# BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

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### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION (Unaudited)

### How did the Fund perform last year?

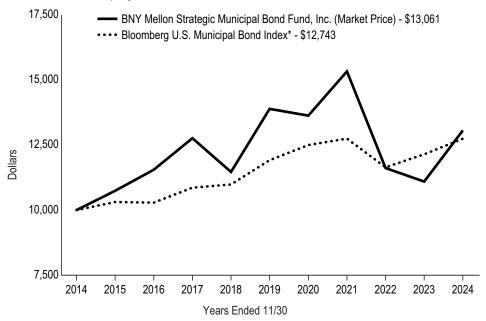
For the 12-month period ended November 30, 2024, BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. (the "fund") produced a total return of 10.75% on a net-asset-value basis and 17.73% on a market basis. Over the same period, the fund provided aggregate income dividends of \$.2160 per share, which reflects a distribution rate of 3.51%. In comparison, the Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Bond Index (the "Index"), the fund's benchmark, posted a total return of 4.93% for the same period.

### What affected the Fund's performance?

- Early in the period, tight monetary policy and expectations of high inflation hindered the market.
- Later, the market rebounded, supported by investor sentiment that the rate-hiking cycle was nearing an end and by two subsequent rate cuts, one in September and another in November.
- Sector allocation, especially an overweight to revenue bonds, most notably in hospitals, continuing care and retirement centers ("CCRCs"), and pre-paid gas issues were beneficial.
- Security elections in education, water & sewer and CCRCs were positive overall, and curve-positioning, especially in longer bonds, where rates fell the most, was additive.
- The Fund's performance was hampered by its long duration versus the Index as rates were elevated earlier in the period. Also, security selection was disadvantageous in other revenue bond sub-sectors.
- Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid, based upon net asset value per share or market price per share, as applicable. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Market price per share, net asset value per share and investment return fluctuate.
- Distribution rate per share is based upon dividends per share paid from net investment income during the period, divided by the market price per share at the end of the period, adjusted for any capital gain distributions.
- Source: Lipper, Inc. The Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Bond Index covers the U.S. dollar-denominated long-term tax-exempt bond market. Unlike a fund, the Index is not subject to fees and other expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in any Index.

#### Cumulative Performance from November 30, 2014 through November 30, 2024

#### Initial Investment of \$10,000



#### \* Source: Lipper Inc.

Past performance is not predictive of future performance.

The above graph compares a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 made in BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. on 11/30/2014 to a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 made in the Index on that date. All figures for the fund are based on market price. All dividends and capital gain distributions are reinvested. The fund invests primarily in municipal securities and its performance shown in the line graph takes into

account fees and expenses.

The Index covers the U.S. dollar-denominated long-term tax-exempt bond market. Unlike a fund, the Index is not subject to charges, fees and other expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in any index. Further information relating to fund performance, including expense reimbursements, if applicable, is contained in the Financial Highlights within this report and elsewhere in this report.

### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE AND DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION (Unaudited) (continued)

Average Annual Total Returns as of 11/30/2024							
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years				
BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc							
Market Price	17.73%	(1.22%)	2.71%				
BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc Net							
Asset Value	10.75%	0.87%	3.07%				
Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Bond Index	4.93%	1.35%	2.45%				

The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate and an investor's shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon sale of the shares. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Go to <a href="www.bny.com/investments">www.bny.com/investments</a> for the fund's most recent month-end returns.

The fund's performance shown in the graph and table does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the sale of fund shares.

The following information regarding the fund's distributions is current as of November 30, 2024, the fund's fiscal year end. The fund's returns during the period were sufficient to meet fund distributions.

The fund's distribution policy is intended to provide shareholders with stable, but not guaranteed, cash flow, independent of the amount or timing of income earned or capital gains realized by the fund. The fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its net investment income through its regular monthly distribution and to distribute realized capital gains at least annually. In addition, in any monthly period, in order to try to maintain a level distribution amount, the fund may pay out more or less than its net investment income during the period. As a result, distributions sources may include net investment income, realized gains and return of capital. You should not draw any conclusions about the fund's investment performance from the amount of the distribution or from the terms of the level distribution program. A return of capital is a non-taxable distribution of a portion of the fund's capital. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect a fund's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income."

The amounts and sources of distributions reported below are for financial reporting purposes and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and character of the distributions for tax reporting purposes will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV, which will be sent to shareholders shortly after calendar year-end. Because distribution source estimates are updated throughout the current fiscal year based on the fund's performance, those estimates may differ from both the tax information reported to you in your fund's 1099 statement, as well as the ultimate economic sources of distributions over the life of your investment. The figures in the table below provide the sources of distributions and may include amounts attributed to realized gains and/or returns of capital.

Distribution	S						
Current Month Precentage of Distributions			Fiscal Year Ended Per Share Amounts				
	Net Investment Income	Realized Gains	Return of Capital	Total Distributions	Net Investment Income	Realized Gains	Return of Capital
BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.	100.00%	.00%	.00%	\$.22	\$.22	\$.00	\$.00

# SELECTED INFORMATION November 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

\$6.14	
49,428,691	
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	49,428,691

### MARKET PRICE (\$) (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)

Fiscal Vear Ended November 30, 2024

Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2024						
	Quarter Ended February 29, 2024	Quarter Ended May 31, 2024	Quarter Ended August 31, 2024	Quarter Ended November 30, 2024		
High	5.85	5.90	6.16	6.33		
Low	5.54	5.55	5.73	5.93		
Close	5.79	5.69	6.08	6.14		
				0.14		
	NTAGE GAIN (LOSS) ba	ŭ				
	ber 22, 1989 (commend ember 30, 2024	cement of operation	s) through	459.66%		
Deceml	oer 1, 2014 through Nov	vember 30, 2024		30.61		
Deceml	oer 1, 2019 through Nov	vember 30, 2024		(5.95)		
Deceml	oer 1, 2023 through Nov	vember 30, 2024		17.73		
March :	1, 2024 through Novem	ber 30, 2024		8.97		
June 1,	2024 through Novembe	er 30, 2024		9.84		
Septem	ber 1, 2024 through No	vember 30, 2024		1.88		
NET AS	SSET VALUE PER SHAR	E				
Novem	ber 22, 1989 (commenc	cement of operation	s)	\$9.32		
Novem	ber 30, 2023			6.47		
Februa	ry 29, 2024			6.72		
May 31	, 2024			6.55		
August	31, 2024			6.79		
Novem	ber 30, 2024			6.91		
PERCE	NTAGE GAIN (LOSS) ba	ased on change in N	et Asset Value <sup>†</sup>			
Novem	ber 22, 1989 (commenc	cement of operation	s) through			
Nove	mber 30, 2024			575.58%		
	oer 1, 2014 through Nov	35.27				
Deceml	4.40					
Deceml	oer 1, 2023 through Nov	vember 30, 2024		10.75		
	1, 2024 through Novem			5.63		
	2024 through Novembe			7.35		
Septem	ber 1, 2024 through No	vember 30, 2024		2.63		

With dividends reinvested.

# BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. Statement of Investments

November 30, 2024

Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme			πιιοαίτε (φ)	ναιας (ψ)
Alabama — 4.4%	100.7	70		
Alabama Special Care Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds (Methodist Home for the Aging Obligated Group) Alabama Special Care Facilities Financing Authority,	5.50	6/1/2030	1,800,000	1,801,529
Revenue Bonds (Methodist Home for the Aging Obligated Group)	6.00	6/1/2050	2,710,000	2,651,183
Black Belt Energy Gas District, Revenue Bonds, Ser. D <sup>(a)</sup>	5.00	11/1/2034	1,500,000	1,633,654
Black Belt Energy Gas District, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. D1 <sup>(a)</sup>	5.50	2/1/2029	4,625,000	4,941,781
Jefferson County, Revenue Bonds, Refunding	5.50	10/1/2053	2,500,000	2,759,271
Southeast Energy Authority A Cooperative District, Revenue Bonds, Ser. B <sup>(a)</sup>	5.25	6/1/2032	1,000,000	1,090,506 <b>14,877,924</b>
Alaska — .8%  Northern Tobacco Securitization Corp., Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. A	4.00	6/1/2050	2,900,000	2,650,692
Arizona — 5.1%  Arizona Industrial  Development Authority,  Revenue Bonds (Green	1100	0, 1, 2000	<b>2</b> ,200,000	2,000,002
Bond) (Equitable School Revolving Fund Obligated Group) Ser. A Arizona Industrial Development Authority,	4.00	11/1/2045	1,500,000	1,497,707
Revenue Bonds (Legacy Cares Project) Ser. A <sup>(b),(c)</sup>	7.75	7/1/2050	4,305,000	129,150

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Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investmen	ts — 150.	9% (continued	l)	
Arizona — 5.1% (continued)				
Arizona Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (BASIS Schools Project) Ser. A <sup>(b)</sup>	5.25	7/1/2047	2,000,000	2,012,738
Glendale Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Sun Health Services	F 00	44/45/2054	1 500 000	4 454 022
Obligated Group) Ser. A La Paz County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds (Harmony	5.00	11/15/2054	1,500,000	1,474,822
Public Schools) Ser. A Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Legacy Traditional Schools	5.00	2/15/2048	1,550,000	1,555,043
Project) <sup>(b)</sup> Sierra Vista Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds (American Leadership Academy	5.00	7/1/2049	1,775,000	1,791,930
Project) <sup>(b)</sup> Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2018- XF2537), (Salt Verde Financial Corp., Revenue Bonds) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate	5.00	6/15/2059	750,000	750,813
5.00% (b),(d),(e)  The Phoenix Arizona Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (BASIS School Projects) Ser.	8.47	12/1/2037	4,550,000	5,037,184
Arkansas — .6% Arkansas Development	5.00	7/1/2046	3,000,000	3,003,162 <b>17,252,549</b>
Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (Sustainable Bond) (U.S. Steel Corp.)	5.70	5/1/2053	1,900,000	2,019,745

Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme	ents — 150.9	9% (continued	)	
California — 6.0%				
California Community Choice				
Financing				
Authority, Revenue Bonds (Sustainable Bond) (Clean				
Energy Project) Ser. D <sup>(a)</sup>	5.00	6/1/2032	1,000,000	1,096,150
California Municipal Finance		, ,		
Authority, Revenue Bonds				
(United Airlines Project)	4.00	7/15/2029	1,000,000	997,405
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp.,				
Revenue Bonds, Refunding				
(Tobacco Settlement Asset)				
Ser. B	5.00	6/1/2051	1,000,000	1,054,889
San Diego County Regional				
Airport Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ser. B	5.00	7/1/2051	5,250,000	5,470,519
Tender Option Bond Trust	5.00	7/1/2031	3,230,000	3,170,317
Receipts, (Series 2023-				
XM1114), (Long Beach Bond				
Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds) Non-Recourse,				
Underlying Coupon Rate				
4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	5.42	8/1/2053	6,400,000	6,443,100
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2022-				
XF3024), (San Francisco City & County, Revenue Bonds,				
Refunding, Ser. A) Recourse,				
Underlying Coupon Rate				
5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	9.12	5/1/2044	5,280,000	5,472,597
				20,534,660
Colorado — 5.2%				
Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds				
(CommonSpirit Health				
Obligated Group)	5.25	11/1/2052	1,000,000	1,086,412
Colorado Health Facilities				
Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Covenant Living				
Communities & Services				
Obligated Group) Ser. A	4.00	12/1/2050	4,000,000	3,670,742

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme	nts — 150.	9% (continued	l)	
Colorado — 5.2% (continued)				
Colorado High Performance				
Transportation Enterprise,				
Revenue Bonds (C- 470 Express Lanes System)	5.00	12/31/2056	1,000,000	1,000,084
Dominion Water & Sanitation	5.00	12,01,200	1,000,000	2,000,001
District, Revenue Bonds,				
Refunding	5.88	12/1/2052	2,750,000	2,833,675
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2020- XM0829), (Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (CommonSpirit Health Obligated Group) Ser. A1) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.00%(b),(d),(e)  Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XM1124), (Colorado Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds (Adventist Health System/Sunbelt Obligated Group) Ser. A) Recourse,	8.04	8/1/2044	3,260,000	3,781,423
Underlying Coupon Rate $4.00\%^{(\mathrm{b}),(\mathrm{d}),(\mathrm{e})}$	5.14	11/15/2048	5,535,000	5,393,748
Dolawara — 1 10/				17,766,084
Delaware — 1.1%  Delaware Economic  Development Authority,  Revenue Bonds (ACTS  Retirement-Life  Communities Inc. Obligated				
Group)	5.00	11/15/2048	3,700,000	3,775,622
District of Columbia — .4%		, ,		
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Dulles Metrorail) Ser. B Florida — 9.6% Atlantic Beach, Revenue Bonds	4.00	10/1/2049	1,500,000	1,430,613
(Fleet Landing Project) Ser.	F 0.0	14 /45 /0050	2.042.000	2,000,565
A	5.00	11/15/2053	2,840,000	2,880,565

Description	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	Malara (d)
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme Florida — 9.6% (continued)	ents — 150.	9% (continued	<u>.</u>	
Collier County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds (NCH Healthcare System Project)				
(Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. A Florida Housing Finance Corp., Revenue Bonds (Insured;	5.00	10/1/2054	2,000,000	2,150,107
GNMA, FNMA, FHLMC) Ser. 1 Greater Orlando Aviation	4.40	7/1/2044	2,150,000	2,193,777
Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ser. A	4.00	10/1/2049	4,065,000	3,925,123
Hillsborough County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (BayCare Obligated Group) Ser. C	4.13	11/15/2051	3,000,000	2,997,331
Hillsborough County Port District, Revenue Bonds (Tampa Port Authority Project) Ser. B	5.00	6/1/2046	2,500,000	2,569,469
Lee County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. 1	4.00	4/1/2049	1,600,000	1,556,367
Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer System, Revenue Bonds (Insured; Build America Mutual) Palm Beach County Health	4.00	10/1/2051	1,500,000	1,493,133
Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds (ACTS Retirement- Life Communities Obligated Group)  Palm Beach County Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, (Lifespace	5.00	11/15/2045	2,075,000	2,125,723
Communities Obligated Group) Ser. B	4.00	5/15/2053	1,000,000	831,831

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Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investment	nts — 150.	9% (continued	l)	
Florida — 9.6% (continued) Palm Beach County Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Lifespace Communities Obligated				
Group) Ser. C Seminole County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Legacy Pointe at UCF	7.63	5/15/2058	1,000,000	1,131,887
Project) Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XM1122), (Miami-Dade FL County Water & Sewer System, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. B) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate	5.75	11/15/2054	1,000,000	1,007,665
4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup> Village Community	8.78	10/1/2049	7,500,000	7,444,737
Development District No. 15, Special Assessment Bonds <sup>(b)</sup>	4.80	5/1/2055	635,000	640,490 <b>32,948,205</b>
Georgia — 7.9%				
Georgia Municipal Electric Authority, Revenue Bonds (Plant Vogtle Units				
3&4 Project) Ser. A Main Street Natural Gas,	5.00	7/1/2052	2,500,000	2,643,939
Revenue Bonds, Ser. A <sup>(a)</sup> Main Street Natural Gas,	5.00	6/1/2030	1,000,000	1,065,110
Revenue Bonds, Ser. A <sup>(a)</sup> Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2016- XM0435), (Private Colleges & Universities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Emory University)) Recourse, Underlying	5.00	9/1/2031	4,560,000	4,932,341
Coupon Rate 5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	8.98	10/1/2043	6,000,000	6,011,091

Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme				value (\$)
Georgia — 7.9% (continued)	10012	70 (0011011100	·)	
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2020- XM0825), (Brookhaven Development Authority, Revenue Bonds (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta) Ser. A) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	6.43	7/1/2044	4,220,000	4,530,663
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XF3183), (Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, Revenue Bonds (Plant Vogtle Units 3&4 Project) Ser. A) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	8.25	1/1/2059	2,720,000	2,762,201
The Atlanta Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,	0.25	1/1/2059	2,720,000	2,762,201
Ser. A1	5.25	7/1/2040	1,000,000	1,009,052
The Burke County Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Oglethorpe Power Corp.) Ser. D	4.13	11/1/2045	4,200,000	4,025,987 <b>26,980,384</b>
Hawaii — .8%				
Hawaii Airports System, Revenue Bonds, Ser. A Illinois — 12.3%	5.00	7/1/2047	2,500,000	2,624,761
Chicago Board of Education, GO, Refunding, Ser. A	5.00	12/1/2033	1,250,000	1,280,122
Chicago IL, GO, Ser. A	5.00	1/1/2044	3,000,000	3,050,408
Chicago IL, GO, Refunding, Ser.	6.00	1/1/2038	3,000,000	3,111,066
Chicago IL Wastewater Transmission, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. C Chicago Midway International Airport, Revenue Bonds,	5.00	1/1/2039	2,330,000	2,333,887
Refunding, Ser. C	5.00	1/1/2040	1,500,000	1,597,425
Illinois, GO, Ser. A	5.00	5/1/2038	2,850,000	2,959,337
Illinois, GO, Ser. B	5.00	11/1/2030	1,500,000	1,621,252

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Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme				
Illinois — 12.3% (continued)				
Illinois, GO, Ser. D	5.00	11/1/2028	3,000,000	3,140,889
Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, Revenue Bonds (McCormick Place Expansion Project)	5.00	6/15/2057	2,500,000	2,550,706
Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, Revenue Bonds (McCormick Place Project) (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.) Ser. A <sup>(f)</sup>	0.00	12/15/2036	2,500,000	1,589,939
Sales Tax Securitization Corp., Revenue Bonds, Refunding,				
Ser. A Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XF1623), (Regional Transportation Authority Illinois, Revenue Bonds, Ser. B) Non-Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	4.00	1/1/2039 6/1/2048	2,250,000	2,262,311
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XM1112), (Chicage IL Water Works, Revenue Bonds (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser.A) Non- recourse Underlying Coupon Rate 5.25% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	2.94	11/1/2053	10,000,000	10,866,974
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2024- XF3244), (Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Revenue Bonds (Senior Lien) Ser. A) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.50% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	9.76	1/1/2059	2,850,000	3,115,922
Indiana — 1.2% Indiana Finance Authority,				42,037,942
Revenue Bonds (Sustainable Bond) <sup>(b)</sup>	7.00	3/1/2039	4,025,000	1,894,660

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Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investm Indiana — 1.2% (continued)	ents — 150.9	% (continued	<u>.</u>	
Indiana — 1.2% (continued) Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank, Revenue Bonds (City Moral Obligation) (Insured; Build				
America Mutual) Ser. F1 Valparaiso, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Pratt Paper	5.25	3/1/2067	1,250,000	1,352,389
(IN) LLC Project) <sup>(b)</sup>	5.00	1/1/2054	750,000	769,794 <b>4,016,843</b>
Iowa — 1.3%				
Iowa Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Lifespace Communities Obligated Group) Ser. A	4.00	5/15/2053	1,000,000	831,831
Iowa Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Iowa Fertilizer		, ,		
Co. Project) <sup>(g)</sup>	5.00	12/1/2032	2,195,000	2,537,849
Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corp., Revenue Bonds, Ser. B	5.00	12/1/2032	1,000,000	1,077,376 <b>4,447,056</b>
Kentucky — 2.0%				
Christian County, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Jennie Stuart Medical Center	T T0	2/1/2044	2 000 000	2 024 541
Obligated Group) Kentucky Public Energy Authority, Revenue Bonds,	5.50	2/1/2044	2,800,000	2,824,541
Ser. A <sup>(a)</sup>	5.00	7/1/2030	1,250,000	1,328,452
Kentucky Public Energy Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ser. A1 <sup>(a)</sup>	4.00	8/1/2030	2,680,000	2,731,921 <b>6,884,914</b>
Louisiana — 3.5% Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds				
(Calcasieu Bridge Partners)	5.75	9/1/2064	2,345,000	2,579,891

Description	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	<i>Π</i> <sub>2</sub> 1 (Φ)
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme	nts — 150.9	% (continued	l)	
Louisiana — 3.5% (continued) New Orleans Aviation Board, Revenue Bonds (General Airport-N Terminal Project) Ser. A	5.00	1/1/2048	1,000,000	1,017,610
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2018- XF2584), (Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds (Franciscan				
Missionaries of Our Lady Health System Project)) Non-Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	8.69	7/1/2047	8,195,000	8,345,920 <b>11,943,421</b>
Maryland — 4.2%				
Maryland Economic Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (College Park Leonardtown Project) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.25	7/1/2064	1,000,000	1,069,549
Maryland Economic Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (Sustainable Bond) (Purple Line Transit Partners) Ser. B	5.25	6/30/2055	2,575,000	2,694,405
Maryland Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds (Adventist Healthcare Obligated Group) Ser. A	5.50	1/1/2046	3,250,000	3,304,973

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Long-Term Municipal Investme</b>	nts — 150.9	% (continued	)	
Maryland — 4.2% (continued)				
Maryland Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Johns Hopkins Health System) (LOC; TD Bank NA) Ser. B	2.70	6/1/2046	3,000,000	3,000,000
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2024- XF1758), (Maryland Stadium Authority, Revenue Bonds) Underlying Coupon Rate				
5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	9.97	6/1/2054	3,900,000	4,260,357 <b>14,329,284</b>
Massachusetts — 3.2%				
Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Ser. T	4.00	3/1/2054	1,000,000	1,000,628
Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Boston Medical Center Corp. Obligated Group)	5.25	7/1/2052	1,000,000	1,072,884
Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (UMass Memorial Health Care	F 00			
Obligated Group) Ser. K Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority,	5.00	7/1/2038	1,130,000	1,154,165
Revenue Bonds, Ser. B Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XF1604), (Massachusetts State Transportation Fund, Revenue Bonds, Ser. B) Non- Recourse, Underlying	5.00	7/1/2030	1,000,000	1,057,735
Coupon Rate 5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	9.98	6/1/2053	6,000,000	6,519,243 <b>10,804,655</b>
Michigan — 4.5% Great Lakes Water Authority Sewage Disposal System, Revenue Bonds, Refunding,				
Ser. C	5.00	7/1/2036	2,000,000	2,045,430

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme	ents — 150.	9% (continued	l)	
Michigan — 4.5% (continued)				
Michigan Building Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding	4.00	10/15/2049	2,500,000	2,479,429
Michigan Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (Sustainable Bond) (Henry Ford)	5.50	2/28/2049	1,000,000	1,116,174
Michigan Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. A	4.00	12/1/2049	2,000,000	1,949,111
Michigan Strategic Fund, Revenue Bonds (AMT-I-		, ,	, ,	, ,
75 Improvement Project)	5.00	12/31/2043	5,000,000	5,123,900
Pontiac School District, GO (Insured; Qualified School Board Loan Fund)	4.00	5/1/2045	2,700,000	2,692,717 <b>15,406,761</b>
Minnesota — 1.2%				
Duluth Economic Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Essentia Health Obligated Group) Ser. A	5.00	2/15/2058	4,000,000	4,071,921
Missouri — 3.8%				
Missouri Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Lutheran Senior Services Projects)	5.00	2/1/2046	1,200,000	1,205,845
St. Louis Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, Revenue Bonds (National Geospatial Intelligence)	5.13	6/1/2046	4,570,000	4,606,124
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Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme	ents — 150.9	9% (continued	IJ	
Missouri — 3.8% (continued)				
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XM1116), (Jackson County Missouri Special Obligation, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. A) Non-Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.25% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	2.94	12/1/2053	6,000,000	6,021,019
The Missouri Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds (Lutheran Senior Services				
Projects) Ser. A	5.00	2/1/2042	1,000,000	1,018,074 <b>12,851,062</b>
Nebraska — .3%				
Omaha Public Power District, Revenue Bonds, Ser. A	4.00	2/1/2051	1,000,000	986,510
Nevada — 2.2%  Clark County School District, GO (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. A	4.25	6/15/2041	2 770 000	2 046 000
Reno, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Insured; Assured	4.25	6/15/2041	2,770,000	2,846,800
Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	4.00	6/1/2058	5,000,000	4,803,790 <b>7,650,590</b>
New Hampshire — .9%  New Hampshire Business  Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (University of Nevada Reno Project) (Insured; Build America Mutual) Ser. A	5.25	6/1/2051	1,500,000	1,632,743
New Hampshire Business Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Springpoint Senior Living Obligated Group)	4.00	1/1/2041	1,500,000	1,401,706 <b>3,034,449</b>

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investmen	ts — 150.	9% (continued	l)	
New Jersey — 3.7%				
New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds (RWJ Barnabas Health				
Obligated Group) New Jersey Transportation	4.00	7/1/2051	1,250,000	1,251,164
Trust Fund Authority, Revenue Bonds	5.00	6/15/2044	1,500,000	1,633,273
New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ser. CC <sup>(g)</sup>	5.50	12/15/2032	2,000,000	2,385,221
New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. AA	5.00	6/15/2042	1,000,000	1,119,977
South Jersey Port Corp.,	3.00	0/13/2042	1,000,000	1,113,577
Revenue Bonds, Ser. B	5.00	1/1/2042	2,025,000	2,075,739
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2018- XF2538), (New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Revenue Bonds) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.25%(b),(d),(e)	9.48	6/15/2040	4,250,000	4,298,646 <b>12,764,020</b>
New Mexico — .5%				
New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (Insured; GNMA, FNMA, FHLMC) Ser. E	4.70	9/1/2054	1,650,000	1,679,265
New York — 13.3%				
New York Convention Center Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (Hotel Unit Fee) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. B <sup>(f)</sup> New York Liberty Development Corp., Revenue Bonds, (JFK International Airport Terminal) Refunding	0.00	11/15/2052	6,400,000	1,835,807
(Class 1-3 World Trade Center Project) Ser. 1 <sup>(b)</sup>	5.00	11/15/2044	3,400,000	3,401,873

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	** 1
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme		% (continued	l)	
New York — 13.3% (continued)				
New York State Dormitory Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Montefiore Obligated Group) Ser. A	4.00	9/1/2050	1,000,000	935,350
New York State Housing Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds (Sustainable Bond) Ser. B1	4.70	11/1/2059	1,455,000	1,487,863
New York Transportation Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (Delta Air Lines)	4.00	1/1/2036	2,190,000	2,145,745
New York Transportation Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (JFK International Airport Terminal)	5.00	12/1/2040	3,050,000	3,226,108
New York Transportation Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (LaGuardia Airport Terminal B Redevelopment Project) Ser. A	5.00	7/1/2046	3,000,000	3,000,052
New York Transportation Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (LaGuardia Airport Terminal)	5.63	4/1/2040	1,000,000	1,082,630
New York Transportation Development Corp., Revenue Bonds (Sustainable Bond) (JFK International Airport Terminal One Project) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.13	6/30/2060	1,000,000	1,039,254
Niagara Area Development Corp., Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Covanta Project) Ser. A <sup>(b)</sup>	4.75	11 /1 /20/2	1,000,000	079 707
JCI. A	4./3	11/1/2042	1,000,000	978,707

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Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme			(.)	varae (#)
New York — 13.3% (continued)		> /o (continued	.,	
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2022-				
XM1004), (Metropolitan				
Transportation Authority,				
Revenue Bonds, Refunding				
(Sustainable Bond) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal				
Corp.) Ser. C) Non-Recourse,				
Underlying Coupon Rate				
4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	4.60	11/15/2047	5,400,000	5,344,898
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2023-				
XF1638), (New York City Transitional Finance				
Authority, Revenue Bonds,				
Ser. E1) Non-recourse,				
Underlying Coupon Rate				
4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	4.98	2/1/2049	10,000,000	9,925,085
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2024- XM1174), (New York State				
Transportation				
Development Corp., Revenue				
Bonds (Sustainable Bond)				
(JFK International Airport				
Terminal One Project) (Insured; Assured Guaranty				
Municipal Corp.)) Recourse,				
Underlying Coupon Rate				
5.25% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	10.74	6/30/2060	2,760,000	2,932,493
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2024-				
XM1181), (Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority				
Sales Tax Revenue, Revenue				
Bonds, Ser. A1) Non-				
Recourse, Underlying				
Coupon Rate 4.13% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	2.89	5/15/2064	3,500,000	3,508,876

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Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme				value (\$)
New York — 13.3% (continued)		70 (continued	.,	
Tender Option Bond Trust	,			
Receipts, (Series 2024-				
XM1194), (New York				
Transportation				
Development Corp., Revenue				
Bonds, Refunding				
(Sustainable Bond) (JFK International Airport				
Terminal Six Redevelopment				
Project) (Insured; Assured				
Guaranty Municipal Corp.))				
Recourse, Underlying	0.76	10/04/0054	2.700.000	2 007 207
Coupon Rate 5.25% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	9.76	12/31/2054	2,700,000	2,907,297
Westchester County Local Development Corp., Revenue				
Bonds, Refunding (Purchase				
Senior Learning Community				
Obligated Group) <sup>(b)</sup>	5.00	7/1/2046	1,650,000	1,675,809
				45,427,847
North Carolina — 1.0%				
North Carolina Medical Care				
Commission, Revenue Bonds				
(Carolina Meadows Obligated Group)	5.25	12/1/2054	2,500,000	2 605 561
North Carolina Medical Care	3.23	12/1/2054	2,300,000	2,695,561
Commission, Revenue				
Bonds, Refunding (Lutheran				
Services for the Aging				
Obligated Group)	4.00	3/1/2051	900,000	789,480
				3,485,041
Ohio — 3.1%				
Buckeye Tobacco Settlement				
Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding,				
Ser. B2	5.00	6/1/2055	8,030,000	7,363,956
Centerville, Revenue Bonds,	5.00	0/1/2000	-0,000,000	7,000,700
Refunding (Graceworks				
Lutheran Services Obligated				
Group)	5.25	11/1/2047	1,500,000	1,459,022

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme		9% (continued		
Ohio — 3.1% (continued)				
Cuyahoga County, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (The MetroHealth System)	5.00	2/15/2052	1,000,000	1,009,517
Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Duke Energy Co.) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. B	4.38	12/1/2058	890,000	909,805
		12/ 1/ 2000	0,0000	10,742,300
Oklahoma — 2.9%				
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XF1572), (Oklahoma Water Resources Board State Loan program, Revenue Bonds, Ser.B) Non-recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.13% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	F 00	40 /4 /2052	10 000 000	10.045.007
	5.80	10/1/2053	10,000,000	10,045,886
Oregon — .8%				
Port of Portland, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. 28	4.00	7/1/2047	2,720,000	2,663,128
Pennsylvania — 8.3%				
Clairton Municipal Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. B	4.38	12/1/2042	1,250,000	1,266,981
Crawford County Hospital Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Meadville Medical Center Project) Ser.				
A	6.00	6/1/2046	1,000,000	1,012,303
Franklin County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Menno-Haven Project)	5.00	12/1/2053	1,000,000	947,322
Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds (The Penndot Major				0.04.100
Bridges) Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Revenue	6.00	6/30/2061	2,000,000	2,214,002
Bonds, Ser. A	4.00	12/1/2050	1,500,000	1,463,765

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	** * **
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme		% (continued	1)	
Pennsylvania — 8.3% (continu	led)			
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2022- XF1408), (Pennsylvania State Turnpike Commission, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. A) Non-recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	4.72	12/1/2051	10,000,000	9,803,820
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2022- XF1525), (Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ser. A2) Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.00% (b),(d),(e)	4.52	5/15/2053	3,440,000	3,345,726
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023- XM1133), (Philadelphia Water & Wastewater, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. B) Non-Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.50%(b).(d),(e)	11.80	9/1/2053	4,380,000	4,926,355
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2024- XF1750), (Philadelphia Gas Works Co, Revenue Bonds (1998 General Ordiance) (Insured; ACE Guaranty Corp.) Ser. 17) Non- Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.25% (b),(d),(e)	10.84	8/1/2054	2,900,000	3,230,755
				28,211,029

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Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme				value (#)
Rhode Island — 2.2%	150.7	70 (continued	·)	
Rhode Island Health & Educational Building Corp., Revenue Bonds, (Lifespan Obligated Group) Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2023-	5.25	5/15/2054	1,250,000	1,343,439
XM1117), (Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank State Revolving Fund, Revenue Bonds, Ser. A) Non- Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 4.25% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	4.93	10/1/2053	6,000,000	6,108,795 <b>7,452,234</b>
South Carolina — 4.8% South Carolina Jobs-Economic				7,432,234
Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Bon Secours Mercy Health) South Carolina Public Service	4.00	12/1/2044	3,500,000	3,499,427
Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Santee Cooper) Ser. A	4.00	12/1/2055	2,000,000	1,921,003
Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2024- XM1175), (South Carolina Public Service Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Santee Cooper) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. B) Non-Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	8.15	12/1/2054	10,200,000	10,959,597
				16,380,027
South Dakota — 1.0%  Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2022- XF1409), (South Dakota Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Avera Health Obligated Group)) Non-Recourse, Underlying				
Coupon Rate 5.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	10.19	7/1/2046	3,200,000	3,258,190

Description	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	Value (#)
Description  Long-Term Municipal Investme	Rate (%)	Date Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Tennessee — .4%	130.5	7% (continueu	<u>)                                    </u>	
Knox County Health				
Educational & Housing				
Facility Board, Revenue				
Bonds (University of Tennessee Project) (Insured;				
Build America Mutual) Ser.				
B1	5.25	7/1/2064	1,300,000	1,375,370
Texas — 12.0%				
Aldine Independent School				
District, GO (Insured: Permanent School				
Fund Guarantee Program)	4.00	2/15/2054	1,000,000	990,946
Arlington Higher Education				
Finance Corp., Revenue Bonds (Uplift Education				
Project)				
(Insured: Permanent School				
Fund Guarantee Program)	4.25	12/1/2040	1 500 000	1 527 047
Ser. A Beaumont Navigation District,	4.25	12/1/2048	1,500,000	1,527,847
Revenue Bonds (Jefferson				
Gulf Coast Energy Project)				
Ser. A <sup>(b)</sup>	5.25	1/1/2054	1,000,000	1,040,234
Clifton Higher Education Finance Corp., Revenue				
Bonds (IDEA Public Schools)				
Ser. A	4.00	8/15/2051	2,000,000	1,877,738
Clifton Higher Education				
Finance Corp., Revenue Bonds (International				
Leadership of Texas) Ser. A	5.75	8/15/2045	2,500,000	2,528,115
Clifton Higher Education				
Finance Corp., Revenue				
Bonds (International Leadership of Texas) Ser. D	6.13	8/15/2048	3,000,000	3,040,260
Clifton Higher Education	0.13	0/13/2010	3,000,000	3,010,200
Finance Corp., Revenue				
Bonds (Uplift Education)	4.50	12/1/20/4	2.500.000	2.464.000
Ser. A	4.50	12/1/2044	2,500,000	2,464,009

Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal	Value (\$)
Description			Amount (\$)	value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme Texas — 12.0% (continued)	nts — 150.	9% (continued	<u>.)                                    </u>	
Clifton Higher Education Finance Corp., Revenue Bonds, Refunding (International Leadership of Texas) (Insured: Permanent				
School Fund Guarantee Program) Ser. A Dallas Independent School	4.25	8/15/2053	2,000,000	2,019,690
District, GO, Refunding (Insured; Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program) Fort Bend County, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal	4.00	2/15/2054	1,000,000	990,946
Corp.) Grand Parkway Transportation	4.25	3/1/2054	1,500,000	1,497,452
Corp., Revenue Bonds, Refunding	4.00	10/1/2049	2,000,000	1,967,878
Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. A <sup>(f)</sup>	0.00	11/15/2051	7,500,000	2,051,338
Houston Airport System, Revenue Bonds (United Airlines) Ser. B	5.50	7/15/2038	2,500,000	2,706,698
Houston Airport System, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. A	4.50	7/1/2053	1,700,000	1,720,696
Houston Airport System, Revenue Bonds, Refunding, Ser. A Lamar Consolidated	4.00	7/1/2046	1,000,000	980,737
Independent School District, GO	4.00	2/15/2053	1,000,000	984,955
Love Field Airport Modernization Corp., Revenue Bonds (Southwest Airlines Co. Project)	5.00	11/1/2028	695,000	695,219
	2.30	_1, 1, 2020	0,0,000	0,0,219

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme	ents — 150.	9% (continued	l)	
Texas — 12.0% (continued)				
Midland Independent School				
District, GO				
(Insured: Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program)	5.00	2/15/2050	1,500,000	1,560,480
Mission Economic	5.00	2/10/2000	1,000,000	1,000,100
Development Corp., Revenue				
Bonds, Refunding				
(Natgasoline Project) <sup>(b)</sup>	4.63	10/1/2031	1,000,000	1,003,162
Tarrant County Cultural				
Education Facilities Finance Corp., Revenue Bonds				
(Baylor Scott & White Health				
Project)	5.00	11/15/2051	1,500,000	1,607,621
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2023-				
XM1125), (Medina Valley				
Independent School District, GO (Insured; Permanent				
School Fund Guarantee				
Program)) Non-Recourse,				
Underlying Coupon Rate 4.00% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	0.00	0.445.40050		T 0 6 0 0 4 4
	2.89	2/15/2053	6,000,000	5,969,244
Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition & Supply Corp.				
IV, Revenue Bonds, Ser. B <sup>(a)</sup>	5.50	1/1/2034	1,500,000	1,689,871
.,		, ,	, ,	40,915,136
<b>U.S. Related</b> — <b>1.3%</b>				
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A <sup>(f)</sup>	0.00	7/1/2033	284,274	196,992
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	4.00	7/1/2033	220,898	220,239
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	4.00	7/1/2035	198,557	196,524
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	4.00	7/1/2037	170,415	167,399
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	4.00	7/1/2041	231,699	223,247
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	4.00	7/1/2046	240,964	229,838
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	5.38	7/1/2025	122,839	124,225
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	5.63	7/1/2027	243,790	255,157
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	5.63	7/1/2029	2,489,835	2,687,791
Puerto Rico, GO, Ser. A1	5.75	7/1/2031	232,950	259,854
				4,561,266
Utah — 1.6%				
Salt Lake City, Revenue Bonds,	= 6.5	= // /00:3	4.000.000	4 000 000
Ser. A	5.00	7/1/2042	1,265,000	1,288,002

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Description	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme				varae (#)
Utah — 1.6% (continued)	1001	> 70 (continued	•9	
Salt Lake City, Revenue Bonds,				
Ser. A	5.00	7/1/2048	2,000,000	2,040,839
Utah Infrastructure Agency,				
Revenue Bonds, Refunding,				
Ser. A	5.00	10/15/2037	2,000,000	2,050,219
				5,379,060
Virginia — 6.0%				
Henrico County Economic				
Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding				
(Insured; Assured Guaranty				
Municipal Corp.)	4.79	8/23/2027	2,500,000	2,745,408
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2018-				
XM0593), (Hampton Roads Transportation				
Accountability Commission,				
Revenue Bonds) Non-				
Recourse, Underlying				
Coupon Rate 5.50% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	11.77	7/1/2057	7,500,000	8,133,980
Tender Option Bond Trust				
Receipts, (Series 2024- XM1176), (Virginia Housing				
Development Authority,				
Revenue Bonds, Ser. A)				
Recourse, Underlying	=	0.44.400=0		0 === 0= 1
Coupon Rate 4.80% <sup>(b),(d),(e)</sup>	9.37	9/1/2059	3,495,000	3,557,074
Virginia College Building Authority, Revenue Bonds				
(Sustainable Bond)				
(Marymount University				
Project) <sup>(b)</sup>	5.00	7/1/2045	1,000,000	820,256
Virginia Small Business				
Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds (Transform				
66 P3 Project)	5.00	12/31/2052	4,350,000	4,390,629
Williamsburg Economic	3.00	12/31/2032	1,330,000	1,570,027
Development Authority,				
Revenue Bonds (William &				
Mary Project) (Insured;				
Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. A	4.13	7/1/2058	1,000,000	1,001,774
corp., corre	1.10	, , 1, 2000	2,000,000	20,649,121
				=0,017,121

D	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	II.1 (A)
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
Long-Term Municipal Investme	ents — 150.9	% (continued	)	
Washington — .9% Tender Option Bond Trust Receipts, (Series 2024- XF1730), (Port of Seattle Washington, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Intermediate Lien) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.) Ser. 2024A) Non-Recourse, Underlying Coupon Rate 5.25%(b),(d),(e)	10.85	7/1/2049	1,750,000	1,880,803
Washington Housing Finance Commission, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Presbyterian Retirement Communities Northwest Obligated Group) Ser. A <sup>(b)</sup>	5.00	1/1/2051	1,465,000	1,366,020 <b>3,246,823</b>
Wisconsin — 4.6% Public Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (CHF - Wilmington) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.00	7/1/2058	3,665,000	3,749,185
Public Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (EMU Campus Living) (Insured; Build America Mutual) Ser. A1	5.50	7/1/2052	1,500,000	1,627,671
Public Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (EMU Campus Living) (Insured; Build America Mutual) Ser. A1	5.63	7/1/2055	1,650,000	1,790,106
Public Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds (Gannon University Project)	5.00	5/1/2042	750,000	756,970
Public Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Ser. 1 Public Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Refunding (Mary's Woods at	5.75	7/1/2062	3,435,097	3,662,478
Marylhurst Project) <sup>(b)</sup>	5.25	5/15/2042	750,000	756,839

	Coupon	Maturity	Principal	
Description	Rate (%)	Date	Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Long-Term Municipal Investme</b>	nts — 150.9	% (continued	l)	
Wisconsin — 4.6% (continued)				
Public Finance				
Authority, Revenue Bonds				
(Cone Health) Ser. A	5.00	10/1/2052	1,000,000	1,066,255
Wisconsin Health &				
Educational Facilities				
Authority, Revenue Bonds				
(Bellin Memorial Hospital Obligated Group)	5.50	12/1/2052	1,000,000	1,102,667
Wisconsin Health &	5.50	12/1/2032	1,000,000	1,102,007
Educational Facilities				
Authority, Revenue Bonds,				
Refunding (St.				
Camillus Health System				
Obligated Group)	5.00	11/1/2046	1,250,000	1,187,693
				15,699,864
Total Investments (cost				
\$503,389,517)			150.9%	515,262,254
Liabilities, Less Cash and				
Receivables			(50.9)%	(173,785,551)
Net Assets			100.0%	341,476,703

FHLMC—Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation

FNMA—Federal National Mortgage Association

GNMA—Government National Mortgage Association

GO—Government Obligation

LOC-Letter of Credit

These securities have a put feature; the date shown represents the put date and the bond holder can take a specific action to retain the bond after the put date.

- (b) Security exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At November 30, 2024, these securities amounted to \$210,737,040 or 61.7% of net assets applicable to Common Stockholders.
- (c) Non-income producing—security in default.
- (d) The Variable Rate is determined by the Remarketing Agent in its sole discretion based on prevailing market conditions and may, but need not, be established by reference to one or more financial indices.
- (e) Collateral for floating rate borrowings. The coupon rate given represents the current interest rate for the inverse floating rate security.
- (f) Security issued with a zero coupon. Income is recognized through the accretion of discount.
- (g) These securities are prerefunded; the date shown represents the prerefunded date. Bonds which are prerefunded are collateralized by U.S. Government securities which are held in escrow and are used to pay principal and interest on the municipal issue and to retire the bonds in full at the earliest refunding date.

See notes to financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES November 30, 2024

	Cost	Value
Assets (\$):		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments	503,389,517	515,262,254
Interest receivable		7,557,966
Prepaid expenses		23,811
		522,844,031
Liabilities (\$):		
Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates—Note 2(b)		209,606
Cash overdraft due to Custodian		13,608
Payable for inverse floater notes issued—Note 3		125,365,000
VMTP Shares at liquidation value—Note 1 (\$49,300,000 face amount, report net of unamortized VMTP Shares deferred		
offering cost of \$153,226)—Note 1(g)		49,146,774
Payable for investment securities purchased		4,257,760
Interest and expense payable related to inverse floater notes issued—Note 3		1,375,429
Dividends payable to Common Stockholders		889,717
Directors' fees and expenses payable		19,115
Other accrued expenses		90,319
		181,367,328
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders (\$)		341,476,703
Composition of Net Assets (\$):		
Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share		
(49,428,691 shares issued and outstanding)		49,429
Paid-in capital		368,386,722
Total distributable earnings (loss)		(26,959,448)
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders (\$)		341,476,703
Shares Outstanding		
(110 million shares authorized)		49,428,691
Net Asset Value Per Share of Common Stock (\$)		6.91

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# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Year Ended November 30, 2024

Investment Income (\$):	
Interest Income	22,246,659
Expenses:	
Management fee—Note 2(a)	1,910,235
Interest and expense related to inverse floater notes issued—Note 3	4,408,472
VMTP Shares interest expense and amortization of offering costs—Note 1(g)	2,238,513
Administration fee—Note 2(a)	955,117
Professional fees	190,730
Registration fees	60,164
Directors' fees and expenses—Note 2(c)	59,410
Shareholders' reports	39,720
Chief Compliance Officer fees—Note 2(b)	11,965
Shareholder servicing costs	10,409
Custodian fees—Note 2(b)	10,245
Redemption and Paying Agent fees—Note 2(b)	7,500
Miscellaneous	37,972
Total Expenses	9,940,452
Less—reduction in expenses due to undertaking—Note 2(a)	(382,060)
Less—reduction in fees due to earnings credits—Note 2(b)	(10,245)
Net Expenses	9,548,147
Net Investment Income	12,698,512
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 3 (\$):	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(4,541,107)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	24,247,074
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	19,705,967
Net Increase in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders Resulting from Operations	32,404,479

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### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year Ended November 30, 2024

Cash Flows from Operating Activities (\$):		
Purchases of portfolio securities-long term	(130,951,686)	
Proceeds from sales of portfolio securities-long term	116,485,290	
Interest income received	22,040,949	
Interest and expense related to inverse floater notes issued	(4,392,884)	
VMTP Shares interest expense and amortization of offering costs paid	(2,144,125)	
Expenses paid to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates	(2,486,652)	
Operating expenses paid	(420,776)	
Net Cash Provided (or Used) in Operating Activities	( -, -,	(1,869,884)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities (\$):		( / = = = / = = /
Dividends paid to Common Stockholders	(10,676,596)	
Increase in Cash Overdraft due to Custodian	13,608	
Decrease in payable for inverse floater notes issued	11,810,000	
Net Cash Provided (or Used) in Financing Activities		1,147,012
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash		(722,872)
Cash at beginning of period		722,872
Cash at End of Period		-
Reconciliation of Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders Resulting from Operations to Net Cash Provided by (or Used) in Operating Activites (\$):		
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	32,404,479	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders Resulting from Operations to Net Cash Provided (of Used) in Operating Activities (\$):		
Increase in investments in securities at cost	(11,978,282)	
Increase in interest receivable	(205,710)	
Decrease in unamortized VMTP Shares issuance cost	94,388	
Decrease in prepaid expenses	254	
Increase in Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates	16,105	
Increase in payable for investment securities purchased	2,052,993	
Increase in interest and expense payable related to inverse floater notes issued	15,588	
Decrease in Directors' fees and expenses payable	(3,921)	
Decrease in other accrued expenses	(18,704)	
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments	(24,247,074)	
Net Cash Provided (or Used) in Operating Activities		(1,869,884)

See notes to financial statements.

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended November 30,		
	2024	2023	
Operations (\$):			
Net investment income	12,698,512	12,533,452	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(4,541,107)	(15,440,055)	
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	24,247,074	11,997,957	
Dividends to Preferred Stockholders	-	(1,747,418)	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Applicable to			
Common Stockholders Resulting from Operations	32,404,479	7,343,936	
Distributions (\$):			
Distributions to stockholders	(10,676,597)	(12,258,315)	
Distributions to Common Stockholders	(10,676,597)	(12,258,315)	
Capital Stock Transactions (\$):			
Net proceeds from VMTP Shares sold	-	49,300,000	
Cost of Auction Preferred Stock shares redeemed	-	(49,300,000)	
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from Capital Stock Transactions	-		
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders	21,727,882	(4,914,379)	
Net Assets Applicable to Common Stockholders (\$):			
Beginning of Period	319,748,821	324,663,200	
End of Period	341,476,703	319,748,821	

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Market price total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the market price at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at market price during the period, and sale at the market price on the last day of the period. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements, and with respect to common stock, market price data for the fund's common shares.

	Year Ended November 30,				
	2024	2023 <sup>(a)</sup>	2022 <sup>(b)</sup>	2021 <sup>(c)</sup>	2020 <sup>(d)</sup>
Per Share Data (\$):					
Net asset value, beginning of					
period	6.47	6.57	8.38	8.24	8.30
Investment Operations:					
Net investment income <sup>(e)</sup>	.26	.25	.33	.37	.40
Net realized and unrealized gain					
(loss) on investments	.40	(.06)	(1.77)	.13	(.09)
Dividends to Preferred					
Stockholders from net					
investment income	-	(.04)	(.02)	$(.00)^{(f)}$	(.01)
Total from Investment Operations	.66	.15	(1.46)	.50	.30
Distributions to Common					
Stockholders:					
Dividends from net investment					
income	(.22)	(.25)	(.35)	(.36)	(.36)
Net asset value, end of period	6.91	6.47	6.57	8.38	8.24
Market value, end of period	6.14	5.41	5.92	8.24	7.66
Market Price Total Return (%)	17.73	(4.48)	(24.21)	12.46	(1.87)

		Year En	ded Noveml	ner 30	
	2024	2023 <sup>(a)</sup>		· · · · · ·	2020 <sup>(d)</sup>
Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	2.99	2.58	1.54	1.20	1.56
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	2.87	2.47	1.43	1.09	1.44
Ratio of interest and expense related to inverse floater notes issued, and VMTP Shares interest expense to average net					
assets	2.00 <sup>(g)</sup>	1.59	.56	.25	.60
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	3.82 <sup>(g)</sup>	3.92	4.64	4.39	4.98
Portfolio Turnover Rate Asset Coverage of VMTP Shares and Preferred Stock, end of	27.50	34.88	30.58	9.10	26.56
period	793	749	759	940	926
Net Assets, applicable to Common Stockholders, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	341,477	319,749	324,663	414,262	407,089
VMTP Shares and Preferred Stock Outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	49,300	49,300	49,300	49,300	49,300
Floating Rate Notes Outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	125,365	113,555	116,415	138,705	152,185

<sup>(</sup>a) The ratios based on total average net assets including dividends to Preferred Stockholders are as follows: total expense ratio of 2.36%, a net expense ratio of 2.25%, an interest expense related to floating rate notes issued ratio of 1.45% and a net investment income of 3.58%.

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<sup>(</sup>b) The ratios based on total average net assets including dividends to Preferred Stockholders are as follows: total expense ratio of 1.35%, a net expense ratio of 1.25%, an interest expense related to floating rate notes issued ratio of .49% and a net investment income of 4.07%.

<sup>(</sup>c) The ratios based on total average net assets including dividends to Preferred Stockholders are as follows: total expense ratio of 1.07%, a net expense ratio of .97%, an interest expense related to floating rate notes issued ratio of .23% and a net investment income of 3.92%.

<sup>(</sup>d) The ratios based on total average net assets including dividends to Preferred Stockholders are as follows: total expense ratio of 1.38%, a net expense ratio of 1.28%, an interest expense related to floating rate notes issued ratio of .53% and a net investment income of 4.43%.

<sup>(</sup>e) Based on average common shares outstanding.

<sup>(</sup>f) Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.

<sup>(</sup>g) Amount inclusive of VMTP Shares amortization of offering cost.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:**

BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. (the "fund"), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), is a diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is to seek to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. (the "Adviser"), a whollyowned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY"), serves as the fund's investment adviser. Insight North America LLC (the "Sub-Adviser"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser, serves as the fund's sub-adviser. The fund's Common Stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the ticker symbol DSM.

The fund has outstanding 1,972 shares of Variable Rate MuniFund Term Preferred Shares ("VMTP Shares"). The fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the VMTP Shares. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the fund from declaring any distributions to shareholders of the fund's Common Stock ("Common Stockholders") or repurchasing shares of Common Stock and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of VMTP Shares at their liquidation value (i.e., \$25,000 per share). Thus, redemptions of VMTP Shares may be deemed to be outside of the control of the fund.

The VMTP Shares have a mandatory redemption date of July 14, 2053, and are subject to an initial early redemption date of July 13, 2026, subject to the option of the shareholders to retain the VMTP Shares. VMTP Shares that are neither retained by the shareholder nor successfully remarketed by the early redemption date will be redeemed by the fund.

The holders of VMTP Shares, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two directors. The holders of VMTP Shares will vote as a separate class on certain other matters, as required by law. The fund's Board of Directors (the "Board") has designated Robin A. Melvin and Benaree Pratt Wiley as directors to be elected by the holders of VMTP Shares.

Dividends on VMTP Shares are normally declared daily and paid monthly. The Dividend Rate on the VMTP Shares is, except as otherwise provided, equal to the rate per annum that results from the sum of (1) the Index Rate plus (2) the Applicable Spread as determined for the VMTP Shares on the Rate Determination Date immediately preceding such Subsequent Rate Period plus (3) the Failed Remarketing Spread (all defined terms as defined in the fund's articles supplementary).

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") is the exclusive reference of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under authority of federal laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The

fund is an investment company and applies the accounting and reporting guidance of the FASB ASC Topic 946 Financial Services-Investment Companies. The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

(a) **Portfolio valuation:** The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount 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 (i.e., the exit price). GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Additionally, GAAP provides guidance on determining whether the volume and activity in a market has decreased significantly and whether such a decrease in activity results in transactions that are not orderly. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures around valuation inputs and techniques used during annual and interim periods.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund's investments relating to fair value measurements. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1—unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.

**Level 2**—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

**Level 3**—significant unobservable inputs (including the fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. Valuation techniques used to value the fund's investments are as follows:

The Board has designated the Adviser as the fund's valuation designee to make all fair value determinations with respect to the fund's portfolio investments, subject to the Board's oversight and pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act.

Investments in municipal securities are valued each business day by an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained

by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Municipal investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of the following: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. The Service is engaged under the general oversight of the Board. All of the preceding securities are generally categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

When market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the fund calculates its net asset value, the fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Board. Certain factors may be considered when fair valuing investments such as: fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased and sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. These securities are either categorized within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the relevant inputs used.

For securities where observable inputs are limited, assumptions about market activity and risk are used and such securities are generally categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of November 30, 2024 in valuing the fund's investments:

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	Level 1 - Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2- Other Significant Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Assets (\$)				
Investments in Secur	ities: <sup>†</sup>			
Municipal				
Securities	_	515,262,254	_	515,262,254
Liabilities (\$)				
Other Financial Instr	uments:			
Inverse Floater				
Notes <sup>††</sup>	_	(125,365,000)	_	(125,365,000)
VMTP Shares <sup>††</sup>	_	(49,300,000)	_	(49,300,000)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> See Statement of Investments for additional detailed categorizations, if any.

- **(b)** Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income, adjusted for accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is earned from settlement date and is recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date.
- (c) Market Risk: The value of the securities in which the fund invests may be affected by political, regulatory, economic and social developments, and developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market. The value of a security may also decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company or industry, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates, changes to inflation, adverse changes to credit markets or adverse investor sentiment generally.

The Additional Information section within this annual report provides more details about the fund's principal risk factors.

(d) Dividends and distributions to Common Stockholders: Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from net investment income are normally declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gains, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup> Certain of the fund's liabilities are held at carrying amount, which approximates fair value for financial reporting purposes.

of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gains can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gains. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

Common Stockholders will have their distributions reinvested in additional shares of the fund, unless such Common Stockholders elect to receive cash, at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price). If market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value, shares will be issued at net asset value. If net asset value exceeds market price, Computershare Inc., the transfer agent for the fund's Common Stock, will buy fund shares in the open market and reinvest those shares accordingly.

On November 27, 2024, the Board declared a cash dividend of \$.018 per share from net investment income, payable on December 31, 2024 to Common Stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 13, 2024. The ex-dividend date was December 13, 2024

- (e) Dividends to stockholders of VMTP Shares: The Dividend Rate on the VMTP Shares is, except as otherwise provided, equal to the rate per annum that results from the sum of (1) the Index Rate plus (2) the Applicable Spread as determined for the VMTP Shares on the Rate Determination Date immediately preceding such Subsequent Rate Period plus (3) the Failed Remarketing Spread. The Applicable Rate of the VMTP Shares was equal to the sum of .95% per annum plus the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Municipal Swap Index rate of 2.86% on November 30, 2024. The dividend rate as of November 30, 2024 for the VMTP Shares was 3.81% (all terms as defined in the fund's articles supplementary).
- **(f) Federal income taxes:** It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax-exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

As of and during the period ended November 30, 2024, the fund did not have any liabilities for any uncertain tax positions. The fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended November 30, 2024, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each tax year in the four-year period ended November 30, 2024 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

At November 30, 2024, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows: undistributed tax-exempt income \$2,738,951, accumulated capital losses \$41,239,736 and unrealized appreciation \$12,431,054.

The fund is permitted to carry forward capital losses for an unlimited period. Furthermore, capital loss carryovers retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses.

The accumulated capital loss carryover is available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net realized capital gains, if any, realized subsequent to November 30, 2024. The fund has \$16,024,077 of short-term capital losses and \$25,215,659 of long-term capital losses which can be carried forward for an unlimited period.

The tax character of distributions paid to Common Stockholders during the fiscal years ended November 30, 2024 and November 30, 2023 were as follows: tax-exempt income \$10,676,597 and \$14,005,733, respectively.

**(g) VMTP Shares:** The fund's VMTP Shares aggregate liquidation preference is shown as a liability, if any, since they have a stated mandatory redemption date of July 14, 2053. Dividends paid on VMTP Shares are treated as interest expense and recorded on the accrual basis. Costs directly related to the issuance of the VMTP Shares are considered debt issuance costs which have been deferred and are being amortized into expense over 36 months from July 12, 2023.

During the period ended November 30, 2024, total interest expenses and amortized offering costs with respect to VMTP Shares amounted to \$2,238,513 inclusive of \$2,144,122 of interest expense and \$94,391 amortized deferred cost fees. These fees are included in VMTP Shares interest expense and amortization of offering costs in the Statement of Operations.

The average amount of borrowings outstanding for the VMTP Shares during the period ended November 30, 2024 was approximately \$49,300,000, with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of 4.35%.

### NOTE 2—Management Fee, Sub-Advisory Fee, Administration Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Adviser, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .50% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets (including net assets representing VMTP Shares outstanding) and is payable monthly. The fund also has an administration agreement with the Adviser and a custody agreement with The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Custodian"), a subsidiary of BNY and an affiliate of the Adviser. The fund pays in the aggregate for administration, custody and transfer agency services, a monthly fee based on an annual rate of .25% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets (including net assets representing VMTP Shares outstanding). All out-of-pocket transfer agency and custody expenses, including custody transaction expenses, are paid separately by the fund.

The Adviser has agreed, from December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025, to waive receipt of a portion of the fund's management fee, in the amount of .10% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets (including net assets representing VMTP Shares outstanding). The reduction in expenses related to fee waiver, pursuant to the waiver agreement, amounted to \$382,060 during the period ended November 30, 2024.

Pursuant to a sub-investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Adviser pays the Sub-Adviser a monthly fee at an annual rate of .24% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets (including net assets representing VMTP Shares outstanding).

**(b)** The fund has an arrangement with the Custodian whereby the fund may receive earnings credits when positive cash balances are maintained, which are used to offset Custodian fees. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes custody net earning credits as an expense offset in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates the Custodian, under a custody agreement, for providing custodial services for the fund. These fees are determined based on net assets, geographic region and transaction activity. During the period ended November 30, 2024, the fund was charged \$10,245 pursuant to the custody agreement. These fees were offset by earnings credits of \$10,245.

The fund compensates The Bank of New York Mellon under a Redemption and Paying Agent Agreement for providing certain transfer agency and payment services with respect to the VMTP Shares. During the period ended November 30, 2024, the fund was charged \$7,500 for the services provided by the Redemption and Paying Agent (the "Redemption and Payment Agent").

During the period ended November 30, 2024, the fund was charged \$11,965 for services performed by the fund's Chief Compliance Officer and his staff. These fees are included in Chief Compliance Officer fees in the Statements of Operations.

The components of "Due to BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: Management fee of \$157,878, Administration fees of \$78,938, the Redemption and Paying Agent fees of \$2,500, Custodian fees of \$256, Chief Compliance Officer fees of \$1,623, which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of \$31,589.

(c) Each board member of the fund also serves as a board member of other funds in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

#### **NOTE 3—Securities Transactions:**

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales (including paydowns) of investment securities, excluding short-term securities and secured borrowings of inverse floater

securities, during the period ended November 30, 2024, amounted to \$109,371,614 and \$103,796,495, respectively.

**Inverse Floater Securities:** The fund participates in secondary inverse floater structures in which fixed-rate, tax-exempt municipal bonds are transferred to a trust (the "Inverse Floater Trust"). The Inverse Floater Trust typically issues two variable rate securities that are collateralized by the cash flows of the fixed-rate, tax-exempt municipal bonds. One of these variable rate securities pays interest based on a short-term floating rate set by a remarketing agent at predetermined intervals ("Trust Certificates"). A residual interest tax-exempt security is also created by the Inverse Floater Trust, which is transferred to the fund, and is paid interest based on the remaining cash flows of the Inverse Floater Trust, after payment of interest on the other securities and various expenses of the Inverse Floater Trust. An Inverse Floater Trust may be collapsed without the consent of the fund due to certain termination events such as bankruptcy, default or other credit event.

The fund accounts for the transfer of bonds to the Inverse Floater Trust as secured borrowings, with the securities transferred remaining in the fund's investments, and the Trust Certificates reflected as fund liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The fund may invest in inverse floater securities on either a non-recourse or recourse basis. These securities are typically supported by a liquidity facility provided by a bank or other financial institution (the "Liquidity Provider") that allows the holders of the Trust Certificates to tender their certificates in exchange for payment from the Liquidity Provider of par plus accrued interest on any business day prior to a termination event. When the fund invests in inverse floater securities on a non-recourse basis, the Liquidity Provider is required to make a payment under the liquidity facility due to a termination event to the holders of the Trust Certificates. When this occurs, the Liquidity Provider typically liquidates all or a portion of the municipal securities held in the Inverse Floater Trust. A liquidation shortfall occurs if the Trust Certificates exceed the proceeds of the sale of the bonds in the Inverse Floater Trust ("Liquidation Shortfall"). When a fund invests in inverse floater securities on a recourse basis, the fund typically enters into a reimbursement agreement with the Liquidity Provider where the fund is required to repay the Liquidity Provider the amount of any Liquidation Shortfall. As a result, a fund investing in a recourse inverse floater security bears the risk of loss with respect to any Liquidation Shortfall.

The average amount of borrowings outstanding under the inverse floater structure during the period ended November 30, 2024, was approximately \$113,904,358, with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of 3.87%.

At November 30, 2024, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$377,466,200; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$12,431,054, consisting of \$21,532,114 gross unrealized appreciation and \$9,101,060 gross unrealized depreciation.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), including the statement of investments, as of November 30, 2024, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund at November 30, 2024, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2024, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers and others; when replies were not received from brokers and others, we preformed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds since at least 1957, but we are unable to determine the specific year.

New York, New York January 23, 2025

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

#### **Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan**

Under the fund's Dividend Reinvestment (the "Plan"), a Common Stockholder who has fund shares registered in his or her name will have all dividends and distributions reinvested automatically by Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Plan administrator (the "Administrator"), in additional shares of the fund at the lower of prevailing market price or net asset value (but not less than 95% of market value at the time of valuation) unless such Common Stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. If market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value, shares will be issued at net asset value. If net asset value exceeds market price or if a cash dividend only is declared, the Administrator, as agent for the Plan participants, will buy fund shares in the open market. A Plan participant is not relieved of any income tax that may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

A Common Stockholder who owns fund shares registered in nominee name through his or her broker/dealer (i.e., in "street name") may not participate in the Plan, but may elect to have cash dividends and distributions reinvested by his or her broker/dealer in additional shares of the fund if such service is provided by the broker/dealer; otherwise such dividends and distributions will be treated like any other cash dividend.

A Common Stockholder who has fund shares registered in his or her name may elect to withdraw from the Plan at any time for a \$2.50 fee and thereby elect to receive cash in lieu of shares of the fund. Changes in elections must be in writing, sent to The Bank of New York Mellon, c/o Computershare Inc., P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX 77842-3170, should include the Common Stockholder's name and address as they appear on the Administrator's records and will be effective only if received more than fifteen days prior to the record date for any distribution.

A Plan participant who has fund shares in his or her name has the option of making additional cash payments to the Administrator, semi-annually, in any amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000, for investment in the fund's shares in the open market on or about January 15 and July 15. Any voluntary cash payments received more than 30 days prior to these dates will be returned by the Administrator, and interest will not be paid on any uninvested cash payments. A participant may withdraw a voluntary cash payment by written notice, if the notice is received by the Administrator not less than 48 hours before the payment is to be invested. A Common Stockholder who owns fund shares registered in street name should consult his or her broker/dealer to determine whether an additional cash purchase option is available through his or her broker/dealer.

The Administrator maintains all Common Stockholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in the account. Shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Administrator in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each such participant's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan. The fund pays the Administrator's fee for reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Plan participants pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Administrator's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or distributions.

The fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payments made and any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to notice of the change sent to Plan participants at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by the Administrator on at least 90 days' written notice to Plan participants.

### **Level Distribution Policy**

The fund's dividend policy is to distribute substantially all of its net investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more consistent yield to the current trading price of shares of Common Stock of the fund, the fund may at times pay out more or less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular month and may at times in any month pay out any accumulated but undistributed income in addition to net investment income earned in that month. As a result, the dividends paid by the fund for any particular month may be more or less than the amount of net investment income earned by the fund during such month.

### **Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies**

<u>Investment Objective</u>. The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. The fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be changed without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority (as defined in the Act) of the fund's outstanding voting securities. No assurance can be given that the fund will achieve its investment objective.

<u>Fundamental Investment Policy.</u> The fund has adopted a fundamental investment policy to invest, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in municipal obligations. The income from which is exempt from federal personal income tax. As with the fund's investment objective, this investment policy may not be changed without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority (as defined in the Act) of the fund's outstanding voting securities.

Municipal obligations are debt obligations issued by states, territories and possessions of the United States and the District of Columbia and their political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, or multi-state agencies or authorities, that provide income exempt from federal income tax. Municipal obligations are classified as general obligation bonds, revenue bonds and notes. General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer's pledge of its faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of principal and interest. Revenue bonds are payable from the revenue derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source, but not from the general taxing power. Notes are short term instruments which are obligations of the issuing municipalities or agencies and are sold in anticipation of a bond sale, collection of taxes or receipt of other revenues. The fund may purchase floating and variable rate obligations, municipal derivatives, such as custodial receipt programs created by financial intermediaries, tender option bonds and participations in municipal obligations.

Non-Fundamental Investment Policies. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 50% of its net assets in municipal obligations considered investment grade by Moody's, S&P or Fitch or the unrated equivalent as determined by the Sub-Adviser in the case of bonds,

and in the two highest rating categories of Moody's, S&P or Fitch or the unrated equivalent as determined by the Sub-Adviser in the case of short term obligations having or deemed to have maturities of less than one year. Investment grade bonds are those rated in the four highest rating categories of Moody's, S&P or Fitch. The fund may invest the remainder of its assets in municipal obligations considered below investment grade by Moody's, S&P and Fitch, including those rated no lower than C, but it currently is the intention of the fund to invest such remainder of its assets primarily in bonds rated no lower than Ba by Moody's and BB by S&P and Fitch. Bonds rated below investment grade and short term obligations rated below the two highest rating categories of Moody's, S&P and Fitch will be purchased only if the Sub-Adviser determines that the purchase is consistent with the fund's investment objective. The fund's ability to invest in lower rated municipal obligations may be limited as a condition to S&P's "AAA" rating of the fund's VMTP Shares.

From time to time, the fund may invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in industrial development bonds which, although issued by industrial development authorities, may be backed only by the assets and revenues of the non-governmental users. Interest on certain municipal obligations (including certain industrial development bonds) which are specific private activity bonds, while exempt from federal income tax, is a preference item for the purpose of the federal alternative minimum tax. If the fund, as a regulated investment company, receives such interest, a proportionate share of any exempt-interest dividend paid by the fund will be treated as a preference item to an investor. The fund may invest without limitation in such municipal obligations if the Sub-Adviser determines that their purchase is consistent with the fund's investment objective.

Under normal market conditions, the weighted average maturity of the fund's portfolio is expected to exceed ten years.

Taxable Investments and other Investment Techniques. The fund may employ, among others, the investment techniques described below. Use of certain of these techniques may give rise to taxable income.

Temporary Investments. From time to time, on a temporary basis other than for temporary defensive purposes (but not to exceed 20% of the fund's net assets) or for temporary defensive purposes without limitation, the fund may invest in taxable short term investments ("Taxable Investments") consisting of: notes of issuers having, at the time of purchase, a quality rating within the two highest grades of Moody's, S&P or Fitch; obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities; commercial paper rated at least P-2 by Moody's or at least A-2 by S&P or Fitch; certificates of deposit of U.S. domestic banks, including foreign branches of domestic banks, with assets of \$1 billion or more; bankers' acceptances; time deposits; and repurchase agreements in respect of any of the foregoing. Dividends paid by the fund that are attributable to interest earned from Taxable Investments will be taxable to investors. Under normal market conditions, the fund anticipates that not more than 5% of its total assets will be invested in any of the foregoing categories of Taxable Investments.

When-Issued Securities. New issues of municipal obligations usually are offered on a when-issued basis, which means that delivery and payment for such municipal obligations normally take place within 35 days after the date of the commitment to purchase. The payment

obligation and the interest rate that will be received on the municipal obligations are fixed at the time the buyer enters into the commitment. The fund will make commitments to purchase such municipal obligations only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but the fund may sell these securities before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable, although any gain realized on such sale would be taxable. The fund will not accrue income with respect to a when-issued security before its stated delivery date. No additional when-issued commitments will be made if more than 20% of the fund's net assets would be so committed.

Stand-By Commitments. The fund may acquire "stand-by commitments" with respect to municipal obligations held in its portfolio. Under a stand-by commitment the fund obligates a broker, dealer or bank to repurchase, at the fund's option, specified securities at a specified price and, in this respect, stand-by commitments are comparable to put options. The exercise of a stand-by commitment, therefore, is subject to the ability of the seller to make payment on demand. The fund will acquire stand-by commitments solely to facilitate portfolio liquidity and does not intend to exercise its rights thereunder for trading purposes. The fund anticipates that stand-by commitments will be available from brokers, dealers and banks without the payment of any direct or indirect consideration. The fund may pay for stand-by commitments if such action is deemed necessary, thus increasing to a degree the cost of the underlying municipal obligation and similarly decreasing such security's yield to investors.

*Inverse Floating Rate Securities.* The fund may invest in residual interest municipal obligations whose interest rates bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index ("inverse floaters"). An investment in inverse floaters may involve greater risk than an investment in a fixed-rate bond. Because changes in the interest rate on the other security or index inversely affect the residual interest paid on the inverse floater, the value of an inverse floater is generally more volatile than that of a fixed-rate bond. Inverse floaters have interest rate adjustment formulas which generally reduce or, in the extreme, eliminate the interest paid to the fund when short term interest rates rise, and increase the interest paid to the fund when short term interest rates fall. Inverse floaters have varying degrees of liquidity, and the market for these securities is relatively volatile. These securities tend to underperform the market for fixed-rate bonds in a rising interest rate environment, but tend to outperform the market for fixed-rate bonds when interest rates decline. Shifts in long term interest rates may, however, alter this tendency. Although volatile, inverse floaters typically offer the potential for yields exceeding the yields available on fixed-rate bonds with comparable credit quality, coupon, call provisions and maturity. These securities usually permit the investor to convert the floating-rate to a fixed- rate (normally adjusted downward), and this optional conversion feature may provide a partial hedge against rising rates if exercised at an opportune time.

<u>Use of Leverage</u>. The fund utilizes leverage to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. These objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments. To leverage, the fund issued VMTP Shares and issues floating rate certificate securities, which pay dividends or interest at prevailing short-term interest rates, and invests the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. The interest earned on these investments is paid to Common Stockholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share net asset value of the fund's Common Stock. In order for either of these forms of leverage to benefit Common Stockholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped: that is,

short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. At the same time, a period of generally declining interest rates will benefit Common Stockholders. When either of these conditions change along with other factors that may have an effect on VMTP Shares dividends or floating rate certificate securities, then the risk of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

### **Principal Risk Factors**

The fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company designed primarily as a long-term investment and not as a short-term trading vehicle. The fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and, due to the uncertainty inherent in all investments, there can be no assurance that the fund will achieve its investment objective. Different risks may be more significant at different times depending on market conditions.

Municipal Obligations Risk. The amount of public information available about municipal obligations is generally less than that for corporate equities or bonds. Special factors, such as legislative changes, and state and local economic and business developments, may adversely affect the yield and/or value of the fund's investments in municipal obligations. Other factors include the general conditions of the municipal obligations market, the size of the particular offering, and the maturity of the obligation and the rating of the issue. The municipal obligations market can be susceptible to increases in volatility and decreases in liquidity. Liquidity can decline unpredictably in response to overall economic conditions or credit tightening. Increases in volatility and decreases in liquidity may be caused by a rise in interest rates (or the expectation of a rise in interest rates). During periods of reduced market liquidity, the fund may not be able to readily sell municipal obligations at prices at or near their perceived value. Changes in economic, business or political conditions relating to a particular municipal project, municipality, or state, territory or possession of the United States in which the fund invests may have an impact on the fund's net asset value per share of Common Stock. A credit rating downgrade relating to, default by, or insolvency or bankruptcy of, one or several municipal security issuers of a state, territory or possession of the United States in which the fund invests could affect the market values and marketability of many or all municipal securities of such state, territory or possession.

In addition, the fund may invest up to 50% of its net assets in below investment grade municipal obligations. Below investment grade municipal obligations (commonly referred to as "high yield" or "junk" bonds) involve substantial risk of loss and are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's or obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal and are susceptible to default or decline in market value due to adverse economic and business developments. The market values for high yield municipal obligations tend to be very volatile, and those bonds are less liquid than investment grade municipal obligations.

Because there is no established retail secondary market for many of these municipal obligations, it may be anticipated that such obligations could be sold only to a limited number of dealers or institutional investors. To the extent a secondary trading market for these obligations does exist, it generally is not as liquid as the secondary market for higher-rated municipal obligations. The lack of a liquid secondary market may have an adverse impact on market price

and yield and the fund's ability to dispose of particular issues in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer. The lack of a liquid secondary market for certain municipal obligations also may make it more difficult for the fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing the fund's portfolio and calculating its net asset value. In such cases, the Sub-Adviser's judgment may play a greater role in valuation because less reliable, objective data may be available.

Call Risk. Some municipal obligations give the issuer the option to "call," or prepay, the securities before their maturity date. If interest rates fall, it is possible that issuers of callable bonds with high interest coupons will call their bonds. If a call were exercised by the issuer of a bond held by the fund during a period of declining interest rates, the fund is likely to replace such called bond with a lower yielding bond. If that were to happen, it could decrease the fund's distributions and possibly could affect the market price of the Common Stock. Similar risks exist when the fund invests the proceeds from matured, traded or prepaid bonds at market interest rates that are below the fund's current earnings rate. A decline in income could affect the market price or overall return of the Common Stock. During periods of market illiquidity or rising interest rates, prices of "callable" issues are subject to increased price fluctuation.

*Credit Risk.* Credit risk is the risk that one or more municipal bonds in the fund's portfolio will decline in price, or the issuer or obligor thereof will fail to pay interest or repay principal when due, because the issuer or obligor experiences a decline or there is a perception of a decline in its financial status. Below investment grade municipal obligations involve greater credit risk than investment grade municipal obligations. In addition, sizable investments by the fund in revenue obligations could involve an increased risk to the fund should any of the related facilities experience financial difficulties.

Interest Rate Risk. Prices of municipal obligations and other fixed-income securities tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in rates will adversely affect fixedincome securities and, accordingly, will cause the value of the fund's investments in these securities to decline. A wide variety of market factors can cause interest rates to rise, including central bank monetary policy, rising inflation and changes in general economic conditions. It is difficult to predict the pace at which central banks or monetary authorities may increase (or decrease) interest rates or the timing, frequency, or magnitude of such changes. During periods of very low interest rates, which occur from time to time due to market forces or actions of governments and/or their central banks, including the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in the U.S., the fund may be subject to a greater risk of principal decline from rising interest rates. When interest rates fall, the values of already-issued fixed-income securities generally rise. However, when interest rates fall, the fund's investments in new securities may be at lower yields and may reduce the fund's income. Changing interest rates may have unpredictable effects on markets, may result in heightened market volatility and may detract from fund performance. The magnitude of these fluctuations in the market price of fixedincome securities is generally greater for securities with longer effective maturities and durations because such instruments do not mature, reset interest rates or become callable for longer periods of time. The change in the value of a fixed-income security or portfolio can be approximated by multiplying its duration by a change in interest rates. For example, the market price of a fixed-income security with a duration of three years would be expected to decline 3% if interest rates rose 1%. Conversely, the market price of the same security would be expected to increase 3% if interest rates fell 1%.

Tax Risk. To be tax-exempt, municipal obligations generally must meet certain regulatory requirements. Although the fund will invest in municipal obligations that pay income that is exempt, in the opinion of counsel to the issuer (or on the basis of other authority believed by the Adviser to be reliable), from regular federal income tax, if any such municipal obligation fails to meet these regulatory requirements, the income received by the fund from its investment in such obligations and distributed by the fund to Common Stockholders will be taxable. Changes or proposed changes in federal tax laws may cause the prices of municipal obligations to fall. In addition, the federal income tax treatment of payments in respect of certain derivatives contracts is unclear. Common Stockholders may receive distributions that are attributable to derivatives contracts that are treated as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

Liquidity Risk. When there is little or no active trading market for specific types of securities, it can become more difficult to sell the securities in a timely manner at or near their perceived value. In such a market, the value of such securities and the fund's net asset value per share of Common Stock may fall dramatically, even during periods of declining interest rates. Other market developments can adversely affect fixed-income securities markets. Regulations and business practices, for example, have led some financial intermediaries to curtail their capacity to engage in trading (i.e., "market making") activities for certain fixed-income securities, which could have the potential to decrease liquidity and increase volatility in the fixed-income securities markets. The secondary market for certain municipal obligations tends to be less well developed or liquid than many other securities markets, which may adversely affect the fund's ability to sell such municipal obligations at attractive prices. Investments that are illiquid or that trade in lower volumes may be more difficult to value. Liquidity can decline unpredictably in response to overall economic conditions or credit tightening. Increases in volatility and decreases in liquidity may be caused by a rise in interest rates (or the expectation of a rise in interest rates).

When-Issued Securities Risk. When purchasing a security on a forward commitment basis, the fund assumes the rights and risks of ownership of the security, including the risk of price and yield fluctuations. Because the fund is not required to pay for these securities until the delivery date, these risks are in addition to the risks associated with the fund's other investments. Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis are subject to changes in value (generally appreciating when interest rates decline and depreciating when interest rates rise) based upon the public's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes, real or anticipated, in the level of interest rates. Securities purchased on a forward commitment, when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may expose the fund to risks because they may experience such fluctuations prior to their actual delivery.

Leverage Risk. Leverage is a speculative technique and there are special risks and costs associated with leveraging. There is no assurance that leveraging strategy will be successful. Leverage involves risks and special considerations for Common Stockholders, including: the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value, market price and dividend rate of Common Stock than a

comparable portfolio without leverage; the risk that fluctuations in the interest or dividend rates that the fund must pay on any leverage will reduce the return to Common Stockholders; the effect of leverage in a declining market, which is likely to cause a greater decline in the net asset value of Common Stock than if the fund were not leveraged, which may result in a greater decline in the market price of Common Stock.

Market Risk. The value of the securities in which the fund invests may be affected by political, regulatory, economic and social developments, and developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the fund. Global economies and financial markets are becoming increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies worldwide. Recent examples include pandemic risks related to COVID-19 and aggressive measures taken worldwide in response by governments, including closing borders, restricting international and domestic travel, and the imposition of prolonged quarantines of large populations, and by businesses, including changes to operations and reducing staff.

Risk of Market Price Discount from Net Asset Value. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a market price that is below their net asset value. This is commonly referred to as "trading at a discount." This characteristic of shares of closed-end funds is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the fund's net asset value may decrease. Whether Common Stockholders will realize a gain or loss upon the sale of Common Stock will depend upon whether the market value of Common Stock at the time of sale is above or below the price the Common Stockholder paid, taking into account transaction costs, for Common Stock and is not directly dependent upon the fund's net asset value. Because the market value of Common Stock will be determined by factors such as the relative demand for and supply of Common Stock in the market, general market conditions and other factors beyond the control of the fund, the fund cannot predict whether its Common Stock will trade at, below or above net asset value, or below or above the initial offering price for such Common Stock.

*Management Risk.* The fund is subject to management risk because the Adviser actively manages the fund. The Sub-Adviser and the fund's portfolio managers will apply investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the fund, but there can be no guarantee that these will produce the desired results.

Cybersecurity Risk. The fund and its service providers are susceptible to operational and information security risks due to cybersecurity incidents. In general, cybersecurity incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cybersecurity attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g., through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. Cyber attacks also may be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e., efforts to make services unavailable to intended users). Cybersecurity

incidents affecting the Adviser or other service providers, as well as financial intermediaries, have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, including by interference with the fund's ability to calculate its net asset value; impediments to trading for the fund's portfolio; the inability of Common Stockholders to transact business with the fund; violations of applicable privacy, data security or other laws; regulatory fines and penalties; reputational damage; reimbursement or other compensation or remediation costs; legal fees; or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cybersecurity incidents affecting issuers of securities in which the fund invests, counterparties with which the fund engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions and other parties. While information risk management systems and business continuity plans have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cybersecurity, there are inherent limitations in any cybersecurity risk management systems or business continuity plans, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified.

Given the risks described above, an investment in Common Stock may not be appropriate for all investors. You should carefully consider your ability to assume these risks before making an investment in the fund.

### **Recent Changes**

During the period ended November 30, 2024, there were: (i) no material changes in the fund's investment objectives or policies that have not been approved by shareholders, (ii) no changes in the fund's charter or by-laws that would delay or prevent a change of control of the fund that have not been approved by shareholders, (iii) no material changes to the principal risk factors associated with investment in the fund, and (iv) no change in the persons primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

In accordance with federal tax law, the fund hereby reports all the dividends paid from net investment income during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2024 as "exempt-interest dividends" (not subject to regular federal income tax). Where required by federal tax law rules, shareholders will receive notification of their portion of the fund's taxable ordinary dividends (if any), capital gains distributions (if any) and tax-exempt dividends paid for the 2024 calendar year on Form 1099-DIV, which will be mailed in early 2025.

# INFORMATION ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY, ADMINISTRATION AND SUB-INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENTS (Unaudited)

At a meeting of the fund's Board of Directors (the "Board") held on November 5-6, 2024, the Board considered the renewal of the fund's Investment Advisory Agreement and Administration Agreement, pursuant to which the Adviser provides the fund with investment advisory and administrative services, respectively, and the Sub-Investment Advisory Agreement (together with the Investment Advisory Agreement and Administration Agreement, the "Agreements"), pursuant to which Insight North America LLC (the "Sub-Adviser") provides day-to-day management of the fund's investments. The Board members, none of whom are "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the fund, were assisted in their review by independent legal counsel and met with counsel in executive session separate from representatives of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser. In considering the renewal of the Agreements, the Board considered several factors that it believed to be relevant, including those discussed below. The Board did not identify any one factor as dispositive, and each Board member may have attributed different weights to the factors considered.

Analysis of Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services Provided to the Fund. The Board considered information provided to it at the meeting and in previous presentations from representatives of the Adviser regarding the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided to funds in the BNY Mellon fund complex, including the fund. The Adviser noted that the fund is a closed-end fund without daily inflows and outflows of capital and provided the fund's asset size.

The Board also considered research support available to, and portfolio management capabilities of, the fund's portfolio management personnel and that the Adviser also provides oversight of day-to-day fund operations, including fund accounting and administration and assistance in meeting legal and regulatory requirements. The Board also considered the Adviser's extensive administrative, accounting and compliance infrastructures, as well as the Adviser's supervisory activities over the Sub-Adviser.

Comparative Analysis of the Fund's Performance and Management Fee and Expense Ratio. The Board reviewed reports prepared by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), an independent provider of investment company data based on classifications provided by Thomson Reuters Lipper ("Lipper"), which included information comparing (1) the fund's performance with the performance of a group of leveraged closed-end general and insured municipal debt funds selected by Broadridge as comparable to the fund (the "Performance Group") and with a broader group of funds consisting of all leveraged closed-end general and insured municipal debt funds (the "Performance Universe"), all for various periods ended September 30, 2024, and (2) the fund's actual and contractual management fees and total expenses with those of the same group of funds in the Performance Group (the "Expense Group") and with a broader group of funds consisting of all leveraged closed-end general and insured municipal debt funds, excluding outliers (the "Expense Universe"), the information for which was derived in part from fund financial statements available to Broadridge as of the date of its analysis. The Adviser previously had furnished the Board with a description of the methodology Broadridge used to select the Performance Group and Performance Universe and the Expense Group and Expense Universe.

Performance Comparisons. Representatives of the Adviser stated that the usefulness of performance comparisons may be affected by a number of factors, including different investment limitations and policies and the extent and manner in which leverage is employed that may be applicable to the fund and comparison funds and the end date selected. The Board also considered the fund's performance in light of overall financial market conditions. The Board discussed with representatives of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser the results of the comparisons and considered that the fund's total return performance, on a net asset value basis, was above or at the Performance Group median for all periods, except for the two- and ten-year periods when the fund's total return performance was below the Performance Group median, and was below the Performance Universe median for all periods, except for the one- and fouryear periods when the fund's total return performance was above the Performance Universe median. The Board also considered that the fund's total return performance, on a market price basis, was at the Performance Group median for all periods, except for the two-, five- and ten-year periods when the fund's total return performance was below the Performance Group median, and was below the Performance Universe median for all periods, except for the oneyear period when the fund's total return performance was above the Performance Universe median. The Board also considered that the fund's yield performance, on a net asset value basis, was above or at the Performance Group median for eight of the ten one-year periods ended September 30th and was above or at the Performance Universe median for seven of the ten of the one-year periods ended September 30th and, on a market price basis, was above or at the Performance Group and the Performance Universe medians for seven of the ten one-year periods ended September 30th. The Adviser also provided a comparison of the fund's calendar year total returns to the returns of the fund's benchmark index, and it was noted that the fund's returns were above the returns of the index in seven of the ten calendar years shown.

Management Fee and Expense Ratio Comparisons. The Board reviewed and considered the contractual management fee rate (i.e., the aggregate of the investment advisory and administration fees pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement and Administration Agreement) payable by the fund to the Adviser in light of the nature, extent and quality of the management services and the sub-advisory services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, respectively. In addition, the Board reviewed and considered the actual management fee rate paid by the fund over the fund's last fiscal year, which included reductions for a fee waiver arrangement in place that reduced the management fee paid to the Adviser. The Board also reviewed the range of actual and contractual management fees and total expenses as a percentage of average net assets of the Expense Group and Expense Universe funds and discussed the results of the comparisons.

The Board considered that, based on common assets alone, the fund's contractual management fee was higher than the Expense Group median contractual management fee, the fund's actual management fee was lower than the Expense Group median and lower than the Expense Universe median actual management fee, and the fund's total expenses were lower than the Expense Group median and lower than the Expense Universe median total expenses, and that, based on common assets and leveraged assets together, the fund's actual management fee was higher than the Expense Group median and higher than the Expense Universe median actual

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management fee, and the fund's total expenses were higher than the Expense Group median and higher than the Expense Universe median total expenses.

Representatives of the Adviser stated that the Adviser has agreed, until May 31, 2025, to waive receipt of a portion of its investment advisory fee from the fund in the amount of .10% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets (including net assets representing Variable Rate MuniFund Term Preferred Shares outstanding).

Representatives of the Adviser noted that there were no other funds advised by the Adviser that are in the same Lipper category as the fund or separate accounts and/or other types of client portfolios advised by the Adviser or the Sub-Adviser that are considered to have similar investment strategies and policies as the fund.

The Board considered the fee payable to the Sub-Adviser in relation to the fee payable to the Adviser by the fund and the respective services provided by the Sub-Adviser and the Adviser. The Board also took into consideration that the Sub-Adviser's fee is paid by the Adviser, out of its fee from the fund, and not the fund.

Analysis of Profitability and Economies of Scale. Representatives of the Adviser reviewed the expenses allocated and profit received by the Adviser and its affiliates and the resulting profitability percentage for managing the fund and the aggregate profitability percentage to the Adviser and its affiliates for managing the funds in the BNY Mellon fund complex, and the method used to determine the expenses and profit. The Board concluded that the profitability results were not excessive, given the services rendered and service levels provided by the Adviser and its affiliates. The Board also considered the fee waiver arrangement and its effect on the profitability of the Adviser and its affiliates. The Board also had been provided with information prepared by an independent consulting firm regarding the Adviser's approach to allocating costs to, and determining the profitability of, individual funds and the entire BNY Mellon fund complex. The consulting firm also had analyzed where any economies of scale might emerge in connection with the management of a fund.

The Board considered, on the advice of its counsel, the profitability analysis (1) as part of its evaluation of whether the fees under the Agreements, considered in relation to the mix of services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, including the nature, extent and quality of such services, supported the renewal of the Agreements and (2) in light of the relevant circumstances for the fund and the extent to which economies of scale would be realized if the fund grows and whether fee levels reflect these economies of scale for the benefit of fund shareholders. Representatives of the Adviser stated that, because the fund is a closed-end fund without daily inflows and outflows of capital, there were not significant economies of scale at this time to be realized by the Adviser in managing the fund's assets. Representatives of the Adviser also stated that, as a result of shared and allocated costs among funds in the BNY Mellon fund complex, the extent of economies of scale could depend substantially on the level of assets in the complex as a whole, so that increases and decreases in complex-wide assets can affect potential economies of scale in a manner that is disproportionate to, or even in the opposite direction from, changes in the fund's asset level. The Board also considered potential benefits to the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser from acting as investment adviser and sub-

investment adviser, respectively, and took into consideration that there were no soft dollar arrangements in effect for trading the fund's investments.

At the conclusion of these discussions, the Board agreed that it had been furnished with sufficient information to make an informed business decision with respect to the renewal of the Agreements. Based on the discussions and considerations as described above, the Board concluded and determined as follows.

- The Board concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser are adequate and appropriate.
- The Board generally was satisfied with the fund's relative performance.
- The Board concluded that the fees paid to the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser continued to be appropriate under the circumstances and in light of the factors and the totality of the services provided as discussed above.
- The Board determined that the economies of scale which may accrue to the Adviser and its affiliates in connection with the management of the fund had been adequately considered by the Adviser in connection with the fee rate charged to the fund pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement and Administration Agreement and that, to the extent in the future it were determined that material economies of scale had not been shared with the fund, the Board would seek to have those economies of scale shared with the fund.

In evaluating the Agreements, the Board considered these conclusions and determinations and also relied on its previous knowledge, gained through meetings and other interactions with the Adviser and its affiliates and the Sub-Adviser, of the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser and the services provided to the fund by the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser. The Board also relied on information received on a routine and regular basis throughout the year relating to the operations of the fund and the investment management and other services provided under the Agreements, including information on the investment performance of the fund in comparison to similar funds and benchmark performance indices; general market outlook as applicable to the fund; and compliance reports. In addition, the Board's consideration of the contractual fee arrangements for the fund had the benefit of a number of years of reviews of the Agreements for the fund, or substantially similar agreements for other BNY Mellon funds that the Board oversees, during which lengthy discussions took place between the Board and representatives of the Adviser. Certain aspects of the arrangements may receive greater scrutiny in some years than in others, and the Board's conclusions may be based, in part, on its consideration of the fund's arrangements, or substantially similar arrangements for other BNY Mellon funds that the Board oversees, in prior years. The Board determined to renew the Agreements.

### BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION (Unaudited)

### Independent Board Members

### Joseph S. DiMartino (81) Chairman of the Board (1995)

Current term expires in 2027.

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

 Director or Trustee of funds in the BNY Mellon Family of Funds and certain other entities (1995-Present)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

 CBIZ, Inc., a public company providing professional business services, products and solutions, Director (1997-May 2023)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 80

### Joan Gulley (77) Board Member (2017)

Current term expires in 2026.

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Nantucket Atheneum, public library, Chair (June 2018-June 2021) and Director (2015-June 2021)
- Orchard Island Club, gold and beach club, Governor (2016-Present) and President (February 2023-Present)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 40

### Alan H. Howard (65) Board Member (2018)

Current term expires in 2025.

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Heathcote Advisors LLC, a financial advisory services firm, Managing Partner (2008-Present)
- Dynatech/MPX Holdings LLC, a global supplier and service provider of military aircraft parts,
   *President* (2012-May 2019); and *Board Member* of its two operating subsidiaries, Dynatech
   International LLC and Military Parts Exchange LLC (2012-December 2019), including *Chief Executive Officer* of an operating subsidiary, Dynatech International LLC (2013-May 2019)
- Rossoff & Co., an independent investment banking firm, Senior Advisor (2013-June 2021)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

- Movado Group Inc., a public company that designs, sources, markets and distributes watches, Director (1997-Present)
- Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a public company that provides contract drilling services, *Director* (March 2020-April 2021)

No.	of Portfolios	for which	Board	Member	Serves:	12	

### Robin A. Melvin (61) Board Member (1995)

Current term expires in 2025.

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

- Westover School, a private girls' boarding school in Middlebury, Connecticut, Trustee(2019-June 2023)
- Mentor Illinois, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the quantity and quality of mentoring services in Illinois, Co-Chair (2014-March 2020); Board Member (2013-March 2020)
- JDRF, a non-profit juvenile diabetes research foundation, Board Member (June 2021-June 2022)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

- HPS Corporate Lending Fund, a closed-end management investment company regulated as a business development company, Trustee (August 2021-Present)
- HPS Corporate Capital Solutions Fund, a closed-end management investment company regulated as a business development company, Trustee (December 2023-Present)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 62

### Burton N. Wallack (74) Board Member (2006)

Current term expires in 2026.

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

 Wallack Management Company, a real estate management company, President and Co-owner (1987-Present)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

• Mount Sinai Hospital Urology, *Board Member* (2017-Present)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 12

### Benaree Pratt Wiley (78) Board Member (1998)

Current term expires in 2026.

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

• The Wiley Group, a firm specializing in strategy and business development, *Principal* (2005-Present)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

- CBIZ, Inc., a public company providing professional business services, products and solutions, *Director* (2008-Present)
- Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Director (2004-December 2020)

No. of Portfolios for which Board Member Serves: 52

### Gordon J. Davis (83) Advisory Board Member (2021)

Principal Occupation During Past 5 Years:

• Venable LLP, a law firm, Partner (2012-Present)

Other Public Company Board Memberships During Past 5 Years:

• BNY Mellon Family of Funds (53 funds), Board Member (1995-August 2021)

No. of Portfolios for which Advisory Board Member Serves: 34

The address of the Board Members and Officers is c/o BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc., 240 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10286.

### DAVID DIPETRILLO, President since January 2021.

Vice President and Director of the Adviser since February 2021; Head of North America Distribution, BNY Investments since February 2023; and Head of North America Product, BNY Investments from January 2018 to February 2023. He is an officer of 47 investment companies (comprised of 89 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 46 years old and has been an employee of BNY since 2005.

### JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001.

Director of the Adviser since February 2023; Vice President of the Adviser since September 2020; and Director—BNY Mellon Fund Administration. He is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 66 years old and has been an employee of the Adviser since April 1985.

# PETER M. SULLIVAN, Chief Legal Officer since July 2021 and Vice President and Assistant Secretary since March 2019.

Chief Legal Officer of the Adviser and Associate General Counsel of BNY since July 2021; Senior Managing Counsel of BNY from December 2020 to July 2021; and Managing Counsel of BNY from March 2009 to December 2020. He is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 56 years old and has been an employee of BNY since April 2004.

### SARAH S. KELLEHER, Secretary since April 2024 and Vice President since April 2014.

Vice President of BNY Mellon ETF Investment Adviser, LLC since February 2020; Senior Managing Counsel of BNY since September 2021; and Managing Counsel of BNY from December 2017 to September 2021. She is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. She is 49 years old and has been an employee of BNY since March 2013.

# DEIRDRE CUNNANE, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since March 2019.

Managing Counsel of BNY since December 2021; and Counsel of BNY from August 2018 to December 2021. She is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. She is 34 years old and had been an employee of BNY since August 2013.

### LISA M. KING, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since March 2024.

Counsel of BNY since June 2023; and Regulatory Administration Group Manager at BNY Mellon Asset Servicing from February 2016 to June 2023. She is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. She is 56 years old and has been an employee of BNY since February 2016.

# JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.

Senior Managing Counsel of BNY. He is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 59 years old and has been an employee of the Adviser since October 1990.

### AMANDA QUINN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since March 2020.

Managing Cousnel of BNY since March 2024 and Counsel of BNY from June 2019 to February 2024; She is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. She is 39 years old and has been an employee of BNY since June 2012.

### DANIEL GOLDSTEIN, Vice President since March 2022.

Head of Product Development of North America Distribution, BNY Investments since January 2018; Executive Vice President of North America Product, BNY Investments since April 2023; and Senior Vice President, Development & Oversight of North America Product, BNY Investments from 2010 to March 2023. He is an officer of 47 investment companies (comprised of 89 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 55 years old and has been an employee of BNY Mellon Securities Corporation since 1991.

### JOSEPH MARTELLA, Vice President since March 2022.

Vice President of the Adviser since December 2022; Head of Product Management of North America Distribution, BNY Investments since January 2018; Executive Vice President of North America Product, BNY Investments since April 2023; and Senior Vice President of North America Product, BNY Investments from 2010 to March 2023. He is an officer of 47 investment companies (comprised of 89 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of BNY Mellon Securities Corporation since 1999.

### ROBERTO G. MAZZEO, Assistant Treasurer since June 2024.

Financial Reporting Manager—BNY Fund Administration. He is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Adviser since October 2006.

### GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005.

Tax Manager–BNY Fund Administration. He is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 56 years old and has been an employee of the Adviser since April 1991.

### ROBERT SALVIOLO, Assistant Treasurer since July 2007.

Senior Accounting Manager–BNY Fund Administration. He is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 57 years old and has been an employee of the Adviser since June 1989.

### ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since December 2002.

Senior Accounting Manager–BNY Fund Administration. He is an officer of 48 investment companies (comprised of 106 portfolios) managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. He is 57 years old and has been an employee of the Adviser since November 1990.

### JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004.

Chief Compliance Officer of the BNY Mellon Family of Funds and BNY Mellon Funds Trust since 2004; and Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser from 2004 until June 2021. He is the Chief Compliance Officer of 46 investment companies (comprised of 92 portfolios) managed by the Adviser. He is 67 years old.

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS BNY Mellon Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

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#### **Directors**

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Gordon Davis<sup>††</sup>

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#### Sub-Adviser

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#### Custodian

The Bank of New York Mellon

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### Transfer Agent, Dividend Disbursing Agent and Registrar

Computershare Inc. (Common Stock)

The Bank of New York Mellon (VMTP Shares)

### **Stock Exchange Listing**

NYSE Symbol: DSM

#### **Initial SEC Effective Date**

11/22/89

The fund's net asset value per share appears in the following publications: Barron's, Closed-End Bond Funds section under the heading "Municipal Bond Funds" every Monday; The Wall Street Journal, Mutual Funds section under the heading "Closed-End Bond Funds" every Monday.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Act that the fund may purchase shares of its beneficial interest in the open market when it can do so at prices below the then current net asset value per share.

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For more information about the fund, visit <a href="https://bny.com/investments/closed-end funds">https://bny.com/investments/closed-end funds</a>. Here you will find the fund's most recently available quarterly fact sheets and other information about the fund. The information posted on the fund's website is subject to change without notice.

The fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. The fund's Forms N-PORT are available on the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.

A description of the policies and procedures that the fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and information regarding how the fund voted these proxies for the most recent 12-month period ended November 30 is available at <a href="www.bny.com/investments">www.bny.com/investments</a> and on the SEC's website at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> and without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-373-9387.