

# Nuveen Proxy Voting Conflicts of Interest Policy and Procedures

## Policy Purpose and Statement

Proxy voting by investment advisers is subject to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) rules and regulations and, for accounts subject to ERISA, U.S. Department of Labor (“DOL”) requirements. These rules and regulations require policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure proxies are voted in the best interest of clients and that such procedures set forth how the adviser addresses material conflicts that may arise between the Adviser’s interests and those of its clients. The purpose of this Proxy Voting Conflicts of Interest Policy and Procedures (“Policy”) is to describe how the Advisers monitor and address the risks associated with Material Conflicts of Interest arising out of business and personal relationships that could affect proxy voting decisions.

Nuveen’s Stewardship Group is responsible for providing vote recommendations, based on the Nuveen Proxy Voting Guidelines (the “Guidelines”), to the Advisers and for administering the voting of proxies on behalf of the Advisers. When determining how to vote proxies, the RI Team adheres to the Guidelines, which are reasonably designed to ensure that the Advisers vote proxies in the best interests of the Advisers’ clients.

Advisers may face certain potential Material Conflicts of Interest when voting proxies. The procedures set forth below have been reasonably designed to identify, monitor, and address potential Material Conflicts of Interest to ensure that the Advisers’ voting decisions are based on the best interest of their clients and are not the product of a conflict.

## Policy Statement

The Advisers have a fiduciary duty to vote proxies in the best interests of their clients and must not subordinate the interests of their clients to their own.

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## Applicability

This Policy applies to employees of Nuveen (“Nuveen”) acting on behalf of Nuveen Asset Management, LLC (“NAM”), Teachers Advisors, LLC (“TAL”) and TIAA-CREF Investment Management, LLC (“TCIM”), (each an “Adviser” and collectively referred to as the “Advisers”)

## Enforcement

As provided in the TIAA Code of Business Conduct, all employees are expected to comply with applicable laws and regulations, as well as the relevant policies, procedures and compliance manuals that apply to Nuveen's business activities. Violation of this Policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

## Terms and Definitions

**Advisory Personnel** includes the Advisers' portfolio managers and research analysts.

**Conflicts Watch List ("Watch List")** refers to a list maintained by the Stewardship Group based on the following:

1. The positions and relationships of the following categories of individuals are evaluated to assist in identifying a potential Material Conflict with a Portfolio Company:
  - i. The TIAA CEO,
  - ii. The Nuveen Executive Leadership Team and the Nuveen Senior Leadership Team,
  - iii. RI Team members who provide proxy voting recommendations on behalf of the Advisers,
  - iv. Advisory Personnel, and
  - v. Household Members of the parties listed above in Nos. 1(i) – 1(iv).

The following criteria constitute a potential Material Conflict:

- Any individual identified above in 1(i) – 1(v) who serves on a Portfolio Company's board of directors; and/or
  - Any individual identified above in 1(v) who serves as a senior executive<sup>1</sup> of a Portfolio Company.
2. In addition, the following circumstances have been determined to constitute a potential Material Conflict:
    - i. Voting proxies for Funds sponsored by any Adviser and/or a Nuveen Affiliated Entity (i.e., registered investment funds and other funds that require proxy voting) held in client accounts,
    - ii. Voting proxies for Portfolio Companies that are direct advisory clients of the Advisers and/or the Nuveen Affiliated Entities,
    - iii. Voting proxies for Portfolio Companies that have a material distribution relationship<sup>2</sup> with regard to the products or strategies of the Advisers and/or the Nuveen Affiliated Entities,
    - iv. Voting proxies for Portfolio Companies that are institutional investment consultants with which the Advisers and/or the Nuveen Affiliated Entities have engaged for any material business opportunity<sup>1</sup> and
    - v. Any other circumstance where the Stewardship Group, the Nuveen Proxy Voting Committee (the "Committee"), the Advisers, Nuveen Legal or Nuveen Compliance are aware of in which the Adviser's duty to serve its clients' interests could be materially compromised.

In addition, certain conflicts may arise when a Proxy Service Provider or their affiliate(s), have determined and/or disclosed that a relationship exists with i) a Portfolio Company ii) an entity acting as a primary shareholder proponent with respect to a Portfolio Company or iii) another party. Such relationships include, but are not limited to, the products and services provided to, and the revenue obtained from, such Portfolio Company or its affiliates. The Proxy Service Provider is required to disclose such relationships to the

<sup>1</sup> Senior executives are defined as "C-suite" positions such as CEO, CFO, COO, CAO, CMO, CIO, CTO, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Such criteria are defined in a separate standard operating procedure.

Advisers, and the Stewardship Group reviews and evaluates the Proxy Service Provider's disclosed conflicts of interest and associated controls annually and reports its assessment to the Committee.

**Household Member** includes any of the following who reside or are expected to reside in your household for at least 90 days a year: i) spouse or Domestic Partner, ii) sibling, iii) child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, and in-laws (mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister).

**Domestic Partner** is defined as an individual who is neither a relative of, or legally married to, a Nuveen employee but shares a residence and is in a mutual commitment similar to marriage with such Nuveen employee.

**Material Conflicts of Interest ("Material Conflict")** A conflict of interest that reasonably could have the potential to influence a recommendation based on the criteria described in this Policy.

**Nuveen Affiliated Entities** refers to TIAA and entities that are under common control with the Advisers and that provide investment advisory services. TIAA and the Advisers will undertake reasonable efforts to identify and manage any potential TIAA-related conflicts of interest.

**Portfolio Company** refers to any publicly traded company held in an account that is managed by an Adviser or a Nuveen Affiliated Entity.

**Proxy Service Provider(s)** refers to any independent third-party vendor(s) who provides proxy voting administrative, research and/or recordkeeping services to Nuveen.

**Proxy Voting Guidelines (the "Guidelines")** are a set of pre-determined principles setting forth the manner in which the Advisers generally intend to vote on specific voting categories and serve to assist clients, Portfolio Companies, and other interested parties in understanding how the Advisers generally intend to vote proxy-related matters. The Guidelines are not exhaustive and do not necessarily dictate how the Advisers will ultimately vote with respect to any proposal or resolution.

**Proxy Voting Conflicts of Interest Escalation Form ("Escalation Form")** Used in limited circumstances as described below to formally document certain requests to deviate from the Guidelines, the rationale supporting the request, and the ultimate resolution.

## Policy Requirements

The Advisers have a fiduciary duty to vote proxies in the best interests of their clients and must not subrogate the interests of their clients to their own.

The Stewardship Group and Advisory Personnel are prohibited from being influenced in their proxy voting decisions by any individual outside the established proxy voting process. The Stewardship Group and Advisory Personnel are required to report to Nuveen Compliance any individuals or parties seeking to influence proxy votes outside the established proxy voting process.

The Stewardship Group generally seeks to vote proxies in adherence to the Guidelines. In the event that a potential Material Conflict has been identified, the Committee, the, Advisory Personnel and Nuveen Compliance are required to comply with the following:

Proxies are generally voted in accordance with the Guidelines. In instances where a proxy is issued by a Portfolio Company on the Watch List, and the RI Team's vote direction is in support of company management and either contrary to the Guidelines or the Guidelines require a case-by-case review, then the Stewardship Group vote recommendation is evaluated using established criteria<sup>3</sup> to determine whether a potential conflict exists. In instances where it is determined a potential conflict exists, the vote direction shall default to the recommendation of an independent third-party Proxy Service Provider based on such provider's benchmark policy. To the extent the Stewardship Group believes there is a justification to vote

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<sup>3</sup> Such criteria are defined in a separate standard operating procedure.

contrary to the Proxy Service Provider's benchmark recommendation in such an instance, then such requests are evaluated and mitigated pursuant to an Escalation Form review process as described in the Roles and Responsibilities section below. In all cases votes are intended to be in line with the Guidelines and in the best interests of clients.

The Advisers are required to adhere to the baseline standards and guiding principles governing client and personnel conflicts as outlined in the TIAA Conflicts of Interest Policy to assist in identifying, escalating and addressing proxy voting conflicts in a timely manner.

## Roles and Responsibilities

### Nuveen Proxy Voting Committee

1. Annually, review and approve the criteria constituting a Material Conflict involving the individuals and entities named on the Watch List.
2. Review and approve the Policy annually, or more frequently as required.
3. Review Escalation Forms as described above to determine whether the rationale of the recommendation is clearly articulated and reasonable relative to the potential Material Conflict.
4. Review Stewardship Group Material Conflicts reporting.
5. Review and consider any other matters involving the Advisers' proxy voting activities that are brought to the Committee.

### Responsible Investing Team

1. Promptly disclose Stewardship Group members' Material Conflicts to Nuveen Compliance.
2. Stewardship Group members must recuse themselves from all decisions related to proxy voting for the Portfolio Company seeking the proxy for which they personally have disclosed, or are required to disclose, a Material Conflict.
3. Compile, administer and update the Watch List promptly based on the Watch List criteria described herein as necessary.
4. Evaluate vote recommendations for Portfolio Companies on the Watch List, based on established criteria to determine whether a vote shall default to the third-party Proxy Service Provider, or whether an Escalation Form is required.
5. In instances where an Escalation Form is required as described above, the Stewardship Group member responsible for the recommendation completes and submits the form to an RI Team manager and the Committee. The Stewardship Group will specify a response due date from the Committee typically no earlier than two business days from when the request was delivered. While the Stewardship Group will make reasonable efforts to provide a two-business- day notification period, in certain instances the required response date may be shortened. The Committee reviews the Escalation Form to determine whether a Material Conflict exists and whether the rationale of the recommendation is clearly articulated and reasonable relative to the existing conflict. The Committee will then provide its response in writing to the Stewardship Group member who submitted the Escalation Form.
6. Provide Nuveen Compliance with established reporting.
7. Prepare Material Conflicts reporting to the Committee and other parties, as applicable.
8. Retain Escalation Forms and responses thereto and all other relevant documentation in conformance with Nuveen's Record Management program.

## Advisory Personnel

1. Promptly disclose Material Conflicts to Nuveen Compliance.
2. Provide input and/or vote recommendations to the Stewardship Group upon request. Advisory Personnel are prohibited from providing the Stewardship Group with input and/or recommendations for any Portfolio Company for which they have disclosed, or are required to disclose, a Material Conflict.
3. From time to time as part of the Adviser's normal course of business, Advisory Personnel may initiate an action to override the Guidelines for a particular proposal. For a proxy vote issued by a Portfolio Company on the Watch List, if Advisory Personnel request a vote against the Guidelines and in favor of Portfolio Company management, then the request will be evaluated by the Stewardship Group in accordance with their established criteria and processes described above. To the extent an Escalation Form is required, the Committee reviews the Escalation Form to determine whether the rationale of the recommendation is clearly articulated and reasonable relative to the potential Material Conflict.

## Nuveen Compliance

1. Determine criteria constituting a Material Conflict involving the individuals and entities named on the Watch List.
2. Determine parties responsible for collection of, and providing identified Material Conflicts to, the Stewardship Group for inclusion on the Watch List.
3. Perform periodic reviews of votes where Material Conflicts have been identified to determine whether the votes were cast in accordance with this Policy.
4. Develop and maintain, in consultation with the Stewardship Group, standard operating procedures to support the Policy.
5. Perform periodic monitoring to determine adherence to the Policy.
6. Administer training to the Advisers and the Stewardship Group, as applicable, to ensure applicable personnel understand Material Conflicts and disclosure responsibilities.
7. Assist the Committee with the annual review of this Policy.

## Nuveen Legal

1. Provide legal guidance as requested.

## Governance

### Review and Approval

This Policy will be reviewed at least annually and will be updated sooner if changes are necessary. The Policy Owner, the Committee and the NEFI Compliance Committee are responsible for the review and approval of this Policy.

### Implementation

Nuveen has established the Committee to provide centralized management and oversight of the proxy voting process administered by the RI Team for the Advisers in accordance with its Proxy Voting Committee Charter and this Policy.

### Exceptions

Any request for a proposed exception or variation to this Policy will be submitted to the Committee for approval and reported to the appropriate governance committee(s), where appropriate.

## Related Documents

- Nuveen Proxy Voting Committee Charter
- Nuveen Proxy Voting Guidelines
- Nuveen Proxy Voting Policy
- Nuveen Policy Statement on Responsible Investing

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