

# Monthly Newsletter: October 2022

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### We welcome the following entities who joined TexPool in September 2022:

#### TexPool

Caldwell County MUD 2 Gulfton Area Municipal Management District Lake McQueeney WCID 1 Smithville Hospital Authority Round Rock MUD 2

#### **TexPool** Prime

Smithville Hospital Authority Hartley County

#### **Upcoming Events**

Oct 5 **TML Conference, San Antonio, TX** Oct 11 **TACA Annual Conference, Denton, TX** Nov 2 **GFOAT Fall Conference, San Antonio, TX** 

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

Patrick Krishock Belinda Weaver Deborah Laudermilk Valarie Van Vlack David Landeros Sharon Matthews David Garcia Dina Edgar

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# Economic and Market Commentary: **D.I.Y.**

#### October 1, 2022

The sheer speed of this Federal Reserve rate-hike cycle has rendered its own predictions less meaningful, or at least less helpful, than usual.

Case in point is its Summary of Economic Projections (SEP). Released after Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings in March, June, September and December, it has become a significant means by which policymakers communicate their view of the path of the economy. The idea is that revealing their forecasts for gross domestic product, employment, inflation and the level of the federal funds rate will turn market expectations and investment decisions in the direction the Fed wants.

But projections are only worth something if they are believable. The SEPs have changed so drastically this year that they don't offer the guidance they should, especially when it comes to the level at which Fed officials think interest rates must reach to tackle inflation.

In June, FOMC members collectively signaled that the fed funds rate would likely reach 3.4% by December. The new SEP released in September indicates they now think 4.4% more likely. That's a shift of a full percentage point in the span of just three months—a tremendous increase in expectations. The jump is even more dramatic when you consider this figure was 1.9% in March. Likewise, the prediction for the highest level rates will reach before inflation falls—the terminal rate—has leapt from 2.8% to 3.8% to 4.6%.

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Performance as of September 30, 2022				
	TexPool	TexPool Prime		
Current Invested Balance	\$24,157,195,382	\$9,448,375,411		
Weighted Average Maturity**	25 Days	14 Days		
Weighted Average Life**	94 Days	71 Days		
Net Asset Value	0.99941	0.99982		
Total Number of Participants	2,733	466		
Management Fee on Invested Balance	0.0450%	0.0550%		
Interest Distributed	\$45,232,569.22	\$19,494,294.71		
Management Fee Collected	\$735,357.89	\$372,623.59		
Standard & Poor's Current Rating	AAAm	AAAm		
Month Averages				
Average Invested Balance	\$24,247,301,289	\$9,744,826,889		
Average Monthly Rate*	2.41%	2.61%		
Average Weighted Average Maturity**	24	12		
Average Weighted Average Life**	90	63		

\*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.

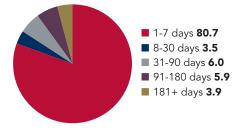
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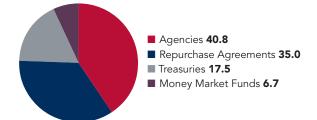
## **Portfolio by Maturity (%)**

As of September 30, 2022



## Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

As of September 30, 2022



### Portfolio Asset Summary as of September 30, 2022

	Book Value	Market Value
Uninvested Balance	\$1,112.97	\$1,112.97
Receivable for Investments Sold	0.00	0.00
Accrual of Interest Income	40,369,447.22	40,369,447.22
Interest and Management Fees Payable	-48,026,936.34	-48,026,936.34
Payable for Investments Purchased	-40,000,000.00	-40,000,000.00
Accrued Expenses & Taxes	-24,391.93	-24,391.93
Repurchase Agreements	8,465,762,000.00	8,465,762,000.00
Mutual Fund Investments	1,627,074,000.00	1,627,085,200.00
Government Securities	9,887,421,724.44	9,878,233,578.21
US Treasury Bills	2,113,665,269.50	2,110,396,392.97
US Treasury Notes	2,110,953,156.47	2,109,177,673.29
Total	\$24,157,195,382.33	\$24,142,974,076.39

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	600	\$6,674,503,152.18
Higher Education	60	\$1,333,988,017.60
County	196	\$2,894,834,733.29
Healthcare	91	\$1,207,703,645.36
Utility District	900	\$3,845,323,353.42
City	484	\$6,861,414,482.66
Emergency Districts	99	\$315,068,805.35
Economic Development Districts	84	\$166,709,718.79
Other	219	\$858,775,757.75

#### \*\*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.



	Money Mkt. Fund	Dividend	TexPool Invested			
Date	Equiv. (SEC Std.)	Factor	Balance	NAV	WAM Days	WAL Days
9/1	2.2235%	0.000060919	\$24,115,267,739.31	0.99941	23	91
9/2	2.2225%	0.000060891	\$24,047,758,186.15	0.99945	25	92
9/3	2.2225%	0.000060891	\$24,047,758,186.15	0.99945	25	92
9/4	2.2225%	0.000060891	\$24,047,758,186.15	0.99945	25	92
9/5	2.2225%	0.000060891	\$24,047,758,186.15	0.99945	25	92
9/6	2.2229%	0.000060902	\$24,019,040,609.86	0.99943	22	88
9/7	2.2304%	0.000061107	\$23,996,824,820.23	0.99943	22	88
9/8	2.2361%	0.000061263	\$24,069,598,422.08	0.99944	22	88
9/9	2.2347%	0.000061224	\$24,005,093,279.76	0.99941	23	88
9/10	2.2347%	0.000061224	\$24,005,093,279.76	0.99941	23	88
9/11	2.2347%	0.000061224	\$24,005,093,279.76	0.99941	23	88
9/12	2.2380%	0.000061315	\$24,044,215,521.96	0.99942	21	85
9/13	2.2425%	0.000061437	\$23,949,949,944.38	0.99933	21	85
9/14	2.2442%	0.000061486	\$24,114,441,416.68	0.99933	23	86
9/15	2.2427%	0.000061443	\$24,390,020,715.66	0.99933	22	85
9/16	2.2463%	0.000061542	\$24,360,310,399.91	0.99936	26	90
9/17	2.2463%	0.000061542	\$24,360,310,399.91	0.99936	26	90
9/18	2.2463%	0.000061542	\$24,360,310,399.91	0.99936	26	90
9/19	2.2528%	0.000061721	\$24,293,561,650.71	0.99932	24	88
9/20	2.2943%	0.000062857	\$24,178,400,960.05	0.99934	25	91
9/21	2.2933%	0.000062831	\$24,212,797,620.89	0.99933	25	91
9/22	2.5560%	0.000070028	\$24,132,111,576.60	0.99935	25	92
9/23	2.8548%	0.000078214	\$24,827,914,035.55	0.99939	26	91
9/24	2.8548%	0.000078214	\$24,827,914,035.55	0.99939	26	91
9/25	2.8548%	0.000078214	\$24,827,914,035.55	0.99939	26	91
9/26	2.8367%	0.000077718	\$24,627,166,684.56	0.99939	24	90
9/27	2.8413%	0.000077844	\$24,601,724,008.76	0.99938	24	89
9/28	2.8341%	0.000077647	\$24,453,787,809.18	0.99940	24	92
9/29	2.8466%	0.000077990	\$24,291,947,882.37	0.99940	24	93
9/30	2.8465%	0.000077987	\$24,157,195,382.33	0.99941	25	94
Average:	2.4126%	0.000066100	\$24,247,301,288.53	0.99939	24	90

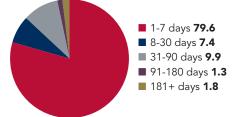


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## **TEXPOOL** Prime

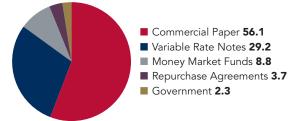
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## Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

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Portfolio Asset Summary as of Septeml	ber 30, 2022	
	Book Value	Market Value
Uninvested Balance	\$1,034.12	\$1,034.12
Receivable for Investments Sold	0.00	0.00
Accrual of Interest Income	9,028,349.76	9,028,349.76
Interest and Management Fees Payable	-20,915,933.16	-20,915,933.16
Payable for Investments Purchased	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses & Taxes	-11,980.07	-11,980.07
Repurchase Agreements	347,236,000.00	347,236,000.00
Commercial Paper	5,311,416,419.49	5,310,906,988.58
Mutual Fund Investments	830,153,483.22	829,694,072.14
Government Securities	198,938,000.08	199,012,881.00
Variable Rate Notes	2,772,530,037.36	2,771,572,180.79
Total	\$9,448,375,410.80	\$9,446,523,593.16

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Participant Summary		
	Number of Participants	Balance
School District	132	\$2,445,454,148.09
Higher Education	19	\$705,635,483.19
County	50	\$771,673,624.17
Healthcare	19	\$373,371,070.36
Utility District	50	\$710,529,625.56
City	90	\$2,040,846,670.30
Emergency Districts	21	\$52,489,013.87
Economic Development Districts	17	\$28,716,497.22
Other	68	\$2,319,509,936.22



## **TEXPOOL** Prime

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Date	Money Mkt. Fund Equiv. (SEC Std.)	Dividend Factor	TexPool <i>Prime</i> Invested Balance	NAV	WAM Days	WAL Days
9/1	2.3620%	0.000064711	\$10,020,354,885.58	0.99976	12	59
9/2	2.3686%	0.000064894	\$9,916,246,784.30	0.99966	13	61
9/3	2.3686%	0.000064894	\$9,916,246,784.30	0.99966	13	61
9/4	2.3686%	0.000064894	\$9,916,246,784.30	0.99966	13	61
9/5	2.3686%	0.000064894	\$9,916,246,784.30	0.99966	13	61
9/6	2.3866%	0.000065387	\$9,812,391,743.95	0.99980	10	59
9/7	2.3917%	0.000065527	\$9,783,833,070.46	0.99980	10	59
9/8	2.4028%	0.000065830	\$9,730,745,911.06	0.99981	10	59
9/9	2.4014%	0.000065791	\$9,731,308,410.49	0.99970	11	59
9/10	2.4014%	0.000065791	\$9,731,308,410.49	0.99970	11	59
9/11	2.4014%	0.000065791	\$9,731,308,410.49	0.99970	11	59
9/12	2.3971%	0.000065675	\$9,855,016,650.74	0.99978	9	56
9/13	2.4117%	0.000066074	\$9,775,766,370.52	0.99976	9	57
9/14	2.4347%	0.000066705	\$9,699,213,032.84	0.99975	11	59
9/15	2.4408%	0.000066872	\$9,754,595,918.14	0.99976	11	59
9/16	2.4519%	0.000067175	\$9,762,880,991.54	0.99969	12	61
9/17	2.4519%	0.000067175	\$9,762,880,991.54	0.99969	12	61
9/18	2.4519%	0.000067175	\$9,762,880,991.54	0.99969	12	61
9/19	2.4857%	0.000068101	\$9,638,984,034.99	0.99978	10	66
9/20	2.5693%	0.000070393	\$9,529,064,367.29	0.99978	11	70
9/21	2.5856%	0.000070838	\$9,505,091,290.07	0.99978	11	67
9/22	2.7577%	0.000075553	\$9,572,558,128.60	0.99976	13	70
9/23	3.0262%	0.000082910	\$9,625,554,950.51	0.99967	15	72
9/24	3.0262%	0.000082910	\$9,625,554,950.51	0.99967	15	72
9/25	3.0262%	0.000082910	\$9,625,554,950.51	0.99967	15	72
9/26	3.1678%	0.000086789	\$9,705,614,629.83	0.99978	13	69
9/27	3.1066%	0.000085113	\$9,918,349,796.56	0.99980	13	67
9/28	3.1254%	0.000085628	\$9,824,749,853.56	0.99981	13	68
9/29	3.1249%	0.000085615	\$9,745,881,373.53	0.99981	13	68
9/30	3.1307%	0.000085772	\$9,448,375,410.80	0.99982	14	71
Average:	2.6131%	0.000071593	\$9,744,826,888.78	0.99974	12	63



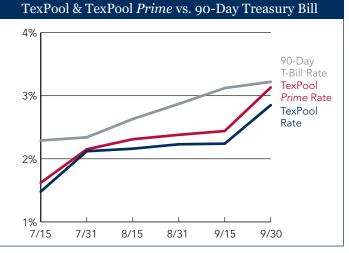
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On the one hand, it's good to see policymakers reacting to the data rather than stubbornly holding onto a conceptual position, as they did last year by sitting idle while prices climbed. On the other hand, the rapid shift in projections suggests they don't have a firm grasp on what's happening. Realizing they are behind the curve, they appear to be sprinting to catch up rather than truly offering much guidance.

It's telling that Powell revealed after the September FOMC meeting that, "We have always understood that restoring price stability while achieving a relatively modest increase in unemployment and a soft landing would be very challenging." It seems that "always" only goes back a few months.

To our thinking, prudent investors can't rely on Fed forecasts now as they are accustomed to doing. This is why we at Federated Hermes, like most asset managers, do our own research and make our own calls on macroeconomic trends, monetary policy and the like. On rates, we have been more pessimistic than the Fed this year, expecting a terminal rate higher than the SEP. But that's reversed recently as we expect a lower number of around 4.3%. That's not a big difference, but it reflects our view that the Fed will quite possibly overshoot and push the economy into a recession—or "a sustained period of below-trend growth," as Powell puts it.

Even as yields across the liquidity industry have risen, the front end of the Treasury curve remains anchored in the ongoing safe haven trade, and the Fed's doubling of the amount of securities rolling off its balance sheet monthly (now \$60 billion in Treasuries and \$35 billion in mortgage-backed securities) hasn't changed the market noticeably.



90-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term debt instrument backed by the national government. These are used to collect immediate cash to meet outstanding obligations.

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

At the end of September, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month U.S. Treasuries were 2.69%, 3.27%, 3.95% and 4.03%, respectively; the 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index rates (BSBY) were 3.10%, 3.64%, 4.21% and 4.74%, respectively; and the 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month London interbank offered rates were 3.17%, 3.75%, 4.27% and 4.74%, respectively.