

# Monthly Newsletter: January 2024

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **TexPool Direct Check Purchase Acceptance**

Based on participant feedback, effective December 1, 2023, TexPool now offers direct check purchases into TexPool and TexPool Prime. Please send checks to one of the addresses below or contact TexPool Participant Services to learn more.

#### **Regular Mail:**

TexPool Participant Services PO Box 219198 Kansas City, MO 64121-9198

#### **Overnight Delivery:**

TexPool Participant Services 430 W 7th Street Suite 219198 Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

# We welcome the following entities who joined TexPool in December 2023:

#### TexPool

City of Van Mission Redevelopment Authority American Can dba Texans Can Academies University Health System Foundation

#### TexPool Prime

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#### **Upcoming Events**

February 19, 2024 Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) Annual Conference San Antonio, TX

#### **TexPool Advisory Board Members**

Patrick Krishock Belinda Weaver Deborah Laudermilk Valarie Van Vlack

Overseen by the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Glenn Hegar

Operated under the supervision of the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company

### Economic and Market Commentary: A year of intrigue

January 1, 2024

#### So much for trying to control the markets.

Taking the podium after the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting in mid December, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell had the chance to push back against investor optimism that policymakers will issue around five quarter-point cuts next year. FOMC voters essentially admitted the tightening cycle is over by holding rates at 5.25-5.5% and penciling in 75 basis points of rate cuts in 2024, per the new dot plot in its Summary of Economic Projects. But a significant gap remained between the Wall Street and Washington. Had Powell used the Q&A with reporters to tell the markets cool their jets, their expectations might have met Fed projections.

Instead, he said monetary policy likely had reached its peak and even acknowledged the FOMC had discussed when it might ease. Because Powell said that participants had the time to take the relatively unchanged Consumer Price Index numbers for November into account, the markets were jubilant. Despite later attempts by other Fed officials—including the influential New York Fed President John Williams—traders reacted even more optimistically by pricing in nearly six quarter-point cuts in 2024, exacerbating the disconnect.

In contrast, we take Chair Powell's word "cautiously" at face value and anticipate only 75 basis points of easing in in 2024. We just don't see inflation declining enough to satisfy

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Performance as of December 31, 2023			
	TexPool	TexPool Prime	
Current Invested Balance	\$31,950,119,976	\$12,905,533,293	
Weighted Average Maturity**	38 Days	44 Days	
Weighted Average Life**	92 Days	68 Days	
Net Asset Value	1	1.00030	
Total Number of Participants	2,825	542	
Management Fee on Invested Balance	0.0450%	0.0550%	
Interest Distributed	\$134,749,254.83	\$58,869,087.25	
Management Fee Collected	\$995,197.80	\$506,956.75	
Standard & Poor's Current Rating	AAAm	AAAm	
Month Averages			
Average Invested Balance	\$29,562,359,862	\$12,388,400,416	
Average Monthly Rate*	5.37%	5.60%	
Average Weighted Average Maturity**	39	46	
Average Weighted Average Life**	98	74	

\*This average monthly rate for TexPool Prime for each date may reflect a waiver of some portion or all of each of the management fees.

\*\*See page 2 for definitions.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

David Landeros

David Garcia

Dina Edgar

Sharon Matthews

Federated

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Market Value

99,368,657.24

-134,749,268.51

-991,778,890.00

8,341,959,000.00

2,402,085,200.00

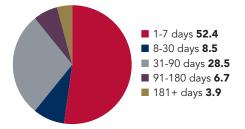
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\$1,284.78

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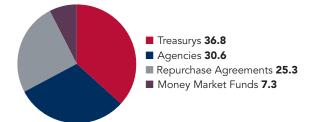
### **Portfolio by Maturity (%)**

As of December 31, 2023



# Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

As of December 31, 2023



#### Portfolio Asset Summary as of December 31, 2023 Book Value Uninvested Balance \$1,284.78 Receivable for Investments Sold 0.00 Accrual of Interest Income 99,368,657.24 Interest and Management Fees Payable -134,749,268.51 Payable for Investments Purchased -991,778,890.00 Accrued Expenses & Taxes -103,811.31 **Repurchase Agreements** 8,341,959,000.00 Mutual Fund Investments 2,402,085,200.00 **Government Securities** 10,081,407,563.89

 Government Securities
 10,081,407,563.89
 10,079,881,612.70

 US Treasury Bills
 10,202,815,205.51
 10,205,183,035.03

 US Treasury Notes
 1,949,115,034.13
 1,948,379,475.45

 Total
 \$31,950,119,975.73
 \$31,950,226,295.38

Market value of collateral supporting the Repurchase Agreements is at least 102% of the Book Value. The portfolio is managed by Federated Investment Counseling and the assets are safe kept in a separate custodial account at State Street Bank in the name of TexPool. The only source of payment to the Participants is the assets of TexPool. There is no secondary source of payment for the pool such as insurance or State guarantee. Should you require a copy of the portfolio, please contact TexPool Participant Services.

Participant Summary		
	Number of Participants	Balance
School District	621	\$10,466,575,237.53
Higher Education	60	\$1,304,723,098.66
County	198	\$3,847,841,846.21
Healthcare	93	\$1,615,820,075.16
Utility District	922	\$4,787,543,956.19
City	500	\$8,150,002,493.97
Emergency Districts	106	\$353,297,890.20
Economic Development Districts	89	\$193,861,281.24
Other	236	\$1,230,428,980.13

#### \*\*Definition of Weighted Average Maturity and Weighted Average Life

WAM is the mean average of the periods of time remaining until the securities held in TexPool (a) are scheduled to be repaid, (b) would be repaid upon a demand by TexPool, or (c) are scheduled to have their interest rate readjusted to reflect current market rates. Securities with adjustable rates payable upon demand are treated as maturing on the earlier of the two dates set forth in (b) and (c) if their scheduled maturity is 397 days or less; and the later of the two dates set forth in (b) and (c) if their scheduled maturity is cost of the portfolio invested in each period.

WAL is calculated in the same manner as WAM, but is based solely on the periods of time remaining until the securities held in TexPool (a) are scheduled to be repaid or (b) would be repaid upon a demand by TexPool, without reference to when interest rates of securities within TexPool are scheduled to be readjusted.



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Date	Money Mkt. Fund Equiv. (SEC Std.)	Dividend Factor	TexPool Invested Balance	NAV	WAM Days	WAL Days	
12/1	5.3634%	0.000146942	\$28,698,602,362.31	1.00006	40	104	
12/2	5.3634%	0.000146942	\$28,698,602,362.31	1.00006	40	104	
12/3	5.3634%	0.000146942	\$28,698,602,362.31	1.00006	40	104	
12/4	5.3797%	0.000147390	\$28,671,058,716.02	1.00000	38	101	
12/5	5.3794%	0.000147382	\$28,597,824,154.10	0.99999	38	102	
12/6	5.3702%	0.000147129	\$28,661,213,455.23	1.00000	38	101	
12/7	5.3741%	0.000147235	\$28,642,544,484.94	1.00000	38	100	
12/8	5.3697%	0.000147115	\$28,886,670,769.40	0.99995	39	98	
12/9	5.3697%	0.000147115	\$28,886,670,769.40	0.99995	39	98	
12/10	5.3697%	0.000147115	\$28,886,670,769.40	0.99995	39	98	
12/11	5.3713%	0.000147160	\$28,927,701,035.59	0.99995	37	96	
12/12	5.3724%	0.000147190	\$28,940,080,880.23	0.99996	38	99	
12/13	5.3717%	0.000147169	\$28,742,320,966.57	1.00000	39	100	
12/14	5.3706%	0.000147141	\$28,581,602,940.81	1.00000	40	99	
12/15	5.3627%	0.000146922	\$28,479,165,145.75	0.99997	40	100	
12/16	5.3627%	0.000146922	\$28,479,165,145.75	0.99997	40	100	
12/17	5.3627%	0.000146922	\$28,479,165,145.75	0.99997	40	100	
12/18	5.3600%	0.000146849	\$29,545,386,988.33	1.00000	37	93	
12/19	5.3660%	0.000147014	\$29,591,710,857.56	1.00000	41	98	
12/20	5.3635%	0.000146945	\$29,621,174,693.46	1.00001	40	97	
12/21	5.3643%	0.000146967	\$29,362,002,501.70	1.00000	41	99	
12/22	5.3637%	0.000146952	\$30,316,523,811.33	0.99997	41	96	
12/23	5.3637%	0.000146952	\$30,316,523,811.33	0.99997	41	96	
12/24	5.3637%	0.000146952	\$30,316,523,811.33	0.99997	41	96	
12/25	5.3637%	0.000146952	\$30,316,523,811.33	0.99997	41	96	
12/26	5.3628%	0.000146927	\$30,779,608,142.15	1.00001	38	93	
12/27	5.3720%	0.000147179	\$30,981,302,042.31	0.99998	37	94	
12/28	5.3818%	0.000147446	\$31,477,853,844.32	0.99996	37	90	
12/29	5.3836%	0.000147495	\$31,950,119,975.73	1.00000	38	92	
12/30	5.3836%	0.000147495	\$31,950,119,975.73	1.00000	38	92	
12/31	5.3836%	0.000147495	\$31,950,119,975.73	1.00000	38	92	
Average:	5.3694%	0.000147108	\$29,562,359,861.56	0.99999	39	98	

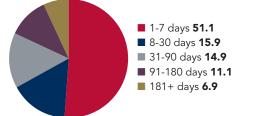


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### **TEXPOOL** Prime

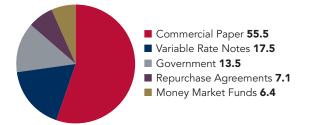
## Portfolio by Maturity (%)

As of December 31, 2023



### Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

As of December 31, 2023



Portfolio Asset Summary as of December 31, 2023		
	Book Value	Market Value
Uninvested Balance	\$169.55	\$169.55
Receivable for Investments Sold	0.00	0.00
Accrual of Interest Income	21,348,142.17	21,348,142.17
Interest and Management Fees Payable	-58,869,110.00	-58,869,110.00
Payable for Investments Purchased	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses & Taxes	-51,386.25	-51,386.25
Repurchase Agreements	917,161,000.00	917,161,000.00
Commercial Paper	7,385,403,341.17	7,387,822,262.60
Mutual Fund Investments	830,153,483.22	830,358,026.57
Government Securities	1,743,387,652.75	1,743,664,335.00
Variable Rate Notes	2,067,000,000.00	2,068,021,249.95
Total	\$12,905,533,292.61	\$12,909,454,689.59

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Participant Summary		
	Number of Participants	Balance
School District	152	\$3,935,135,941.61
Higher Education	19	\$683,956,406.66
County	51	\$1,044,114,052.22
Healthcare	21	\$571,454,704.88
Utility District	64	\$433,548,836.51
City	106	\$2,747,791,005.91
Emergency Districts	27	\$86,854,785.92
Economic Development Districts	19	\$53,891,457.77
Other	83	\$3,348,784,079.29



# **TEXPOOL** Prime

	Money Mkt. Fund	Dividend	TexPool Prime			
Date	Equiv. (SEC Std.)	Factor	Invested Balance	NAV	WAM Days	WAL Days
12/1	5.6018%	0.000153475	\$12,189,525,275.33	1.00009	49	80
12/2	5.6018%	0.000153475	\$12,189,525,275.33	1.00009	49	80
12/3	5.6018%	0.000153475	\$12,189,525,275.33	1.00009	49	80
12/4	5.6087%	0.000153664	\$12,258,335,740.23	1.00026	46	77
12/5	5.6078%	0.000153638	\$12,305,264,205.48	1.00027	46	76
12/6	5.5965%	0.000153328	\$12,306,118,279.47	1.00029	46	76
12/7	5.5930%	0.000153232	\$12,246,135,010.48	1.00029	46	74
12/8	5.5907%	0.000153169	\$12,317,413,429.27	1.00013	47	75
12/9	5.5907%	0.000153169	\$12,317,413,429.27	1.00013	47	75
12/10	5.5907%	0.000153169	\$12,317,413,429.27	1.00013	47	75
12/11	5.5945%	0.000153273	\$12,230,614,780.77	1.00027	47	75
12/12	5.5947%	0.000153280	\$12,280,591,896.04	1.00028	47	75
12/13	5.5945%	0.000153275	\$12,208,827,981.15	1.00027	47	76
12/14	5.5912%	0.000153184	\$11,895,965,305.53	1.00044	49	78
12/15	5.5976%	0.000153360	\$11,777,599,241.91	1.00028	51	79
12/16	5.5976%	0.000153360	\$11,777,599,241.91	1.00028	51	79
12/17	5.5976%	0.000153360	\$11,777,599,241.91	1.00028	51	79
12/18	5.5989%	0.000153395	\$11,857,057,359.86	1.00043	48	76
12/19	5.5993%	0.000153405	\$11,872,299,668.13	1.00043	48	75
12/20	5.5969%	0.000153339	\$11,875,061,162.93	1.00044	47	75
12/21	5.5816%	0.000152921	\$12,598,205,071.21	1.00041	44	71
12/22	5.5800%	0.000152876	\$12,740,356,614.17	1.00017	45	71
12/23	5.5800%	0.000152876	\$12,740,356,614.17	1.00017	45	71
12/24	5.5800%	0.000152876	\$12,740,356,614.17	1.00017	45	71
12/25	5.5800%	0.000152876	\$12,740,356,614.17	1.00017	45	71
12/26	5.5815%	0.000152917	\$13,029,265,567.91	1.00037	42	67
12/27	5.5903%	0.000153158	\$13,155,167,884.45	1.00037	41	65
12/28	5.5968%	0.000153338	\$13,389,862,800.44	1.00041	42	65
12/29	5.6106%	0.000153715	\$12,905,533,292.61	1.00030	44	68
12/30	5.6106%	0.000153715	\$12,905,533,292.61	1.00030	44	68
12/31	5.6106%	0.000153715	\$12,905,533,292.61	1.00030	44	68
Average:	5.5951%	0.000153291	\$12,388,400,415.75	1.00027	46	74



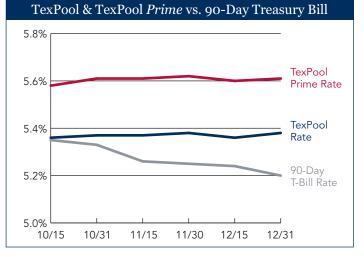
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policymakers, especially as energy prices have accounted for much of the decrease. Officials have not put the cautionary tale of the 1970s back on the shelf. If PCE/CPI are stubborn or surprise to the upside, the Fed likely will dig in. The stakes are high as the Fed tries to avoid pushing the economy into a recession if it holds rates too high for too long.

Who—the Fed or the markets—is correct about the path of policy in 2024 will not be known until the first cut actually comes. It is possible that the two sides could align, especially if Powell and other Fed officials ratchet up their rhetoric to challenge the investor narrative. That could come in the late January FOMC meeting. It won't have an updated SEP, but will have more inflation data and the usual press conference.

This scenario would keep cash attractive, even as some investors extend duration to other asset classes. Most liquidity products should continue to mirror the target range whether it stays put or declines. You might think clients would exit the broad sector as yields fall. But past instances of policy easing actually have led to asset inflows as yields declined slower than other cash options and direct securities. There's not assured, of course, but we can guarantee 2024 will have an abundance of intrigue.

At the end of the month, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month U.S. Treasuries were 5.40%, 5.35%, 5.27% and 4.78%, respectively; the 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index rates (BSBY) were 5.47%, 5.45%, 5.36% and 5.17%, respectively.



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