

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24

GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
(Hereinafter referred to as the “FUND”)

ESTABLISHING A FISCAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE 2024 FUND YEAR

WHEREAS, THE FUND is duly constituted as a Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, as permitted under the laws promulgated by the State of New Jersey, (N.J.S.A. 40A-36, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, THE FUND is subject to the requirements contained within the Local Fiscal Affairs Law (N.J.S.A. 40A-5, et seq.); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the FUND’s Board of Fund Commissioners that:

- I. The following financial institution(s) are hereby declared as the FUND’s Official Depositories for 2024:

Bank of America

TD Bank

- II. All funds for Administrative Expenses, Reinsurance, Dividends and Miscellaneous Expenses, shall be withdrawn from the Officially named Depository(ies) by check, which shall bear the signatures of two (2) of the following persons, duly authorized pursuant to this Resolution. In no event shall a check be issued wherein at least one signatory is not the Chairperson or Treasurer. In addition, upon approval of such disbursements by the Fund Commissioners, funds may be withdrawn for payment via electronic transfer.

_____, _____, Chairperson

_____, Patrick DeBlasio, Treasurer

_____, Jonathan Hall, Executive Director

_____, Steve Strauss, CFO, NIP Management Services, LLC

- III. All funds for Claims payments shall be withdrawn from the Official Depository(ies) by check which shall bear the signatures of two (2) of the following persons, duly authorized pursuant to this Resolution:

Alice Lihou, President & CEO, Qual-Lynx

David Ruber, Controller, Qual-Lynx

- IV.** The Cash and Investment Policy attached herewith, shall be adopted.
- V.** SLC Management dba: Prime Advisors, Inc. (DBA SLC Management) shall be the FUND's asset manager and advisor.
- VI.** The rate of interest assessed by the Fund, for delinquent assessments shall be ten (10) percent per annum, from the due date for any such assessment with a grace period for the first (1st) assessment installment paid to be February 15, the second (2nd) assessment installment paid to be May 15, and the third (3rd) assessment installment paid to be August 15.
- VII.** Certifying and Approval Officer for all FUND expenses shall be the FUND's Executive Director.

ADOPTED: *this day before the Board of Fund Commissioners:*

_____ January 24th, 2024
Chairman Date

_____ January 24th, 2024
Secretary Date

2024 CASH MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT POLICY

1.) Cash Management and Investment Objectives

The Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter referred to as the FUND) objectives in this area are:

- a.) Preservation of capital.
- b.) Adequate safekeeping of assets.
- c.) Maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs, claims settlements and dividends.
- d.) Diversification of the FUND's portfolio to minimize risks associated with individual investments.
- e.) Maximization of total return, consistent with risk levels specified herein.
- f.) Investment of assets in accordance with State and Federal laws and Regulations.
- g.) Accurate and timely reporting of interest earnings, gains and losses by line of coverage in each Fund year.
- h.) Where legally permissible, two or more JIF's may participate in a Joint Cash Management and Investment Program (JCMI Program) subject to a single cash management plan, provided that approval must be received on an annual basis by the Commissioners of the Department of Community Affairs and Banking and Insurance, respectively.
- i.) Stability in the value of the FUND's economic surplus.

2.) Permissible Investments

Investments shall be limited to the following:

- a.) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America.
- b.) Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- c.) Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located; or
- d.) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not exceeding 397 days, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of Treasury for investment by local units.

- e.) Debt obligations of federal agencies or government corporations with maturities not greater than twenty (20) years from the date of purchase, excluding mortgage backed obligations, providing that such investments are purchased through the New Jersey Division of Investment and are consistent with the Division's own investment guidelines, and providing that the investment has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- f.) Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, subject to rules and conditions established by the N.J. Department of Community Affairs.
- g.) Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by an agency or corporation of the federal government or a governmental agency established under the laws of this State, provided that the (issuer) is not in default as to the payment of principal or interest upon any of its outstanding obligations, and provided further that the bonds, notes or other obligations are purchased at fair market value, guaranteed as to interest and principal, and have a credit rating of **A3** or higher by Moody's Investor Services, Inc., **A-** or higher by Standard and Poor's Corporation and **A-** or higher by Fitch Ratings, except that two of the three ratings is sufficient.

No investment or deposit shall have a maturity longer than twenty (20) years from date of purchase, unless the fund seeks prior approval from the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs to enter into a longer-term investment of longer duration.

3.) Authorized Depositories

In addition to the above, the FUND is authorized to deposit funds in certificates of deposit and other time deposits in banks covered by the Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act, NJSA 17:9-14 et seq. (GUDPA). Specifically authorized depositories are as follows:

TD Bank

The FUND is also authorized to invest its assets in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

4.) Authority for Investment Management

The Treasurer is authorized and directed to make investments, with a maturity of three months or longer, through asset managers that may be selected by the Executive Board. Such asset managers shall be discretionary trustees of the FUND.

Their actions and decisions shall be consistent with this plan and all appropriate regulatory constraints.

In executing investments, asset managers shall minimize transaction costs by purchasing securities on a competitive basis. When possible, federal securities shall be purchased directly from the US Treasury. Transactions shall not be processed through brokerages which are organizationally affiliated with the asset manager. Transactions may also be processed through the New Jersey Division of Investment by the Fund's asset managers.

5.) Preservation of Capital

Securities shall be purchased with the ability to hold until maturity.

6.) Safekeeping

Securities purchased on behalf of the FUND shall be delivered electronically or physically to the FUND's custodial bank, which shall maintain custodial and/or safekeeping accounts for such securities on behalf of the FUND.

7.) Selection of Asset Managers, Custodial Banks and Operating Banks

Asset managers, custodial banks and operating banks shall be retained for contract periods of one (1) year. Additionally, the FUND shall maintain the ability to change asset managers and/or custodial banks more frequently based upon performance appraisals and upon reasonable notice, and based upon changes in policy or procedures.

8.) Reporting

Asset managers will submit written statements describing the proposed investment strategy for achieving the objectives identified herein. Asset managers shall also submit revisions to strategy when justified as a result of changing market conditions or other factors. Such statements shall be provided to the Treasurer and Executive Director.

The Treasurer shall report to the Executive Committee at all regular meetings on all investments. This report shall include information on the balances in all bank and investment accounts, and purchases, sales, and redemptions occurring in the prior month.

9.) Audit

This plan, and all matters pertaining to the implementation of it, shall be subject to the FUND's annual audit.

10.) Cash Flow Projections

Asset maturity decisions shall be guided by cash flow factors payout factors supplied by the Fund Actuary and reviewed by the Executive Director and the Treasurer.

11.) Cash Management

All moneys turned over to the Treasurer shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours in accordance with NJSA 40A:5-15.

In the event a check is made payable to the Treasurer rather than the Fund, the following procedure is to be followed:

- a.) The Treasurer endorses the check to the Fund and deposits it into the Fund account.
- b.) The Treasurer notifies the payer and requests that in the future any check be made payable to the Fund.

The Treasurer shall minimize the possibility of idle cash accumulating in accounts by assuring that all amounts in excess of negotiated compensating balances are kept in interest bearing accounts or promptly swept into the investment portfolio.

The method of calculating banding fees and compensating balances shall be documented to the Executive Committee at least annually.

Cash may be withdrawn from investment pools under the discretion of asset managers only to fund operations, claims imprest accounts, or approved dividend payments.

The Treasurer shall escheat to the State of New Jersey checks which remain outstanding for twelve or more months after the date of issuance. However, prior to implementing such procedures, the Treasurer, with the assistance of the claims agent, as needed, shall confirm that the outstanding check continues to represent a valid claim against the FUND.