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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 29, 2025

TO: Stephen Farmer

Deputy Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Greg Krohner, Investment Finance Analyst

Finance and Administrative Services Department

RE: Portfolio and Economic Summary – March 31, 2025

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As of March 31, 2025, the Broward County Investment Portfolio had a par value of \$7.011 billion and a Yield to Maturity of 3.87% - an increase of 10 basis points compared to December 31, 2024. In comparison, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury & Agency Index benchmark dropped from 4.25% to 4.02% during the same period. The yield on the County's Portfolio has increased by 321 basis points from March 2022 and should continue to rise as maturing assets are invested at higher yields.

The Federal Open Markets Committee (FOMC) has kept the Fed Funds Rate unchanged in the first quarter of 2025 at 4.50%. After three cuts in 2024 the Fed continues to keep a close watch on inflation. Due to the high degree of uncertainty surrounding economic and inflation prospects, the Fed policy seems to be data dependent and economic reports over the coming months will determine the course of monetary policy. The Fed, however, announced that it will slow the pace of its balance sheet reduction starting in April. Fed Chair Jerome Powell and other officials have emphasized the labor market is healthy and the economy is solid overall.

According to Labor Department data from the March jobs report, 228k jobs were added, exceeding expectations of 140k. Initial Jobless Claims at the end of March were 219k, lower than the estimates of 225k representing a decrease of 6k compared to prior period levels. The March Unemployment Rate increased 0.1% to 4.2% compared to expectations of 4.1%. But the uncertainty caused by the Administration trade policies has raised recession fears and fueled expectations for higher inflation in the near term. Economists at Barclays expect real 2025 GDP to decline to 0.1% and the unemployment rate to rise to 4.6%.

Treasuries rallied on a flight to safety after much higher-than-expected tariffs were announced on April 2nd on a long list of US trading partners. Two-year yields fell 15bps to 3.71%, five-year yields were 14 bps lower at 3.75% and ten-year treasuries were down 9bps at 4.05%. This event triggered dramatic declines in risk asset prices. The Dow Jones Industrial fell by 3.75%, the S&P 500 Index was lower by 4.5%, the NASDAQ 100 down over 5% and the Russell 2000 declined 6.25%. This volatility continued, triggering within three days, a drop of over 12% on average across the indices. Uncertainty continues as the outlook for inflation remains blurred by ongoing trade policy developments. The odds of lower corporate profits and a prolonged global trade war continue to impact market volatility.

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



## Portfolio Management - Broward County Portfolio Management Portfolio Summary March 31, 2025

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BROWARD COUNTY 115 S. ANDREWS AVE A430 FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Investments  Money Market Accounts  Bank Account  Federal Agency Coupon Securities	Par Value 100,000,000.00 108,436,865.76 569,000,000.00	Market Value 100,000,000.00 108,436,865.76 569,070,055.79	Book Value 100,000,000.00 108,436,865.76 568,656,147.79	% of Portfolio 1.44 1.56 8.21	<b>Term</b> 1 1 1 1,371	Days to Maturity  1  703	Days to         YTM         YTM           Maturity         360 Equiv.         365 Equiv.           1         4.202         4.260           1         4.142         4.200           703         3.896         3.950	365 Equiv. 4.260 4.200 3.950
Federal Agency Coupon - Callable	1,403,575,000.00	1,386,478,565.82	1,403,574,542.02	20.26	1,588	652	2.431	2.465
Treasury Coupon Securities	4,031,900,000.00	3,967,278,650.30	3,955,897,633.98	57.09	935	614	4.197	4.255
Treasury Bills	628,152,000.00	623,530,293.36	623,537,804.62	9.00	145	63	4.348	4.409
World Bank Coupon Securities	145,000,000.00	142,753,394.70	144,314,783.66	2.08	1,735	871	3.485	3.53
Israel Bonds	25,000,000.00	25,000,000.00	25,000,000.00	0.36	801	281	5.159	5.23
Investments	7,011,063,865.76	6,922,547,825.73	6,929,417,777.83	100.00%	1,020	565	3.816	3.869
Cash and Accrued Interest Accrued Interest at Purchase		3,853,410.28	3,853,410.28					
Subtotal		3,853,410.28	3,853,410.28					
Total Cash and Investments	7,011,063,865.76	6,926,401,236.01	6,933,271,188.11		1,020	565	3.816	3.869
Total Earnings	March 31 Period Ending							
Current Year	66,133,118.22							
Average Daily Balance	7,007,478,662.91							

Diversification by Investment per Investment Policy:
US Treasuries/Agencies - 100% Maximum
Commercial Paper - 25% Maximum
World Bank Securities - 15% Maximum

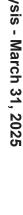
Effective Rate of Return

3.83%

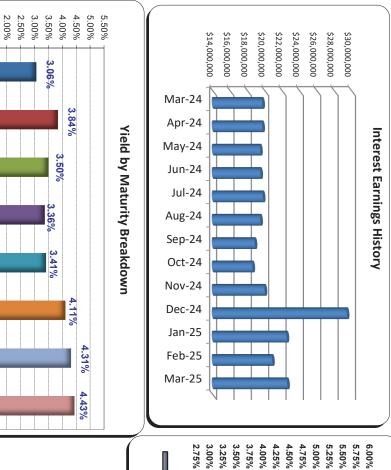
Stephen Farmer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

## Quarterly Portfolio Analysis - March 31, 2025





YTM Rate Comparison to Benchmark<sup>1</sup>



■■Portfolio YTM → 90 Day T-Bill

■■ ML 1-3 Yrs Index

Fed Funds Rate

6 Mo Treasury

Mar-24

Apr-24

May-24

Jun-24

Jul-24

Aug-24

Sep-24

Oct-24

Nov-24

Dec-24

Jan-25

Feb-25

Mar-25

<sup>1</sup>Investment Policy determined benchmark is ML 1 to 3 Yrs Index

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	Key Economic Data:	<u>Mar-25</u>	Mar-24	% change
	Fed Funds Rate	4.50%	5.50%	-18.2%
	Rolling 90 Day T-Bill-AVG	4.29%	5.37%	-20.0%
	Prime Rate	7.50%	8.50%	-11.8%
	DJIA	42,002	39,807	5.5%
	Crude Oil	71.48	83.17	-14.1%
	Gold (\$/oz)	3,124	2,230	40.1%
	10 Year Treasury Note	4.21%	4.20%	0.1%
	Total Portfolio Yield	3.87%	3.51%	10.3%
	ML 1-3 Yr Yield	4.02%	4.68%	-14.1%

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0-1 Days

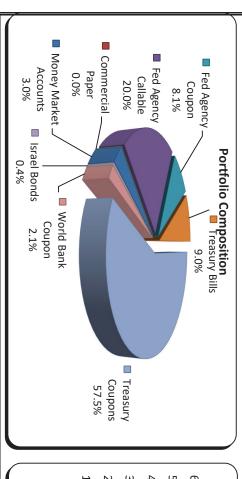
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1-2 Yrs

2-3 Yrs

3-4 Yrs

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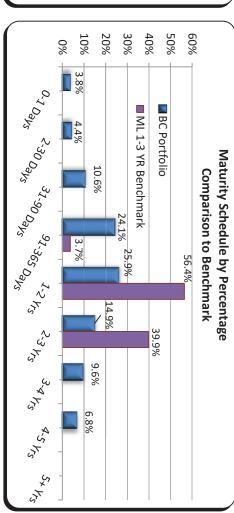


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