$91,574 and \$0				
in 2024 and 2023 and unamortized premium of \$0				
and \$57,932 in 2024 and 2023, respectively	\$	81,989,029	\$	367,864,001
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures		166,749,154		103,444,164
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Debentures		36,122,036		-
Certificates of Deposit, net of unamortized premium of \$7,817 and net				
of unaccreted discount of \$141,514 in 2024 and 2023, respectively		254,717,151		152,466,764
Supranational Notes, net of unaccreted discount of \$184,324 and				
\$868,481 in 2024 and 2023, respectively		50,951,389		167,140,151
Corporate Bonds, net of unaccreted discount of \$9,643,336		4 050 055 000		4 400 004 540
and \$3,084,228 in 2024 and 2023, respectively		1,853,055,989		1,439,291,540
Total deposits and investments		3,206,093,270		4,306,171,843
Accrued interest receivable		42,543,253		35,645,186
Total assets	\$	8,612,750,571	\$	7,941,715,035
Liabilities and Net Position				
Accrued liabilities				
Bank custodial fees	\$	160.105	\$	156,139
State management fees	·	499,628	·	467,093
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Total liabilities		659,733		623,232
Net position held in trust for pool participants	\$	8,612,090,838	\$	7,941,091,803
The pricing of shares				
Participant shares outstanding (\$1.00 par,		0.040.000.000		7 044 004 000
unlimited shares authorized)		8,612,090,838		7,941,091,803
Participant net position value, offering and				
redemption price per share	\$	1.00	\$	1.00

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

#### The Illinois Funds Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Additions		
Investment income		
Investment earnings	\$ 452,288,440	\$ 294,913,935
Investment expenses		
Bank custodial fees	1,872,952	1,752,150
State management fees	4,013,519	3,719,601
Total investment expenses	5,886,471	5,471,751
Net investment income	446,401,969	289,442,184
Dividends to participants from		
net investment income	(446,401,969)	(289,442,184)
Share transactions (dollar amounts and		
number of shares are the same)		
Subscriptions	15,832,156,429	15,345,076,644
Reinvestments	436,817,759	284,010,750
Redemptions	(15,597,975,153)	(14,554,516,374)
Change in net position and shares		
resulting from share transactions	670,999,035	1,074,571,020
Net position, beginning of year	7,941,091,803	6,866,520,783
Net position, end of year	\$ 8,612,090,838	\$ 7,941,091,803

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Background

The Illinois Funds was established in 1976 (through 15 ILCS 505/17) to supplement and enhance the investment opportunities available to custodians of public agency funds throughout the State of Illinois. The management, custodianship, and operation of The Illinois Funds are under the supervision of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer ("Treasurer").

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

<u>Financial Reporting Entity</u>: As described in the Illinois Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Illinois is the primary government, which includes all funds, elected offices, departments, and agencies of the State, as well as boards, commissions, authorities, universities and colleges over which the State's executive or legislative branches exercise legal control.

The Illinois Funds is not legally separate from the State of Illinois and is, therefore, determined to be part of the primary government. The Illinois Funds is included in the Illinois Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as an investment trust fund. The Illinois Funds Program consists of an internal and external portion. The internal portion is the portion that belongs to the State and its component units. The external portion is the portion belonging to the non-component-unit participants. The scope of The Illinois Funds' financial statements presented herein is limited to the financial position of The Illinois Funds, including net position available to external participants, and the changes in net position. The internal portion of The Illinois Funds is included in the various funds in the Illinois Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as an investment.

As a governmental sponsored investment pool, The Illinois Funds is not eligible to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and thus is not a registrant with the SEC; however, The Illinois Funds has adopted operating procedures consistent with those required of an SEC 2a-7 Fund (2a-7-like Fund). The Illinois Funds has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with SEC Rule 2a-7, which governs the operation of SEC regulated money market funds. While the Illinois Funds operates in accordance with SEC Rule 2a-7, for valuation purposes it complies with GASB Statement No. 79. See Note 2 below for additional information.

<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>: The Illinois Funds is classified as an investment trust fund. This investment trust fund is used to account for assets held by The Illinois Funds in a trustee capacity or as an agent for public treasurers and other custodians of public monies throughout the State of Illinois. This investment trust fund is not held in the State Treasury and is a non-appropriated fund.

<u>Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus</u>: The accounts of The Illinois Funds are maintained and reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place.

<u>Cash Equivalents, Deposits, and Investments</u>: Cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments readily convertible to cash with maturities of 90 days or less at time of purchase.

Repurchase agreements (securities purchased under agreements to resell) are reported at cost plus accrued interest.

Certificates of deposit with financial institutions are stated at cost plus accrued interest, which represents current value. Certificates of deposit may be subject to certain withdrawal restrictions. It is the intent of management to hold the time deposits to maturity.

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Commercial paper is stated at amortized cost, which excludes accrued interest and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Commercial paper utilizes the straight-line method of amortization or accretion. It is the intent of management to hold commercial paper to maturity. Money market mutual funds, excluding prime money market funds, are carried at cost and are purchased from various brokerage firms. The funds are comprised of U.S. Treasury and U.S. agency obligations. Mutual fund yields are subject to market rate fluctuations. Prime money market funds are stated at amortized cost, which excludes accrued interest and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums.

U.S. agency obligations and Supranational notes are stated at amortized cost, which excludes accrued interest and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. U.S. agency coupon and Supranational notes utilize the constant yield method and, when applicable, all others use straight-line amortization. It is the intent of management to hold U.S. agency securities and Supranational notes to maturity unless market conditions provide for realization of a gain and management determines a sale would be in the best interest of The Illinois Funds.

U.S. Treasury obligations are stated at amortized cost, which excludes accrued interest and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Treasury notes utilize the constant yield method and strips and bills use straight-line amortization. It is the intent of management to hold U.S. Treasury obligations to maturity unless market conditions provide for realization of a gain and management determines a sale would be in the best interest of The Illinois Funds.

Corporate bonds are stated at amortized cost, which excludes accrued interest and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Corporate bonds utilize the straight-line method of amortization of accretion. It is the intent of management to hold corporate bonds to maturity.

Investment expenses consist of bank custodial fees and State management fees. Both custodial fees and State management fees are accrued daily based on the net asset value of The Illinois Funds. For more information, see Note 4.

<u>Management Estimates</u>: To prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management is required to make certain estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. These estimates may differ from actual results.

<u>Net Position Held in Trust for Pool Participants</u>: The net position held in trust for pool participants represents the total value of participant deposits, excluding assets of the State of Illinois, including late deposits held in an overnight investment account as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

The Illinois Funds operates in a manner similar to an open-end mutual fund. Participants' deposits and withdrawals were accounted for as purchases and sales of The Illinois Funds' capital shares. The amount of net proceeds from the sale of shares represents the gross withdrawals, which were redeemed from The Illinois Funds' shares during the year. The cost of shares purchased represents the gross deposits, which were invested in The Illinois Funds' shares during the year. These amounts did not include deposits or earnings, which were remitted directly to participants versus invested (or reinvested) in The Illinois Funds' shares.

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 2. Deposits and Investments

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, generally requires investments to be measured at fair value. GASB Statement No. 79, Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants, established criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost rather than fair value for financial reporting purposes. The Illinois Funds meets the criteria established in GASB Statement No. 79 and, thus, reports all investments at amortized cost.

#### Fair Value Measurements:

As stated in the aforementioned paragraph, The Illinois Funds reports its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. GASB Statements No. 72 and 79 require disclosure regarding the fair value of investments. GASB Statement No. 72 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This statement established a hierarchy of valuation inputs based on the extent to which the inputs are observable in the marketplace. Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and take into account the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions. Inputs may include price information, credit data, interest and yield curve data, and other factors specific to the financial instrument. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources. In contrast, unobservable inputs reflect the entity's assumptions about how market participants would value the financial instrument. Valuation techniques should maximize the use of observable inputs to the extent available.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Level 1	Investments whose values are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
Level 2	Investments with inputs – other than quoted prices included within Level 1 – that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Investments classified as Level 3 have unobservable inputs for an asset and may require a degree of professional judgment.

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 2. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

The following table summarizes The Illinois Funds' investments within the fair value hierarchy at June 30, 2024:

Туре	 Fair Value	 Level 1	vel 1 Level 2		Level 3	
Repurchase Agreements	\$ 1,188,087,722	\$ -	\$	1,188,087,722	\$	-
Commercial Paper	846,270,761	-		846,270,761		-
Money Market Mutual Funds	2,145,086,291	2,145,086,291		-		-
United States Treasury Bills	166,469,849	-		166,469,849		-
United States Treasury Notes	841,209,987	-		841,209,987		-
Federal Home Loan Bank						
Debentures	162,368,800	-		162,368,800		-
Federal Home Loan Bank						
Discount Note	41,602,246	-		41,602,246		-
Federal National Mortgage						
Association Debentures	166,563,229	-		166,563,229		-
Federal Farm Credit Bureau						
Debentures	81,988,048	-		81,988,048		-
Federal Home Loan Mortgage						
Corporation Debentures	35,962,017	-		35,962,017		-
Supranational Notes	159,040,494	-		159,040,494		-
Certificates of Deposit	254,654,622	-		254,654,622		
Corporate Bonds	 2,477,302,315	-		2,477,302,315		-
	\$ 8,566,606,381	\$ 2,145,086,291	\$	6,421,520,090	\$	-

The following table summarizes The Illinois Funds' investments within the fair value hierarchy at June 30, 2023:

Туре	Fair Value			Level 1	 Level 2	Level 3		
Repurchase Agreements	\$	806,864,478	\$	-	\$ 806,864,478	\$	-	
Commercial Paper		1,241,046,701		-	1,241,046,701		-	
Money Market Mutual Funds		1,642,468,574		1,642,468,574	-		-	
United States Treasury Bills		390,907,013		-	390,907,013		-	
United States Treasury Notes		413,813,689		-	413,813,689		-	
Federal Home Loan Bank								
Debentures		753,769,065		-	753,769,065		-	
Federal National Mortgage								
Association Debentures		103,089,143		-	103,089,143		-	
Federal Farm Credit Bureau								
Debentures		367,763,854		-	367,763,854		-	
Supranational Notes		167,082,269		-	167,082,269		-	
Certificates of Deposit		151,787,718		-	151,787,718			
Corporate Bonds		1,861,332,974		-	1,861,332,974		-	
·	\$	7,899,925,478	\$	1,642,468,574	\$ 6,257,456,904	\$	-	

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 2. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Repurchase Agreements classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using the cost approach which reflects the amount that would be required to replace the investment. The remaining investments classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a market approach that involves using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving comparable assets.

The Illinois Funds does not have any limitations or restrictions on participant withdrawals.

<u>Permitted Deposits and Investments</u>: The Treasurer's investment activities are governed by the Treasurer's published investment policies, which were developed in accordance with State statute and the desire to maintain The Illinois Funds' AAAm rating from Standard & Poor's and AAAmmf from Fitch. In addition, the Treasurer's Office has adopted its own investment practices, which supplement the statutory requirements.

For The Illinois Funds, the Treasurer may invest in time deposits and other interest-bearing accounts in banks and savings and loan associations located in Illinois that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), credit unions whose principal office is located in Illinois, obligations of the United States and its agencies, short-term obligations of corporations whose obligations are rated among the two highest classifications established by at least two standard rating services, repurchase agreements, or other investments approved by State law.

The Illinois Funds is rated AAAmmf by Fitch.

The Illinois Funds determines the fair value of investments annually in connection with year-end financial reporting. A summary of investments held at June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

Туре	Carrying Amount		Fair Value		Face / Par Principal Amount		Range of Interest Yields	Range of Maturity Dates	
7F=									
Repurchase Agreements	\$	1,188,615,345	\$	1,188,087,722	\$	1,188,087,722	5.384-5.434%	7/1/2024	
Commercial Paper		846,055,241		846,270,761		854,005,792	5.363-6.195%	6/29/24-4/15/25	
Money Market Mutual Funds		2,145,398,789		2,145,086,291		2,145,008,957	NA	NA	
United States Treasury Bills		166,468,710		166,469,849		166,749,154	5.333-5.347%	7/9/24-7/16/24	
United States Treasury Notes		840,969,983		841,209,987		840,832,609	5.514-5.596%	6/29/2024	
Corporate Bonds		2,479,884,334		2,477,302,315		2,489,889,613	2.402-13.305%	6/29/24-7/3/25	
Certificates of Deposit		254,717,151		254,654,622		254,709,333	5.400-5.728%	6/29/24-6/2/25	
Federal Home Loan Bank									
Debentures		162,494,306		162,368,800		162,580,425	5.184-5.435%	10/3/24-4/24/25	
Federal Home Loan Bank									
Discount Notes		41,620,160		41,602,246		41,687,288	5.343%	7/12/2024	
Federal Home Loan Mortage Corporation	n								
Debentures		36,122,036		35,962,017		36,122,035	0.446-5.475%	1/3/24-4/30/24	
Federal National Mortgage Association									
Debentures		166,749,154		166,563,229		166,749,154	5.151-5.344%	12/27/24-1/10/25	
Federal Farm Credit Bureau									
Debentures		81,989,029		81,988,048		82,080,604	5.379-5.566%	6/29/24-9/26/24	
Supranational Notes		159,043,563		159,040,494		159,561,015	5.343-5.619%	6/29/24-10/18/24	
	\$	8,570,127,801	\$	8,566,606,381	\$	8,588,063,701			

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 2. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

			Face / Par		Range of	Range of	
	Carrying		Fair		Principal	Interest	Maturity
Туре		Amount	Value		Amount	Yields	Dates
Repurchase Agreements	\$	806,977,577	\$ 806,864,478	\$	806,864,478	5.100-5.151%	7/5/2023
Commercial Paper		1,241,113,692	1,241,046,701		1,256,494,881	4.056-5.982%	7/6/23-8/21/23
Money Market Mutual Funds		1,642,732,433	1,642,468,574		1,642,408,788	NA	NA
United States Treasury Bills		390,838,544	390,907,013		393,087,823	4.755-5.277%	7/13/23-10/26/23
United States Treasury Notes		413,680,959	413,813,689		413,776,656	5.282-5.559%	7/1/23-7/4/23
Corporate Bonds		1,864,467,028	1,861,332,974		1,869,507,479	2.017-9.676%	7/1/23-7/30/24
Certificates of Deposit		152,466,764	151,787,718		152,608,278	5.252-5.655%	7/1/23-10/31/23
Federal Home Loan Bank							
Debentures		755,340,437	753,769,065		755,905,814	2.383-5.684%	7/3/23-6/28/24
Federal National Mortgage Association							
Debentures		103,444,164	103,089,143		103,444,164	5.016-5.142%	12/28/23-2/9/24
Federal Farm Credit Bureau							
Debentures		367,864,001	367,763,854		367,806,069	4.877-5.251%	7/1/23-12/28/23
Supranational Notes		167,140,151	 167,082,269		168,008,632	4.030-5.195%	7/1/23-9/25/23
	\$	7,906,065,750	\$ 7,899,925,478	\$	7,929,913,062		

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u>: Custodial credit risk for deposits and investments is the risk that, in the event of a financial institution failure, The Illinois Funds would not be able to recover the value of the deposits and investments in the possession of an outside party. The Treasurer has a formal policy to address custodial credit risk.

Repurchase agreements are purchased from various brokerage firms and financial institutions. Securities pledged as collateral to secure these agreements are required to have a fair value of at least 102% of the agreement. The agreements require both parties to maintain an acceptable margin (yield) on underlying securities to ensure that the agreements are adequately collateralized. The Treasurer accepts only U.S. agency obligations and U.S. Treasury obligations as collateral for repurchase agreements. All securities pledged to secure repurchase agreements are required to be delivered to an appointed custodian of The Illinois Funds. In a delivery-vs.-pledge transaction, the custodian will be the primary custodian of The Illinois Funds. In a tri-party repurchase agreement, an appointed clearing bank will act as custodian and valuation agent for the securities.

As noted above, the master repurchase agreements utilized by The Illinois Funds require the broker or financial institution to maintain the fair value of collateral securities at 102% of the agreement. The carrying amount of the repurchase agreements (excluding accrued interest) was \$1,188,087,722 and \$806,864,478 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The fair value, including accrued interest, of the underlying securities to be resold based on commitments under the repurchase agreements was \$1,210,713,981 and \$824,906,178 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Other instruments, such as U.S. Treasury obligations, may be purchased from various brokerage firms and are held in safekeeping by the appointed Custodian of The Illinois Funds.

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 2. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk: Interest Rate risk is the risk that changes in the interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the investment policies limit the investment portfolio maturities. The Illinois Funds investment policy limits its investment portfolio to maturities not to exceed two years with a minimum of 75% required to be in authorized investments with less than one-year maturity. The investment policy specifically requires that no more than 50% of total assets can be invested in securities with maturities greater than 30 days issued by any single permissible United States government agency or instrumentality. The Treasurer's Office uses the segmented time distribution method to identify and manage interest rate risk.

Within The Illinois Funds, certain U.S. Agency Obligations, Supranational Notes, and Commercial Paper carry variable rates that reset at a specific date, based on each individual investment. The date used for the calculation of interest rate risk is that of the variable rate reset date for each investment that contains a variable rate.

<u>Investments</u>: The Illinois Funds had the following investments, stated at carrying value, and maturities as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. (Amounts are in thousands.)

			2024			2023 Ninety One					
			Ninety One								
	Thirty	Thirty One to Ninety Days	Days to One Year	One Year or More	One Year or		Thirty One to		One Year or More	Total	
	Days or Less	Ninety Days	rear	iviore	Total	Days or Less	Ninety Days	Year	iviore	ioiai	
Repurchase agreements	\$ 1,188,615	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,188,615	\$ 806,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 806,978	
Commercial paper	396,550	159,286	290,219	-	846,055	503,676	350,627	386,811	-	1,241,114	
Supranational notes	79,019	62,176	17,849	-	159,044	66,484	100,657	-	-	167,141	
Corporate Bonds	1,086,515	544,668	827,857	20,844	2,479,884	1,041,142	479,026	333,955	10,344	1,864,467	
Certificates of Deposit	77,558	-	177,159	-	254,717	90,389	10,344	51,733	-	152,466	
U.S. Treasury bills	166,469	-	-	-	166,469	165,059	185,101	40,678	-	390,838	
U.S. Treasury notes	840,970	-	-	-	840,970	413,681	-	-	-	413,681	
U.S. agency obligations	93,729	29,880	365,365	-	488,974	481,619	78,026	667,004	-	1,226,649	
Subtotal	\$ 3,929,425	\$ 796,010	\$ 1,678,449	\$ 20,844	6,424,728	\$ 3,569,028	\$ 1,203,781	\$ 1,480,181	\$ 10,344	6,263,334	
Treasury-only money n	narket mutual fun	ds			2,145,399	-				1,642,732	
Investments					\$ 8,570,127	•				\$ 7,906,066	

<u>Credit Risk</u>: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. As of June 30, 2024, The Illinois Funds' investments in U.S. Agencies, including collateral for repurchase agreements were rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings and F2 by Fitch, except Federal Home Loan Bank that was not rated by Fitch, and Federal National Mortgage Association that was not rated by S&P, and the Supranational Notes that were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's and F1+ by Fitch. The Illinois Funds' investments in commercial paper were rated P-1 by Moody's Investors Service, A-1+ or A-1 by Standard & Poor's Ratings, and either F1 or F1+ by Fitch except Bristol-Myers Squibb Co, National Securities Clearing Corp, ING US Funding LLC, Microsoft Corp, and Toronto Dominion Holdings that were not rated by Fitch, Canadian Imperial Holdings that was not rated by S&P, BofA Securities Inc that was not rated by Moody's, Prudential Financial Inc that was rated P-2, and EIDP Inc and Verizon Communications that were rated A-2 and P-2. Commercial Paper issued by HSBC USA Inc was rated A-2 by Standard & Poors. The Illinois Funds investments in Corporate Bonds were rated as A-1 and A-1+ by Standard & Poor's, P-1

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 2. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

by Moody's Investors Services, and either F1 or F1+ by Fitch except for ones that were not rated by Fitch and except for ones issued by EIDP Inc, PNC Financial Services, and Citigroup that were rated A-2 and P-2, US Bancorp that was rated P-2, and American Express Co, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs Group, HSBC USA Inc, JP Morgan Chase & Co, Morgan Stanley, Truist Financial Corp, and Wells Fargo & Co were all rated A-2 by Standard & Poors. The Illinois Funds' investments in money market mutual funds were rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service, AAAm by Standard & Poor's Ratings and AAAmmf by Fitch, except those that were not rated by S&P and those that were not rated by Fitch.

As of June 30, 2023, The Illinois Funds' investments in U.S. Agencies, including collateral for repurchase agreements were rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings and F2 by Fitch and the Supranational Notes that were rated AAA by Standard & Poor's and F1+ by Fitch. The Illinois Funds' investments in commercial paper were rated P-1 by Moody's Investors Service, A-1+ or A-1 by Standard & Poor's Ratings, and either F1 or F1+ by Fitch except L'Oreal, National Sec Clearing Corp, and Toronto Dominion Holdings USA that were not rated by Fitch and except ones issued by EI Du Pont De Nemours which were rated A-2 and P-2. Commercial Paper issued by HSBC USA Inc was rated A-2 by Standard & Poors. The Illinois Funds investments in Corporate Bonds were rated as A-1 and A-1+ by Standard & Poor's, P-1 by Moody's Investors Services, and either F1 or F1+ by Fitch except for that were not rated by Fitch and except for ones issued by Fifth Third Bancorp, Keybank National Association, PNC Financial Services and Citigroup that were rated A-2 and P-2 and American Express Co, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs Group, JP Morgan Chase & Co, Truist Financial Corp, and Wells Fargo & Co were all rated A-2 by Standard & Poors and Rockwell Automation Inc which was rated P-2. The Illinois Funds' investments in money market mutual funds were rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service, AAAm by Standard & Poor's Ratings and AAAmmf by Fitch.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u>: Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of The Illinois Funds' investment in a single issuer. The following investments exceeded 5% of The Illinois Funds' total investments at June 30, 2024 and 2023. (Amounts are in thousands.)

		2024	2023			
	Carrying	% of Total	Carrying	% of Total		
	Value	Investments	Value	Investments		
U.S. Agency FHLB Notes US Treasury Notes	\$ - 2,017,330	- 9.81	\$ 1,825,479 999,769	9.55 5.23		
Repurchase Agreements Bank of Nova Scotia*	1,700,754	8.27	1,000,140	5.23		

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer total exceeds 5% for all investment types although concentration for a specific investment type may not

No more than 5% of total assets can be invested in securities issued by any single commercial paper issuer (calculated at the time of purchase); and a maximum of 33.3% of the portfolio may be invested in direct commercial paper obligations that do not exceed 270 days to maturity. Additionally, a maximum of 25% of the total assets may be invested in any approved AAAm Money Market Fund.

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 3. Investment Income

The Illinois Funds follows the accounting practice known as equalization. Accordingly, distributable investment income is allocated daily and paid monthly to participants on a pro rata (per share) basis and accumulated investment income payable is credited to The Illinois Funds' net asset base. A portion of the proceeds from sales and costs of repurchases of The Illinois Funds' capital shares (equivalent, on a per share basis, to the amount of distributable investment income on the date of the transaction) are credited or charged to undistributed income. As a result, undistributed investment income per share is unaffected by sales or redemptions of The Illinois Funds capital shares.

#### Note 4. Administrative Fees

To administer The Illinois Funds, the Treasurer has established a division titled "The Illinois Funds' Administrative Office." This division had 24 and 20 average full time equivalent employees for the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023, respectively. The revenues and expenditures of the division are recorded in an enterprise fund maintained by the Treasurer titled The Illinois Funds' Administrative Trust Fund No. 195. US Bank (USB) performs the custodial responsibilities for the administration of The Illinois Funds. USB calculates the administrative and custodial fees paid to the State Treasurer and USB, respectively.

Fees are calculated on a tiered structure. The fee is accrued daily and is paid via a voucher payment. The custodian's Annual Custody, Fund Accounting Transfer Agent Fee shall be based upon average net assets per fund as follows: Base fee of \$240,000 per fund per year plus, 0.0350% for the first \$3,000,000,000; 0.0275% for the next \$2,000,000,000; 0.0250% for the next \$2,000,000,000; 0.0175% on the balance. The minimum annual fee is \$1,200,000.

The State Treasurer receives up to 0.05% per annum of the net asset value of The Illinois Funds. This fee is used to defray administrative costs associated with investing The Illinois Funds' assets, to increase marketing efforts needed to expand participation in The Illinois Funds, and to improve the level of service to participants.

The Treasurer's Office has the ability to rebate to The Illinois Funds' participants any excess administrative fees collected during the fiscal year. There were no excess administrative fees rebated to The Illinois Funds' participants during fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

The Treasurer received fees and paid expenditures from the Administrative Trust Fund No. 195 as follows:

	2024	2023
Fees received	\$ 15,089,000	\$ 14,299,000
Expenditures	10,167,000	9,484,000

## The Illinois Funds Notes to the Financial Statements For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

#### Note 5. Related Parties

The Illinois Funds' Administrative Office, a division of the State Treasurer's Office, is responsible for the administration of The Illinois Funds, including management of investments and marketing services. The Illinois Funds' Administrative Office received fees as stated in Note 4 during fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Illinois Funds' Administrative Trust Fund No. 195 was maintained by the Treasurer in a separate investment account of The Illinois Funds. The cash balance at June 30, 2024 and 2023, was approximately \$14,618,000 and \$11,251,000, respectively.

The State of Illinois, its agencies, and its universities invest in The Illinois Funds. The detail follows:

	2024	2023
Total number of participants	1,626	1,547
Number of State of Illinois participants	29	27
Balance of State of Illinois investments	\$ 11,986,072,172	\$ 11,249,820,659

<sup>\*</sup>These amounts reflect the amount available to the State of Illinois for expenditure, not including any amount of interest due to the State.

#### Note 6. Contingencies

The State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer (Treasurer) is involved in a lawsuit. While the range of potential losses as a result of this lawsuit against the Treasurer is unknown at this time, the Treasurer believes the potential losses would be immaterial to The Illinois Funds financial statements.

#### Note 7. COVID-19 Impact

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact domestic and global financial markets. As a result, economic uncertainties continue, which could negatively impact the fair market value of investments held by the Illinois Funds. Other financial implications could occur though potential impact is unknown at this time. No adjustments or provisions were made in these financial statements related to COVID-19.



Туре	Execution Date	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Fair Value
Repurchase Agreements					
BANK OF MONTREAL	6/28/2024	5.394%	7/1/2024	\$ 1,700,000,000	\$ 1,700,753,667
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	6/28/2024	5.384%	7/1/2024	400,000,000	400,177,000
DAIWA	6/28/2024	5.434%	7/1/2024	750,000,000	750,335,000
Total Repurchase Agreements				\$ 2,850,000,000	\$ 2,851,265,667

Гуре	Execution Date	Effective Yield	Maturity Date	Fair Value	Carrying Value
Commercial Paper					
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY	06/24/24	5.434%	07/17/24	\$ 77,815,140	\$ 77,814,18
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY	06/27/24	5.434%	07/18/24	99,748,000	99,746,88
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY	06/26/24	5.434%	07/29/24	99,585,000	99,583,11
CANADIAN IMPERIAL HOLDINGS INC	05/24/24	5.652%	06/29/24	20,000,080	19,999,69
DEERE JOHN CR INC	06/06/24	5.414%	08/14/24	89,405,100	89,412,60
EIDP INC	06/14/24	5.495%	07/12/24	54,910,350	54,908,91
EIDP INC	06/20/24	5.495%	07/15/24	39,916,800	39,915,68
EIDP INC	02/05/24	5.475%	07/16/24	19,955,600	19,955,00
EIDP INC	02/06/24	5.475%	07/18/24	19,949,600	19,949,00
EIDP INC	06/17/24	5.491%	07/19/24	99,733,000	99,729,20
EIDP INC	03/06/24	5.566%	07/22/24	40,872,490	40,868,69
EIDP INC	06/25/24	5.495%	07/26/24	74,721,750	74,717,70
EIDP INC	02/28/24	5.495%	08/14/24	29,801,700	29,801,26
EIDP INC	06/26/24	5.546%	11/08/24	107,842,900	107,827,19
EIDP INC	05/28/24	5.526%	12/10/24	39,022,800	39,019,00
EDIP INC	06/28/24	5.526%	12/13/24	26,815,525	26,813,07
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO	06/06/24	5.424%	08/09/24	49,707,000	49,710,20
HSBC USA INC	08/01/23	5.972%	07/12/24	18,969,030	18,965,80
HSBC USA INC	09/13/23	6.185%	09/12/24	34,613,250	34,567,06
HSBC USA INC	12/18/23	5.658%	09/16/24	49,417,000	49,403,25
HSBC USA INC	12/01/23	5.516%	09/23/24	29,618,400	29,619,20
HSBC USA INC	10/18/23	6.185%	10/15/24	49,199,000	49,101,94
HSBC USA INC	10/19/23	6.195%	10/17/24	49,184,000	49,083,50
HSBC USA INC	06/27/24	5.475%	11/22/24	61,729,468	61,737,04
HSBC USA INC	11/28/23	5.992%	11/27/24	48,876,500	48,776,95
HSBC USA INC	03/04/24	5.531%	12/02/24	97,677,000	97,666,47
HSBC USA INC	06/10/24	5.678%	03/07/25	48,125,500	48,063,33
HSBC USA INC	03/07/24	5.830%	06/29/24	25,014,725	25,000,00
HSBC USA INC	05/10/24	5.870%	06/29/24	50,045,150	50,000,00
ING US FUNDING LLC	03/20/24	5.627%	06/29/24	50,009,450	50,000,00
ING US FUNDING LLC	06/20/24	5.424%	10/16/24	98,383,000	98,409,86
ELI LILLY & CO	06/04/24	5.414%	07/09/24	49,940,500	49,940,66
MICROSOFT CORP	05/21/24	5.363%	07/19/24	84,773,050	84,775,17
PRUDENTIAL FDG LLC ICP	06/05/24	5.475%	07/05/24	24,985,250	24,985,00
TORONTO DOMINION BK NY BRH	04/15/24	5.607%	04/15/25	50,026,000	50,000,00
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	06/18/24	5.414%	10/16/24	19,676,600	19,682,56
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	06/18/24	5.516%	07/02/24	59,991,000	59,990,93
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	06/17/24	5.516%	07/03/24	39,988,400	39,987,91
Total Commercial Paper	00/17/24	3.31070	01/03/24	\$ 2,030,045,108	\$ 2,029,528,

Туре	Fair Value		C	Carrying Value	
Money Market Mutual Funds					
BLACKROCK LIQUIDITY TEMPFUND INST	\$	568,273,734	\$	568,482,755	
DWS ESG LIQ FUND/INST SHARES		7,711,844		7,711,453	
FED/HERMES INSTIT PRIME OBLIG/INST		535,339,046		535,492,049	
FIRST AMER INSTIT PRIME OBLIG/CL Z		3,601,016		3,600,894	
INVESCO GOVT & AGENCY PORT/INSTIT		722,151,986		722,151,986	
JPMORGAN PRIME MMF/ACADEMY		792,419,469		792,710,066	
MORGAN STANLEY ILF PRIME PORTFOLIO		722,847,066		722,919,763	
STATE STREET INST US GOVT MMF/PREM		1,267,610,651		1,267,610,651	
TEMPFUND		50,047,965		50,072,785	
WESTERN ASSET PREMIER INSTITUTIONAL GOVT RESERVES		475,657,612		475,657,612	
Total Money Market Mutual Funds	_\$_	5,145,660,389	\$	5,146,410,014	

	Execution	Effective	Maturity	Fair	Carrying
Туре	Date	Yield	Date	Value	Value
United States Treasury Obligations					
U.S. Treasury Bills					
Treasury Bills	05/14/24	5.347%	07/09/24	\$ 199.768.000	\$ 199.765.600
Treasury Bills	05/22/24	5.333%	07/16/24	199,562,000	199,561,667
Treasury Dillo	00/22/24	0.00070	01/10/24	133,302,000	100,001,001
Total U.S. Treasury Bills				\$ 399,330,000	\$ 399,327,267
U.S. Treasury Notes					
Treasury Notes	01/16/24	5.539%	06/29/24	\$ 149,970,000	\$ 149,984,834
Treasury Notes	12/20/22	5.596%	06/29/24	150,052,500	149,971,073
Treasury Notes	02/08/24	5.523%	06/29/24	125,115,000	125,055,625
Treasury Notes	04/03/24	5.546%	06/29/24	400,224,000	400,088,286
Treasury Notes	06/28/24	5.514%	06/29/24	725,174,000	725,073,590
Treasury Notes	06/28/24	5.566%	06/29/24	367,286,260	367,038,838
Treasury Notes	05/20/24	5.527%	06/29/24	50,078,000	50,101,553
Treasury Notes	05/20/24	5.531%	06/29/24	50,005,500	50,015,738
Total U.S. Treasury Notes				\$ 2,017,905,260	\$ 2,017,329,537
Supranational Notes					
Asian Development Bank	06/27/24	5.354%	10/18/24	\$ 42,807,781	\$ 42,815,709
European Bank for Reconstruction & Development	06/10/24	5.619%	06/29/24	110,164,661	110,143,221
IADB Discount Notes	05/21/24	5.343%	07/25/24	49,803,500	49,824,333
Inter-American Development Bank	02/13/24	5.576%	06/29/24	79,444,427	79,407,133
IBRD Discount Notes	05/20/24	5.353%	08/16/24	99,288,000	99,325,333
Total Supranational Notes				\$ 381,508,369	\$ 381,515,729

e	Execution Date	Effective Yield	Maturity Date	Fair Value	Carrying Value
porate Bonds			-		
American Express Co	06/20/24	6.162%	10/30/24	\$ 63,072,112	\$ 63,137
American Express Co	03/05/24	3.699%	07/01/24	73,622,000	73,622
American Express Co	06/26/24	5.676%	06/29/24	60,972,264	61,057
ruist Financial Corp	06/21/24	6.363%	10/26/24	86,505,774	86,590
ruist Financial Corp	06/27/24	5.681%	06/05/25	18,320,866	18,347
ruist Financial Corp	06/20/24	7.428%	08/01/24	124,280,027	124,679
PNC Bank NA	02/05/24	5.841%	08/27/24	6,418,266	6,434
Bank of America Corp	05/14/24	5.889%	08/26/24	306,451,790	306,434
Bank of America Corp	05/30/24	5.654%	01/22/25	77,045,477	77,067
ank of America Corp	06/12/24	5.564%	04/21/25	239,856,480	240,120
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dank of America Corp	07/21/23	5.528%	07/21/24	49,944,000	50,000
ank of America Corp	08/18/23	5.629%	07/18/24	74,978,250	75,000
ank of America Corp	01/22/24	5.424%	02/21/25	49,941,000	50,000
ank of America Corp	02/21/24	5.475%	03/21/25	50,001,000	50,000
ank of America Corp	04/22/24	5.576%	04/22/25	50,011,500	50,000
ank of America Corp	06/03/24	5.617%	04/29/25	49,793,500	50,000
ank of America Corp	06/03/24	5.627%	07/03/25	49,989,500	50,000
ank of New York Mellon Corp/The	06/03/24	5.745%	02/24/25	22,357,087	22,358
ruist Bank	06/05/24	5.787%	12/06/24	164,552,077	165,017
			07/26/24		
ristol-Myers Squibb Co	06/20/24	2.921%		71,026,089	71,167
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	04/03/24	5.688%	06/29/24	50,013,500	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	04/05/24	5.708%	06/29/24	50,013,500	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	02/20/24	5.678%	08/20/24	50,012,000	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	02/16/24	5.692%	07/15/24	50,011,500	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	06/13/24	5.779%	06/29/24	49,945,550	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	10/06/23	5.999%	07/08/24	99,992,000	100,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	10/02/23	6.085%	08/01/24	150,004,500	150,000
	07/12/23				
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States		5.685%	07/12/24	49,964,500	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	07/28/23	13.305%	06/29/24	49,958,500	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	07/07/23	5.524%	07/07/24	49,976,000	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	06/30/23	5.692%	07/01/24	25,000,000	25,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	08/18/23	5.528%	07/18/24	49,954,000	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	08/30/23	5.715%	06/30/24	49,968,000	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	08/11/23	5.449%	07/11/24	49,926,500	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	12/01/23	5.892%	07/03/24	49,998,500	50,000
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	01/23/24	5.759%	06/29/24	49,999,500	50,000
	04/23/24	5.405%	04/27/25	10,099,927	
itigroup Inc					10,094
itigroup Inc	05/23/24	5.690%	06/29/24	11,225,318	11,227
itigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc/United States	03/04/24	5.435%	10/21/24	4,988,100	5,000
NC Bank NA	05/09/24	5.626%	04/10/25	181,381,387	181,802
ohn Deere Capital Corp	06/10/24	5.379%	06/06/25	2,945,220	2,943
lorida Power & Light Co	05/03/24	5.524%	04/01/25	13,277,996	13,296
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	06/17/24	5.628%	04/01/25	251,874,047	252,073
ioldman Sachs Group Inc/The	04/15/24	5.922%	06/29/24	139,593,000	139,590
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The		5.802%	06/29/24		91,071
	06/24/24			91,048,014	,
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	03/14/24	5.764%	06/29/24	6,539,373	6,540
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	04/05/24	6.224%	01/23/25	67,640,962	67,905
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	05/30/23	5.629%	07/01/24	50,000,000	50,000
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	06/27/23	5.412%	07/27/24	24,983,750	25,000
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	08/25/23	5.547%	07/25/24	49,947,000	50,000
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	09/06/23	5.442%	07/06/24	49,923,000	50,000
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	12/11/23	5.942%	07/11/24	49,967,500	50,000
oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	12/21/23	5.852%	09/21/24	49,904,500	50,000
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oldman Sachs Group Inc/The	12/26/23	5.843%	09/26/24	49,876,500	50,000
SBC USA Inc	04/08/24	5.382%	03/17/25	108,523,124	108,664
PMorgan Chase & Co	06/12/24	5.733%	09/10/24	276,651,048	276,715
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	07/20/23	5.493%	07/20/24	49,957,500	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	06/12/23	5.685%	07/12/24	69,983,200	70,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	01/24/24	5.575%	06/29/24	50,009,500	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	02/12/24	5.576%	06/29/24	49,807,500	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	02/26/24	5.576%	08/26/24	49,783,500	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	02/28/24	5.576%	06/29/24	49,889,000	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	08/03/23	5.528%	07/03/24	49,951,000	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	08/30/23	5.364%	06/30/24	49,903,500	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	09/13/23	5.724%	09/13/24	49,936,000	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	09/18/23	5.812%	07/18/24	49,971,500	50,000
PMorgan Chase Financial Co LLC	11/30/23	5.860%	06/30/24	49,947,500	50,000

	Execution	Effective	Maturity	Fair	Carrying
Туре	Date	Yield	Date	Value	Value
Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Morgan Stanley Bank NA	06/20/24	5.727%	06/29/24	\$ 16,484,790	\$ 16,489,793
Morgan Stanley	06/20/24	5.780%	07/22/24	9,164,738	9,166,032
Morgan Stanley	06/24/24	5.847%	06/29/24	431,391,278	431,415,844
Morgan Stanley	02/05/24	5.643%	06/29/24	49,977,000	50,000,000
Morgan Stanley	03/01/24	5.578%	06/29/24	49,514,150	50,000,000
Morgan Stanley	04/09/24	5.593%	06/29/24	49,875,000	50,000,000
Morgan Stanley	06/21/24	5.423%	10/23/24	97,169,382	97,222,224
National Securities Clearing Corp	03/20/24	5.274%	11/21/24	8,133,308	8,146,513
Nestle Holdings Inc	06/26/24	5.590%	09/14/24	20,606,702	20,612,403
PNC Financial Services Group Inc/The	06/21/24	6.141%	11/01/24	42,529,666	42,574,825
PNC Bank NA	05/13/24	5.865%	10/30/24	44,091,962	44,149,479
PNC Bank NA	06/28/24	6.262%	06/01/25	59,948,584	59,961,811
State Street Corp	05/28/24	5.428%	12/16/24	9,947,390	9,951,167
Toyota Motor Credit Corp	02/15/24	5.285%	09/20/24	33,766,453	33,795,776
Truist Bank	05/29/24	5.606%	03/10/25	112,653,882	113,004,578
US Bank NA/Cincinnati OH	01/31/24	5.241%	01/21/25	20,236,485	20,334,590
US Bancorp	06/21/24	6.767%	09/11/24	9,954,700	9,963,984
US Bancorp	03/26/24	2.402%	07/30/24	87,189,936	87,433,000
US Bancorp	06/25/24	5.738%	05/12/25	16,418,430	16,420,284
Wells Fargo & Co	06/20/24	5.581%	09/09/24	40,476,454	40,487,862
Wells Fargo & Co	06/20/24	5.414%	02/19/25	59,647,565	59,686,570
Total Corporate Bonds				\$ 5,942,584,430	\$ 5,948,778,210

T	Execution	Effective	Maturity		Fair		Carrying
Type United States Agency Obligations	Date	Yield	Date		Value		Value
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures							
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	04/26/24	5.368%	10/03/24	\$	89,774,100	\$	89.793.417
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	01/30/24	5.286%	12/06/24	•	24,953,250		25,000,000
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	12/27/23	5.226%	12/27/24		99,813,000		100,000,000
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	01/03/24	5.184%	01/03/25		49,975,000		50,000,000
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	03/27/24	5.356%	03/27/25		24,979,000		25,000,000
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	04/24/24	5.435%	04/24/25		99,998,000		100,000,000
Total Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures				\$	389,492,350	\$	389,793,417
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Note							
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Note	05/21/24	5.343%	07/12/24	\$	99,796,000	\$	99,838,972
Total Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures				\$	99,796,000	\$	99,838,972
Federal Farm Credit Bank Debentures							
Federal Farm Credit Bank Debentures	04/30/24	5.387%	08/26/24	\$	61,678,126	\$	61,703,892
Federal Farm Credit Bank Debentures	04/29/24	5.379%	09/26/24		9,970,600		9,972,438
Federal Farm Credit Bank Debentures	02/13/24	5.566%	06/29/24		50,021,500		50,000,000
Federal Farm Credit Bank Debentures	12/26/23	5.480%	06/29/24		75,003,750		75,000,000
Total Federal Farm Credit Bank Debentures				\$	196,673,976	\$	196,676,330
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures							
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures	12/29/23	5.286%	12/27/24	\$	99,840,000	\$	100,000,000
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures	01/03/24	5.325%	01/03/25		49,951,500		50,000,000
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures	01/02/24	5.151%	12/27/24		99,866,000		100,000,000
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures	01/05/24	5.294%	01/03/25		49,967,500		50,000,000
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures	01/11/24	5.344%	01/10/25		49,964,500		50,000,000
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures	01/11/24	5.344%	01/10/25		49,964,500		50,000,000
Total Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures				\$	399,554,000	\$	400,000,000
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Debentures							
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Debentures	01/03/24	0.446%	11/25/24	\$	13,655,515	\$	13,950,000
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Debentures	01/03/24	5.164%	01/24/25		49,944,000		50,000,000
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Debentures	04/30/24	5.475%	05/28/25	-	22,666,631	-	22,700,000
Total Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures				\$	86,266,146	\$	86,650,000
Certificates of Deposit							
Goldman Sachs Bank USA/New York NY	05/30/24	5.500%	05/29/25	\$	100,143,000	\$	99,983,844
JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	04/19/24	5.550%	04/17/25		50,020,000		50,000,000
JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	05/06/24	5.560%	05/06/25		50,025,500		50,000,000
JPMorgan Chase Bank NA	03/22/24	5.450%	03/21/25		25,001,250		25,000,000
Toronto-Dominion Bank/NY	01/26/24	5.540%	06/29/24		36,045,360		36,046,712
Toronto-Dominion Bank/NY	01/28/24	5.728%	06/29/24		49,859,950		50,000,000
Toronto-Dominion Bank/NY	03/14/24	5.718%	06/29/24		49,817,450		50,000,000
Toronto-Dominion Bank/NY	03/19/24	5.718%	06/29/24		49,827,750		50,000,000
US Bank NA/Cincinnati OH	05/23/24	5.460%	05/22/25		50,017,000		49,988,197
US Bank NA/Cincinnati OH Wells Fargo Bank NA	06/03/24 06/11/24	5.410% 5.400%	06/02/25 03/11/25		50,028,500 100,083,000		50,000,000 100,000,000
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Total Certificates of Deposit				\$	610,868,760	\$	611,018,753

## The Illinois Funds Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Internal and External June 30, 2021

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION BY INVESTOR TYPE June 30, 2024

	Total	Internal	External
Assets			
Cash equivalents	\$ 12,867,505	\$ 7,503,391	\$ 5,364,114
Deposits and investments	7,690,817	4,484,724	3,206,093
Interest receivable	102,047	59,504	42,543
	20,660,369	12,047,619	8,612,750
Liabilities			
Bank custodial fees	384	224	160
State management fees	1,198	699	499
Net position	\$ 20,658,787	\$ 12,046,696	\$ 8,612,091

# CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION BY INVESTOR TYPE For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Total Internal		External
Subscriptions and reinvestments Investment earnings Investment expense Redemptions	\$ 38,039,016 1,084,955 (14,120) (36,571,959)	\$ 21,770,041 632,667 (8,234) (20,973,983)	\$ 16,268,975 452,288 (5,886) (15,597,976)
Dividends to participants	(1,070,835)	(624,433)	(446,402)
Change in net position and shares	1,467,057	796,058	670,999
Beginning net position	19,191,730	11,250,638	7,941,092
Ending net position	\$ 20,658,787	\$ 12,046,696	\$ 8,612,091

## The Illinois Funds Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Internal and External June 30, 2024

	 External	Internal		Total	
Assets	 _		_		
Cash equivalents					
Cash	\$ 79,517	\$	111,229	\$	190,746
Repurchase agreements	1,188,615,345		1,662,650,322		2,851,265,667
Commercial paper	423,216,808		592,001,076		1,015,217,884
U.S. Treasury Bills	166,468,710		232,858,557		399,327,267
U.S. Treasury Notes	663,794,200		928,523,805		1,592,318,005
Money market mutual funds	2,145,398,789		3,001,011,225		5,146,410,014
U.S. agency obligations					
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Note	41,620,160		58,218,812		99,838,972
Corporate Bonds	626,828,345		876,815,495		1,503,643,840
Supranational Notes	 108,092,174		151,200,713		259,292,887
Total cash equivalents	5,364,114,048		7,503,391,234		12,867,505,282
Deposits and investments					
Commercial paper	422,838,433		591,471,799		1,014,310,232
U.S. Treasury Notes	177,175,783		247,835,749		425,011,532
U.S. agency obligations					
Federal Home Loan Bank Debentures	162,494,306		227,299,111		389,793,417
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Debentures	36,122,036		50,527,964		86,650,000
Federal Farm Credit Bureau Debentures	81,989,029		114,687,301		196,676,330
Federal National Mortgage Association Debentures	166,749,154		233,250,846		400,000,000
Supranational Notes	50,951,389		71,271,453		122,222,842
Certificates of Deposit	254,717,151		356,301,602		611,018,753
Corporate Bonds	 1,853,055,989		2,592,078,381		4,445,134,370
Total deposits and investments	3,206,093,270		4,484,724,206		7,690,817,476
Accrued interest receivable	 42,543,253		59,503,409		102,046,662
Total assets	\$ 8,612,750,571	\$	12,047,618,849	\$	20,660,369,420
Liabilities and Net Position					
Accrued liabilities					
Bank custodial fees	\$ 160,105	\$	223,931	\$	384,036
State management fees	 499,628		698,808		1,198,436
Total liabilities	 659,733		922,739		1,582,472
Net position held in trust for pool participants	\$ 8,612,090,838	\$	12,046,696,110	\$	20,658,786,948
The pricing of shares					
Participant shares outstanding (\$1.00 par,					
unlimited shares authorized)	 8,612,090,838		12,046,696,110		20,658,786,948
Participant net position value, offering and					
redemption price per share	\$ 1.00	\$	1.00	\$	1.00

## The Illinois Funds Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Internal and External For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	External	Internal	Total	
Additions				
Investment income				
Investment earnings	\$ 452,288,440	\$ 632,666,847	\$ 1,084,955,287	
Investment expenses				
Bank custodial fees	1,872,952	2,619,909	4,492,861	
State management fees	4,013,519	5,614,162	9,627,681	
Total investment expenses	5,886,471	8,234,071	14,120,542	
Net investment income	446,401,969	624,432,776	1,070,834,745	
Dividends to participants from				
net investment income	(446,401,969)	(624,432,776)	(1,070,834,745)	
Share transactions (dollar amounts and				
number of shares are the same)				
Subscriptions	15,832,156,429	21,159,015,164	36,991,171,593	
Reinvestments	436,817,759	611,026,259	1,047,844,018	
Redemptions	(15,597,975,153)	(20,973,983,450)	(36,571,958,603)	
Change in net position and shares				
resulting from share transactions	670,999,035	796,057,973	1,467,057,008	
Net position, beginning of year	7,941,091,803	11,250,638,137	19,191,729,940	
Net position, end of year	\$ 8,612,090,838	\$ 12,046,696,110	\$ 20,658,786,948	



The Illinois Funds
Local Government Investment Pool Investment Policy Statement
(Effective December 2024)
(Unaudited)

# The Illinois Funds Local Government Investment Pool Investment Policy Statement (Effective December 2024) (Unaudited)

### 1.0 POLICY

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer ("Treasurer") is authorized under Section 17 of the State Treasurer's Act (15 ILCS 505/17) to establish and administer a Public Treasurer's Investment Pool to supplement and enhance investment opportunities otherwise available to custodians of public funds for public agencies in the State of Illinois. The Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool is a local government investment pool known as "The Illinois Funds." Under this Illinois Funds Local Government Investment Pool Investment Policy Statement ("Policy"), The Illinois Funds are invested in a manner that (a) provides safety to the principal investment, (b) meets the daily cash flow demands of participants, and (c) seeks the highest investment return, using authorized instruments in accordance with all State statutes governing the investment of public funds. The Illinois Funds operates in a manner consistent with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7).

#### 2.0 INVESTMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

The Treasurer has formed and regularly convenes the Investment Policy Committee. The Investment Policy Committee is chaired by the Treasurer and includes the following members of the Treasurer's staff:, Chief of Staff, Deputy Treasurer (Financial Products), Deputy Treasurer (Legislative & Policy), Chief Banking Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer, Deputy Chief Fiscal Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Deputy Chief Investment Officer (Public Markets), General Counsel, Director of State Investments, Director of State Banking, Director of Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool ("IPTIP") Investments, Director of ePAY and The Illinois Funds, Director of Portfolio and Risk Analytics, and anyone else deemed appropriate by the Treasurer.

The Chief Banking Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer and Chief Investment Officer, who bear responsibility for the administration, planning, development, and implementation of all financial and investment strategies per the direction of the Treasurer, shall assist the Treasurer in executing the duties and activities of the Investment Policy Committee.

### 3.0 OBJECTIVE

The primary objective in the investment of The Illinois Funds is to ensure the safety of principal. In addition, the Treasurer aims to manage liquidity for payment of the State's financial obligations and provide the highest return on investment, using authorized instruments, while prudently exercising sustainable stewardship in its investment decision-making.

#### 3.1 SAFETY

The Illinois Funds' investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of The Illinois Funds' principal. The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. To obtain this objective, diversification among permissible investments is required to ensure that The Illinois Funds properly manages market, operational, reputational, financial, legal, sustainability, interest rate, and credit risks.

### 3.2 LIQUIDITY

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable The Illinois Funds to meet all participant redemption demands that might be reasonably anticipated.

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#### 3.3 RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The investment portfolio shall be designed to obtain the highest available risk-adjusted return. The Treasurer shall seek to obtain the highest available return, using authorized investments during budgetary and economic cycles as required by this Policy.

The rate of return achieved on The Illinois Funds shall be measured at regular intervals against relevant industry benchmarks that the Investment Policy Committee established to determine investment decision effectiveness meeting investment goals. The benchmarks shall be reviewed a minimum of every two (2) years to ensure accuracy and relevance.

#### **3.4 SUSTAINABILITY**

The Treasurer seeks to invest all funds under its control in a manner that provides the highest risk adjusted investment return using authorized instruments. Pursuant to the Illinois Sustainable Investing Act (30 ILCS 238/1 et seq.), the Treasurer shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment decision-making, investment analysis, portfolio construction, risk management, due diligence, and investment ownership "to maximize anticipated financial returns, minimize projected risk, more effectively execute its fiduciary duty, and contribute to a more just, accountable and sustainable State of Illinois." 30 ILCS 238/5(b). As such, consistent with achieving the Treasurer's foremost investment objectives set forth herein, the Treasurer and its agents shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment processes.

The sustainability analysis adds an additional layer of rigor to the fundamental analytical approach and can be used to evaluate past performance and to plan future decision-making. As a complement to traditional financial analysis, the integration of sustainability factors provides an additional layer of decision-useful information and rigor which can be useful in better assessing the risk and return prospects of portfolio companies, investment funds, and other investment vehicles. Such sustainability factors are indicative of the overall performance of an investment and are strong indicators of its long-term value.

Sustainability factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Corporate governance and leadership factors, such as the independence of corporate boards and auditors, the expertise and competence of corporate boards and executives, systemic risk management practices, executive compensation structures, transparency and reporting, leadership diversity, regulatory and legal compliance, shareholder rights, and ethical conduct and business practices.
- b) Environmental factors such as climate competence, greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, energy management, water and wastewater management, waste and hazardous materials management, management of plastics and forever chemicals, and ecological impacts.
- c) Social capital factors that may have an adverse or positive impact on customers, local communities, the public, and/or government such as human rights, customer welfare, data privacy, cyber security, access and affordability, product quality and safety, selling practices and product labeling, community reinvestment, and community relations.
- d) Human capital factors such as labor practices, responsible contractor and responsible bidder policies, employee health and safety, employee engagement, equity, diversity and inclusion, and incentives and compensation.

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e) Business model and innovation factors such as supply chain management, materials sourcing and efficiency, business model resilience, product design and life cycle management, and physical impacts of climate change.

Sustainability factors shall be implemented within a framework predicated on the following:

- Materiality The Treasurer considers whether and to what extent a sustainability risk or opportunity
  exists that is reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial condition or operating
  performance of a company, investment fund, or other investment vehicle.
- Industry-Specific Information The Treasurer considers whether and to what extent the financially material sustainability risk or opportunity in question is relevant and applicable to individual industries.
- Integration of Material Sustainability Factors in Internally Managed Investment Programs The
  Treasurer prudently integrates material and relevant sustainability factors, including, but not limited
  to, (1) corporate governance, financial incentives and quality of leadership, (2) environmental
  factors, (3) social capital factors, (4) human capital factors, and (5) business model and innovation,
  as components of portfolio construction, investment decision making, investment analysis and due
  diligence, prospective value proposition, risk management, and investment ownership in internally
  managed investment programs.
- Active Ownership The Treasurer attentively oversees investment holdings to address sustainability risks and opportunities through direct engagement with entities, such as investment funds, portfolio companies, government bodies, and other organizations.
- Regular Evaluation of Sustainability Factors The Treasurer performs a recurring annual evaluation, at a minimum, of sustainability factors to ensure the factors are relevant to the evolving marketplace.
- Additional Relevant and Financially Material Factors The Treasurer considers other relevant factors such as legal, regulatory, and reputational risks that contribute to an optimal risk management framework and are necessary to protect and create long-term investment value.

The Treasurer shall develop policy guidelines for internal and external investment managers to integrate material sustainability risks with respect to their investment decision-making regarding financial products, investment funds, companies, and public agency or governmental unit to the extent the Treasurer is responsible for the investment performance of such entities. The policy guidelines for such investment managers for integrating sustainability factors shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis to ensure responsiveness to changing economic conditions and related factors.

### 4.0 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The investment staff executing the investments ("Authorized Investment Officers") and employees in policy-making positions for The Illinois Funds shall refrain from engaging in personal business activity that could (a) conflict, or give the appearance of a conflict, with proper execution of the investment program or (b) impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Such individuals shall disclose to the Treasurer any material financial interests in financial institutions or broker/dealers that conduct business within the State. They shall further disclose any personal investments that are related to the performance of The

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Illinois Funds'. In addition, such individuals shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of The Illinois Funds, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

### 5.0 AUTHORIZED BROKERS/DEALERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Authorized Investment Officers shall utilize the Treasurer's approved list of broker/dealers and financial institutions when selecting institutions to provide investment services.

The security brokers/dealers shall be selected according to their credit worthiness and their financial significance within the State, which shall be measured in terms of the location of the broker/dealer's corporate office, or the extent to which the broker/dealer has a large labor or economic impact on the State. The approved broker/dealers may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17 CFR § 240.15C3-1 (Net Capital Requirements for Brokers or Dealers).

No monies may be deposited in any financial institution until the Treasurer's investment staff have conducted a safety and soundness review of the financial institution by consulting various bank rating services. If the financial institution has not yet been rated by the bank rating services, the institution may be eligible for a deposit that at maturity will not exceed \$250,000. The amount and duration of deposits shall be based on the safety and soundness review, in accordance with guidelines established by the Investment Policy Committee and the diversification limits set forth in Section 11.0 of this Policy. No public deposit may be made, except in a qualified state depository in accordance with the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/1 et seq.).

All brokers/dealers interested in becoming qualified parties for investment transactions must supply the Treasurer's Authorized Investment Officers any documents requested by the Treasurer, including but not limited to the following:

- a) Audited financial statements or a published Statement of Financial Condition;
- b) Proof of minority-, woman-, disabled-, and/or veteran-owned or -managed broker/dealer status;
- c) A signed copy of the Treasurer's account authorization agreement;
- d) Proof of US National and State of Illinois registration;
- e) Completed Counterparty Questionnaire;
- f) Certification of notice and acknowledgment of this Policy; and
- g) Any other documentation deemed necessary by the Treasurer.

If approved, a broker/dealer will be placed on Treasurer's authorized list of approved Broker/Dealers. An annual review of the financial condition and registration of qualified parties may be conducted by the Treasurer's Authorized Investment Staff. More frequent reviews may be conducted if warranted.

### **5.1 EXTERNAL INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS**

To the extent that the Investment Policy Committee deems it advisable to hire external investment consultants, it may do so in accordance with the Office of the Treasurer's Procurement Rules. 44 III. Admin. Code § 1400.

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## 5.2 PREFERENCE FOR BROKER/DEALERS OWNED BY MINORITIES, WOMEN, MILITARY VETERANS, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Pursuant to 15 ILCS 505/30, it shall be the aspirational goal of the Treasurer to use businesses owned by or under the control of qualified veterans of the armed forced of the United States, qualified service-disabled veterans, minority persons, women, or persons with a disability ("MWVD Persons") for not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total dollar of purchases of investment securities, including, but not limited to, the use of broker/dealers. Beginning with fiscal year 2019, and at least annually thereafter, the Treasurer shall measure and report its utilization of broker/dealers owned or under the control of MWVD Persons. The report shall be published on the Treasurer's official website.

The terms "minority person", "woman", "person with a disability", "minority-owned business", "womenowned business", "business owned by a person with a disability", and "control" have the meanings provided in Section 1 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/1 et seq.). The terms "veteran", "qualified veteran-owned small business", "qualified service-disabled veteran", and "armed forces of the United States" have the meanings provided in Article 1 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/1 et seq.).

To the greatest extent feasible within the bounds of financial and fiduciary prudence, the Treasurer's policy is to mitigate any barriers to the full participation in investment transaction afforded via the investment program by actively identifying and considering for hire brokers/dealers that provide proof of ownership or control by MWVD Persons. The Treasurer shall establish a process by which said specially claimed statuses are verified, and a review shall be conducted at fixed intervals to ensure that special statuses continue to apply.

### 5.3 PREFERENCE FOR BROKER/DEALERS HEADQUARTERED IN ILLINOIS

The Treasurer shall seek to provide preference to qualified brokers/dealers that provide proof that their corporate headquarters is located in the State of Illinois. In doing so, the Treasurer shall establish a process to verify the location of broker/dealers' corporate headquarters, and a review shall be conducted at fixed intervals to ensure that the Illinois-based location continues to apply.

Beginning with fiscal year 2019, and at least annually thereafter, the Treasurer shall measure and report its utilization of broker/dealers with headquarters located in the State of Illinois. The report shall be published on the Treasurer's official website.

### **6.0 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS**

The Treasurer's investments are subject to the parameters as set forth in the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/22.5) and the Public Funds Investment Act (30 ILCS 235/2). Additionally, the Treasurer may also choose to create policies and procedures that further clarify the State's authorized investments. The established parameters are, as follows:

- a) Federally guaranteed obligations that receive the full faith and credit of the United States of America ("United States") as to principal and interest;
- b) Obligations of agencies of the United States as originally issued by the agencies. For purposes of this Section, the term "agencies of the United States" includes the following: federal land banks, federal intermediate credit banks, banks for cooperatives, federal farm credit banks, or any other entity authorized to issue debt obligations under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 as amended, the

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federal home loan banks and the federal home loan mortgage corporation, and any other agency created or supported through an Act of Congress; additionally, the Treasurer has determined that all such agencies are issuing debt in United States dollar denominations;

- c) Obligations of instrumentalities of the United States, as originally issued by the instrumentalities. For the purposes of this section, the term "instrumentalities of the United States" is an instrumentality created or supported through an Act of Congress and issues United States dollar-denominated debt:
- d) Obligations of a foreign government other than the Republic of Sudan that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of that government as to principal and interest and rated at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent), and only if the foreign government has not defaulted and has met its payment obligations in a timely manner on all similar obligations for at least twenty-five (25) years immediately before the time of acquiring those obligations;
- e) Interest-bearing bonds, issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois. Additionally, the Treasurer has determined that the purchased bonds may be either taxable or tax-exempt under federal law. The bonds shall be registered in the name of the State of Illinois or held under a custodial agreement at a financial institution. The bonds shall be rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least one (1) standard rating service with nationally recognized expertise in rating bonds of states and their political subdivisions, (upper medium grade for the long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent). The maturity or pre-refunded date(s) of the bonds authorized by this subsection shall, at the time of purchase, not exceed ten (10) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a longer maturity is authorized, if the State of Illinois has a put option to tender the bonds within ten (10) years from the date of purchase;
- f) Repurchase agreements of government securities having the meaning set out in the Government Securities Act of 1986(15 U.S.C. § 78o-5), as amended, and as interpreted by its regulations;
- g) Short-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the two (2) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (short-term rating of A-2 and above or equivalent). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F1 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety-seven (397) days to maturity;
- h) Long-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States that have a significant presence in the State of Illinois, with assets exceeding \$500,000,000, and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent for notes maturing within thirteen (13) months or less). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F1 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from S&P or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety-seven (397) days to maturity. For corporations who maintain only a long-term rating issued with Moody's, S&P, or Fitch, securities may be purchased and remain in compliance

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with Fitch criteria using either (a) the short-term equivalent of a long-term rating issued by Fitch; or (b) in the absence of a Fitch rating, the short-term equivalent of a long-term rating issued by Moody's or S&P, whichever is lower;

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- j) Securities in accordance with the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council guidelines only if the securities are collateralized at a level sufficient to assure the safety of the securities, taking into account market value fluctuations and set forth in a Securities Leasing Agreement between the Treasurer and financial institution ("Treasurer's Agent"). The securities may be collateralized by cash or securities collateral acceptable under Sections 11 and 11.1 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act;
- k) Interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit, interest-bearing time deposits, or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act. 205 ILCS 5/1 et seq.; and
- Dividend-bearing share accounts, share certificate accounts, or class of share accounts of a credit union chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois or the United States that maintains its principal office in the State of Illinois.

### 7.0 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The following investment restrictions apply to The Illinois Funds:

- a) Any investments not authorized by this investment policy or applicable law are prohibited;
- Repurchase agreements may only be executed with approved financial institutions or broker/dealers that meet the Treasurer's standards, which include mutual execution of a Master Repurchase Agreement adopted by the Treasurer;
- c) Investments in derivative products and leveraging of assets through reverse repurchase agreements are prohibited;
- d) All qualified repurchase agreement dealers, commercial paper issuers, and corporate bond issuers must have a corporate headquarters, corporate office, or operating location in the State of Illinois and that location must retain full-time staff employed within the State of Illinois or the dealer must have a significant economic presence in the State of Illinois as determined by the Treasurer;
- e) Commercial paper with a credit rating or evaluation that is derived from any factor other than the full faith and credit of the issuing institution and/or the guarantee of the parent company is prohibited;
- f) Obligations may not be purchased from a corporation or limited liability company that has been placed on the list of restricted companies by the Illinois Investment Policy Board under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code. 40 ILCS 5/1-110.16;
- g) Asset-backed securities and mortgage back securities, except as repurchase agreement collateral, are prohibited;

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- h) Investments in bankers' acceptances of any kind are prohibited; and
- Certificates of deposit may not be purchased from The Illinois Funds' custodial institution or any of its subcontractors.
- j) Investments in any sovereign debt or government-backed securities issued by the Russian Federation, and/or the Republic of Belarus; any investment instrument that is issued by an entity, bank or financial institution that is domiciled in or has its principal place of business located in the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus; and/or any investment instrument issued by an entity, bank or financial institution that is subject to Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions as defined under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code are prohibited.

### 7.1 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7), the Treasurer shall:

- a) Maintain and execute standard operating procedures for deviations beyond the normal net asset value ("NAV") of The Illinois Funds; and
- b) Annually complete a checklist that clarifies the intention of the Treasurer to operate The Illinois Funds as a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7-like fund.

### **8.0 RATINGS CRITERIA**

The Illinois Funds strives to achieve AAAmmmf fund rating guidelines. As such, the fund will meet and abide by the guidelines for an AAAm fund rating from a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO").

### 9.0 COLLATERALIZATION

The Illinois Funds' deposits and repurchase agreements shall be secured by direct U.S. Treasury and/or U.S. Agency obligations as required by the Treasurer and provided for by the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/1 et seq.) and the Treasurer's Acceptable Collateral Listing, which may change from time to time. The Treasurer may take possession of and title to any securities held as collateral until the Treasurer determines such collateral may be disposed.

### 10.0 SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY

All direct treasury, agency and instrumentality security transactions entered into by The Illinois Funds shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment ("DVP") or receipt-versus-payment ("RVP") basis. Securities shall be held by a safekeeping agent designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts. Commercial paper will settle daily with the Depository Trust Company.

#### 11.0 DIVERSIFICATION

In general, the primary purpose of diversification is to control credit and market risk. The Illinois Funds will be diversified to mitigate the risk of loss resulting from concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer, or a specific class of securities. The majority of The Illinois Funds' investments will be in direct obligations of the United States Treasury and United States Government Agencies and Instrumentalities and cash equivalents as listed in Section 6.0 of this Policy. In order to properly manage

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any risk that may be attendant to the investment of The Illinois Funds assets, The Illinois Funds portfolio will observe the following diversification guidelines, at the time of purchase:

- a) The Illinois Funds will seek to achieve diversification in the portfolio by reasonably distributing investments within authorized investment categories, and with issuers and brokers/dealers;
- b) The Illinois Funds shall at no time hold time deposits that constitute more than ten percent (10%) of any single financial institution's total deposits;
- c) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of corporations or limited liability companies that exceed ten percent (10%) of the corporation's or the limited liability company's outstanding obligations;
- d) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of a municipality's bonds that exceed ten percent (10%) of the municipality's outstanding obligations;
- e) The Illinois Funds shall not be invested in more than ten percent (10%) of each prime money market fund's assets (including all share classes) at any given time;
- f) The Illinois Funds shall not contain investments that exceed the following diversification limits. These limits will apply to the total assets in the portfolio at the time of the origination or purchase. As maturities and or calls of instruments occur these limits will be monitored and adjusted accordingly:
  - i. The Illinois Funds will invest no more than fifty percent (50%) of its total assets in securities with maturities greater than thirty (30) days issued by any single permissible United States government agency or instrumentality;
  - ii. No more than one-third (33%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
  - iii. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
  - iv. No more than twenty (20%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in long-term obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;
  - v. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in long- term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;
  - vi. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;
- vii. No more than three (3%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in any single issuer of municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;

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viii. The Illinois Funds shall invest a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of its assets in authorized investments of less than one (1) year maturity. No investment shall (2) years maturity.

### **12.0 INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Treasurer shall establish a system of internal controls, which shall be documented in writing and filed with the Treasurer's Chief Internal Auditor for review. The controls shall be designed to prevent loss of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by Authorized Investment Staff of The Illinois Funds.

The Treasurer shall publish the current investment policy of The Illinois Funds on the Treasurer's official website.

### 13.0 ASSET ALLOCATION

The Treasurer shall approve asset allocation among investment categories authorized under Section 6.0 of this Policy.

#### 14.0 COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Authorized Investment Officers shall obtain competitive bids from at least three (3) broker/dealers prior to executing repurchase agreements, purchasing United States Treasury securities, United States government agency or instrumentality securities, obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies, bonds issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois, or commercial paper from a broker/dealer. Reverse inquiry investments, investments in a new issue, and investments defined under Section 6(a)-(b) of this Policy purchased from the agency discount window are exempt from this provision. Certificates of deposit shall be purchased by authorized investment staff on the basis of a financial institution's ability to pay the Treasurer's required interest rate.

#### **15.0 LIABILITY**

Authorized Investment Officers, acting in accordance with written procedures and this Policy and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments. The Treasurer is bonded to a level of \$150,000 for the faithful performance of duties in relation to The Illinois Funds.

### **16.0 REPORTING**

Reports shall be made available quarterly by the Director of IPTIP Investments to the Treasurer, the Chief Banking Officer and The Illinois Funds participants. The quarterly report shall contain the following:

- a) The total amount of funds;
- b) The current and historic performance of The Illinois Funds as compared to the established benchmark;
- c) The asset allocation for the investments;

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- d) Any circumstances resulting in a deviation from the standards established in Section 11.0 of this Policy;
- e) Any change in investment policy adopted during the quarter; and
- f) The weighted average number of days to maturity.

A listing of all investments in the portfolio marked to market shall be made available to the Treasurer, Chief Banking Officer and The Illinois Funds participants annually.

### 17.0 EXCEPTIONS

The Chief Banking Officer may issue exceptions to this Policy provided that they do not conflict with applicable State statutes governing the use and investment of the State Investments portfolio including, but not limited to, the State Treasurer Act, the Treasurer as Custodian of Funds Act, the Deposit of State Moneys Act, the Securities Safekeeping Act, and any other applicable statutes and it is reasonably assured that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of participants.

#### **18.0 EMERGENCY POWERS**

In the event of an emergency, the Treasurer may, at his or her discretion, invoke emergency powers and suspend any or all of the provisions of this Policy, provided that:

- a) The Treasurer shall, even in the event that emergency powers are invoked, comply with all State statutes governing the use and investment of monies;
- b) The Treasurer reasonably believes that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of the participants;
- c) Within thirty (30) days of invoking emergency powers the Treasurer shall provide an explanation in writing to the Chief Internal Auditor and the Investment Policy Committee, a copy of which shall be posted on the Treasurer's website, that includes the following:
  - i. The date and time that the emergency powers were invoked;
  - ii. The date and time that emergency powers were repealed, if applicable;
  - iii. The Section or Sections of this Policy that were affected by the emergency or use of emergency powers; and
  - iv. The reason for deviating from this Policy.

### 19.0 STATUTORY REFERENCES

Any statutory references in this Policy shall include any amendments to or repeals of those statutes.

### **20.0 AMENDMENTS**

The Treasurer reserves the right to amend this Policy at any time.

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#### 1.0 POLICY

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer ("Treasurer") is authorized under Section 17 of the State Treasurer's Act (15 ILCS 505/17) to establish and administer a Public Treasurer's Investment Pool to supplement and enhance investment opportunities otherwise available to custodians of public funds for public agencies in the State of Illinois. The Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool is a local government investment pool known as "The Illinois Funds." Under this Illinois Funds Local Government Investment Pool Investment Policy Statement ("Policy"), it is the policy of the Treasurer to invest funds pooled by local and State custodians of public funds for public agencies in The Illinois Funds in a manner that will provide safety to the principal investment, meet the daily cash flow demands of participants, and seek the highest investment return, using authorized instruments in accordance with all State statutes governing the investment of public funds. The Illinois Funds operates in a manner consistent with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7).

#### 2.0 INVESTMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

The Treasurer affirms the existence of the Investment Policy Committee. The Investment Policy Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer and include the following members of the Treasurer's staff: Deputy Treasurer & Chief Investment Officer, Chief of Staff, Chief Financial Products Officer, Chief Legislative and Policy Officer, General Counsel, Director of State Investments and Banking, Director of Investment Analysis and Due Diligence, Director of Fiscal Operations, Director of IPTIP Investments, Director of ePAY and The Illinois Funds, Director of Portfolio and Risk Analytics, Director of Corporate Engagement & Investment Operations, State Investments - Portfolio Management Officer and anyone else deemed appropriate by the Treasurer.

The Deputy Treasurer & Chief Investment Officer, who bears responsibility for the administration, planning, development, and implementation of all financial and investment strategies per the direction of the Treasurer, shall assist the Treasurer in executing the duties and activities of the Investment Policy Committee.

### 3.0 OBJECTIVE

The safety of principle is the primary objective in the investment of funds within The Illinois Funds. In addition, it is the Treasurer's objective to manage liquidity for payment of the State's financial obligations and provide the highest investment return, using authorized instruments, while prudently exercising sustainable stewardship in its investment decision-making.

#### 3.1 SAFETY

The Illinois Funds' investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of principal in the portfolio. The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. To obtain this objective, diversification among permissible investments is required to ensure that The Illinois Funds properly manages market, operational, reputational, financial, legal, sustainability, interest rate, and credit risks.

#### 3.2 LIQUIDITY

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable The Illinois Funds to meet all participant redemption demands that might be reasonably anticipated.

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#### 3.3 RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The investment portfolio shall be designed to obtain the highest available risk-adjusted return. The Treasurer shall seek to obtain the highest available return, using authorized investments during budgetary and economic cycles as required by this Policy.

The rate of return achieved on The Illinois Funds portfolio shall be measured at regular intervals against relevant industry benchmarks, established by the Investment Policy Committee, to determine the effectiveness of investment decisions in meeting investment goals. The benchmarks shall be reviewed a minimum of every two (2) years to ensure accuracy and relevance.

#### 3.4 SUSTAINABILITY

The Treasurer seeks to invest all funds under its control in a manner that provides the highest risk adjusted investment return using authorized instruments. Pursuant to the Illinois Sustainable Investing Act (30 ILCS 238/1 et seq.), the Treasurer shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment decision-making, investment analysis, portfolio construction, risk management, due diligence, and investment ownership "to maximize anticipated financial returns, minimize projected risk, more effectively execute its fiduciary duty, and contribute to a more just, accountable and sustainable State of Illinois." 30 ILCS 238/5(b). As such, consistent with achieving the Treasurer's foremost investment objectives set forth herein, the Treasurer and its agents shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment processes.

The sustainability analysis adds an additional layer of rigor to the fundamental analytical approach and helps assess the reliability of future cash flows and debt repayments. Similar to financial accounting, sustainability accounting has both confirmatory and predictive value, thus, it can be used to evaluate past performance, future planning, and decision-making. As a complement to financial accounting, it provides a more complete view of an investment fund or portfolio company's performance on material factors likely to impact its long-term value.

Sustainability factors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Corporate governance and leadership factors, such as the independence of boards and auditors, the expertise and competence of corporate boards and executives, systemic risk management practices, executive compensation structures, transparency and reporting, leadership diversity, regulatory and legal compliance, shareholder rights, and ethical conduct.
- b) Environmental factors that may have an adverse or positive financial impact on investment performance, such as greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, energy management, water and wastewater management, waste and hazardous materials management, and ecological impacts.
- c) Social capital factors that impact relationships with key outside parties, such as customers, local communities, the public, and the government, which may impact investment performance. Social capital factors include human rights, customer welfare, customer privacy, data security, access and affordability, selling practices and product labeling, community reinvestment, and community relations.
- d) Human capital factors that recognize that the workforce is an important asset to delivering long-term value, including factors such as labor practices, responsible contractor and responsible bidder policies, employee health and safety, employee engagement, diversity and inclusion, and incentives and compensation.

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e) Business model and innovation factors that reflect an ability to plan and forecast opportunities and risks, and whether a company can create long-term shareholder value, including factors such as supply chain management, materials sourcing and efficiency, business model resilience, product design and life cycle management, and physical impacts of climate change.

The Treasurer shall develop policy guidelines for internal and external investment managers to integrate material sustainability risks with respect to their investment decision-making regarding financial products, investment funds, companies, and public agency or governmental unit to the extent the Treasurer is responsible for the investment performance of such entities. The policy guidelines for such investment managers for integrating sustainability factors shall be reviewed and updated a minimum of every two (2) years to ensure responsiveness to changing economic conditions and related factors.

#### 4.0 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The investment staff executing the investments ("Authorized Investment Officers") and employees in policy-making positions for The Illinois Funds shall refrain from engaging in personal business activity that could (a) conflict, or give the appearance of a conflict, with proper execution of the investment program or (b) impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Such individuals shall disclose to the Treasurer any material financial interests in financial institutions or broker/dealers that conduct business within the State. They shall further disclose any personal investments that are related to the performance of The Illinois Funds'. In addition, such individuals shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of The Illinois Funds, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

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Beginning with fiscal year 2019, and at least annually thereafter, the Treasurer shall measure and report its utilization of broker/dealers with headquarters located in the State of Illinois. The report shall be published on the Treasurer's official website.

#### **6.0 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS**

The Treasurer's investments are subject to the parameters as set forth in the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/22.5) and the Public Funds Investment Act (30 ILCS 235/2). Additionally, the Treasurer may also choose to create policies and procedures that further clarify the State's authorized investments. The established parameters are, as follows:

- a) Federally guaranteed obligations that receive the full faith and credit of the United States of America ("United States") as to principal and interest;
- b) Obligations of agencies of the United States as originally issued by the agencies. For purposes of this Section, the term "agencies of the United States" includes the following: federal land banks, federal intermediate credit banks, banks for cooperatives, federal farm credit banks, or any other entity authorized to issue debt obligations under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 as amended, the federal home loan banks and the federal home loan mortgage corporation, and any other agency created or supported through an Act of Congress; additionally, the Treasurer has determined that all such agencies are issuing debt in United States dollar denominated;
- c) Obligations of instrumentalities of the United States, as originally issued by the instrumentalities. For the purposes of this section, the term "instrumentalities of the United States" is an instrumentality created or supported through an Act of Congress and issues United States dollar-denominated debt;
- d) Obligations of a foreign government that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of that government as to principal and interest and rated at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent), and only if the foreign government has not defaulted and has met its payment obligations in a timely manner on all similar obligations for at least twenty-five (25) years prior to the time of acquiring those obligations;
- e) Interest-bearing bonds, issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois, whether the interest earned thereon is taxable or tax-exempt under federal law. The bonds shall be registered in the name of the State of Illinois or held under a custodial agreement at a financial institution. The bonds shall be rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least one (1) standard rating service with nationally recognized expertise in rating bonds of states and their political subdivisions, (upper medium grade for the long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent). The maturity or pre-refunded date(s) of the bonds authorized by this subsection shall, at the time of purchase, not exceed ten (10) years.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, a longer maturity is authorized, if the State of Illinois has a put option to tender the bonds within ten (10) years from the date of purchase;

- f) Repurchase agreements of government securities having the meaning set out in the Government Securities Act of 1986. 15 U.S.C. § 780-5, as amended, and as interpreted by its regulations;
- g) Short-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000, and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the two (2) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (short-term rating of A-2 and above or equivalent). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F1 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety-seven (397) days to maturity;
- h) Long-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States that have a significant presence in the State of Illinois, with assets exceeding \$500,000,000, and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent for notes maturing within thirteen (13) months or less). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F1 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from S&P or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety-seven (397) days to maturity. For corporations who maintain only a long-term rating issued with Moody's, S&P, or Fitch, securities may be purchased and remain in compliance with Fitch criteria using either (a) the short-term equivalent of a long-term rating issued by Fitch; or (b) in the absence of a Fitch rating, the short-term equivalent of a long-term rating issued by Moody's or S&P, whichever is lower;
- Money market mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. 15 U.S.C. §80a-1;
- j) Securities in accordance with the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council guidelines only if the securities are collateralized at a level sufficient to assure the safety of the securities, taking into account market value fluctuation and set forth in a Securities Lensing Agreement between the Treasurer and financial institution ("Treasurer's Agent"). The securities may be collateralized by cash or securities collateral acceptable under Sections 11 and 11.1 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act;
- k) Interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit, interest-bearing time deposits, or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act. 205 ILCS 5/1 et seq.; and
- I) Dividend-bearing share accounts, share certificate accounts, or class of share accounts of a credit union chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois or the United States that maintains its principal office in the State of Illinois.

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#### 7.0 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The following investment restrictions apply to The Illinois Funds portfolio:

- a) Any investments not authorized by this investment policy or applicable law are prohibited;
- Repurchase agreements may only be executed with approved financial institutions or broker/dealers that meet the Treasurer's standards, which include mutual execution of a Master Repurchase Agreement adopted by the Treasurer;
- c) Investments in derivative products and leveraging of assets through reverse repurchase agreements are prohibited;
- d) All qualified repurchase agreement dealers, commercial paper issuers, and corporate bond issuers must have a corporate headquarters, corporate office, or operating location in the State of Illinois and that location must retain full-time staff employed within the State of Illinois or the dealer must have a significant economic presence in the State of Illinois as determined by the Treasurer;
- e) Commercial paper with a credit rating or evaluation that is derived from any factor other than the full faith and credit of the issuing institution and/or the guarantee of 3 the parent company is prohibited;
- f) Obligations may not be purchased from a corporation or limited liability company that has been placed on the list of restricted companies by the Illinois Investment Policy Board under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code. 40 ILCS 5/1-110.16;
- g) Asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities of any kind are prohibited;
- h) Investments in bankers' acceptances of any kind are prohibited; and
- i) Certificates of deposit may not be purchased from The Illinois Funds' custodial institution or any of its subcontractors.
- j) Investments in any sovereign debt or government-backed securities issued by the Russian Federation, and/or the Republic of Belarus; any investment instrument that is issued by an entity, bank or financial institution that is domiciled in or has its principal place of business located in the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus; and/or any investment instrument issued by an entity, bank or financial institution that is subject to Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions as defined under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code are prohibited.

### 7.1 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7), the Treasurer shall:

- a) Maintain and execute standard operating procedures for deviations beyond the normal net asset value ("NAV") of The Illinois Funds; and
- b) Annually complete a checklist that clarifies the intention of the Treasurer to operate The Illinois Funds as a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7-like fund.

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#### **8.0 RATINGS CRITERIA**

The Illinois Funds strives to achieve AAAm fund rating guidelines. As such, the fund will meet and abide by the guidelines for an AAAm fund rating from a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO").

### 9.0 COLLATERALIZATION

The Illinois Funds' deposits and repurchase agreements shall be secured by direct U.S. Treasury and/or U.S. Agency obligations as required by the Treasurer and provided for by the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/1 et seq.) and the Treasurer's Acceptable Collateral Listing, which may change from time to time. The Treasurer may take possession of and title to any securities held as collateral until the Treasurer determines such collateral may be disposed.

#### 10.0 SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY

All direct treasury, agency and instrumentality security transactions entered into by The Illinois Funds shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment ("DVP") or receipt-versus-payment ("RVP") basis. Securities shall be held by a safekeeping agent designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts. Commercial paper will settle daily with the Depository Trust Company.

#### 11.0 DIVERSIFICATION

The primary purpose of diversification in general is to control credit and market risk. The Illinois Funds portfolio will be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer or a specific class of securities. The majority of The Illinois Funds' investments will be in direct obligations of the United States Treasury and United States Government Agencies and Instrumentalities and cash equivalents as listed in Section 6.0 of this Policy. In order to properly manage any risk that may be attendant to the investment of The Illinois Funds assets, The Illinois Funds portfolio will observe the following diversification guidelines, at the time of purchase:

- a) The Illinois Funds will seek to achieve diversification in the portfolio by reasonably distributing investments within authorized investment categories, and with issuers and brokers/dealers;
- b) The Illinois Funds shall at no time hold time deposits that constitute more than ten percent (10%) of any single financial institution's total deposits;
- c) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of corporations or limited liability companies that exceed ten percent (10%) of the corporation's or the limited liability company's outstanding obligations;
- d) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of a municipality's bonds that exceed ten percent (10%) of the municipality's outstanding obligations;
- e) The Illinois Funds shall not be invested in more than ten percent (10%) of each prime money market fund's assets (including all share classes) at any given time;
- f) The investment portfolio shall not contain investments that exceed the following diversification limits. These limits will apply to the total assets in the portfolio at the time of the origination or purchase. As maturities and or calls of instruments occur these limits will be monitored and adjusted accordingly:

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- i. The Illinois Funds will invest no more than fifty percent (50%) of its total assets in securities with maturities greater than thirty (30) days issued by any single permissible United States government agency or instrumentality;
- ii. No more than one-third (33%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
- iii. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
- iv. No more than twenty (20%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in long-term obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;
- v. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in long-term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;
- vi. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;
- vii. No more than three (3%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in any single issuer of municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;
- viii. The Illinois Funds shall invest a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of its assets in authorized investments of less than one (1) year maturity. No investment shall exceed two (2) years maturity.

#### 12.0 INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Treasurer shall establish a system of internal controls, which shall be documented in writing and filed with the Treasurer's Chief Internal Auditor for review. The controls shall be designed to prevent loss of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by authorized investment staff of The Illinois Funds.

The Treasurer shall publish the current investment policy of The Illinois Funds on the Treasurer's official website.

### 13.0 ASSET ALLOCATION

The Treasurer shall approve asset allocation among investment categories authorized under Section 6.0 of this Policy.

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#### 14.0 COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Authorized investment staff shall obtain competitive bids from at least three (3) broker/dealers prior to executing repurchase agreements, purchasing United States Treasury securities, United States government agency or instrumentality securities, obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies, bonds issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois, or commercial paper from a broker/dealer. Reverse inquiry investments, investments in a new issue, and investments defined under Section 6(a)-(b) of this Policy purchased from the agency discount window are exempt from this provision. Certificates of deposit shall be purchased by authorized investment staff on the basis of a financial institution's ability to pay the Treasurer's required interest rate.

#### 15.0 LIABILITY

Authorized investment staff, acting in accordance with written procedures and this Policy and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments. The Treasurer is bonded to a level of \$150,000 for the faithful performance of duties in relation to The Illinois Funds.

#### **16.0 REPORTING**

Reports shall be made available quarterly by the Director of IPTIP Investments to the Treasurer, the Chief Banking Officer and The Illinois Funds participants. The quarterly report shall contain the following:

- a) The total amount of funds;
- b) The current and historic performance of The Illinois Funds as compared to the established benchmark;
- c) The asset allocation for the investments;
- d) Any circumstances resulting in a deviation from the standards established in Section 11.0 of this Policy;
- e) Any change in investment policy adopted during the quarter; and
- f) The weighted average number of days to maturity.

A listing of all investments in the portfolio marked to market shall be made available to the Treasurer, Chief Banking Officer and The Illinois Funds participants annually.

### 17.0 EXCEPTIONS

The Deputy Treasurer & Chief Investment Officer may issue exceptions to this Policy provided that they do not conflict with applicable State statutes governing the use and investment of the State Investments portfolio including, but not limited to, the State Treasurer Act, the Treasurer as Custodian of Funds Act, the Deposit of State Moneys Act, the Securities Safekeeping Act, and any other applicable statutes and it is reasonably assured that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of participants.

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#### **18.0 EMERGENCY POWERS**

In the event of an emergency, the Treasurer may, at his or her discretion, invoke emergency powers and suspend any or all of the provisions of this Policy, provided that:

- a) The Treasurer shall, even in the event that emergency powers are invoked, comply with all State statutes governing the use and investment of monies;
- b) The Treasurer reasonably believes that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of the participants;
- c) Within thirty (30) days of invoking emergency powers the Treasurer shall provide an explanation in writing to the Chief Internal Auditor and the Investment Policy Committee, a copy of which shall be posted on the Treasurer's website, that includes the following:
  - i. The date and time that the emergency powers were invoked;
  - ii. The date and time that emergency powers were repealed, if applicable;
  - iii. The Section or Sections of this Policy that were affected by the emergency or use of emergency powers; and
  - iv. The reason for deviating from this Policy.

### 19.0 STATUTORY REFERENCES

Any statutory references in this Policy shall include any amendments to or repeals of those statutes.

### **20.0 AMENDMENTS**

The Treasurer reserves the right to amend this Policy at any time.

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#### 1.0 POLICY

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer ("Treasurer") is authorized under Section 17 of the State Treasurer's Act (15 ILCS 505/17) to establish and administer a Public Treasurer's Investment Pool to supplement and enhance investment opportunities otherwise available to custodians of public funds for public agencies in the State of Illinois. The Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool is a local government investment pool known as "The Illinois Funds." Under this Illinois Funds Local Government Investment Pool Investment Policy Statement ("Policy"), The Illinois Funds are invested in a manner that (a) provides safety to the principal investment, (b) meets the daily cash flow demands of participants, and (c) seeks the highest investment return, using authorized instruments in accordance with all State statutes governing the investment of public funds. The Illinois Funds operates in a manner consistent with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7).

### 2.0 INVESTMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

The Treasurer has formed and regularly convenes the Investment Policy Committee. The Investment Policy Committee is chaired by the Treasurer and include the following members of the Treasurer's staff:, Chief of Staff, Chief Financial Products Officer, Chief Banking Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Legislative and Policy Officer, General Counsel, Director of State Investments, Director of State Banking, Director of Investment Analysis and Due Diligence, Director of Fiscal Operations, Director of Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool ("IPTIP") Investments, Director of ePAY and The Illinois Funds, Director of Portfolio and Risk Analytics, Director of Corporate Engagement & Investment Operations, State Investments - Portfolio Management Officer, and anyone else deemed appropriate by the Treasurer.

The Chief Banking Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer and Chief Investment Officer, who bear responsibility for the administration, planning, development, and implementation of all financial and investment strategies per the direction of the Treasurer, shall assist the Treasurer in executing the duties and activities of the Investment Policy Committee.

### 3.0 OBJECTIVE

The primary objective in the investment of The Illinois Funds is to ensure the safety of principal. In addition, the Treasurer aims to manage liquidity for payment of the State's financial obligations and provide the highest return on investment, using authorized instruments, while prudently exercising sustainable stewardship in its investment decision-making.

### 3.1 SAFETY

The Illinois Funds' investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of The Illinois Funds' principal. The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. To obtain this objective, diversification among permissible investments is required to ensure that The Illinois Funds properly manages market, operational, reputational, financial, legal, sustainability, interest rate, and credit risks.

### 3.2 LIQUIDITY

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable The Illinois Funds to meet all participant redemption demands that might be reasonably anticipated.

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#### 3.3 RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The investment portfolio shall be designed to obtain the highest available risk-adjusted return. The Treasurer shall seek to obtain the highest available return, using authorized investments during budgetary and economic cycles as required by this Policy.

The rate of return achieved on The Illinois Funds shall be measured at regular intervals against relevant industry benchmarks that the Investment Policy Committee established to determine investment decision effectiveness meeting investment goals. The benchmarks shall be reviewed a minimum of every two (2) years to ensure accuracy and relevance.

#### 3.4 SUSTAINABILITY

The Treasurer seeks to invest all funds under its control in a manner that provides the highest risk- adjusted investment return using authorized instruments. Pursuant to the Illinois Sustainable Investing Act (30 ILCS 238/1 et seq.), the Treasurer shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment decision-making, investment analysis, portfolio construction, risk management, due diligence, and investment ownership "to maximize anticipated financial returns, minimize projected risk, more effectively execute its fiduciary duty, and contribute to a more just, accountable and sustainable State of Illinois." 30 ILCS 238/5(b). As such, consistent with achieving the Treasurer's foremost investment objectives set forth herein, the Treasurer and its agents shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment processes.

The sustainability analysis adds an additional layer of rigor to the fundamental analytical approach and helps assess the reliability of future cash flows and debt repayments. Similar to financial accounting, sustainability analysis has both confirmatory and predictive value, and thus can be used to evaluate past performance, future planning, and decision-making. As a complement to financial accounting, sustainability analysis provides a more complete view of an investment fund or the portfolio company's performance on material factors likely to impact either the investment fund or the portfolio company's performance long-term value.

Sustainability factors that may have an adverse or positive financial impact on investment performance may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Corporate governance and leadership factors, such as the independence of corporate boards and auditors, the expertise and competence of corporate boards and executives, systemic risk management practices, executive compensation structures, transparency and reporting, leadership diversity, regulatory and legal compliance, shareholder rights, and ethical conduct.
- b) Environmental factors such as greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, energy management, water and wastewater management, waste and hazardous materials management, and ecological impacts.
- c) Social capital factors such as customers, local communities, the public, and/or government, social capital factors, which may include, but are not limited to, human rights, customer welfare, customer privacy, data security, access and affordability, selling practices and product labeling, community reinvestment, and community relations.

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- d) Human capital factors such as labor practices, responsible contractor and responsible bidder policies, employee health and safety, employee engagement, diversity and inclusion, and incentives and compensation.
- e) Business model and innovation factors such as supply chain management, materials sourcing and efficiency, business model resilience, product design and life cycle management, and physical impacts of climate change.

The Treasurer shall develop policy guidelines for internal and external investment managers to integrate material sustainability risks with respect to their investment decision-making regarding financial products, investment funds, companies, and public agency or governmental unit to the extent the Treasurer is responsible for the investment performance of such entities. The policy guidelines for such investment managers for integrating sustainability factors shall be reviewed and updated a minimum of every two (2) years to ensure responsiveness to changing economic conditions and related factors.

### 4.0 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The investment staff executing the investments ("Authorized Investment Officers") and employees in policy-making positions for The Illinois Funds shall refrain from engaging in personal business activity that could (a) conflict, or give the appearance of a conflict, with proper execution of the investment program or (b) impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Such individuals shall disclose to the Treasurer any material financial interests in financial institutions or broker/dealers that conduct business within the State. They shall further disclose any personal investments that are related to the performance of The Illinois Funds'. In addition, such individuals shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of The Illinois Funds, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

### 5.0 AUTHORIZED BROKERS/DEALERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Authorized Investment Officers shall utilize the Treasurer's approved list of broker/dealers and financial institutions when selecting institutions to provide investment services.

The security brokers/dealers shall be selected according to their credit worthiness and their financial significance in the State, which shall be measured in terms of the location of the broker/dealer's corporate office, or the extent to which the broker/dealer has a large labor or economic impact on the State. The approved broker/dealers may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17 CFR § 240.15C3-1 (Net Capital Requirements for Brokers or Dealers).

No monies may be deposited in any financial institution until the Treasurer's investment staff have conducted a safety and soundness review of the financial institution by consulting various bank rating services. If the financial institution has not yet been rated by the bank rating services, the institution may be eligible for a deposit that at maturity will not exceed \$250,000. The amount and duration of deposits shall be based on the safety and soundness review, in accordance with guidelines established by the Investment Policy Committee and the diversification limits set forth in Section 11.0 of this Policy. No public deposit may be made, except in a qualified state depository in accordance with the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/1 et seq.).

All brokers/dealers interested in becoming qualified parties for investment transactions must supply the Treasurer's Authorized Investment Officers any documents requested by the Treasurer, including but not limited to the following:

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- a) Audited financial statements or a published Statement of Condition;
- b) Proof of minority-, woman-, disabled-, and/or veteran-owned or -managed broker/dealer status;
- c) A signed copy of the Treasurer's account authorization agreement;
- d) Proof of US National and State of Illinois registration;
- e) Completed Counterparty Questionnaire;
- f) Certification of notice and acknowledgment of this Policy; and
- g) Any other documentation deemed necessary by the Treasurer.

If approved, a broker/dealer will be placed on Treasurer's authorized list of approved Broker/Dealers. An annual review of the financial condition and registration of qualified parties will be conducted by the Treasurer's Authorized Investment Staff. More frequent reviews may be conducted if warranted.

#### **5.1 EXTERNAL INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS**

To the extent that the Investment Policy Committee deems it advisable to hire external investment consultants, it may do so in accordance with the Office of the Treasurer's Procurement Rules. 44 III. Admin. Code§ 1400.

## 5.2 PREFERENCE FOR BROKER/DEALERS OWNED BY MINORITIES, WOMEN, MILITARY VETERANS, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Pursuant to 15 ILCS 505/30, it shall be the aspirational goal of the Treasurer to use businesses owned by or under the control of qualified veterans of the armed forced of the United States, qualified service-disabled veterans, minority persons, women, or persons with a disability ("MWVD Persons") for not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total dollar of purchases of investment securities, including, but not limited to, the use of broker/dealers. Beginning with fiscal year 2019, and at least annually thereafter, the Treasurer shall measure and report its utilization of broker/dealers owned or under the control of MWVD Persons. The report shall be published on the Treasurer's official website.

The terms "minority person", "woman", "person with a disability", "minority-owned business", "womenowned business", "business owned by a person with a disability", and "control" have the meanings provided in Section 1 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/1 et seq.). The terms "veteran", "qualified veteran-owned small business", "qualified service-disabled veteran", and "armed forces of the United States" have the meanings provided in Article 1 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/1 et seq.).

To the greatest extent feasible within the bounds of financial and fiduciary prudence, the Treasurer's policy is to mitigate any barriers to the full participation in investment transactions afforded via the investment program by actively identifying and considering for hire brokers/dealers that provide proof of ownership or control by MWVD Persons. The Treasurer shall establish a process by which said specially claimed statuses are verified, and a review shall be conducted at fixed intervals to ensure that special statuses continue to apply.

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- c) Obligations of instrumentalities of the United States, as originally issued by the instrumentalities. For the purposes of this section, the term "instrumentalities of the United States" is an instrumentality created or supported through an Act of Congress and issues United States dollar-denominated debt:
- d) Obligations of a foreign government other than the Republic of Sudan that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of that government as to principal and interest and rated at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent), and only if the foreign government has not defaulted and has met its payment obligations in a timely manner on all similar obligations for at least twenty-five (25) years immediately before the time of acquiring those obligations;
- e) Interest-bearing bonds, issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois. Additionally, the Treasurer has determined that the purchased bonds may be either taxable or tax-exempt under federal law. The bonds shall be registered in the name of the State of Illinois or held under a custodial agreement at a financial institution. The bonds shall be rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least one (1) standard rating service with nationally recognized expertise in rating bonds of states and their political subdivisions, (upper medium grade for the long-term

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rating of A- and above or equivalent). The maturity or pre-refunded date(s) of the bonds authorized by this subsection shall, at the time of purchase, not exceed ten (10) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a longer maturity is authorized, if the State of Illinois has a put option to tender the bonds within ten (10) years from the date of purchase;

- f) Repurchase agreements of government securities having the meaning set out in the Government Securities Act of 1986(15 U.S.C. § 78o-5), as amended, and as interpreted by its regulations;
- g) Short-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the two (2) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (short-term rating of A-2 and above or equivalent). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F1 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety-seven (397) days to maturity;
- h) Long-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States that have a significant presence in the State of Illinois, with assets exceeding \$500,000,000, and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent for notes maturing within thirteen (13) months or less). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F1 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from S&P or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety-seven (397) days to maturity. For corporations who maintains only a long-term rating issued with Moody's, S&P, or Fitch, securities may be purchased and remain in compliance with Fitch criteria using either (a) the short-term equivalent of a long-term rating issued by Fitch; or (b) in the absence of a Fitch rating, the short-term equivalent of a long-term rating issued by Moody's or S&P, whichever is lower:
- i) Money market mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. 15 U.S.C. §80a-1;
- j) Securities in accordance with the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council guidelines only if the securities are collateralized at a level sufficient to assure the safety of the securities, taking into account market value fluctuation and set forth in a Securities Lensing Agreement between the Treasurer and financial institution ("Treasurer's Agent"). The securities may be collateralized by cash or securities collateral acceptable under Sections 11 and 11.1 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act;
- k) Interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit, interest-bearing time deposits, or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act. 205 ILCS 5/1 et seq.; and
- Dividend-bearing share accounts, share certificate accounts, or class of share accounts of a credit union chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois or the United States that maintains its principal office in the State of Illinois.

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#### 7.0 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The following investment restrictions apply to The Illinois Funds:

- a) Any investments not authorized by this investment policy or applicable law are prohibited;
- b) Repurchase agreements may only be executed with approved financial institutions or broker/dealers that meet the Treasurer's standards, which include mutual execution of a Master Repurchase Agreement adopted by the Treasurer;
- Investments in derivative products and leveraging of assets through reverse repurchase agreements are prohibited;
- d) All qualified repurchase agreement dealers, commercial paper issuers, and corporate bond issuers must have a corporate headquarters, corporate office, or operating location in the State of Illinois and that location must retain full-time staff employed within the State of Illinois or the dealer must have a significant economic presence in the State of Illinois as determined by the Treasurer;
- e) Commercial paper with a credit rating or evaluation that is derived from any factor other than the full faith and credit of the issuing institution and/or the guarantee of the parent company is prohibited;
- f) Obligations may not be purchased from a corporation or limited liability company that has been placed on the list of restricted companies by the Illinois Investment Policy Board under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code. 40 ILCS 5/1-110.16;
- g) Asset-backed securities and mortgage back securities, except as repurchase agreement collateral, are prohibited;
- h) Investments in bankers' acceptances of any kind are prohibited; and
- i) Certificates of deposit may not be purchased from The Illinois Funds' custodial institution or any of its subcontractors.
- j) Investments in any sovereign debt or government-backed securities issued by the Russian Federation, and/or the Republic of Belarus; any investment instrument that is issued by an entity, bank or financial institution that is domiciled in or has its principal place of business located in the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus; and/or any investment instrument issued by an entity, bank or financial institution that is subject to Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions as defined under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code are prohibited.

### 7.1 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7), the Treasurer shall:

a) Maintain and execute standard operating procedures for deviations beyond the normal net asset value ("NAV") of The Illinois Funds; and

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b) Annually complete a checklist that clarifies the intention of the Treasurer to operate The Illinois Funds as a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7-like fund.

#### **8.0 RATINGS CRITERIA**

The Illinois Funds strives to achieve AAAmmmf fund rating guidelines. As such, the fund will meet and abide by the guidelines for an AAAm fund rating from a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO").

#### 9.0 COLLATERALIZATION

The Illinois Funds' deposits and repurchase agreements shall be secured by direct U.S. Treasury and/or U.S. Agency obligations as required by the Treasurer and provided for by the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/1 et seq.) and the Treasurer's Acceptable Collateral Listing, which may change from time to time. The Treasurer may take possession of and title to any securities held as collateral until the Treasurer determines such collateral may be disposed.

### 10.0 SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY

All direct treasury, agency and instrumentality security transactions entered into by The Illinois Funds shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment ("DVP") or receipt-versus-payment ("RVP") basis. Securities shall be held by a safekeeping agent designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts. Commercial paper will settle daily with the Depository Trust Company.

### 11.0 DIVERSIFICATION

In general, the primary purpose of diversification is to control credit and market risk. The Illinois Funds will be diversified to mitigate the risk of loss resulting from concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer, or a specific class of securities. The majority of The Illinois Funds' investments will be in direct obligations of the United States Treasury and United States Government Agencies and Instrumentalities and cash equivalents as listed in Section 6.0 of this Policy. In order to properly manage any risk that may be attendant to the investment of The Illinois Funds assets, The Illinois Funds portfolio will observe the following diversification guidelines, at the time of purchase:

- The Illinois Funds will seek to achieve diversification in the portfolio by reasonably distributing investments within authorized investment categories, and with issuers and brokers/dealers;
- b) The Illinois Funds shall at no time hold time deposits that constitute more than ten percent (10%) of any single financial institution's total deposits;
- c) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of corporations or limited liability companies that exceed ten percent (10%) of the corporation's or the limited liability company's outstanding obligations;
- d) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of a municipality's bonds that exceed ten percent (10%) of the municipality's outstanding obligations;
- e) The Illinois Funds shall not be invested in more than ten percent (10%) of each prime money market fund's assets (including all share classes) at any given time;

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- f) The Illinois Funds shall not contain investments that exceed the following diversification limits. These limits will apply to the total assets in the portfolio at the time of the origination or purchase. As maturities and or calls of instruments occur these limits will be monitored and adjusted accordingly:
  - i. The Illinois Funds will invest no more than fifty percent (50%) of its total assets in securities with maturities greater than thirty (30) days issued by any single permissible United States government agency or instrumentality;
  - ii. No more than one-third (33%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
  - iii. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
  - iv. No more than twenty (20%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in longterm obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;
  - v. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in long-term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;
  - vi. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;
  - vii. No more than three (3%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in any single issuer of municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;
  - viii. The Illinois Funds shall invest a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of its assets in authorized investments of less than one (1) year maturity. No investment shall exceed two (2) years maturity.

### **12.0 INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Treasurer shall establish a system of internal controls, which shall be documented in writing and filed with the Treasurer's Chief Internal Auditor for review. The controls shall be designed to prevent loss of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by Authorized Investment Staff of The Illinois Funds.

The Treasurer shall publish the current investment policy of The Illinois Funds on the Treasurer's official website.

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#### 13.0 ASSET ALLOCATION

The Treasurer shall approve asset allocation among investment categories authorized under Section 6.0 of this Policy.

### 14.0 COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Authorized Investment Officers shall obtain competitive bids from at least three (3) broker/dealers prior to executing repurchase agreements, purchasing United States Treasury securities, United States government agency or instrumentality securities, obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies, bonds issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois, or commercial paper from a broker/dealer. Reverse inquiry investments, investments in a new issue, and investments defined under Section 6(a)-(b) of this Policy purchased from the agency discount window are exempt from this provision. Certificates of deposit shall be purchased by authorized investment staff on the basis of a financial institution's ability to pay the Treasurer's required interest rate.

#### 15.0 LIABILITY

Authorized Investment Officers, acting in accordance with written procedures and this Policy and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments. The Treasurer is bonded to a level of \$150,000 for the faithful performance of duties in relation to The Illinois Funds.

### **16.0 REPORTING**

Reports shall be made available quarterly by the Director of IPTIP Investments to the Treasurer, the Chief Banking Officer and The Illinois Funds participants. The quarterly report shall contain the following:

- a) The total amount of funds;
- b) The current and historic performance of The Illinois Funds as compared to the established benchmark;
- c) The asset allocation for the investments;
- d) Any circumstances resulting in a deviation from the standards established in Section 11.0 of this Policy;
- e) Any change in investment policy adopted during the quarter; and
- f) The weighted average number of days to maturity.

A listing of all investments in the portfolio marked to market shall be made available to the Treasurer, Chief Banking Officer and The Illinois Funds participants annually.

### 17.0 EXCEPTIONS

The Chief Banking Officer may issue exceptions to this Policy provided that they do not conflict with applicable State statutes governing the use and investment of the State Investments portfolio including, but

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not limited to, the State Treasurer Act, the Treasurer as Custodian of Funds Act, the Deposit of State Moneys Act, the Securities Safekeeping Act, and any other applicable statutes and it is reasonably assured that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of participants.

### **18.0 EMERGENCY POWERS**

In the event of an emergency, the Treasurer may, at his or her discretion, invoke emergency powers and suspend any or all of the provisions of this Policy, provided that:

- a) The Treasurer shall, even in the event that emergency powers are invoked, comply with all State statutes governing the use and investment of monies;
- b) The Treasurer reasonably believes that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of the participants;
- c) Within thirty (30) days of invoking emergency powers the Treasurer shall provide an explanation in writing to the Chief Internal Auditor and the Investment Policy Committee, a copy of which shall be posted on the Treasurer's website, that includes the following:
  - i. The date and time that the emergency powers were invoked;
  - ii. The date and time that emergency powers were repealed, if applicable;
  - iii. The Section or Sections of this Policy that were affected by the emergency or use of emergency powers; and
  - iv. The reason for deviating from this Policy.

### 19.0 STATUTORY REFERENCES

Any statutory references in this Policy shall include any amendments to or repeals of those statutes.

### **20.0 AMENDMENTS**

The Treasurer reserves the right to amend this Policy at any time.

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#### 1.0 POLICY

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer ("Treasurer") is authorized under Section 17 of the State Treasurer's Act (15 ILCS 505/17) to establish and administer a Public Treasurer's Investment Pool to supplement and enhance investment opportunities otherwise available to custodians of public funds for public agencies in the State of Illinois. The Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool is a local government investment pool known as "The Illinois Funds." Under this Illinois Funds Local Government Investment Pool Investment Policy Statement ("Policy"), the Treasurer's policy is to invest the pooled funds of local and State public agencies in The Illinois Funds in a manner that (a) provide safety to the principal investment, (b) meets the daily cash flow demands of participants, and (c) seeks the highest investment return, using authorized instruments in accordance with all State statutes governing the investment of public funds. The Illinois Funds operates in a manner consistent with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7).

#### 2.0 INVESTMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

The Treasurer affirms the existence of the Investment Policy Committee. The Investment Policy Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer and include the following members of the Treasurer's staff: Deputy Treasurer & Chief Investment Officer, Chief of Staff, Chief Financial Products Officer, Chief Legislative and Policy Officer, General Counsel, Director of State Investments and Banking, Director of Investment Analysis and Due Diligence, Director of Fiscal Operations, Director of IPTIP Investments, Director of ePAY and The Illinois Funds, Director of Portfolio and Risk Analytics, Director of Corporate Engagement & Investment Operations, State Investments – Portfolio Management Officer, and anyone else deemed appropriate by the Treasurer.

The Deputy Treasurer & Chief Investment Officer, who bears responsibility for the administration, planning, development, and implementation of all financial and investment strategies per the direction of the Treasurer, shall assist the Treasurer in executing the duties and activities of the Investment Policy Committee.

#### 3.0 OBJECTIVE

The primary objective in the investment of the Illinois Funds portfolio is to ensure the safety of principal. In addition, the Treasurer's objective is to manage liquidity for payment of the State's financial obligations and provide the highest return on investment, using authorized instruments, while prudently exercising sustainable stewardship in its investment decision-making.

#### 3.1 SAFETY

The Illinois Funds' investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of principal in the portfolio. The safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. To obtain this objective, diversification among permissible investments is required to ensure that The Illinois Funds properly manages market, operational, reputational, financial, legal, sustainability, interest rate, and credit risks.

#### 3.2 LIQUIDITY

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable The Illinois Funds to meet all participant redemption demands that might be reasonably anticipated.

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#### 3.3 RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The investment portfolio shall be designed to obtain the highest available risk-adjusted return. The Treasurer shall seek to obtain the highest available return, using authorized investments during budgetary and economic cycles as required by this Policy.

The rate of return achieved on The Illinois Funds portfolio shall be measured at regular intervals against relevant industry benchmarks that the Investment Policy Committee established, to determine investment decision effectiveness meeting investment goals. The benchmarks shall be reviewed a minimum of every two (2) years to ensure accuracy and relevance.

#### 3.4 SUSTAINABILITY

The Treasurer seeks to invest all funds under its control in a manner that provides the highest risk-adjusted investment return using authorized instruments. Pursuant to the Illinois Sustainable Investing Act (30 ILCS 238/1 et seq.), the Treasurer shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment decision-making, investment analysis, portfolio construction, risk management, due diligence, and investment ownership to maximize anticipated financial returns, minimize projected risk, and more effectively execute its fiduciary duty. As such, consistent with achieving the foremost investment objectives of the Treasurer set forth herein, the Treasurer and its agents shall prudently integrate sustainability factors into its investment processes.

The sustainability analysis adds an additional layer of rigor to the fundamental analytical approach and helps assess the reliability of future cash flows and debt repayments. Similar to financial accounting, sustainability accounting has both confirmatory and predictive value, thus, it can be used to evaluate past performance, future planning, and decision-making. As a complement to financial accounting, it provides a more complete view of an investment fund or portfolio company's performance on material factors likely to impact its long-term value.

Sustainability factors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Corporate governance and leadership factors, such as the independence of boards and auditors, the expertise and competence of corporate boards and executives, systemic risk management practices, executive compensation structures, transparency and reporting, leadership diversity, regulatory and legal compliance, shareholder rights, and ethical conduct.
- b) Environmental factors that may have an adverse or positive financial impact on investment performance, such as greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, energy management, water and wastewater management, waste and hazardous materials management, and ecological impacts.
- c) Social capital factors that may have an adverse or positive impact on customers, local communities, the public, and/or government, which may impact investment performance. Social capital factors may include human rights, customer welfare, customer privacy, data security, access and affordability, selling practices and product labeling, community reinvestment, and community relations.
- d) Human capital factors that recognize that the workforce is an important asset to delivering long-term value, including factors such as labor practices, responsible contractor and responsible bidder policies, employee health and safety, employee engagement, diversity and inclusion, and incentives and compensation.

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e) Business model and innovation factors that reflect an ability to plan and forecast opportunities and risks, and whether a company can create long-term shareholder value, including factors such as supply chain management, materials sourcing and efficiency, business model resilience, product design and life cycle management, and physical impacts of climate change.

The Treasurer shall develop policy guidelines to integrate material sustainability risks relevant to particular financial products, investment funds, companies, and government bodies, which shall be provided to internal and external investment managers to factor into their investment decision-making. The policy guidelines for integrating sustainability factors shall be reviewed and updated a minimum of every two (2) years to ensure consistency within the rapidly evolving global economy.

The Illinois Funds' investment officers shall identify and select authorized investment options that meet the Treasurer's criteria for sustainable investing opportunities and risk parameters and fall within the framework of the investment objectives.

#### 4.0 ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Authorized investment staff and employees in policy-making positions for The Illinois Funds shall refrain from engaging in personal business activity that could (a) conflict, or give the appearance of a conflict, with proper execution of the investment program or (b) impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. Such individuals shall disclose to the Treasurer any material financial interests in financial institutions or broker/dealers that conduct business within the State. They shall further disclose any personal investments that are related to the performance of The Illinois Funds' portfolio. In addition, such individuals shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of The Illinois Funds, particularly with regard to the time of purchases and sales.

#### 5.0 AUTHORIZED BROKERS/DEALERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Authorized investment staff shall utilize the Treasurer's approved list of broker/dealers and financial institutions when selecting institutions to provide investment services.

The security brokers/dealers shall be selected according to their credit worthiness and their financial significance in the State, which shall be measured in terms of the location of the broker/dealer's corporate office, or the extent to which the broker/dealer has a large labor or economic impact on the State. The approved broker/dealers may include "primary" dealers or regional dealers that qualify under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17 CFR § 15c3-1 (Net Capital Requirements for Brokers or Dealers).

No monies may be deposited in any financial institution until the Treasurer's investment staff has conducted a safety and soundness review of the financial institution by consulting various bank rating services. If the financial institution has not yet been rated by the bank rating services, the institution may be eligible for a deposit that at maturity will not exceed \$250,000. The amount and duration of deposits shall be based on the safety and soundness review, in accordance with guidelines established by the Investment Policy Committee and the diversification limits set forth in Section 11.0 of this Policy. No public deposit may be made, except in a qualified public depository, as defined by the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/1 et seq.).

All brokers/dealers interested in becoming qualified parties for investment transactions must supply the Treasurer's authorized investment staff with the following documents or the equivalent acceptable to the Treasurer, where applicable:

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- a) Audited financial statements or a published Statement of Condition;
- b) Proof of minority-, woman-, disabled-, and/or veteran-owned or -managed broker/dealer status;
- c) A signed copy of the Treasurer's account authorization agreement;
- d) Proof of National and State of Illinois registration;
- e) Completed Counterparty Questionnaire;
- f) Certification of notice and acknowledgment of this Policy; and
- g) Any other documentation deemed necessary by the Treasurer.

If approved, a broker/dealer will be placed on a list of qualified parties for investment transactions. An annual review of the financial condition and registration of qualified parties will be conducted by the Treasurer's authorized investment staff. More frequent reviews may be conducted if warranted.

#### **5.1 EXTERNAL INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS**

To the extent that the Investment Policy Committee deems it advisable to hire external investment consultants, it may do so in accordance with the Treasurer's procurement rules. 44 III. Admin. Code § 1400.

## 5.2 PREFERENCE FOR BROKER/DEALERS OWNED BY MINORITIES, WOMEN, MILITARY VETERANS, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Pursuant to 15 ILCS 505/30, it shall be the aspirational goal of the Treasurer to use businesses owned by, or under the control of, qualified veterans of the armed forced of the United States, qualified service-disabled veterans, minority persons, women, or persons with a disability for not less than 25% of the total dollar of purchases of investment securities, including, but not limited to, the use of broker/dealers. Beginning with fiscal year 2019, and at least annually thereafter, the Treasurer shall measure and report its utilization of broker/dealers owned or under the control of qualified veterans of the armed forced of the United States, qualified service-disabled veterans, minority persons, women, or persons with a disability. The report shall be published on the Treasurer's official website.

The terms "minority person," "woman," "person with a disability," "minority-owned business," "womenowned business," "business owned by a person with a disability," and "control" have the meanings provided in Section 1 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/1 et seq.). The terms "veteran," "qualified veteran-owned small business," "qualified service-disabled veteran," and "armed forces of the United States" have the meanings provided in Article 1 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/1 et seq.).

To the greatest extent feasible within the bounds of financial and fiduciary prudence, it is the policy of the Treasurer to remove any barriers to the full participation in investment transactions afforded via the investment program by actively identifying and considering for hire brokers/dealers that provide proof of minority-, female-, disabled-, and/or veteran-owned or managed status. The Treasurer shall establish a process by which said specially claimed statuses are verified, and a review shall be conducted at fixed intervals to ensure that special statuses continue to apply.

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#### 5.3 PREFERENCE FOR BROKER/DEALERS HEADQUARTERED IN ILLINOIS

The Treasurer shall seek to provide preference to qualified brokers/dealers that provide proof that their corporate headquarters is located in the State of Illinois. In doing so, the Treasurer shall establish a process to verify the location of broker/dealers' corporate headquarters, and a review shall be conducted at fixed intervals to ensure that the Illinois-based location continues to apply.

Beginning with fiscal year 2019, and at least annually thereafter, the Treasurer shall measure and report its utilization of broker/dealers with headquarters located in the State of Illinois. The report shall be published on the Treasurer's official website.

#### **6.0 AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS**

The following investments are authorized, pursuant to the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/22.5) and the Public Funds Investment Act (30 ILCS 235/2):

- a) Federally guaranteed obligations that receive the full faith and credit of the United States of America ("United States") as to principal and interest;
- b) Obligations of agencies of the United States as originally issued by the agencies. For purposes of this Section, the term "agencies of the United States" includes the following: federal land banks, federal intermediate credit banks, banks for cooperatives, federal farm credit banks, or any other entity authorized to issue debt obligations under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 as amended, the federal home loan banks and the federal home loan mortgage corporation, and any other agency created or supported through an Act of Congress and issues United States dollar-denominated debt:
- c) Obligations of instrumentalities of the United States, as originally issued by the instrumentalities. For the purposes of this section, the term "instrumentalities of the United States" is an instrumentality created or supported through an Act of Congress and issues United States dollar-denominated debt:
- d) Obligations of a foreign government that are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of that government as to principal and interest and rated at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent), and only if the foreign government has not defaulted and has met its payment obligations in a timely manner on all similar obligations for at least twenty-five (25) years prior to the time of acquiring those obligations;
- e) Interest-bearing bonds, issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois, whether the interest earned thereon is taxable or tax-exempt under federal law. The bonds shall be registered in the name of the State of Illinois or held under a custodial agreement at a financial institution. The bonds shall be rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least one (1) standard rating service with nationally recognized expertise in rating bonds of states and their political subdivisions, (upper medium grade for the long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent). The maturity or pre-refunded date(s) of the bonds authorized by this subsection shall, at the time of purchase, not exceed ten (10) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a longer maturity is authorized, if the State of Illinois has a put option to tender the bonds within ten (10) years from the date of purchase;

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- f) Repurchase agreements of government securities having the meaning set out in the Government Securities Act of 1986. 15 U.S.C. § 780-5;
- g) Short-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the two (2) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (short-term rating of A-2 and above or equivalent). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F2 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from S&P or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety seven (397) days to maturity;
- h) Long-term obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies organized in the United States that have a significant presence in the State of Illinois, with assets exceeding \$500,000,000 and rated at the time of purchase at one (1) of the three (3) highest classifications established by at least two (2) standard rating services, (upper medium grade for a long-term rating of A- and above or equivalent). In order to comply with the Fitch money market fund guidelines, the short-term rating must be F2 and above. If a Fitch rating is not available, the lower of the public long-term ratings from S&P or Moody's may be applied. At the time of purchase, the maturity or pre-refunded date(s) shall not exceed three hundred and ninety seven (397) days to maturity;
- Money market mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. 15 U.S.C. §80a-1;
- j) Securities in accordance with the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council guidelines only if the securities are collateralized at a satisfactory level to assure the safety of the securities, taking into account market value fluctuation and set forth in a Securities Lensing Agreement between the Treasurer and the Treasurer's Agent. The securities may be collateralized by cash or collateral acceptable under Sections 11 and 11.1 of the Deposit of State Moneys Act;
- k) Interest-bearing savings accounts, interest-bearing certificates of deposit, interest-bearing time deposits, or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act. 205 ILCS 5/1 et seq.; and
- I) Dividend-bearing share accounts, share certificate accounts, or class of share accounts of a credit union chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois or the United States that maintains its principal office in the State of Illinois.

#### 7.0 INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The following investment restrictions apply to The Illinois Funds portfolio:

- a) Any investments not authorized by this investment policy or applicable law are prohibited;
- Repurchase agreements may only be executed with approved financial institutions or broker/dealers that meet the Treasurer's standards, which include mutual execution of a Master Repurchase Agreement adopted by the Treasurer;
- c) Investments in derivative products and leveraging of assets through reverse repurchase agreements are prohibited;

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- d) All qualified repurchase agreement dealers, commercial paper issuers, and corporate bond issuers must have a corporate headquarters, corporate office, or operating location in the State of Illinois and that location must retain full-time staff employed within the State of Illinois or the dealer must have a significant economic presence in the State of Illinois as determined by the Treasurer;
- e) Commercial paper with a credit rating or evaluation that is derived from any factor other than the full faith and credit of the issuing institution and/or the guarantee of the parent company is prohibited;
- f) Obligations may not be purchased from a corporation or limited liability company that has been placed on the list of restricted companies by the Illinois Investment Policy Board under Section 1-110.16 of the Illinois Pension Code. 40 ILCS 5/1-110.16;
- g) Asset-backed securities and mortgage back securities, except as repurchase agreement collateral, are prohibited;
- h) Investments in bankers' acceptances of any kind are prohibited; and
- Certificates of deposit may not be purchased from The Illinois Funds' custodial institution or any of its subcontractors.

#### 7.1 OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 CFR § 270.2a-7), the Treasurer shall:

- a) Maintain and execute standard operating procedures for deviations beyond the normal net asset value ("NAV") of The Illinois Funds; and
- b) Annually complete a checklist that clarifies the intention of the Treasurer to operate The Illinois Funds as a Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7-like fund.

#### **8.0 RATINGS CRITERIA**

The Illinois Funds strives to achieve AAAm fund rating guidelines. As such, the fund will meet and abide by the guidelines for an AAAm fund rating from a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO").

#### 9.0 COLLATERALIZATION

The Illinois Funds deposits and repurchase agreements shall be secured by direct U.S. Treasury and/or U.S. Agency obligations as required by the Treasurer and provided for by the Deposit of State Moneys Act (15 ILCS 520/1 et seq.) and the Treasurer's Acceptable Collateral Listing, which may change from time to time. The Treasurer may take possession and title to any securities held as collateral and hold such securities until it is prudent to dispose of them.

#### 10.0 SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY

All direct treasury, agency and instrumentality security transactions entered into by The Illinois Funds shall be conducted on a delivery-versus-payment ("DVP") or receipt-versus-payment ("RVP") basis. Securities

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shall be held by a safekeeping agent designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts. Commercial paper will settle daily with the Depository Trust Company.

#### 11.0 DIVERSIFICATION

In general, the primary purpose of diversification is to control credit and market risk. The Illinois Funds portfolio will be diversified to mitigate the risk of loss resulting from concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer, or a specific class of securities. The majority of The Illinois Funds' investments will be in direct obligations of the United States Treasury and United States Government Agencies and Instrumentalities and cash equivalents as listed in Section 6.0 of this Policy. In order to properly manage any risk that may be attendant to the investment of The Illinois Funds assets, The Illinois Funds portfolio will observe the following diversification guidelines, at the time of purchase:

- a) The Illinois Funds will seek to achieve diversification in the portfolio by reasonably distributing investments within authorized investment categories, and with issuers and brokers/dealers;
- b) The Illinois Funds shall at no time hold time deposits that constitute more than ten percent (10%) of any single financial institution's total deposits;
- c) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of corporations or limited liability companies that exceed ten percent (10%) of the corporation's or the limited liability company's outstanding obligations;
- d) The Illinois Funds shall not hold obligations of a municipality's bonds that exceed ten percent (10%) of the municipality's outstanding obligations;
- e) The Illinois Funds shall not be invested in more than ten percent (10%) of each prime money market fund's assets (including all share classes) at any given time;
- f) The investment portfolio shall not contain investments that exceed the following diversification limits. These limits will apply to the total assets in the portfolio at the time of the origination or purchase. As maturities and or calls of instruments occur these limits will be monitored and adjusted accordingly:
  - The Illinois Funds will invest no more than fifty percent (50%) of its total assets in securities with maturities greater than thirty (30) days issued by any single permissible United States government agency or instrumentality;
  - No more than one-third (33%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
  - iii. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in short-term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(g) of this Policy;
  - iv. No more than twenty (20%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in long-term obligations of corporations or limited liability companies as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;

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- v. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in long-term obligations of any one corporation or limited liability company as defined by Section 6.0(h) of this Policy;
- vi. No more than ten percent (10%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;
- vii. No more than three (3%) of the total portfolio assets shall be invested in any single issuer of municipal securities issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois as defined by Section 6.0(e) of this Policy;
- viii. If invested in more than three (3) prime money market funds, then no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the portfolio's investments to prime money market funds may be placed with any one (1) prime money market fund option; and
- ix. The Illinois Funds shall invest a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of its assets in authorized investments of less than one (1) year maturity. No investment shall exceed two (2) years maturity.

#### 12.0 INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Treasurer shall establish a system of internal controls, which shall be documented in writing and filed with the Treasurer's Chief Internal Auditor for review. The controls shall be designed to prevent loss of public funds arising from fraud, employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, unanticipated changes in financial markets, or imprudent actions by authorized investment staff of The Illinois Funds.

The Treasurer shall publish the current investment policy of The Illinois Funds on the Treasurer's official website.

#### 13.0 ASSET ALLOCATION

The Treasurer shall approve asset allocation among investment categories authorized under Section 6.0 of this Policy.

#### 14.0 COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Authorized investment staff shall obtain competitive bids from at least three (3) broker/dealers prior to executing repurchase agreements, purchasing United States Treasury securities, United States government agency or instrumentality securities, obligations of either corporations or limited liability companies, bonds issued by counties or municipal corporations of the State of Illinois, or commercial paper from a broker/dealer. Reverse inquiry investments, investments in a new issue, and investments defined under Section 6(a)-(b) of this Policy purchased from the agency discount window are exempt from this provision. Certificates of deposit shall be purchased by authorized investment staff on the basis of a financial institution's ability to pay the Treasurer's required interest rate.

#### 15.0 LIABILITY

Authorized investment staff, acting in accordance with written procedures and this Policy and exercising due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market

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price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments. The Treasurer is bonded to a level of \$150,000 for the faithful performance of duties in relation to The Illinois Funds.

#### **16.0 REPORTING**

Reports shall be made available quarterly by the Director of IPTIP Investments to the Treasurer, the Chief Investment Officer and The Illinois Funds participants. The quarterly report shall contain the following:

- a) The total amount of funds;
- b) The current and historic performance of The Illinois Funds as compared to the established benchmark;
- c) The asset allocation for the investments;
- d) Any circumstances resulting in a deviation from the standards established in Section 11.0 of this Policy;
- e) Any change in investment policy adopted during the quarter; and
- f) The weighted average number of days to maturity.

A listing of all investments in the portfolio marked to market shall be made available to the Treasurer, Chief Investment Officer and The Illinois Funds participants annually.

#### 17.0 EXCEPTIONS

The Deputy Treasurer & Chief Investment Officer may issue exceptions to this Policy provided that they do not conflict with applicable State statutes governing the use and investment of the State Investments portfolio including, but not limited to, the State Treasurer Act, the Treasurer as Custodian of Funds Act, the Deposit of State Moneys Act, the Securities Safekeeping Act, and any other applicable statutes and it is reasonably assured that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of participants.

#### **18.0 EMERGENCY POWERS**

In the event of an emergency, the Treasurer may, at his or her discretion, invoke emergency powers and suspend any or all of the provisions of this Policy, provided that:

- a) The Treasurer shall, even in the event that emergency powers are invoked, comply with all State statutes governing the use and investment of monies;
- b) The Treasurer reasonably believes that deviating from this Policy is in the best interest of the participants;
- c) Within thirty (30) days of invoking emergency powers the Treasurer shall provide an explanation in writing to the Chief Internal Auditor and the Investment Policy Committee, a copy of which shall be posted on the Treasurer's website, that includes the following:
  - i. The date and time that the emergency powers were invoked;

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- ii. The date and time that emergency powers were repealed, if applicable;
- iii. The Section or Sections of this Policy that were affected by the emergency or use of emergency powers; and
- iv. The reason for deviating from this Policy.

#### **19.0 STATUTORY REFERENCES**

Any statutory references in this Policy shall include any amendments to or repeals of those statutes.

#### **20.0 AMENDMENTS**

The Treasurer reserves the right to amend this Policy at any time.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable Frank J. Mautino Auditor General State of Illinois

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of The Illinois Funds, a fiduciary (investment trust) fund of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, as defined in Note 1 of the financial statements, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Illinois Funds financial statements, and we have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2025.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer's internal control of The Illinois Funds. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, The Illinois Funds' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Office of the Treasurer's Response to the Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. The State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE

Crowe LLP

Springfield, Illinois August 28, 2025



## The Illinois Funds Schedule of Findings – Current Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

**2024-001 Finding** (Inadequate Internal Controls Related to Review of Investments)

The Office of the Treasurer (Office) had inadequate internal controls over the reconciliation of investment balances between the Office's accounting records and bank records.

The Illinois Funds' investments were maintained at a bank, a third-party service provider and program manager, which provided investment inventory reports to the Office. While the Office relied on these reports to present investment holdings in its financial statements, it did not have adequate internal controls in place to ensure the Office's internal accounting records were accurately and consistently reconciled to the investment inventory reports provided by the bank. A formal preparer and reviewer was not documented and reconciling items were not included on the inventory spreadsheet.

Concepts Statement No. 1 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Objectives of Financial Reporting (GASBCS 1, paragraph 64), states, "Financial reporting should be reliable; that is, the information presented should be verifiable and free from bias and should faithfully represent what it purports to represent. To be reliable, financial reporting needs to be comprehensive." The reconciliation of investment balances is a basic control to ensure the accuracy and reliability of financial reports.

The Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (30 ILCS 10/3001) requires the Office to establish and maintain a system, or systems, of internal fiscal and administrative controls, which shall provide assurance that revenues, expenditures, and transfers of assets, resources, or funds applicable to operations are properly recorded and accounted for to perming the preparation of accounts and reliable financial and statistical reports and to maintain accountability over the State's resources.

The Office stated that the investible cash and daily trade records balanced, however reconciling items were not recorded on the inventory spreadsheet.

Without proper reconciliations, discrepancies between Office records and bank records may go undetected, increasing the risk of misstatements and inaccurate financial reporting. This deficiency could also result in delayed corrective actions and weaken overall financial management. (Finding Code No. 2024-001)

#### Recommendation

We recommend the Office improve controls over the review of investments by completing a reconciliation between the Office's accounting records and the bank records that includes a formal sign-off of preparer and reviewer on a monthly basis.

#### Office Response

We accept the audit recommendation. The Office has implemented a new reconciliation procedure over these funds.

## The Illinois Funds Schedule of Findings – Prior Findings Not Repeated For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### A. **FINDING** (Inadequate Internal Controls Related to Review of Financial Statements)

During the prior audit, the Office of the Treasurer (Office) had inadequate controls over the financial statements preparation and review process.

During the current audit, we noted the Office implemented controls over the financial reporting process of The Illinois Funds program to properly review the financial statements. (Finding Code No. 2023-001, 2022-001, 2021-001, 2020-001)

#### B. FINDING (Inadequate Internal Controls Related to Review of Service Providers)

During the prior audit, the Office of the Treasurer (Office) did not have adequate controls over the review of service providers.

During the current audit, we noted the Office implemented controls over the review of service providers. (Finding Code No. 2023-002, 2022-002)