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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 8, 2019
TO: George Tablack, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
FROM: Lori Fortenberry, Investment \& Finance Coordinator Finance and Administrative Services Department


RE: $\quad$ Portfolio and Economic Summary - March 31, 2019

As of March 31, 2019, the Broward County Investment Portfolio had a par value of $\$ 2.76$ billion and a Yield to Maturity of 2.08\%. In comparison, the benchmark Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury \& Agency Index ( $2.44 \%$ as of March 31, 2019) exceeded the yield on the County's portfolio by 35.9 basis points (bps). This Yield to Maturity variance between the County's portfolio and the benchmark has decreased by more than half since December 31, 2018 due to the shifting direction of the current rate environment. That gap is expected to narrow further as the rate increases have now been put on hold. The yield on the Broward County Portfolio will continue to increase as upcoming maturities are reinvested at higher yields.

After the Federal Reserve Bank's (Fed) Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) voted to increase shortterm rates to the range of $2.25 \%$ to $2.50 \%$ at its December 19th meeting, marking the fourth 25 bps hike for 2018 and the seventh since 2017, there have been no changes since that move and the current expectation is that that we won't see further changes in 2019. In the March 20 press conference Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell stated, "My colleagues and I think that this setting is well-suited to the current outlook, and believe that we should be patient in assessing the need for any change in the stance of policy."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) reaction to the recent Fed actions has been mostly positive, rising over 3,600 points in 2019, and once again nearing a new high. The unemployment rate remained $3.8 \%$ in March, a near five-decade low, and has remained steady over the last year ranging between $3.7 \%$ and $4.0 \%$. Wages remained relatively robust, rising $3.2 \%$ from a year earlier in March, the eighth consecutive month of at least $3 \%$ annual wage gains and marking the longest stretch of pay improvements since the recession ended in 2009

Please see the attached pages showcasing portfolio detail and key economic data as of the end of the period.

## Broward County Portfolio Management

| Investments | $\begin{gathered} \text { Par } \\ \text { Value } \end{gathered}$ | Market Value | Book Value | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% of } \\ \text { Portfolio } \end{array}$ | Term | Days to Maturity | $\begin{array}{r} \text { YTM } \\ 360 \text { Equiv. } \end{array}$ | 365 Equiv. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercial Paper Discount | 140,500,000.00 | 140,092,126.69 | 140,092,126.69 | 5.09 | 80 | 41 | 2.533 | 2.568 |
| Federal Agency Coupon Securities | 491,245,000.00 | 490,471,868.00 | 490,980,937.91 | 17.86 | 1,244 | 567 | 1.839 | 1.864 |
| Federal Agency Coupon - Callable | 1,319,335,000.00 | 1,310,493,941.53 | 1,319,332,190.97 | 47.98 | 1,463 | 808 | 1.943 | 1.970 |
| Federal Agency Discount | 369,475,000.00 | 366,014,263.45 | 365,899,037.08 | 13.31 | 234 | 140 | 2.536 | 2.571 |
| Treasury Coupon Securities | 200,615,000.00 | 200,251,079.13 | 200,550,008.58 | 7.29 | 937 | 349 | 1.833 | 1.859 |
| Treasury Bills | 152,900,000.00 | 151,382,076.60 | 151,299,613.13 | 5.50 | 222 | 152 | 2.338 | 2.370 |
| World Bank Coupon Securities | 76,500,000.00 | 75,978,678.50 | 76,451,439.97 | 2.78 | 1,496 | 954 | 2.137 | 2.167 |
| Israel Bonds | 5,000,000.00 | 5,000,000.00 | 5,000,000.00 | 0.18 | 730 | 214 | 2.229 | 2.260 |
| Investments | 2,755,570,000.00 | 2,739,684,033.90 | 2,749,605,354.33 | 100.00\% | 1,083 | 570 | 2.053 | 2.081 |

Cash and Accrued Interest
Accrued Interest at Purchase
Subtotal
Total Cash and Investments

|  | $52,884.62$ | $52,884.62$ |
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|  | $52,884.62$ | $52,884.62$ |
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| Total Earnings | March 31 Month Ending | Fiscal Year To Date |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Current Year | $4,933,865.03$ | $26,442,732.38$ |
| Average Daily Balance | $2,826,809,738.42$ | $2,713,338,126.86$ |
| Effective Rate of Return | $2.06 \%$ | $1.95 \%$ |
| Effective $3 / 31 / 19$. |  |  |

Effective 3/31/19
Current Modified Duration 1.491 ( $\$ 41,085,549$ ) Current Effective Duration 0.732 (267 days)
Bank Balance: \$330,083,527 Percentage of Total Portfolio: 12.0\%
Diversification by Investment per Investment Policy:
US Treasuries/Agencies $-100 \%$ Maximum
Commercial Paper $-25 \%$ Maximum
World Bank Securities $-15 \%$ Maximum

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Quarterly Portfolio Analysis - March 31, 2019


