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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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**Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

c/o The Dreyfus Corporation

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New York, New York 10166

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code:      (212) 922-6000

Date of fiscal year end:      11/30

Date of reporting period:      11/30/11

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

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## Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT November 30, 2011

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*Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.*

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Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

## The Fund

### A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present this annual report for Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., covering the 12-month period from December 1, 2010, through November 30, 2011. For information about how the fund performed during the reporting period, as well as general market perspectives, we provide a Discussion of Fund Performance on the pages that follow.

Investors were encouraged by expectations of a more robust economic recovery into the first quarter of 2011, but sentiment subsequently deteriorated due to disappointing economic data, an escalating sovereign debt crisis in Europe and a contentious debate regarding taxes, spending and borrowing in the United States. Market volatility was particularly severe in August and September after a major credit rating agency downgraded long-term U.S. government debt. While most fixed-income securities proved volatile in this tumultuous environment, municipal bonds held up relatively well due to robust demand for a limited supply of newly issued securities.

The economic outlook currently remains clouded by uncertainty regarding the ability of European policymakers to contain the region's debt crisis. However, conditions in the United States seem to be improving as inflationary pressures have receded, consumer confidence has strengthened and the unemployment rate has declined. To assess the potential impact of these and other developments on your investments, we encourage you, as always, to speak with your financial advisor.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Jonathan R. Baum  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The Dreyfus Corporation  
December 15, 2011

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### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

*For the period of December 1, 2010, through November 30, 2011*

#### Fund and Market Performance Overview

For the 12-month period ended November 30, 2011, Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund achieved a total return of 10.72% on a net-asset-value basis.<sup>1</sup> Over the same period, the fund provided aggregate income dividends of \$0.570 per share, which reflects a distribution rate of 6.79%.<sup>2</sup>

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After encountering weak market conditions over the final weeks of 2010, municipal bonds generally rebounded in 2011 as a reduced supply of newly issued securities was met by robust investor demand. The fund's results were enhanced by its leveraging strategy, which continued to benefit from historically low short-term interest rates.

### The Fund's Investment Approach

The fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent believed by Dreyfus to be consistent with the preservation of capital. In pursuing this goal, the fund invests at least 80% of its assets in municipal bonds. Under normal market conditions, the weighted average maturity of the fund's portfolio is expected to exceed 10 years. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal bonds considered investment grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus.

The fund also has issued auction-rate preferred stock (ARPS), a percentage of which remains outstanding from its initial public offering, and has invested the proceeds in a manner consistent with its investment objective. This, along with the fund's participation in secondary inverse floater structures, have the effect of "leveraging" the portfolio, which can magnify gain and loss potential depending on market conditions.

Over time, many of the fund's older, higher yielding bonds have matured or were redeemed by their issuers. We have attempted to replace those bonds with investments consistent with the fund's investment policies. We have also sought to upgrade the fund with newly issued bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than

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#### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

existing holdings. When such opportunities arise, we usually look to sell bonds that are close to their optional redemption date or maturity.

#### Municipal Bonds Held Up Relatively Well Amid Uncertainty

Stimulative measures from the Federal Reserve Board, improved economic data and rising corporate earnings generally supported investor sentiment into the first quarter of 2011. While investor confidence was shaken in February due to political unrest in the Middle East, and again in March, when natural and nuclear disasters struck Japan, most markets bounced back quickly from these unexpected shocks.

Economic sentiment began to deteriorate in earnest in late April when Greece and other members of the European Union struggled with a resurgent sovereign debt crisis, U.S. economic data disappointed as unemployment remained high and housing markets struggled, and a debate regarding U.S. government spending and borrowing intensified. In August, one major credit rating agency made the unprecedented move of downgrading its assessment of long-term U.S. debt. As a result, riskier assets suffered volatility as investors shifted their focus to traditionally defensive investments.

Despite these developments, municipal bond prices were buoyed in 2011 by steady investor demand for a limited supply of newly issued securities, more than offsetting the effects of market weakness at the end of 2010. The expiration of the federally subsidized Build America Bonds program and political pressure to reduce spending led to less municipal borrowing during 2011. Yet, demand remained robust from investors seeking competitive levels of tax-exempt income.

#### Revenue Bonds Buoyed Relative Performance

The fund's results were driven by strong performance among longer-term bonds, which fared well when long-term interest rates fell amid deteriorating economic conditions during much of the reporting period. In addition, the ongoing use of auction rate preferred instruments for the fund's leveraging strategy proved effective as the fund's borrowing costs remained anchored by historically low short-term interest rates.

We maintained underweighted exposure to general obligation bonds amid uncertainty regarding the potential impact of federal budget cuts

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on state budgets. Instead, we focused on revenue bonds backed by essential-services facilities — such as utilities, waterworks and sewer districts—which fared well over the reporting period. Although the fund encountered relatively few disappointments over the reporting period, bonds backed by the states' settlement of litigation with U.S. tobacco companies were hurt by credit-rating downgrades.

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## Investing in a Slow-Growth Environment

Throughout the reporting period, we took steps to improve the fund's risk profile by increasing the credit quality of its holdings, including municipal bonds that historically have been attractive to individual investors. In our view, such securities are likely to be the focus of robust demand as individuals grow more concerned about persistently low interest rates and potential tax increases. At the same time, we intend to remain vigilant in monitoring economic and market developments, including risks stemming from changes in interest rates and credit conditions, until the direction and strength of the U.S. economy become clearer.

December 15, 2011

*Bond funds are subject generally to interest rate, credit, liquidity and market risks, to varying degrees, all of which are more fully described in the fund's prospectus. Generally, all other factors being equal, bond prices are inversely related to interest-rate changes, and rate increases can cause price declines.*

*High yield bonds are subject to increased credit risk and are considered speculative in terms of the issuer's perceived ability to continue making interest payments on a timely basis and to repay principal upon maturity.*

*The use of leverage may magnify the fund's gains or losses. For derivatives with a leveraging component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset can result in a loss that is much greater than the original investment in the derivative.*

*1 Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid, based upon net asset value per share. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Income may be subject to state and local taxes, and some income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for certain investors. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. Return figures provided reflect the absorption of certain fund expenses by The Dreyfus Corporation pursuant to an undertaking in effect through May 31, 2012, at which time it may be extended, terminated or modified. Had these expenses not been absorbed, the fund's returns would have been lower.*

*2 Distribution rate per share is based upon dividends per share paid from net investment income during the period, divided by the market price per share at the end of the period, adjusted for any capital gain distributions.*

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## SELECTED INFORMATION

November 30, 2011 (Unaudited)

|  |    |            |
|--|----|------------|
| Market Price per share November 30, 2011 | \$ | 8.39       |
| Shares Outstanding November 30, 2011     |    | 48,751,823 |
| New York Stock Exchange Ticker Symbol    |    | DSM        |

## MARKET PRICE (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)

|      | Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011 |               |                 |                   |
|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|      | Quarter Ended                       | Quarter Ended | Quarter Ended   | Quarter Ended     |
|      | February 28, 2011                   | May 31, 2011  | August 31, 2011 | November 30, 2011 |
| High | \$7.83                              | \$ 7.91       | \$ 8.27         | \$ 8.56           |
| Low  | 7.09                                | 7.41          | 7.43            | 7.84              |

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|  |      |      |      |          |
|--|------|------|------|----------|
| Close  | 7.48 | 7.85 | 8.27 | 8.39     |
| <b>PERCENTAGE GAIN (LOSS) based on change in Market Price*</b> |      |      |      |          |
| November 22, 1989 (commencement of operations)                 |      |      |      |          |
| through November 30, 2011                                      |      |      |      | 271.75 % |
| December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2011                     |      |      |      | 92.41    |
| December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2011                     |      |      |      | 25.48    |
| December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2011                     |      |      |      | 13.67    |
| March 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011                        |      |      |      | 18.41    |
| June 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011                         |      |      |      | 10.72    |
| September 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011                    |      |      |      | 3.24     |
| <b>NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE</b>                               |      |      |      |          |
| November 22, 1989 (commencement of operations)                 |      | \$   | 9.32 |          |
| November 30, 2010  |      |      | 7.87 |          |
| February 28, 2011  |      |      | 7.51 |          |
| May 31, 2011   |      |      | 7.79 |          |
| August 31, 2011  |      |      | 8.03 |          |
| November 30, 2011  |      |      | 8.10 |          |
| <b>PERCENTAGE GAIN based on change in Net Asset Value*</b>     |      |      |      |          |
| November 22, 1989 (commencement of operations)                 |      |      |      |          |
| through November 30, 2011                                      |      |      |      | 285.10 % |
| December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2011                     |      |      |      | 79.40    |
| December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2011                     |      |      |      | 22.19    |
| December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2011                     |      |      |      | 10.72    |
| March 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011                        |      |      |      | 13.86    |
| June 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011                         |      |      |      | 7.71     |
| September 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011                    |      |      |      | 2.65     |

\* With dividends reinvested.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

November 30, 2011



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| <b>Long-Term Municipal Investments—146.9%</b>  | Coupon Rate (%) | Maturity Date | Principal Amount (\$)      | Value (\$) |
|--|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Alabama—2%</b>  |                 |               |                            |            |
| Jefferson County, Limited Obligation School Warrants   | 5.00            | 1/1/24        | 1,000,000                  | 888,460    |
| <b>Arizona—7.5%</b>  |                 |               |                            |            |
| Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Salt River Project Electric System Revenue) | 5.00            | 1/1/38        | 13,198,367 <sup>a,b</sup>  | 13,799,363 |
| Glendale Western Loop 101 Public Facilities Corporation, Third Lien Excise Tax Revenue   | 7.00            | 7/1/33        | 6,010,000                  | 6,311,161  |
| Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Education Revenue (American Charter Schools Foundation Project)  | 5.50            | 7/1/26        | 4,000,000                  | 3,430,640  |
| Pima County Industrial Development Authority, IDR (Tucson Electric Power Company Project)  | 5.75            | 9/1/29        | 6,000,000                  | 6,119,700  |
| <b>California—15.9%</b>  |                 |               |                            |            |
| Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Los Angeles Department of Airports, Senior Revenue (Los Angeles International Airport))                     | 5.00            | 5/15/31       | 5,247,500 <sup>a,b,c</sup> | 5,568,590  |
| California, GO (Various Purpose)   | 5.75            | 4/1/31        | 7,800,000                  | 8,589,672  |
| California, GO (Various Purpose)   | 6.00            | 3/1/33        | 2,250,000                  | 2,525,670  |
| California, GO (Various Purpose)   | 6.50            | 4/1/33        | 5,000,000                  | 5,834,300  |
| California, GO (Various Purpose)   | 6.00            | 11/1/35       | 5,000,000                  | 5,581,200  |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue (Front Porch Communities and Services Project)   | 5.13            | 4/1/37        | 4,975,000 <sup>b</sup>     | 4,184,323  |
| Golden State Tobacco   |                 |               |                            |            |

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|---|------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Securitization Corporation,<br>Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed Bonds | 4.50 | 6/1/27 | 2,000,000 | 1,593,700 |
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>   | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>California (continued)</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Golden State Tobacco<br>Securitization Corporation,<br>Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed Bonds                                    | 5.00               | 6/1/33           | 8,335,000                | 5,688,471  |
| Los Angeles Department of Water<br>and Power, Power System Revenue   | 5.00               | 7/1/34           | 2,885,000                | 3,018,778  |
| Sacramento City Unified School<br>District, GO (Insured; Assured<br>Guaranty Municipal Corp.)                                      | 0.00               | 7/1/24           | 5,220,000 <sup>d</sup>   | 2,752,871  |
| Sacramento County,<br>Airport System Subordinate and<br>Passenger Facility Charges<br>Grant Revenue                                | 6.00               | 7/1/35           | 4,000,000 <sup>c</sup>   | 4,290,280  |
| San Buenaventura,<br>Revenue (Community Memorial<br>Health System)   | 7.50               | 12/1/41          | 1,500,000                | 1,575,300  |
| San Diego Public Facilities<br>Financing Authority, Senior<br>Sewer Revenue  | 5.25               | 5/15/34          | 2,500,000                | 2,657,500  |
| Santa Margarita/Dana Point<br>Authority, Revenue (Santa<br>Margarita Water District<br>Improvement Districts<br>Numbers 2,3 and 4) | 5.13               | 8/1/38           | 5,000,000                | 5,235,200  |
| Silicon Valley Tobacco<br>Securitization Authority,<br>Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed Bonds (Santa<br>Clara County Tobacco     |                    |                  |                          |            |

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| Securitization Corporation)   | 0.00 | 6/1/36 | 15,290,000 <sup>d</sup> | 1,499,490 |
| Tuolumne Wind Project Authority,<br>Revenue (Tuolumne<br>Company Project)   | 5.88 | 1/1/29 | 2,000,000               | 2,216,960 |
| <b>Colorado—3%</b>  |      |        |                         |           |
| Colorado Housing and Finance<br>Authority, Single Family<br>Program Senior and Subordinate<br>Bonds (Collateralized; FHA) | 6.60 | 8/1/32 | 955,000                 | 1,024,008 |

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| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>   | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Connecticut—1.3%</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Connecticut Resources Recovery<br>Authority, Special Obligation<br>Revenue (American REF-FUEL<br>Company of Southeastern<br>Connecticut Project) | 6.45               | 11/15/22         | 4,985,000                | 4,985,100  |
| <b>Florida—7.7%</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Florida,<br>Department of Transportation<br>Right-of-Way Acquisition and<br>Bridge Construction Bonds  | 5.00               | 7/1/24           | 3,500,000                | 3,995,775  |
| Highlands County Health Facilities<br>Authority, HR (Adventist<br>Health System/Sunbelt<br>Obligated Group)                                      | 5.00               | 11/15/27         | 3,500,000                | 3,614,590  |
| Mid-Bay Bridge Authority,<br>Springing Lien Revenue  | 7.25               | 10/1/34          | 5,000,000 <sup>c</sup>   | 5,268,750  |
| Orange County School Board,<br>COP (Master Lease Purchase<br>Agreement) (Insured; Assured<br>Guaranty Municipal Corp.)                           | 5.50               | 8/1/34           | 4,500,000                | 4,763,430  |
| Palm Beach County Health<br>Facilities Authority,<br>Retirement Community Revenue<br>(Adult Communities Total<br>Services, Inc. Retirement—      |                    |                  |                          |            |

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| Life Communities, Inc.<br>Obligated Group)  | 5.50 | 11/15/33 | 6,825,000              | 6,642,568 |
| Saint Johns County Industrial<br>Development Authority, Revenue<br>(Presbyterian Retirement<br>Communities Project) | 6.00 | 8/1/45   | 3,500,000              | 3,543,260 |
| South Lake County Hospital<br>District, Revenue (South Lake<br>Hospital, Inc.)                                      | 6.25 | 4/1/39   | 2,500,000              | 2,549,025 |
| <b>Georgia—4.6%</b>   |      |          |                        |           |
| Atlanta,<br>Airport General Revenue   | 5.00 | 1/1/26   | 3,500,000 <sup>C</sup> | 3,619,945 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>  | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Georgia (continued)</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Atlanta,<br>Water and Wastewater Revenue  | 6.00               | 11/1/28          | 4,865,000                | 5,528,537  |
| Atlanta,<br>Water and Wastewater Revenue<br>(Insured; Assured Guaranty<br>Municipal Corp.)  | 5.25               | 11/1/34          | 3,750,000                | 3,964,913  |
| Augusta,<br>Airport Revenue   | 5.45               | 1/1/31           | 2,500,000 <sup>C</sup>   | 2,276,125  |
| Savannah Economic Development<br>Authority, EIR (International<br>Paper Company Project)  | 6.20               | 8/1/27           | 2,670,000                | 2,728,847  |
| <b>Hawaii—1.2%</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Hawaii Department of Budget and<br>Finance, Special Purpose<br>Revenue (Hawai'i Pacific<br>Health Obligated Group)                  | 5.63               | 7/1/30           | 2,500,000                | 2,568,350  |
| Hawaii Department of Budget and<br>Finance, Special Purpose Revenue<br>(Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.<br>and Subsidiary Projects) | 6.50               | 7/1/39           | 2,000,000                | 2,165,060  |

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|   |      |          |                        |           |
|---|------|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Idaho—0%</b>   |      |          |                        |           |
| Idaho Housing and Finance Association, SFMR (Collateralized; FNMA)                                      |      |          |                        |           |
|   | 6.35 | 1/1/30   | 185,000                | 185,215   |
| <b>Illinois—2.6%</b>  |      |          |                        |           |
| Chicago, General Airport Third Lien Revenue (Chicago O'Hare International Airport)                      |      |          |                        |           |
|   | 5.63 | 1/1/35   | 3,000,000 <sup>C</sup> | 3,231,900 |
| Chicago, SFMR (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)  |      |          |                        |           |
|   | 6.25 | 10/1/32  | 785,000                | 811,486   |
| Illinois Finance Authority, Recovery Zone Facility Revenue (Navistar International Corporation Project) |      |          |                        |           |
|   | 6.50 | 10/15/40 | 2,000,000              | 2,065,500 |
| Illinois Finance Authority, Revenue (Sherman Health Systems)  |      |          |                        |           |
|   | 5.50 | 8/1/37   | 1,020,000              | 965,654   |

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| <b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>   | Coupon Rate (%) | Maturity Date | Principal Amount (\$)  | Value (\$) |
|--|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Illinois (continued)</b>  |                 |               |                        |            |
| Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Revenue  |                 |               |                        |            |
|  | 6.00            | 6/1/28        | 3,000,000              | 3,163,200  |
| <b>Indiana—7%</b>  |                 |               |                        |            |
| Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank, Revenue (Indianapolis Airport Authority Project) (Insured; AMBAC) |                 |               |                        |            |
|  | 5.00            | 1/1/36        | 3,000,000 <sup>C</sup> | 2,911,980  |
| <b>Iowa—4%</b>   |                 |               |                        |            |
| Tobacco Settlement Authority of Iowa, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds  |                 |               |                        |            |
|  | 5.60            | 6/1/34        | 2,000,000              | 1,684,060  |
| <b>Kentucky—3%</b>   |                 |               |                        |            |
| Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, Health Facilities Revenue (Jewish                                    |                 |               |                        |            |

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|--|------|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| Hospital and Saint Mary's<br>HealthCare, Inc. Project)   | 6.13 | 2/1/37  | 1,000,000              | 1,032,500 |
| <b>Louisiana—2.0%</b>  |      |         |                        |           |
| Lakeshore Villages<br>Master Community<br>Development District,<br>Special Assessment Revenue  | 5.25 | 7/1/17  | 1,987,000 <sup>e</sup> | 794,204   |
| Louisiana Local Government<br>Environmental Facilities and<br>Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue<br>(Westlake Chemical<br>Corporation Projects) | 6.75 | 11/1/32 | 4,000,000              | 4,177,880 |
| Louisiana Public Facilities<br>Authority, Revenue (Belle<br>Chasse Educational<br>Foundation Project)  | 6.50 | 5/1/31  | 2,750,000              | 2,896,190 |
| <b>Maine—.6%</b>   |      |         |                        |           |
| Maine Health and Higher<br>Educational Facilities Authority,<br>Revenue (MaineGeneral<br>Medical Center Issue)   | 7.50 | 7/1/32  | 2,000,000              | 2,187,160 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>  | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Maryland—.4%</b>   |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Maryland Economic Development<br>Corporation, Senior Student<br>Housing Revenue (University of<br>Maryland, Baltimore Project)                        | 5.75               | 10/1/33          | 2,550,000                | 1,680,756  |
| <b>Massachusetts—12.8%</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Barclays Capital Municipal Trust<br>Receipts (Massachusetts Health<br>and Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Revenue<br>(Massachusetts Institute of |                    |                  |                          |            |

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|   |      |          |                |            |
|---|------|----------|----------------|------------|
| Technology Issue))  | 5.00 | 7/1/38   | 10,200,000 a,b | 10,867,590 |
| JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers<br>Trust (Massachusetts,<br>Consolidated Loan)   | 5.00 | 4/1/19   | 6,400,000 a,b  | 7,237,568  |
| JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers<br>Trust (Massachusetts<br>Development Finance<br>Agency, Revenue (Harvard<br>University Issue)) | 5.25 | 2/1/34   | 10,000,000 a,b | 11,324,300 |
| Massachusetts Development Finance<br>Agency, Revenue (Tufts Medical<br>Center Issue)  | 7.25 | 1/1/32   | 2,500,000      | 2,776,375  |
| Massachusetts Health and<br>Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Revenue<br>(Civic Investments Issue)<br>(Prerefunded)          | 9.00 | 12/15/12 | 1,500,000 f    | 1,629,255  |
| Massachusetts Health and<br>Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Revenue (Partners<br>HealthCare System Issue)                  | 5.75 | 7/1/32   | 115,000        | 115,880    |
| Massachusetts Health and<br>Educational Facilities<br>Authority, Revenue (Suffolk<br>University Issue)                          | 6.25 | 7/1/30   | 5,000,000      | 5,377,250  |
| Massachusetts Housing Finance<br>Agency, Housing Revenue  | 7.00 | 12/1/38  | 5,000,000      | 5,556,700  |
| Massachusetts Housing Finance<br>Agency, SFHR   | 5.00 | 12/1/31  | 5,575,000      | 5,589,997  |

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| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>  | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Michigan—7.8%</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Detroit,<br>Sewage Disposal System<br>Senior Lien Revenue<br>(Insured; Assured Guaranty<br>Municipal Corp.) | 7.50               | 7/1/33           | 3,500,000                | 4,144,840  |

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|   |      |          |                        |           |
|---|------|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Kent Hospital Finance Authority,<br>Revenue (Metropolitan<br>Hospital Project)  | 6.00 | 7/1/35   | 2,000,000              | 1,886,940 |
| Michigan Strategic Fund,<br>LOR (State of Michigan Cadillac<br>Place Office Building Project)   | 5.25 | 10/15/31 | 4,500,000              | 4,684,455 |
| Michigan Strategic Fund,<br>SWDR (Genesee Power<br>Station Project)   | 7.50 | 1/1/21   | 7,020,000              | 6,637,199 |
| Royal Oak Hospital<br>Finance Authority, HR<br>(William Beaumont Hospital<br>Obligated Group)   | 8.00 | 9/1/29   | 5,000,000              | 5,971,850 |
| Wayne County Airport Authority,<br>Airport Revenue (Detroit<br>Metropolitan Wayne<br>County Airport) (Insured;<br>National Public Finance<br>Guarantee Corp.) | 5.00 | 12/1/34  | 8,260,000 <sup>C</sup> | 7,658,589 |
| <b>Minnesota—6%</b>   |      |          |                        |           |
| Tobacco Securitization Authority<br>of Minnesota, Tobacco<br>Settlement Revenue   | 5.25 | 3/1/31   | 2,500,000              | 2,530,450 |
| <b>Nevada—1.3%</b>  |      |          |                        |           |
| Clark County,<br>Passenger Facility Charge<br>Revenue (Las Vegas-McCarran<br>International Airport)   | 5.00 | 7/1/30   | 5,000,000 <sup>C</sup> | 5,159,150 |
| <b>New Hampshire—1.4%</b>   |      |          |                        |           |
| New Hampshire Industrial<br>Development Authority, PCR<br>(Connecticut Light and Power<br>Company Project)  | 5.90 | 11/1/16  | 5,400,000              | 5,411,772 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

| Long-Term Municipal<br>Investments (continued) | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
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**New Jersey—5.0%**

New Jersey Economic Development  
Authority, School Facilities

|                      |      |          |           |           |
|----------------------|------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Construction Revenue | 5.50 | 12/15/29 | 5,000,000 | 5,404,600 |
|----------------------|------|----------|-----------|-----------|

New Jersey Economic Development  
Authority, Water Facilities

Revenue (New Jersey—American

|                              |      |         |           |           |
|------------------------------|------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Water Company, Inc. Project) | 5.70 | 10/1/39 | 3,000,000 | 3,151,800 |
|------------------------------|------|---------|-----------|-----------|

Tobacco Settlement Financing

Corporation of New Jersey,

Tobacco Settlement

|                    |      |        |         |         |
|--------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|
| Asset-Backed Bonds | 5.00 | 6/1/29 | 250,000 | 191,143 |
|--------------------|------|--------|---------|---------|

Tobacco Settlement Financing

Corporation of New Jersey,

Tobacco Settlement

Asset-Backed Bonds

|               |      |        |                         |            |
|---------------|------|--------|-------------------------|------------|
| (Prerefunded) | 7.00 | 6/1/13 | 10,095,000 <sup>f</sup> | 11,089,156 |
|---------------|------|--------|-------------------------|------------|

**New Mexico—1.3%**

Farmington,

PCR (Public Service Company of

|                              |      |        |           |           |
|------------------------------|------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| New Mexico San Juan Project) | 5.90 | 6/1/40 | 5,000,000 | 5,122,100 |
|------------------------------|------|--------|-----------|-----------|

**New York—13.7%**

Austin Trust

(Port Authority of New York  
and New Jersey, Consolidated

|                      |      |         |                             |            |
|----------------------|------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Bonds, 151st Series) | 6.00 | 9/15/28 | 10,000,000 <sup>a,b,c</sup> | 11,092,700 |
|----------------------|------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|

Barclays Capital Municipal Trust

Receipts (New York City

Transitional Finance Authority,

|                             |      |        |                          |           |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Future Tax Secured Revenue) | 5.00 | 5/1/30 | 4,488,203 <sup>a,b</sup> | 4,876,341 |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|

Barclays Capital Municipal Trust

Receipts (New York City

Transitional Finance

Authority, Future Tax Secured

|                      |      |         |                          |           |
|----------------------|------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Subordinate Revenue) | 5.50 | 11/1/27 | 5,000,000 <sup>a,b</sup> | 5,805,250 |
|----------------------|------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|

JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers

Trust (New York City

Transitional Finance

Authority, Future Tax Secured

|                      |      |         |                          |           |
|----------------------|------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Subordinate Revenue) | 5.25 | 11/1/18 | 5,000,000 <sup>a,b</sup> | 5,789,750 |
|----------------------|------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|

Long Island Power Authority,

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|                 |      |        |           |           |
|-----------------|------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Electric System |      |        |           |           |
| General Revenue | 6.25 | 4/1/33 | 3,000,000 | 3,428,370 |

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| <b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>   | Coupon Rate (%) | Maturity Date | Principal Amount (\$)     | Value (\$) |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>New York (continued)</b>  |                 |               |                           |            |
| Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Transportation Revenue  | 6.25            | 11/15/23      | 8,425,000 <sup>c</sup>    | 9,974,358  |
| New York City Educational Construction Fund, Revenue   | 6.50            | 4/1/28        | 2,785,000                 | 3,345,704  |
| New York City Industrial Development Agency, Special Facility Revenue (American Airlines, Inc. John F. Kennedy International Airport Project)      | 7.75            | 8/1/31        | 5,000,000 <sup>c</sup>    | 4,315,900  |
| New York State Dormitory Authority, Revenue (Suffolk County Judicial Facility)   | 9.50            | 4/15/14       | 605,000                   | 679,802    |
| Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Special Project Bonds (JFK International Air Terminal LLC Project)                                      | 6.00            | 12/1/36       | 4,710,000 <sup>c</sup>    | 4,927,508  |
| <b>North Carolina—3.1%</b>   |                 |               |                           |            |
| Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (North Carolina Medical Care Commission, Health Care Facilities Revenue (Duke University Health System)) | 5.00            | 6/1/42        | 10,000,000 <sup>a,b</sup> | 10,218,800 |
| North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, Home Ownership Revenue  | 5.88            | 7/1/31        | 1,955,000                 | 1,956,447  |
| <b>Ohio—5.0%</b>   |                 |               |                           |            |
| Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds  | 5.88            | 6/1/47        | 2,500,000                 | 1,750,725  |
| Butler County, Hospital Facilities Revenue (UC Health)   | 5.50            | 11/1/40       | 3,000,000                 | 2,925,660  |

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|   |      |         |                        |           |
|---|------|---------|------------------------|-----------|
| Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, Air Quality Revenue (Ohio Valley Electric Corporation Project)                                | 5.63 | 10/1/19 | 4,200,000              | 4,643,100 |
| Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, Tax Increment Development Revenue (Fairfax Village Red Bank Infrastructure Project) | 5.63 | 2/1/36  | 2,530,000 <sup>b</sup> | 1,893,553 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

| <b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>  | Coupon Rate (%) | Maturity Date | Principal Amount (\$)    | Value (\$) |
|---|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Ohio (continued)</b>   |                 |               |                          |            |
| Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Special Assessment Revenue (Crocker Park Public Improvement Project)            | 5.38            | 12/1/35       | 3,000,000                | 2,766,690  |
| University of Akron, General Receipts Bonds (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)                             | 5.00            | 1/1/22        | 5,000,000                | 5,627,150  |
| <b>Oregon—4%</b>  |                 |               |                          |            |
| Warm Springs Reservation Confederated Tribes, Hydroelectric Revenue (Pelton Round Butte Project)                    | 6.38            | 11/1/33       | 1,500,000                | 1,511,760  |
| <b>Pennsylvania—3.0%</b>  |                 |               |                          |            |
| Delaware County Industrial Development Authority, Charter School Revenue (Chester Community Charter School Project) | 6.13            | 8/15/40       | 3,500,000                | 3,248,665  |
| JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (Geisinger Authority, Health System Revenue (Geisinger Health System))         | 5.13            | 6/1/35        | 3,000,000 <sup>a,b</sup> | 3,116,640  |

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|   |      |         |           |           |
|---|------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Philadelphia,<br>GO   | 6.50 | 8/1/41  | 4,700,000 | 5,377,317 |
| <b>Rhode Island—1.4%</b>  |      |         |           |           |
| Rhode Island Health and<br>Educational Building<br>Corporation, Hospital<br>Financing Revenue (Lifespan<br>Obligated Group Issue)<br>(Insured; Assured Guaranty<br>Municipal Corp.) | 7.00 | 5/15/39 | 5,000,000 | 5,666,250 |
| <b>Tennessee—1.6%</b>   |      |         |           |           |
| Metropolitan Government of<br>Nashville and Davidson County<br>Health and Educational<br>Facilities Board, Revenue (The<br>Vanderbilt University)                                   | 5.50 | 10/1/29 | 2,500,000 | 2,857,450 |

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| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>   | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$)  | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Tennessee (continued)</b>   |                    |                  |                           |            |
| Metropolitan Government of<br>Nashville and Davidson County<br>Health and Educational<br>Facilities Board, Revenue<br>(The Vanderbilt University)  | 5.50               | 10/1/34          | 3,000,000                 | 3,333,000  |
| <b>Texas—20.9%</b>   |                    |                  |                           |            |
| Barclays Capital Municipal Trust<br>Receipts (Leander Independent<br>School District, Unlimited Tax<br>School Building Bonds<br>(Permanent School Fund<br>Guarantee Program))                  | 5.00               | 8/15/40          | 9,997,299 <sup>a,b</sup>  | 10,562,499 |
| Barclays Capital Municipal Trust<br>Receipts (Texas A&M University<br>System Board of Regents,<br>Financing System Revenue)<br>Dallas-Fort Worth International<br>Airport Facility Improvement | 5.00               | 5/15/39          | 13,160,000 <sup>a,b</sup> | 14,033,034 |

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|  |      |          |                        |            |
|--|------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Corporation, Revenue<br>(Learjet Inc. Project)   | 6.15 | 1/1/16   | 3,000,000 <sup>C</sup> | 3,000,330  |
| Harris County Health Facilities<br>Development Corporation, HR<br>(Memorial Hermann<br>Healthcare System)                                  | 7.25 | 12/1/35  | 9,290,000              | 10,450,971 |
| Harris County Health Facilities<br>Development Corporation,<br>Revenue (CHRISTUS Health)<br>(Insured; Assured Guaranty<br>Municipal Corp.) | 5.00 | 7/1/15   | 1,500,000              | 1,644,315  |
| Houston,<br>Combined Utility System<br>First Lien Revenue<br>(Insured; Assured<br>Guaranty Municipal Corp.)                                | 6.00 | 11/15/36 | 5,000,000              | 5,665,100  |
| Matagorda County Navigation<br>District Number One, Revenue<br>(Houston Lighting and<br>Power Company Project)<br>(Insured; AMBAC)         | 5.13 | 11/1/28  | 4,295,000              | 4,508,805  |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>  | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Texas (continued)</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| North Texas Tollway Authority,<br>First Tier System Revenue<br>(Insured; Assured Guaranty<br>Municipal Corp.)               | 5.75               | 1/1/40           | 14,705,000 <sup>C</sup>  | 15,653,325 |
| North Texas Tollway Authority,<br>Second Tier System Revenue  | 5.75               | 1/1/38           | 6,650,000 <sup>C</sup>   | 6,885,676  |
| Texas Department of<br>Housing and Community Affairs,<br>Home Mortgage Revenue<br>(Collateralized: FHLMC,<br>FNMA and GNMA) | 13.14              | 7/2/24           | 700,000 <sup>9</sup>     | 767,802    |

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|  |       |         |                          |           |
|--|-------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Texas Department of<br>Housing and Community Affairs,<br>Residential Mortgage Revenue<br>(Collateralized: FHLMC,<br>FNMA and GNMA)           | 5.35  | 7/1/33  | 4,540,000                | 4,553,211 |
| Texas Turnpike Authority,<br>Central Texas Turnpike System<br>Revenue (Insured; AMBAC)   | 5.25  | 8/15/42 | 5,375,000 <sup>c</sup>   | 5,330,011 |
| <b>Virginia—4.3%</b>   |       |         |                          |           |
| Henrico County Industrial<br>Development Authority, Revenue<br>(Bon Secours Health System)<br>(Insured; Assured Guaranty<br>Municipal Corp.) | 11.14 | 8/23/27 | 7,200,000 <sup>g</sup>   | 8,115,552 |
| Virginia Housing Development<br>Authority, Commonwealth<br>Mortgage Revenue  | 6.25  | 7/1/31  | 5,140,000                | 5,517,379 |
| Washington County Industrial<br>Development Authority,<br>HR (Mountain States<br>Health Alliance)  | 7.75  | 7/1/38  | 3,000,000                | 3,405,630 |
| <b>Washington—4.1%</b>   |       |         |                          |           |
| Barclays Capital Municipal Trust<br>Receipts (King County,<br>Sewer Revenue)   | 5.00  | 1/1/29  | 8,577,246 <sup>a,b</sup> | 9,462,059 |

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| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>  | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Washington (continued)</b>   |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Washington Health Care Facilities<br>Authority, Mortgage Revenue<br>(Highline Medical Center)<br>(Collateralized; FHA)  | 6.25               | 8/1/36           | 5,975,000                | 6,656,748  |
| <b>West Virginia—2.0%</b>   |                    |                  |                          |            |
| The County Commission of Harrison<br>County, SWDR (Allegheny Energy<br>Supply Company, LLC Harrison<br>Station Project) | 5.50               | 10/15/37         | 7,920,000                | 7,769,441  |

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**Wisconsin—5.9%**

|  |      |         |                         |            |
|--|------|---------|-------------------------|------------|
| Badger Tobacco Asset<br>Securitization Corporation,<br>Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed Bonds<br>(Prerefunded) | 6.13 | 6/1/12  | 3,865,000 <sup>f</sup>  | 3,978,940  |
| Badger Tobacco Asset<br>Securitization Corporation,<br>Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed Bonds<br>(Prerefunded) | 7.00 | 6/1/12  | 14,570,000 <sup>f</sup> | 15,062,757 |
| Wisconsin Health and Educational<br>Facilities Authority, Revenue<br>(Aurora Health Care, Inc.)                  | 6.40 | 4/15/33 | 4,000,000               | 4,080,440  |

**U.S. Related—5.6%**

|   |      |          |           |           |
|---|------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Guam,<br>GO   | 7.00 | 11/15/39 | 1,500,000 | 1,549,725 |
| Puerto Rico Commonwealth,<br>Public Improvement GO  | 5.50 | 7/1/32   | 1,500,000 | 1,522,665 |
| Puerto Rico Commonwealth,<br>Public Improvement GO  | 6.00 | 7/1/39   | 1,610,000 | 1,683,142 |
| Puerto Rico Commonwealth,<br>Public Improvement GO  | 6.50 | 7/1/40   | 2,390,000 | 2,642,049 |
| Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing<br>Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue<br>(First Subordinate Series) | 5.38 | 8/1/39   | 2,500,000 | 2,578,125 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

| <b>Long-Term Municipal<br/>Investments (continued)</b>   | Coupon<br>Rate (%) | Maturity<br>Date | Principal<br>Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>U.S. Related (continued)</b>  |                    |                  |                          |            |
| Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing<br>Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue<br>(First Subordinate Series)  | 6.00               | 8/1/42           | 10,000,000               | 10,811,600 |
| Virgin Islands Public Finance<br>Authority, Revenue (Virgin Islands<br>Matching Fund Loan Notes) |                    |                  |                          |            |

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|  |      |         |                        |                    |
|--|------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| (Senior Lien/Capital Projects)               | 5.00 | 10/1/39 | 1,250,000              | 1,155,513          |
| <b>Total Long-Term Municipal Investments</b> |      |         |                        |                    |
| (cost \$552,830,347)                         |      |         |                        | <b>580,082,290</b> |
| <b>Short-Term Municipal Investments—1.3%</b> |      |         |                        |                    |
| <b>California—.7%</b>                        |      |         |                        |                    |
| California,                                  |      |         |                        |                    |
| Economic Recovery Bonds                      |      |         |                        |                    |
| (LOC; JPMorgan Chase Bank)                   | 0.07 | 12/1/11 | 1,400,000 <sup>h</sup> | 1,400,000          |
| California,                                  |      |         |                        |                    |
| GO Notes                                     |      |         |                        |                    |
| (Kindergarten-University)                    |      |         |                        |                    |
| (LOC: California State                       |      |         |                        |                    |
| Teachers Retirement                          |      |         |                        |                    |
| System and Citibank NA)                      | 0.09 | 12/1/11 | 300,000 <sup>h</sup>   | 300,000            |
| Irvine Assessment District Number            |      |         |                        |                    |
| 05-21, Limited Obligation                    |      |         |                        |                    |
| Improvement Bonds (LOC:                      |      |         |                        |                    |
| California State Teachers                    |      |         |                        |                    |
| Retirement System and                        |      |         |                        |                    |
| U.S. Bank NA)                                | 0.14 | 12/1/11 | 1,400,000 <sup>h</sup> | 1,400,000          |

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| <b>Short-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b> | Coupon Rate (%) | Maturity Date | Principal Amount (\$)  | Value (\$)            |
|---|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>New York—.6%</b>                                 |                 |               |                        |                       |
| New York City,                                      |                 |               |                        |                       |
| GO Notes (LOC; JPMorgan Chase Bank)                 |                 |               |                        |                       |
|   | 0.12            | 12/1/11       | 2,200,000 <sup>h</sup> | 2,200,000             |
| <b>Total Short-Term Municipal Investments</b>       |                 |               |                        | <b>5,300,000</b>      |
| (cost \$5,300,000)                                  |                 |               |                        |                       |
| <b>Total Investments</b> (cost \$558,130,347)       |                 |               | <b>148.2 %</b>         | <b>585,382,290</b>    |
| <b>Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables</b>       |                 |               | <b>(12.9 %)</b>        | <b>(50,926,880 )</b>  |
| <b>Preferred Stock, at redemption value</b>         |                 |               | <b>(35.3 %)</b>        | <b>(139,500,000 )</b> |
| <b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders</b> |                 |               | <b>100.0 %</b>         | <b>394,955,410</b>    |



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*a Collateral for floating rate borrowings.*

*b Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At November 30, 2011, these securities were valued at \$129,832,360 or 32.9% of net assets applicable to Common Shareholders.*

*c At November 30, 2011, the fund had \$101,165,117 or 25.6% of net assets applicable to Common Shareholders invested in securities whose payment of principal and interest is dependent upon revenues generated from transportation.*

*d Security issued with a zero coupon. Income is recognized through the accretion of discount.*

*e Non-income producing—security in default.*

*f These securities are prerefunded; the date shown represents the prerefunded date. Bonds which are prerefunded are collateralized by U.S. Government securities which are held in escrow and are used to pay principal and interest on the municipal issue and to retire the bonds in full at the earliest refunding date.*

*g Inverse floater security—the interest rate is subject to change periodically. Rate shown is the interest rate in effect at November 30, 2011.*

*h Variable rate demand note—rate shown is the interest rate in effect at November 30, 2011. Maturity date represents the next demand date, or the ultimate maturity date if earlier.*

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#### STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

##### Summary of Abbreviations

|              |  |                |  |
|--------------|--|----------------|--|
| <b>ABAG</b>  | Association of Bay Area Governments              | <b>ACA</b>     | American Capital Access                  |
| <b>AGC</b>   | ACE Guaranty Corporation                         | <b>AGIC</b>    | Asset Guaranty Insurance Company         |
| <b>AMBAC</b> | American Municipal Bond<br>Assurance Corporation | <b>ARRN</b>    | Adjustable Rate Receipt Notes            |
| <b>BAN</b>   | Bond Anticipation Notes                          | <b>BPA</b>     | Bond Purchase Agreement                  |
| <b>CIFG</b>  | CDC Ixis Financial Guaranty                      | <b>COP</b>     | Certificate of Participation             |
| <b>CP</b>    | Commercial Paper                                 | <b>EDR</b>     | Economic Development Revenue             |
| <b>EIR</b>   | Environmental Improvement Revenue                | <b>FGIC</b>    | Financial Guaranty Insurance<br>Company  |
| <b>FHA</b>   | Federal Housing Administration                   | <b>FHLB</b>    | Federal Home Loan Bank                   |
| <b>FHLMC</b> | Federal Home Loan Mortgage<br>Corporation        | <b>FNMA</b>    | Federal National<br>Mortgage Association |
| <b>GAN</b>   | Grant Anticipation Notes                         | <b>GIC</b>     | Guaranteed Investment Contract           |
| <b>GNMA</b>  | Government National<br>Mortgage Association      | <b>GO</b>      | General Obligation                       |
| <b>HR</b>    | Hospital Revenue                                 | <b>IDB</b>     | Industrial Development Board             |
| <b>IDC</b>   | Industrial Development Corporation               | <b>IDR</b>     | Industrial Development Revenue           |
| <b>LOC</b>   | Letter of Credit                                 | <b>LOR</b>     | Limited Obligation Revenue               |
| <b>LR</b>    | Lease Revenue                                    | <b>MFHR</b>    | Multi-Family Housing Revenue             |
| <b>MFMR</b>  | Multi-Family Mortgage Revenue                    | <b>PCR</b>     | Pollution Control Revenue                |
| <b>PILOT</b> | Payment in Lieu of Taxes                         | <b>PUTTERS</b> | Puttable Tax-Exempt Receipts             |

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|               |                                    |             |                                 |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>RAC</b>    | Revenue Anticipation Certificates  | <b>RAN</b>  | Revenue Anticipation Notes      |
| <b>RAW</b>    | Revenue Anticipation Warrants      | <b>RRR</b>  | Resources Recovery Revenue      |
| <b>SAAN</b>   | State Aid Anticipation Notes       | <b>SBPA</b> | Standby Bond Purchase Agreement |
| <b>SFHR</b>   | Single Family Housing Revenue      | <b>SFMR</b> | Single Family Mortgage Revenue  |
| <b>SONYMA</b> | State of New York Mortgage Agency  | <b>SWDR</b> | Solid Waste Disposal Revenue    |
| <b>TAN</b>    | Tax Anticipation Notes             | <b>TAW</b>  | Tax Anticipation Warrants       |
| <b>TRAN</b>   | Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes | <b>XLCA</b> | XL Capital Assurance            |

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### Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

| Fitch                  | or | Moody's                | or | Standard & Poor's      | Value (%) <sup>†</sup> |
|------------------------|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|------------------------|
| AAA                    |    | Aaa                    |    | AAA                    | 19.5                   |
| AA                     |    | Aa                     |    | AA                     | 22.9                   |
| A                      |    | A                      |    | A                      | 30.2                   |
| BBB                    |    | Baa                    |    | BBB                    | 19.5                   |
| BB                     |    | Ba                     |    | BB                     | 2.9                    |
| B                      |    | B                      |    | B                      | .8                     |
| CCC                    |    | Caa                    |    | CCC                    | .8                     |
| F1                     |    | MIG1/P1                |    | SP1/A1                 | .6                     |
| Not Rated <sup>i</sup> |    | Not Rated <sup>i</sup> |    | Not Rated <sup>i</sup> | 2.8                    |
|                        |    |                        |    |                        | <b>100.0</b>           |

<sup>†</sup>Based on total investments.

<sup>i</sup> Securities which, while not rated by Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's, have been determined by the Manager to be of comparable quality to those rated securities in which the fund may invest.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

November 30, 2011

|  | Cost        | Value       |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Assets (\$):</b>                                    |             |             |
| Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments | 558,130,347 | 585,382,290 |
| Interest receivable                                    |             | 9,742,613   |
| Prepaid expenses                                       |             | 15,220      |

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
|   | <b>595,140,123</b> |
| <b>Liabilities (\$):</b>  |                    |
| Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates—Note 2(a)   | 292,369            |
| Cash overdraft due to Custodian   | 2,062,884          |
| Payable for floating rate notes issued—Note 3   | 57,128,615         |
| Payable for investment securities purchased   | 915,972            |
| Interest and expense payable related<br>to floating rate notes issued—Note 3  | 115,330            |
| Commissions payable   | 7,427              |
| Dividends payable to Preferred Shareholders   | 3,167              |
| Accrued expenses  | 158,949            |
|   | <b>60,684,713</b>  |
| <b>Auction Preferred Stock</b> , Series A, B and C, par value<br>\$.001 per share (5,580 shares issued and outstanding<br>at \$25,000 per share liquidation value)—Note 1 | <b>139,500,000</b> |
| <b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders (\$)</b>  | <b>394,955,410</b> |
| <b>Composition of Net Assets (\$):</b>  |                    |
| Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share<br>(48,751,823 shares issued and outstanding)   | 48,752             |
| Paid-in capital   | 423,488,653        |
| Accumulated undistributed investment income—net   | 8,944,685          |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments   | (64,778,623 )      |
| Accumulated net unrealized appreciation<br>(depreciation) on investments  | 27,251,943         |
| <b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders (\$)</b>  | <b>394,955,410</b> |
| <b>Shares Outstanding</b>   |                    |
| (110 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized)  | 48,751,823         |
| <b>Net Asset Value</b> , per share of Common Stock (\$)   | <b>8.10</b>        |

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended November 30, 2011

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Investment Income (\$):</b>    |                   |
| <b>Interest Income</b>            | <b>32,202,047</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                  |                   |
| Investment advisory fee—Note 2(a) | 2,595,073         |

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|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Administration fee—Note 2(a)  | 1,297,537         |
| Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued—Note 3                                 | 366,489           |
| Commission fees—Note 1  | 232,316           |
| Professional fees   | 106,997           |
| Shareholders' reports   | 72,757            |
| Directors' fees and expenses—Note 2(b)  | 63,548            |
| Registration fees   | 50,192            |
| Shareholder servicing costs   | 28,096            |
| Custodian fees—Note 2(a)  | 3,740             |
| Miscellaneous   | 99,128            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>   | <b>4,915,873</b>  |
| Less—reduction in investment advisory fee<br>due to undertaking—Note 2(a)                         | (519,015 )        |
| <b>Net Expenses</b>   | <b>4,396,858</b>  |
| <b>Investment Income—Net</b>  | <b>27,805,189</b> |
| <b>Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 3 (\$):</b>                            |                   |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments   | (21,888,260 )     |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments   | 33,481,801        |
| <b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments</b>                                     | <b>11,593,541</b> |
| <b>Dividends to Preferred Shareholders</b>  | <b>(436,571 )</b> |
| <b>Net Increase in Net Assets Applicable to<br/>Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations</b> | <b>38,962,159</b> |

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended November 30, 2011

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities (\$):</b> |                   |
| Interest received                                 | 32,347,488        |
| Operating expenses paid                           | (4,076,387 )      |
| Dividends paid to Preferred Shareholders          | (438,195 )        |
| Purchases of portfolio securities                 | (104,991,704 )    |
| Net purchases of short-term portfolio securities  | (4,900,000 )      |
| Proceeds from sales of portfolio securities       | 108,250,269       |
|   | <b>26,191,471</b> |
| <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities (\$):</b> |                   |
| Net proceeds from floating rate notes issued      | 10,588,615        |

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|  |               |                      |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Dividends paid to Common Shareholders                                    | (26,300,171 ) |                      |
| Redemptions of Auction Preferred Stock                                   | (9,975,000 )  |                      |
| Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued paid          | (409,605 )    | <b>(26,096,161 )</b> |
| Increase in cash   |               | <b>95,310</b>        |
| Cash overdraft at beginning of period                                    |               | (2,158,194 )         |
| <b>Cash overdraft at end of period</b>                                   |               | <b>(2,062,884 )</b>  |
| <b>Reconciliation of Net Increase in Net Assets Applicable to</b>        |               |                      |
| <b>Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations to</b>                  |               |                      |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (\$):</b>                   |               |                      |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Applicable to Common                          |               |                      |
| Shareholders Resulting From Operations                                   |               | <b>38,962,159</b>    |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets applicable to</b> |               |                      |
| <b>common shareholders resulting from operations to</b>                  |               |                      |
| <b>net cash provided by operating activities (\$):</b>                   |               |                      |
| Decrease in investments in securities, at cost                           |               | 17,970,485           |
| Decrease in receivable for investment securities sold                    |               | 3,010,833            |
| Decrease in payable for investment securities purchased                  |               | (734,493 )           |
| Decrease in interest receivable  |               | 73,489               |
| Decrease in commissions payable and accrued expenses                     |               | (54,952 )            |
| Decrease in prepaid expenses   |               | 7,122                |
| Increase in Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates                |               | 1,812                |
| Decrease in dividends payable to Preferred Shareholders                  |               | (1,624 )             |
| Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued               |               | 366,489              |
| Net unrealized appreciation on investments                               |               | (33,481,801 )        |
| Net amortization of premiums on investments                              |               | 71,952               |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>                         |               | <b>26,191,471</b>    |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information (\$):</b>            |               |                      |
| Non-cash financing activities:   |               |                      |
| Reinvestment of dividends  |               | <b>1,430,458</b>     |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|                         | Year Ended November 30, |            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|                         | 2011                    | 2010       |
| <b>Operations (\$):</b> |                         |            |
| Investment income—net   | 27,805,189              | 28,800,183 |

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|  |                      |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments                      | (21,888,260 )        | (5,075,623 )         |
| Net unrealized appreciation<br>(depreciation) on investments | 33,481,801           | 396,358              |
| Dividends to Preferred Shareholders                          | (436,571 )           | (674,699 )           |
| <b>Net Increase in Net Assets</b>                            |                      |                      |
| <b>Applicable to Common Shareholders</b>                     |                      |                      |
| <b>Resulting from Operations</b>                             | <b>38,962,159</b>    | <b>23,446,219</b>    |
| <b>Dividends to Common Shareholders from (\$):</b>           |                      |                      |
| <b>Investment income—net</b>                                 | <b>(27,730,629 )</b> | <b>(26,194,055 )</b> |
| <b>Capital Stock Transactions (\$):</b>                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Dividends reinvested</b>                                  | <b>1,430,458</b>     | <b>584,516</b>       |
| <b>Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>               |                      |                      |
| <b>Applicable to Common Shareholders</b>                     | <b>12,661,988</b>    | <b>(2,163,320 )</b>  |
| <b>Net Assets Applicable to</b>                              |                      |                      |
| <b>Common Shareholders (\$):</b>                             |                      |                      |
| Beginning of Period  | 382,293,422          | 384,456,742          |
| <b>End of Period</b>   | <b>394,955,410</b>   | <b>382,293,422</b>   |
| Undistributed investment income—net                          | 8,944,685            | 9,525,360            |
| <b>Capital Share Transactions (Shares):</b>                  |                      |                      |
| <b>Increase in Common Shares Outstanding</b>                 |                      |                      |
| <b>as a Result of Dividends Reinvested</b>                   | <b>185,781</b>       | <b>70,313</b>        |

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements, and with respect to common stock, market price data for the fund's common shares.

|   | Year Ended November 30, |        |      |         |        |
|---|-------------------------|--------|------|---------|--------|
|   | 2011                    | 2010   | 2009 | 2008    | 2007   |
| <b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>                               |                         |        |      |         |        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                      | 7.87                    | 7.93   | 6.76 | 8.60    | 9.21   |
| Investment Operations:                                    |                         |        |      |         |        |
| Investment income—net                                     | .57                     | .59    | .64  | .63     | .62    |
| Net realized and unrealized<br>gain (loss) on investments | .24                     | (.10 ) | 1.02 | (1.86 ) | (.59 ) |
| Dividends to Preferred Shareholders                       |                         |        |      |         |        |

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|                                       |        |        |        |          |         |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| from investment income—net            | (.01 ) | (.01 ) | (.03 ) | (.14 )   | (.14 )  |
| Total from Investment Operations      | .80    | .48    | 1.63   | (1.37 )  | (.11 )  |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: |        |        |        |          |         |
| Dividends from investment income—net  | (.57 ) | (.54 ) | (.46 ) | (.47 )   | (.50 )  |
| Net asset value, end of period        | 8.10   | 7.87   | 7.93   | 6.76     | 8.60    |
| Market value, end of period           | 8.39   | 7.94   | 7.58   | 5.53     | 7.77    |
| <b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>   | 13.67  | 11.95  | 46.74  | (24.12 ) | (1.17 ) |

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|   | Year Ended November 30, |         |         |         |         |
|---|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|   | 2011                    | 2010    | 2009    | 2008    | 2007    |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>  |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Ratio of total expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup>   | 1.30                    | 1.30    | 1.37    | 1.44    | 1.43    |
| Ratio of net expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup>   | 1.16                    | 1.16    | 1.21    | 1.30    | 1.28    |
| Ratio of interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup> | .10                     | .07     | .01     | .12     | .17     |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup>                                      | 7.36                    | 7.30    | 8.65    | 7.89    | 7.01    |
| Ratio of total expenses to total average net assets   | .95                     | .91     | .90     | .98     | 1.00    |
| Ratio of net expenses to total average net assets   | .85                     | .81     | .80     | .88     | .90     |
| Ratio of interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued to total average net assets                                   | .07                     | .05     | .01     | .08     | .12     |
| Ratio of net investment income to total average net assets  | 5.36                    | 5.11    | 5.68    | 5.34    | 4.90    |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate   | 20.50                   | 25.94   | 31.59   | 53.01   | 55.89   |
| Asset coverage of Preferred Stock, end of period  | 383                     | 356     | 307     | 276     | 324     |
| Net Assets, net of Preferred Stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000)  | 394,955                 | 382,293 | 384,457 | 327,879 | 417,177 |

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|  |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Preferred Stock outstanding,<br>end of period (\$ x 1,000) | 139,500 | 149,475 | 186,000 | 186,000 | 186,000 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

*a Based on average common shares outstanding at each month end.*

*b Calculated based on market value.*

*c Does not reflect the effect of dividends to Preferred Shareholders.*

*See notes to financial statements.*

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. (the “fund”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Act”), as a diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund’s investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation (the “Manager” or “Dreyfus”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (“BNY Mellon”), serves as the fund’s investment adviser. BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus, serves as the fund’s transfer agent, dividend-paying agent, registrar and plan agent. The fund’s Common Stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange Amex (the “NYSE”) under the ticker symbol DSM.

The fund has outstanding 1,860 shares of Series A, Series B and Series C, for a total of 5,580 shares, of Auction Preferred Stock (“APS”), with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends upon liquidation). APS dividend rates are determined pursuant to periodic auctions or by reference to a market rate. Deutsche Bank Trust Company America, as Auction Agent, receives a fee from the fund for its services in connection with such auctions. The fund also compensates broker-dealers generally at an annual rate of .15%-.25% of the purchase price of the shares of APS.

The fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the APS. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the fund from declaring any distributions to common shareholders or repurchasing common shares and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of APS at liquidation value. Thus, redemptions of APS may be deemed to be outside of the control of the fund.

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The holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two directors. The holders of the APS will vote as a separate class on certain other matters, as required by law. The fund has designated Robin A. Melvin and John E. Zuccotti as directors to be elected by the holders of APS.

During the period ended November 30, 2011, the fund announced the following redemptions of APS at a price of \$25,000 per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends through the redemption date.

| Series | Shares<br>Redeemed | Amount<br>Redeemed (\$) | Redemption<br>Date |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| A      | 101                | 2,525,000               | January 18, 2011   |
| B      | 101                | 2,525,000               | January 20, 2011   |
| C      | 101                | 2,525,000               | January 18, 2011   |
| A      | 32                 | 800,000                 | February 15, 2011  |
| B      | 32                 | 800,000                 | February 17, 2011  |
| C      | 32                 | 800,000                 | February 14, 2011  |



Total

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9,975,000

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) is the exclusive reference of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) under authority of federal laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The fund’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

**(a) Portfolio valuation:** The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e. the exit price). GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Additionally, GAAP provides guidance on determining whether the volume and activity in a market has decreased significantly and whether such a decrease in activity results in transactions that are not orderly. GAAP requires enhanced disclosures around valuation inputs and techniques used during annual and interim periods.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the fund’s investments relating to fair value measurements. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

**Level 1**—unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments.

**Level 2**—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

**Level 3**—significant unobservable inputs (including the fund’s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. Valuation techniques used to value the fund’s investments are as follows:

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Investments in securities are valued each business day by an independent pricing service (the “Service”) approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. All preceding securities are categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Service’s procedures are reviewed by Dreyfus under the general supervision of the Board of Directors.

When market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its net asset value, the fund may value these investments at

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fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Board of Directors. Certain factors may be considered when fair valuing investments such as: fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased and sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers. These securities are either categorized as Level 2 or 3 depending on the relevant inputs used.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)*

For restricted securities where observable inputs are limited, assumptions about market activity and risk are used and are categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of November 30, 2011 in valuing the fund's investments:

|                            | Level 1—<br>Unadjusted<br>Quoted Prices | Level 2—Other<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Level 3—<br>Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs | Total              |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>Assets (\$)</b>         |   |  |   |                    |
| Investments in Securities: |   |  |   |                    |
| Municipal Bonds            | —                                       | 585,382,290  | —   | <b>585,382,290</b> |

In May 2011, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2011-04 “Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”)” (“ASU 2011-04”). ASU 2011-04 includes common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between GAAP and IFRS. ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to disclose the following information for fair value measurements categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy: quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement, the valuation processes used by the reporting entity and a narrative description of the sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs. In addition, ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to make disclosures about amounts and reasons for all transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. The new and revised disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of ASU 2011-04 and its impact on the financial statements.

**(b) Securities transactions and investment income:** Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest

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income, adjusted for accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is earned from settlement date and recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date.

**(c) Dividends to shareholders of Common Stock (“Common Shareholder(s)”)** Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gains, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). To the extent that net realized capital gains can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gains. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

For Common Shareholders who elect to receive their distributions in additional shares of the fund, in lieu of cash, such distributions will be reinvested at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price) as defined in the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan.

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On November 29, 2011, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.0475 per share from investment income-net, payable on December 30, 2011 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 14, 2011.

**(d) Dividends to Shareholders of APS:** Dividends, which are cumulative, are generally reset every 7 days for each Series of APS pursuant to a process specified in related fund charter documents. Dividend rates as of November 30, 2011, for each Series of APS were as follows: Series A-0.213%, Series B-0.229% and Series C-0.229%. These rates reflect the “maximum rates” under the governing instruments as a result of “failed auctions” in which sufficient clearing bids are not received. The

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average dividend rates for the period ended November 30, 2011 for each Series of APS were as follows: Series A-0.309%, Series B-0.307% and Series C-0.312%.

**(e) Federal income taxes:** It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

As of and during the period ended November 30, 2011, the fund did not have any liabilities for any uncertain tax positions. The fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period, the fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Each of the tax years in the four-year period ended November 30, 2011 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

At November 30, 2011, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows: undistributed tax exempt income \$9,671,224, accumulated capital losses \$65,116,962 and unrealized appreciation \$27,590,282.

The accumulated capital loss carryover is available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to November 30, 2011. If not applied, \$10,957,023 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2012, \$1,427,978 expires in fiscal 2015, \$5,522,685 expires in fiscal 2016, \$20,261,695 expires in fiscal 2017, \$5,075,623 expires in fiscal 2018 and \$21,871,958 expires in fiscal 2019.

Under the recently enacted Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 (the “2010 Act”), the fund will be permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 (“post-enactment losses”) for an unlimited

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period. However, the 2010 Act requires post-enactment losses to be utilized before the utilization of losses incurred in taxable years prior to the effective date of the 2010 Act. As a result of this ordering rule, capital loss carryovers related to taxable years beginning prior to the effective date of the 2010 Act may be more likely to expire unused.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal periods ended November 30, 2011 and November 30, 2010 were as follows: tax exempt income \$28,038,726 and \$26,747,425 and ordinary income \$128,474 and \$121,329, respectively.

During the period ended November 30, 2011, as a result of permanent book to tax differences, primarily due to the tax treatment for amortization adjustments and a capital loss carryover expiration, the fund decreased accumulated undistributed investment income-net by \$218,664, increased accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments by \$5,547,052 and decreased paid-in capital by \$5,328,388. Net assets and net asset value per share were not affected by this reclassification.

### NOTE 2—Investment Advisory Fee, Administration Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

**(a)** The fee payable by the fund, pursuant to the provisions of an Investment Advisory Agreement with Dreyfus, is payable monthly based on an annual rate of .50% of the value of the fund’s average weekly net assets (including net assets representing auction preferred stock outstanding). The fund also has an Administration Agreement with Dreyfus, a Custody Agreement with the Custodian and a Transfer Agency and Registrar

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Agreement with BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. The fund pays in the aggregate for administration, custody and transfer agency services a monthly fee based on an annual rate of .25% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets (including net assets representing auction preferred stock outstanding). Out-of-pocket transfer agency and custody expenses, including custody transaction expenses, are paid separately by the fund.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Dreyfus has agreed from December 1, 2010 through May 31, 2012, to waive receipt of a portion of the fund's investment advisory fee, in the amount of .10% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets (including net assets representing APS outstanding). The reduction in investment advisory fee, pursuant to the undertaking, amounted to \$519,015 during the period ended November 30, 2011.

The fund has an arrangement with the custodian bank whereby the fund receives earnings credits from the custodian when positive cash balances are maintained, which are used to offset custody fees. For financial reporting purposes, the fund includes net earnings credits, as an expense offset in the Statement of Operations.

The fund compensates The Bank of New York Mellon, a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus, under a custody agreement for providing custodial services for the fund. During the period ended November 30, 2011, the fund was charged \$3,740 for out-of-pocket and custody transaction expenses, pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended November 30, 2011, the fund was charged \$6,356 for services performed by the Chief Compliance Officer.

The components of "Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: investment advisory fees \$329,939, custodian fees \$1,679 and chief compliance officer fees \$4,743, which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of \$43,992.

(b) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

#### NOTE 3—Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended November 30, 2011, amounted to \$104,257,211 and \$115,828,051, respectively.

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**Inverse Floater Securities:** The fund participates in secondary inverse floater structures in which fixed-rate, tax-exempt municipal bonds are transferred to a trust. The trust subsequently issues two or more variable rate securities that are collateralized by the cash flows of the fixed-rate, tax-exempt municipal bonds. One or more of these variable rate securities pays interest based on a short-term floating rate set by a remarketing agent at predetermined intervals. A residual interest tax-exempt security is also created by the trust, which is transferred to the fund, and is paid interest based on the remaining cash flow of the trust, after payment of interest on the other securities and various expenses of the trust.

The fund accounts for the transfer of bonds to the trust as secured borrowings, with the securities transferred remaining in the fund's investments, and the related floating rate certificate securities reflected as fund liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The average amount of borrowings outstanding under the inverse floater structure during the period ended November 30, 2011, was approximately \$52,654,500, with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of .70%.

At November 30, 2011, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$500,663,393; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$27,590,282, consisting of \$35,040,613 gross unrealized appreciation and \$7,450,331 gross unrealized depreciation.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Shareholders and Board of Directors Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., including the statement of investments, as of November 30, 2011, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and financial highlights for each of the years indicated therein. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2011 by correspondence with the custodian and others. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. at November 30, 2011, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the indicated years, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

New York, New York  
January 27, 2012

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

### Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

Under the fund's Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), a holder of Common Stock who has fund shares registered in his name will have all dividends and distributions reinvested automatically by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., as Plan administrator (the "Administrator"), in additional shares of the fund at the lower of prevailing market price or net asset value (but not less than 95% of market value at the time of valuation) unless such shareholder elects to receive cash as provided below. If market price is equal to or exceeds net asset value, shares will be issued at net asset value. If net asset value exceeds market price or if a cash dividend only is declared, the Administrator, as agent for the Plan participants, will buy fund shares in the open market. A Plan participant is not relieved of any income tax that may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

A Common Shareholder who owns fund shares registered in nominee name through his broker/dealer (i.e., in "street name") may not participate in the Plan, but may elect to have cash dividends and distributions reinvested by his broker/dealer in additional shares of the fund if such service is provided by the broker/dealer; otherwise such dividends and distributions will be treated like any other cash dividend.

A Common Shareholder who has fund shares registered in his name may elect to withdraw from the Plan at any time for a \$5.00 fee and thereby elect to receive cash in lieu of shares of the fund. Changes in elections must be in writing, sent to The Bank of New York Mellon, c/o BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., Shareholder Investment Plan, P.O. Box 35803, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035, should include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the Administrator's records and will be effective only if received more than fifteen days prior to the record date for any distribution.

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The Administrator maintains all Common Shareholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in the account. Shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Administrator in non-certificated form in the name of the participant, and each such participant's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan.

The fund pays the Administrator's fee for reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Plan participants pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or distributions.

The fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to Plan participants at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by the Administrator on at least 90 days' written notice to Plan participants.

Level Distribution Policy

The fund's dividend policy is to distribute substantially all of its net investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more consistent yield to the current trading price of shares of Common Stock of the fund, the fund may at times pay out less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular month and may at times in any month pay out such accumulated but undistributed income in addition to net investment income earned in that month. As a result, the dividends paid by the fund for any particular month may be more or less than the amount of net investment income earned by the fund during such month.

Benefits and Risks of Leveraging

The fund utilizes leverage to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. These objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments. To leverage, the fund issues Preferred Stock

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and floating rate notes, which pay dividends or interest at prevailing short-term interest rates, and invests the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. The interest earned on these investments is paid to Common Shareholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share net asset value of the fund's Common Stock. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, the fund redeemed \$9,975,000 of its outstanding Preferred Stock, the leverage that had been provided by the redeemed Preferred Stock was replaced through the purchase of tax-exempt tender option bonds. In order for this form of leverage to benefit Common Shareholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped: that is, short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. At the same time, a period of generally declining interest rates will benefit Common Shareholders. If either of these conditions change along with other factors that may have an effect on preferred dividends or floating rate notes, then the risk of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

Supplemental Information

For the period ended November 30, 2011, there were: (i) no material changes in the fund's investment objectives or policies, (ii) no changes in the fund's charter or by-laws that would delay or prevent a change of control of the fund, (iii) no material changes in the principal risk factors associated with investment in the fund, and (iv) no changes in the person primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

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IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)

In accordance with federal tax law, the fund hereby designates all the dividends paid from investment income-net during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 as "exempt-interest dividends" (not generally subject to regular federal income tax), except \$128,474 that is being designated as an ordinary income distribution for reporting purposes. Where required by federal tax law rules, shareholders will receive notification of their portion of the fund's taxable ordinary dividends (if any) and capital gains distributions (if any) paid for the 2011 calendar year on Form

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1099-DIV and their portion of the fund's exempt-interest dividends paid for the 2011 calendar year on Form 1099-INT, both of which will be mailed in early 2012.

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### PROXY RESULTS (Unaudited)

Holders of Common Stock and holders of APS voted together as a single class (except as noted below) on the following proposal presented at the annual shareholders' meeting held on June 10, 2011.

|                                      | Shares     |                    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
|                                      | For        | Authority Withheld |
| To elect four Class III Directors: † |            |                    |
| David W. Burke                       | 42,526,723 | 1,926,603          |
| Hans C. Mautner                      | 42,654,441 | 1,798,885          |
| Burton N. Wallack                    | 42,725,892 | 1,727,434          |
| John E. Zuccotti††                   | 3,808      | 71                 |

*†The terms of these Class III Directors expire in 2014.*

*Elected solely by APS holders, Common Shareholders not entitled to vote.*

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### INFORMATION ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT (Unaudited)

At a meeting of the fund's Board of Directors held on November 7-8, 2011, the Board considered the renewal of the fund's Investment Advisory Agreement with Dreyfus pursuant to which Dreyfus provides the fund with investment advisory services, and the fund's separate Administration Agreement with Dreyfus, pursuant to which Dreyfus provides the fund with administrative services (together, the "Agreements"). The Board members, none of whom are "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the fund, were assisted in their review by independent legal counsel and met with counsel in executive session separate from representatives of Dreyfus. In considering the renewal of the Agreements, the Board considered all factors that it believed to be relevant, including those discussed below. The Board did not identify any one factor as dispositive, and each Board member may have attributed different weights to the factors considered.

Analysis of Nature, Extent and Quality of Services Provided to the Fund. The Board considered information previously provided to them in a presentation from Dreyfus representatives regarding the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided to funds in the Dreyfus fund complex, and representatives of Dreyfus confirmed that there had been no material changes in this information. Dreyfus' representatives noted the fund's closed-end structure. Dreyfus also had previously provided information regarding the diverse intermediary relationships and distribution channels of funds in the Dreyfus fund complex and Dreyfus' corresponding need for broad, deep, and diverse resources to be able to provide ongoing shareholder services to each distribution channel, including the distribution channel(s) for the fund.

The Board also considered research support available to, and portfolio management capabilities of, the fund's portfolio management personnel and that Dreyfus also provides oversight of day-to-day fund operations, including fund accounting and administration and assistance in meeting legal and regulatory requirements. The Board also considered Dreyfus' extensive administrative, accounting, and compliance infrastructures.

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Comparative Analysis of the Fund's Performance and Management Fee and Expense Ratio. The Board reviewed reports prepared by Lipper, Inc. ("Lipper"), an independent provider of investment company data, which included information comparing (1) the fund's performance with the

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performance of a group of comparable funds (the "Performance Group") and with a broader group of funds (the "Performance Universe"), all for various periods ended September 30, 2011, and (2) the fund's actual and contractual management fees and total expenses with those of a group of comparable funds (the "Expense Group") and with a broader group of funds (the "Expense Universe"), the information for which was derived in part from fund financial statements available to Lipper as of September 30, 2011. Dreyfus previously had furnished the Board with a description of the methodology Lipper used to select the Performance Group and Performance Universe and the Expense Group and Expense Universe.

Dreyfus representatives stated that the usefulness of performance comparisons may be affected by a number of factors, including different investment limitations that may be applicable to the fund and comparison funds. The Board discussed the results of the comparisons and noted that the fund's total return performance on a net asset value basis variously was at or below the Performance Group median for the various time periods, and was variously at, above, and below the Performance Universe median for the various time periods. The Board also noted that the fund's total return performance on a market price basis variously was above the Performance Group median for various time periods except the 10-year period and variously above or below the Performance Universe median for the various time periods.

The Board also noted that the fund's yield performance, on a net asset value basis and on a market price basis, was variously at, above, or below the Performance Group median and the Performance Universe median for the various time periods. Dreyfus also provided a comparison of the fund's calendar year total returns to the returns of the fund's Lipper category average.

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#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT (Unaudited) *(continued)*

The Board received a presentation from the fund's portfolio managers, who described how the dramatic changes to the municipal bond market over the prior several years, evidenced by historically high priced volatility and liquidity challenges, suggest an increased focus on downside risk in the fund's portfolio. The portfolio managers also discussed the strategy implemented for the fund in 2009, quantitative risk management tools applied to overseeing the fund, the fund's current structure to defend against interest rate volatility, and credit review policies and strategies that seek to mitigate credit risk. The portfolio managers also explained the fund's performance relative to its duration structure, credit structure, and the market and economic environment.

The Board also reviewed the range of actual and contractual management fees and total expenses of the Expense Group and Expense Universe funds and discussed the results of the comparisons. They noted that the fund's contractual management fee was above the Expense Group median, the fund's actual management fee was above the Expense Group median and the Expense Universe median, and the fund's actual total expenses approximated the Expense Group median and were below the Expense Universe median. A Dreyfus representative noted that the undertaking by Dreyfus to waive receipt of .10% of the fund's investment advisory fee would be extended through May 31, 2012.

Dreyfus representatives reviewed with the Board members the management or investment advisory fees paid to Dreyfus or its affiliates by funds in the same Lipper category as the fund, or by separate accounts and/or other types of client portfolios managed by Dreyfus or Standish Mellon Asset Management Company, a Dreyfus affiliate and the primary employer of the fund's primary portfolio managers, considered to have similar investment strategies and policies as the fund (the "Similar Accounts"), and explained the nature of the Similar Accounts. Dreyfus representatives noted that neither Dreyfus nor Standish advise any separate accounts and/or other types of client portfolios considered to have similar investment strategies and policies as the fund. They discussed differences in fees paid and the relationship of the fees paid in light of any differences in the services provided and other relevant

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factors. The Board members considered the relevance of the fee information provided for the Similar Accounts to evaluate the appropriateness and reasonableness of the fund's management fee.

Analysis of Profitability and Economies of Scale. Dreyfus' representatives reviewed the expenses allocated and profit received by Dreyfus and the resulting profitability percentage for managing the fund, and the method used to determine the expenses and profit. The Board concluded that the profitability results were not unreasonable given the services rendered and service levels provided by Dreyfus. The Board also noted the expense limitation arrangement and its effect on Dreyfus' profitability. The Board previously had been provided with information prepared by an independent consulting firm regarding Dreyfus' approach to allocating costs to, and determining the profitability of, individual funds and the entire Dreyfus fund complex. The consulting firm also had analyzed where any economies of scale might emerge in connection with the management of a fund.



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The Board's counsel stated that the Board should consider the profitability analysis (1) as part of their evaluation of whether the fees under the Agreements bear a reasonable relationship to the mix of services provided by Dreyfus, including the nature, extent, and quality of such services, and (2) in light of the relevant circumstances for the fund and the extent to which economies of scale would be realized if the fund grows and whether fee levels reflect these economies of scale for the benefit of fund shareholders. Dreyfus representatives noted that a discussion of economies of scale is predicated on a fund having achieved a substantial size with increasing assets and that the possibility that Dreyfus may have realized any economies of scale is less with respect to a closed-end fund that maintains a generally stable asset size. Dreyfus representatives also noted that, as a result of shared and allocated costs among funds in the Dreyfus funds complex, the extent of economies of scale could depend substantially on the level of assets in the complex as a whole, so that increases and decreases in complex-wide assets can affect potential economies of scale in a manner that is disproportionate to, or even in the opposite direction from, changes in the fund's asset

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### INFORMATION ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT (Unaudited) *(continued)*

level. The Board also considered potential benefits to Dreyfus from acting as investment adviser and noted that there were no soft dollar arrangements in effect with respect to trading the fund's investments.

At the conclusion of these discussions, the Board agreed that it had been furnished with sufficient information to make an informed business decision with respect to the renewal of the Agreements. Based on the discussions and considerations as described above, the Board concluded and determined as follows.

- The Board concluded that the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided by Dreyfus are adequate and appropriate.
- The Board was satisfied with the fund's overall performance, in light of the considerations described above.
- The Board concluded that the fees paid to Dreyfus were reasonable in light of the considerations described above.
- The Board determined that the economies of scale which may accrue to Dreyfus and its affiliates in connection with the management of the fund had been adequately considered by Dreyfus in connection with the fee rate charged to the fund pursuant to the Agreements and that, to the extent in the future it were determined that material economies of scale had not been shared with the fund, the Board would seek to have those economies of scale shared with the fund.

The Board considered these conclusions and determinations, along with information received on a routine and regular basis throughout the year. In addition, it should be noted that the Board's consideration of the contractual fee arrangements for this fund had the benefit of a number of years of reviews of prior or similar agreements during which lengthy discussions took place between the Board and Dreyfus representatives. Certain aspects of the arrangements may receive greater scrutiny in some years than in others, and the Board's conclusions may be based, in part, on their consideration of the same or similar arrangements in prior years. The Board determined that renewal of the Agreements was in the best interests of the fund and its shareholders.

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President

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Joseph W. Connolly

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and Administrator**

The Dreyfus Corporation

**Custodian**

The Bank of New York Mellon

**Counsel**

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

|   |                                       |
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| Bradley J. Skapyak                        |                                       |
| Vice Presidents and Assistant Secretaries | <b>Transfer Agent,</b>                |
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*The NetAssetValue appears in the following publications: Barron's, Closed-End Bond Funds section under the heading "Municipal Bond Funds" every Monday; Wall Street Journal, Mutual Funds section under the heading "Closed-End Funds" every Monday.*

*Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the fund may purchase shares of its common stock in the open market when it can do so at prices below the then current net asset value per share.*

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## For More Information

The fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The fund's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

Information regarding how the fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-DREYFUS.

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**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. There have been no amendments to, or waivers in connection with, the Code of Ethics during the period covered by this Report.

**Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.**

The Registrant's Board has determined that Ehud Houminer, a member of the Audit Committee of the Board, is an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Ehud Houminer is "independent" as defined by the SEC for purposes of audit committee financial expert determinations.

**Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

(a) Audit Fees. The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years (the "Reporting Periods") for professional services rendered by the Registrant's principal accountant (the "Auditor") for the audit of the Registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the Auditor in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the Reporting Periods, were \$37,830 in 2010 and \$30,312 in 2011.

(b) Audit-Related Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for assurance and related services by the Auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item 4 were \$5,382 in 2010 and \$46,082 in 2011. These services consisted of one or more of the following: (i) agreed upon procedures related to compliance with Internal Revenue Code section 817(h), (ii) security counts required by Rule 17f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (iii) advisory services as to the accounting or disclosure treatment of Registrant transactions or events, (iv) advisory services to the accounting or disclosure treatment of the actual or potential impact to the Registrant of final or proposed rules, standards or interpretations by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Boards or other regulatory or standard-setting bodies and (v) agreed upon procedures in evaluating compliance by the Fund with provisions of the Fund's articles supplementary, creating the series of auction rate preferred stock.

The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for non-audit assurance and related services by the Auditor to the Registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-investment adviser whose role is primarily portfolio

management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant ("Service Affiliates"), that were reasonably related to the performance of the annual audit of the Service Affiliate, which required pre-approval by the Audit Committee were \$0 in 2010 and \$0 in 2011.

(c) Tax Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for professional services rendered by the Auditor for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning ("Tax Services") were \$3,496 in 2010 and \$2,460 in 2011. These services consisted of: (i) review or preparation of U.S. federal, state, local and excise tax returns; (ii) U.S. federal, state and local tax planning, advice and assistance regarding statutory, regulatory or administrative developments, and (iii) tax advice regarding tax qualification matters and/or treatment of various financial instruments held or proposed to be acquired or held. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for Tax Services by the Auditor to Service Affiliates, which required pre-approval by the Audit Committee were \$0 in 2010 and \$0 in 2011.

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(d) All Other Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for products and services provided by the Auditor, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item, were \$189 in 2010 and \$160 in 2011. [These services consisted of a review of the Registrant's anti-money laundering program].

The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for Non-Audit Services by the Auditor to Service Affiliates, other than the services reported in paragraphs (b) through (c) of this Item, which required pre-approval by the Audit Committee, were \$0 in 2010 and \$0 in 2011.

(e)(1) Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures. The Registrant's Audit Committee has established policies and procedures (the "Policy") for pre-approval (within specified fee limits) of the Auditor's engagements for non-audit services to the Registrant and Service Affiliates without specific case-by-case consideration. The pre-approved services in the Policy can include pre-approved audit services, pre-approved audit-related services, pre-approved tax services and pre-approved all other services. Pre-approval considerations include whether the proposed services are compatible with maintaining the Auditor's independence. Pre-approvals pursuant to the Policy are considered annually.

(e)(2) Note: None of the services described in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Item 4 were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

(f) None of the hours expended on the principal accountant's engagement to audit the registrant's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal account's full-time, permanent employees.

Non-Audit Fees. The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the Auditor for services rendered to the Registrant, and rendered to Service Affiliates, for the Reporting Periods were \$33,851,490 in 2010 and \$17,593,159 in 2011.

Auditor Independence. The Registrant's Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to Service Affiliates, which were not pre-approved (not requiring pre-approval), is compatible with maintaining the Auditor's independence.

**Item 5.                    Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.**

Not applicable. [CLOSED-END FUNDS ONLY]

**Item 6.                    Investments.**

(a) Not applicable.

**Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

Not applicable. [CLOSED-END FUNDS ONLY]

**Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

(a) (1) The following information is as of January 31, 2012, the date of the filing of this report:

Daniel A. Barton manages the Registrant.

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(a) (2) The following information is as of the Registrant's most recently completed fiscal year, except where otherwise noted:

**Portfolio Managers.** The Manager manages the Fund's portfolio of investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the approval of the Fund's Board members. The Manager is responsible for investment decisions and provides the Fund with portfolio managers who are authorized by the Fund's Board to execute purchases and sales of securities. The Fund's portfolio managers are James Welch, Dan Barton and Steven Harvey. The Manager also maintains a research department with a professional staff of portfolio managers and securities analysts who provide research services for the Fund and for other funds advised by the Manager.

**Portfolio Manager Compensation.** The portfolio managers' cash compensation is comprised primarily of a market-based salary and an incentive compensation plan (annual and long term incentive). Each Fund's portfolio managers are compensated by Dreyfus or its affiliates and not by the Fund. Funding for Standish Mellon Asset Management Company LLC (SMAM) Annual Incentive Plan and Long Term Incentive Plan is through a pre-determined fixed percentage of overall company performance. Therefore, all bonus awards are based initially on SMAM's performance. The investment professionals are eligible to receive annual cash bonus awards from the incentive compensation plan. Annual awards are granted in March, for the prior calendar year. Individual awards for portfolio managers are discretionary, based on product performance relative to both benchmarks and peer comparisons and goals established at the beginning of each calendar year. Goals are to a substantial degree based on investment performance, including performance for one and three year periods. Also considered in determining individual awards are team participation and general contributions to SMAM.

All portfolio managers are also eligible to participate in the SMAM Long Term Incentive Plan. This plan provides for an annual award, payable in deferred cash that cliff vests after 3 years, with an interest rate equal to the average year over year earnings growth of SMAM (capped at 20% per year). Management has discretion with respect to actual participation.

Portfolio managers whose compensation exceeds certain levels may elect to defer portions of their base salaries and/or incentive compensation pursuant to BNY Mellon's Elective Deferred Compensation Plan.

**Additional Information About Portfolio Managers.** The following table lists the number and types of other accounts advised by the Fund's primary portfolio manager and assets under management in those accounts as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year:

| <b><u>Portfolio Manager</u></b> | <b><u>Registered<br/>Investment<br/>Company<br/>Accounts</u></b> | <b><u>Assets Managed</u></b> | <b><u>Pooled<br/>Accounts</u></b> | <b><u>Assets<br/>Managed</u></b> | <b><u>Other<br/>Accounts</u></b> | <b><u>Assets Managed</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Dan Barton                      | 6  | \$2,646 M                    | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                                | 0                            |

None of the funds or accounts are subject to a performance-based advisory fee.



The dollar range of Fund shares beneficially owned by the primary portfolio manager are as follows as of the end of the Fund's fiscal year:

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| <u>Portfolio Manager</u> | <u>Registrant Name</u>                      | <u>Dollar Range of Registrant<br/>Shares Beneficially Owned</u> |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Dan Bartom               | Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc. | None  |

Portfolio managers may manage multiple accounts for a diverse client base, including mutual funds, separate accounts (assets managed on behalf of institutions such as pension funds, insurance companies and foundations), bank common trust accounts and wrap fee programs (“Other Accounts”).

Potential conflicts of interest may arise because of Dreyfus’ management of the Fund and Other Accounts. For example, conflicts of interest may arise with both the aggregation and allocation of securities transactions and allocation of limited investment opportunities, as Dreyfus may be perceived as causing accounts it manages to participate in an offering to increase Dreyfus’ overall allocation of securities in that offering, or to increase Dreyfus’ ability to participate in future offerings by the same underwriter or issuer. Allocations of bunched trades, particularly trade orders that were only partially filled due to limited availability and allocation of investment opportunities generally, could raise a potential conflict of interest, as Dreyfus may have an incentive to allocate securities that are expected to increase in value to preferred accounts. Initial public offerings, in particular, are frequently of very limited availability. Additionally, portfolio managers may be perceived to have a conflict of interest if there are a large number of Other Accounts, in addition to the Fund, that they are managing on behalf of Dreyfus. Dreyfus periodically reviews each portfolio manager’s overall responsibilities to ensure that he or she is able to allocate the necessary time and resources to effectively manage the Fund. In addition, Dreyfus could be viewed as having a conflict of interest to the extent that Dreyfus or its affiliates and/or portfolio managers have a materially larger investment in Other Accounts than their investment in the Fund.

Other Accounts may have investment objectives, strategies and risks that differ from those of the Fund. For these or other reasons, the portfolio manager may purchase different securities for the Fund and the Other Accounts, and the performance of securities purchased for the Fund may vary from the performance of securities purchased for Other Accounts. The portfolio manager may place transactions on behalf of Other Accounts that are directly or indirectly contrary to investment decisions made for the Fund, which could have the potential to adversely impact the Fund, depending on market conditions.

A potential conflict of interest may be perceived to arise if transactions in one account closely follow related transactions in another account, such as when a purchase increases the value of securities previously purchased by the other account, or when a sale in one account lowers the sale price received in a sale by a second account.

Dreyfus' goal is to provide high quality investment services to all of its clients, while meeting Dreyfus' fiduciary obligation to treat all clients fairly. Dreyfus has adopted and implemented policies and procedures, including brokerage and trade allocation policies and procedures that it believes address the conflicts associated with managing multiple accounts for multiple clients. In addition, Dreyfus monitors a variety of areas, including compliance with Fund guidelines, the allocation of IPOs, and compliance with the firm's Code of Ethics. Furthermore, senior investment and business personnel at Dreyfus periodically review the performance of the portfolio managers for Dreyfus-managed funds.

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**Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Companies and Affiliated Purchasers.**

Not applicable. [CLOSED-END FUNDS ONLY]

**Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

There have been no material changes to the procedures applicable to Item 10.

**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) The Registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded, based on their evaluation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the reports that it files or submits on Form N-CSR is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There were no changes to the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

(a)(1) Code of ethics referred to in Item 2.

(a)(2) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(a)(3) Not applicable.

(b) Certification of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

DREYFUS STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Bradley J. Skapyak

Bradley J. Skapyak,

President

Date: January 17, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Bradley J. Skapyak

Bradley J. Skapyak,

President

Date: January 17, 2012

By: /s/ James Windels

James Windels,

Treasurer

Date: January 17, 2012

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