

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Code of Ethics and Conduct

- I. Employees of the Department of State Treasurer, Investment Management Division (“IMD”) hold a public trust that obligates them to endeavor to act consistent with certain principles described within this Code of Ethics and Conduct (the “Code”). As an employee, I shall:
- Be familiar with and comply with applicable policies and state and federal laws and shall not knowingly be a party to, or condone, any illegal or improper activity.
 - Agree that the following policies specifically contain ethical conduct requirements and are incorporated into this document by reference:
 - [State Government Ethics Act](#) (N.C.G.S. § 138A)
 - [Prohibition of Gifts to State Employees Policy](#)
 - [Supplemental Ethics Policy for State Treasurer, Senior Executive Staff and Investment Division](#)
 - [Charitable Donations Policy](#)
 - [Insider and Personal Trading Policy](#)
 - [Placement Agent, Political Contribution, and Connection Disclosure Policy](#)
 - [Use of State Property Policy](#)¹
 - Act with integrity, competence, diligence, respect, and in an ethical manner in dealings with the beneficiaries and stakeholders defined by applicable statutes, and in dealings with other participants in the global capital markets.
 - Owe a duty of loyalty to beneficiaries and act for their exclusive benefit.
 - Exercise prudence consistent with the Treasurer’s fiduciary duties under G.S. Section 147-69.7 and exercise independent professional judgment when conducting investment analysis, making investment recommendations, taking investment actions, and engaging in other related activities.
 - Have an affirmative duty to proactively identify and promptly disclose to the Compliance Counsel any personal, social, employment or business activities and relationships that:
 - impact my objectivity
 - create potential Conflicts of Interest²
 - impair my ability to make impartial decisions
 - otherwise interfere with my proper performance of official duties

¹ For easy reference to each of these policies, you may click on the hyperlinks in the electronic version of this file.

² A Conflict of Interest is defined as circumstances that create a material risk that professional judgment or actions regarding a transaction’s recommendation, approval, or execution have been or will be unduly influenced by a direct or indirect personal interest.

- Use care and discretion in the handling of confidential information and not disclose or use such information for personal gain or private advantage.
- Not falsify or fail to record proper entries on any books or records, electronic or otherwise, or knowingly sign or permit the issuance of any statement or report which contains any misstatement or which omits any material fact necessary to make any statement made therein not misleading.
- Abide by the approved practices and recommended standards of professional associations and standard setting organizations of which I am a member (e.g., CFA Institute, AICPA, etc.), to the extent they do not conflict with the requirements of this Code, other policies, or law.
- Have an affirmative duty to immediately report directly to the Compliance Counsel any actual or suspected:
 - employee or contractual party fraud or misconduct
 - employee or contractual party material error that adversely affects IMD or client assets or interests
 - misrepresentation or omission of material information in internal or external reporting and client communications
 - violations of laws, rules, or IMD policies

I agree that the Compliance Counsel shall investigate any such report upon first being made aware of the alleged fraud, misconduct, misrepresentation, error or omission under this provision. The Compliance Counsel will advise the General Counsel and IMD management as appropriate.

- II. I have read the Code and understand that I will be annually required to attest to my compliance with the Code, voluntarily disclose any potential lack of compliance with the Code, and recertify my acceptance of the Code. I further understand that violating this code or failing to annually attest to my compliance with this Code may be grounds for immediate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
- III. I have been in compliance with the Code for the previous 12 months.

Name/Date

- IV. I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Code and that I understand it and shall comply with its terms.

Name/Date