



Monthly Newsletter: December 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the following entities who joined TexPool in November 2018:

TexPool

Harris County MUD 171
 Town of Shady Shores
 Bexar Medina Atascosa WCID 1
 City of Eagle Pass
 Memorial-Heights Redevelopment Authority

TexPool Prime

City of Morgan's Point
 Morgan's Point Development Corp
 Town of Shady Shores
 City of Fate
 Bexar Medina Atascosa WCID 1
 Memorial-Heights Redevelopment Authority
 Bammel Utility District

Upcoming Events

Jan 26, 2019 - Jan 30, 2019
 Austin
 TASA Midwinter Conference
 Feb 25, 2019 - Feb 27, 2019
 San Antonio
 GTOT Winter Conference

TexPool Advisory Board Members

Jose Elizondo, Jr.	Vivian Wood
Belinda Weaver	Jerry Dale
Patrick Krishock	Sharon Matthews
Michele Tuttle	David Landeros

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

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Economic and Market Commentary: Neutral November

December 1, 2018

The buzzwords in November for cash managers were not “market volatility,” but “neutral rate.” Vice Chair Richard Clarida discussed it and Chair Powell made it a focus of public comments. Of course, Fed economists and officials view a neutral rate of interest, the level at which the economy doesn’t need stimulus or tightening, as a central policy concept. Some even give it a number: 2.9%, making it seem a precisely calculated point. But there’s nothing magical about 2.9%, and ultimately it is more confusing than helpful, especially when the head of the central bank waffles on it.

In early October, Powell said that interest rates were “a long way from neutral.” Only a few weeks later, in his speech Wednesday at the Economic Club of New York, he said rates were “just below” that level. The markets were indeed volatile during that span, but economic data hardly changed, so perhaps his view of equilibrium has.

Powell’s shifting stance is almost certainly not going to stop the Fed from raising rates 25 basis points to a 2.25–2.50% federal funds target range in its policy-making meeting later this month, as the increase is all but fully expected by the markets. The takeaway probably will be that the policymakers intimate only two hikes in 2019 instead of three. We also continue to expect the neutral rate will be reached in the first half of 2019.

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Performance as of November 30, 2018

	TexPool	TexPool Prime
Current Invested Balance	\$16,233,825,019.66	\$5,071,543,374.80
Weighted Average Maturity**	32	31
Weighted Average Life**	99	65
Net Asset Value	0.99991	0.99989
Total Number of Participants	2515	354
Management Fee on Invested Balance	0.0473%	0.0638%
Interest Distributed	\$29,744,579.20	\$9,776,002.90
Management Fee Collected	\$603,547.68	\$234,438.31
Standard & Poor’s Current Rating	AAAm	AAAm
Month Averages		
Average Invested Balance	\$16,432,516,178.89	\$4,968,193,239.17
Average Monthly Rate*	2.20%	2.39%
Average Weighted Average Maturity**	34	34
Average Weighted Average Life**	98	69

*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.

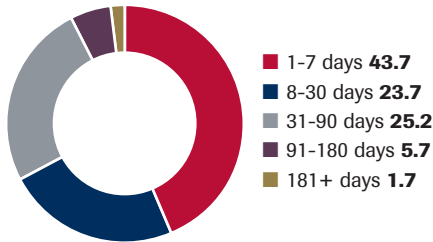
**See page 2 for definitions.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



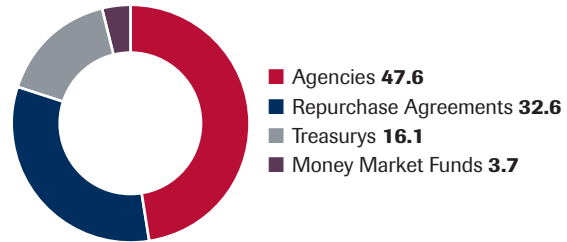
Portfolio by Maturity (%)

As of November 30, 2018



Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

As of November 30, 2018



Portfolio Asset Summary as of November 30, 2018

	Book Value	Market Value
Uninvested Balance	-\$946,400.84	-\$946,400.84
Receivable for Investments Sold	0.00	0.00
Accrual of Interest Income	10,705,293.28	10,705,293.28
Interest and Management Fees Payable	-29,745,031.43	-29,745,031.43
Payable for Investments Purchased	-63,998,260.00	-63,998,260.00
Accrued Expenses & Taxes	-19,380.61	-19,380.61
Repurchase Agreements	5,330,064,000.00	5,330,064,000.00
Mutual Fund Investments	600,175,103.88	600,175,103.88
Government Securities	7,766,951,660.32	7,765,495,392.12
U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities	162,986,336.72	163,023,321.73
US Treasury Bills	2,322,018,329.66	2,322,090,585.96
US Treasury Notes	135,633,368.68	135,594,995.18
Total	\$16,233,825,019.66	\$16,232,439,619.26

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	589	\$4,688,577,931.24
Higher Education	58	\$579,085,500.44
Healthcare	83	\$458,414,540.60
Utility District	799	\$2,430,259,886.25
City	463	\$4,229,978,560.73
County	186	\$1,583,972,347.20
Other	337	\$2,257,178,231.00

**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 more than 397 days. The mean is weighted based on the percentage of the amortized 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.



Daily Summary

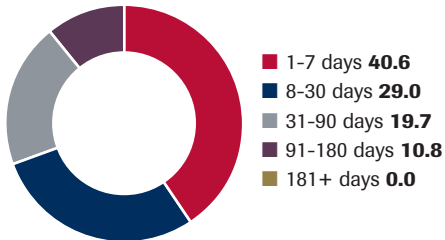
Date	Money Mkt. Fund Equiv. (SEC Std.)	Dividend Factor	TexPool Invested Balance	NAV	WAM Days	WAL Days
11/1	2.1758%	0.000059612	\$16,410,191,872.99	0.99988	32	96
11/2	2.1901%	0.000060003	\$16,361,545,472.48	0.99988	33	98
11/3	2.1901%	0.000060003	\$16,361,545,472.48	0.99988	33	98
11/4	2.1901%	0.000060003	\$16,361,545,472.48	0.99988	33	98
11/5	2.1984%	0.000060229	\$16,427,220,058.94	0.99988	32	96
11/6	2.1816%	0.000059770	\$16,420,150,621.82	0.99988	32	94
11/7	2.1794%	0.000059710	\$16,422,494,387.99	0.99988	33	97
11/8	2.1916%	0.000060045	\$16,479,444,474.67	0.99987	35	98
11/9	2.1942%	0.000060114	\$16,647,827,819.86	0.99987	36	99
11/10	2.1942%	0.000060114	\$16,647,827,819.86	0.99987	36	99
11/11	2.1942%	0.000060114	\$16,647,827,819.86	0.99987	36	99
11/12	2.1942%	0.000060114	\$16,647,827,819.86	0.99987	36	99
11/13	2.1944%	0.000060120	\$16,606,271,035.81	0.99988	35	96
11/14	2.1915%	0.000060040	\$16,533,437,170.84	0.99988	35	96
11/15	2.2203%	0.000060830	\$16,357,622,513.74	0.99988	36	99
11/16	2.2155%	0.000060698	\$16,297,039,166.78	0.99989	36	100
11/17	2.2155%	0.000060698	\$16,297,039,166.78	0.99989	36	100
11/18	2.2155%	0.000060698	\$16,297,039,166.78	0.99989	36	100
11/19	2.2125%	0.000060617	\$16,305,150,683.46	0.99989	35	99
11/20	2.2049%	0.000060409	\$16,242,531,154.05	0.99988	35	99
11/21	2.1978%	0.000060215	\$16,270,562,887.86	0.99986	35	98
11/22	2.1978%	0.000060215	\$16,270,562,887.86	0.99986	35	98
11/23	2.2169%	0.000060738	\$16,546,346,741.13	0.99988	34	96
11/24	2.2169%	0.000060738	\$16,546,346,741.13	0.99988	34	96
11/25	2.2169%	0.000060738	\$16,546,346,741.13	0.99988	34	96
11/26	2.2107%	0.000060567	\$16,591,577,669.48	0.99988	32	93
11/27	2.2058%	0.000060434	\$16,470,385,768.14	0.99988	32	93
11/28	2.2141%	0.000060660	\$16,432,908,408.81	0.99988	32	98
11/29	2.2260%	0.000060987	\$16,295,043,329.98	0.99988	32	99
11/30	2.2433%	0.000061460	\$16,233,825,019.66	0.99991	32	99
Average	2.2030%	0.000060356	\$16,432,516,178.89	0.99988	34	98



TEXPOOL PRIME

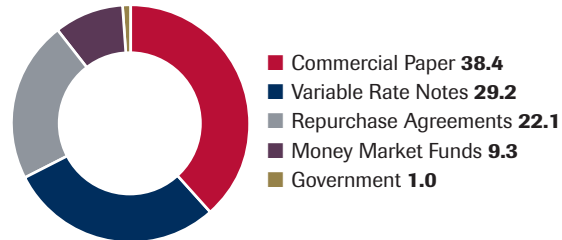
Portfolio by Maturity (%)

As of November 30, 2018



Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

As of November 30, 2018



Portfolio Asset Summary as of November 30, 2018

	Book Value	Market Value
Uninvested Balance	-\$8,756.61	-\$8,756.61
Receivable for Investments Sold	0.00	0.00
Accrual of Interest Income	3,345,179.13	3,345,179.13
Interest and Management Fees Payable	-9,776,001.35	-9,776,001.35
Payable for Investments Purchased	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses & Taxes	-8,021.50	-8,021.50
Repurchase Agreements	1,119,936,000.00	1,119,936,000.00
Commercial Paper	1,951,013,588.36	1,950,627,577.56
Bank Instruments	0.00	0.00
Mutual Fund Investments	472,097,499.35	472,052,003.75
Government Securities	49,945,375.00	49,949,206.50
Variable Rate Notes	1,484,998,512.42	1,484,878,671.00
Total	\$5,071,543,374.80	\$5,070,995,858.48

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Participant Summary

	Number of Participants	Balance
School District	117	\$1,651,210,476.51
Higher Education	17	\$615,654,251.08
Healthcare	14	\$227,211,789.98
Utility District	32	\$410,413,135.17
City	69	\$838,076,977.78
County	38	\$401,334,684.76
Other	67	\$927,644,403.94



TEXPOOL *PRIME*

Daily Summary

Date	Money Mkt. Fund Equiv. (SEC Std.)	Dividend Factor	TexPool <i>Prime</i> Invested Balance	NAV	WAM Days	WAL Days
11/1	2.3671%	0.000064851	\$4,967,136,651.57	0.99995	35	72
11/2	2.3811%	0.000065236	\$4,941,377,932.96	0.99988	36	74
11/3	2.3811%	0.000065236	\$4,941,377,932.96	0.99988	36	74
11/4	2.3811%	0.000065236	\$4,941,377,932.96	0.99988	36	74
11/5	2.3822%	0.000065266	\$4,927,047,469.56	0.99992	34	71
11/6	2.3762%	0.000065100	\$4,956,954,318.71	0.99989	34	71
11/7	2.3696%	0.000064921	\$4,920,192,615.94	0.99988	34	71
11/8	2.3775%	0.000065137	\$4,912,307,358.58	0.99988	36	70
11/9	2.3711%	0.000064963	\$4,962,549,617.66	0.99981	35	70
11/10	2.3711%	0.000064963	\$4,962,549,617.66	0.99981	35	70
11/11	2.3711%	0.000064963	\$4,962,549,617.66	0.99981	35	70
11/12	2.3711%	0.000064963	\$4,962,549,617.66	0.99981	35	70
11/13	2.3781%	0.000065154	\$4,969,896,858.09	0.99989	33	68
11/14	2.3809%	0.000065229	\$4,960,602,232.30	0.99989	33	67
11/15	2.3988%	0.000065721	\$5,021,145,478.53	0.99988	33	67
11/16	2.4127%	0.000066102	\$4,944,037,076.18	0.99983	35	70
11/17	2.4127%	0.000066102	\$4,944,037,076.18	0.99983	35	70
11/18	2.4127%	0.000066102	\$4,944,037,076.18	0.99983	35	70
11/19	2.4001%	0.000065757	\$4,939,666,697.33	0.99989	33	67
11/20	2.4025%	0.000065822	\$4,937,649,470.70	0.99988	33	68
11/21	2.3990%	0.000065726	\$4,908,798,773.48	0.99984	33	68
11/22	2.3990%	0.000065726	\$4,908,798,773.48	0.99984	33	68
11/23	2.4114%	0.000066066	\$4,962,698,912.78	0.99985	32	66
11/24	2.4114%	0.000066066	\$4,962,698,912.78	0.99985	32	66
11/25	2.4114%	0.000066066	\$4,962,698,912.78	0.99985	32	66
11/26	2.4154%	0.000066175	\$5,004,428,035.94	0.99992	30	64
11/27	2.4044%	0.000065873	\$5,044,202,639.49	0.99992	30	66
11/28	2.4126%	0.000066099	\$5,108,235,327.84	0.99990	30	65
11/29	2.4259%	0.000066463	\$5,092,650,862.41	0.99989	31	65
11/30	2.4392%	0.000066827	\$5,071,543,374.80	0.99989	31	65
Average	2.3943%	0.000065597	\$4,968,193,239.17	0.99987	34	69

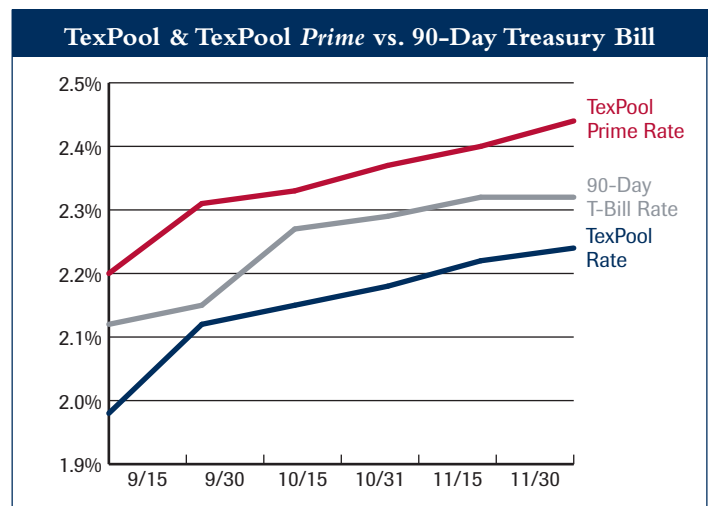


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Until that time it is normalizing—or dare we say neutralizing—rates, not tightening them. And that is a point often lost in the discussion and debate on monetary policy: the Fed isn't obligated to stop at neutral. If it still feels that the economy is overheating and causing inflationary pressures, it will push right past that. And if policymakers think the economy is slowing but inflation is growing, they will react to inflation.

It remains to be seen if the Fed addresses its plan for quantitative tightening at the meeting. We anticipate it to continue rolling off \$50 billion of securities a month. The focus will be on the dots, which come with the statement in December. As for what those dots may indicate, we offer this suggestion: perhaps the Fed should leave neutral to electric wires and car transmissions.

In November, the London interbank offered rate (Libor) steepened over the course of month ahead of the likely December move. One-month rose from 2.30% to 2.35%, 3-month from 2.52% to 2.74% and 6-month from 2.78% to 2.89%. The weighted average maturity (WAM) target ranges of our funds were unchanged in November, with prime and municipal funds in a 30-40 day span and government funds in a 25-35 day range.



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.

Any private investor can invest in a Treasury bill. The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a weighted average rate of the weekly auctions of 90-Day Treasury Bills.

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