

**Texas Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System**

**Principal Stability Fund Ratings Definitions**

**AAAm** A fund rated 'AAAm' demonstrates extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. 'AAAm' is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings

**AAm** A fund rated 'AAm' demonstrates very strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. It differs from the highest-rated funds only to a small degree.

**Am** A fund rated 'Am' demonstrates strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than funds in higher-rated categories

**BBBm** A fund rated 'BBBm' demonstrates adequate capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a reduced capacity to maintain principal stability.

**BBm** A fund rated 'BBm' demonstrates speculative characteristics and uncertain capacity to maintain principal stability. It is vulnerable to principal losses due to credit risk. While such funds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

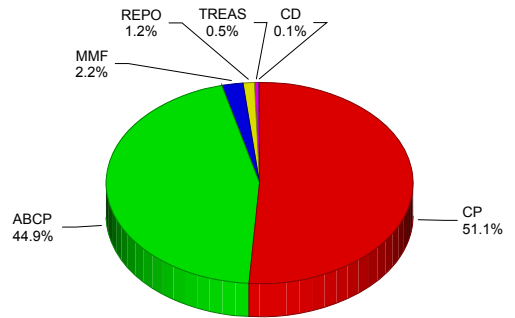
**Dm** A fund rated 'Dm' has failed to maintain principal stability resulting in a realized or unrealized loss of principal.

**Plus (+) or Minus (-)**  
The ratings may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

**About the Pool**

Pool Rating	<b>AAAm</b>
Pool Type	Stable NAV Government Investment Pool
Investment Adviser	Public Trust Advisors, LLC
Portfolio Manager	Randy Palomba, CFA & Neil Waud, CFA
Pool Rated Since	March 2009
Custodian	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Distributor	Public Trust Advisors, LLC (Public Trust)

**Portfolio Composition as of March 26, 2019**



CP - Commercial Paper; ABCP - Asset-backed commercial paper; MMF - Money Market Fund; REPO - Repurchase Agreement; TREAS - Treasury; CD - Certificates of Deposits

**Rationale**

Texas Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Texas CLASS) is rated 'AAAm' by S&P Global. The rating signifies our forward-looking opinion about a fixed-income fund's ability to maintain principal value (i.e., stable net asset value, or 'NAV'). This is accomplished through conservative investment practices and strict internal controls. S&P Global monitors the portfolio on a weekly basis.

**Overview**

Texas CLASS was created specifically for the use of Texas local government entities and seeks to provide safety, liquidity, convenience, and competitive rates of return. The program is designed to meet the needs of Texas public sector investors. It purchases securities that are legally permissible under state statute and available for investment by Texas counties, cities, school districts, municipal utility districts, college districts, and other public agencies. Texas CLASS is a full-service cash management and investment program designed specifically to make the function of managing public funds safer and more simple while it provides competitive returns. Texas CLASS has operated since 1996.

**Management**

Public Trust Advisors, LLC serves as the pool's administrator and investment adviser. The marketing and operation functions of the portfolio are also performed by Public Trust Advisors, LLC. The pool is subject to the general supervision of the Board of Trustees and its Advisory Board, both of which are elected by the Texas CLASS Participants. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. serves as custodian for the pool.

**Portfolio Assets**

Portfolio Assets aim to comply with the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code (PFIA) guidelines and may include U.S. Treasuries, agencies, state and local government obligations, collateralized certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements (REPOs), and highly-rated commercial paper. These securities, at the time of purchase, are rated in the highest rating category by one or more nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations which regularly rate such obligations. The portfolio's weighted average maturity to reset (WAM(R)) is kept under 60 days, which further helps to enhance liquidity and limits market price exposure. Portfolio securities are priced to market on a daily basis.

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*Participants should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the pool before investing. The investment guidelines which can be obtained from your broker-dealer, contain this and other information about the pool and should be read carefully before investing.*

**Principal Stability Rating Approach and Criteria**

A S&P Global Ratings principal stability fund rating, also known as a "money market fund rating", is a forward-looking opinion about a fixed income fund's capacity to maintain stable principal (net asset value). When assigning a principal stability rating to a fund, S&P Global Ratings analysis focuses primarily on the creditworthiness of the fund's investments and counterparties, and also its investments' maturity structure and management's ability and policies to maintain the fund's stable net asset value. Principal stability fund ratings are assigned to funds that seek to maintain a stable or an accumulating net asset value.

Generally, when faced with an unanticipated level of redemption requests during periods of high market stress, the manager of any fund may suspend redemptions for up to five business days or meet redemption requests with payments in-kind in lieu of cash. A temporary suspension of redemptions or meeting redemption requests with distributions in-kind does not constitute a failure to maintain stable net asset values. However, higher rated funds are expected to have stronger capacities to pay investor redemptions in cash during times of high market stress because they generally comprise shorter maturity and higher quality investments.

Principal stability fund ratings, or money market fund ratings, are identified by the 'm' suffix (e.g., 'AAAm') to distinguish the principal stability rating from a S&P Global Ratings traditional issue or issuer credit rating. A traditional issue or issuer credit rating reflects S&P Global Ratings view of a borrower's ability to meet its financial obligations. Principal stability fund ratings are not commentaries on yield levels.

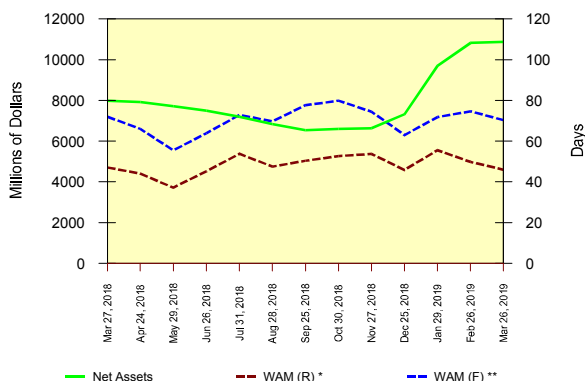
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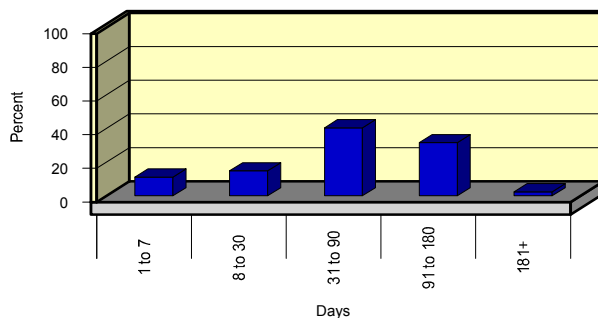
**Data Bank as of March 26, 2019**

Net Asset Value per Share.....	\$0.99995	Net Assets (millions).....	\$10,873.82	Inception Date.....	January 1996
WAM (R) * .....	46 days	WAM (F) **.....	70 days	7 Day Yield.....	2.60%
* Weighted Average Maturity (Reset)		** Weighted Average Maturity (Final)			

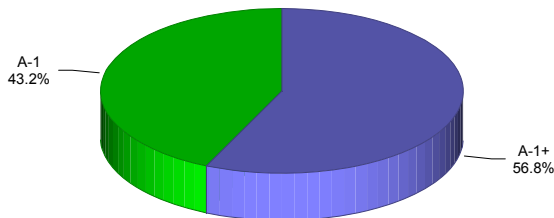
**Net Assets, WAM (R) and WAM (F)**



**Portfolio Maturity Distribution as of March 26, 2019**

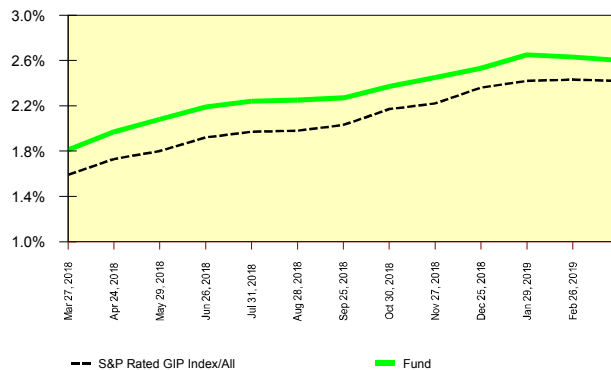


**Portfolio Credit Quality as of March 26, 2019 \***



\*As assessed by S&P Global Ratings

**Portfolio 7 Day Net-Yield Comparison \***



\*S&P 'AAAm' Money Fund Indices are calculated weekly by iMoneyNet, Inc., and are comprised of funds rated or assessed by S&P Global Ratings to within the specific rating categories. The S&P Global Ratings Rated LGIP Indices are calculated weekly by S&P Global Ratings and are comprised of 'AAAm' and 'AAm' government investment pools. *The yield quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Current yield may be lower or higher than the yield quoted.*

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