Quarterly Portfolio Review

Payden&Rygel

Florida Local Government Trust

Short Term Bond Fund

[2nd Quarter 2025]

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» **While headline GDP contracted in the first quarter of 2025** due to trade volatility, underlying drivers such as **personal spending and private business investments grew at a solid pace**.

» **Inflation continued to moderate**, with the three-month moving average of the monthly core personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index registering 0.14% as of May, the softest pace in over a year. **The labor market has remained relatively healthy**, but modest signs of weakness have emerged, with a slight increase in the unemployment rate from 4.1% to 4.2%.

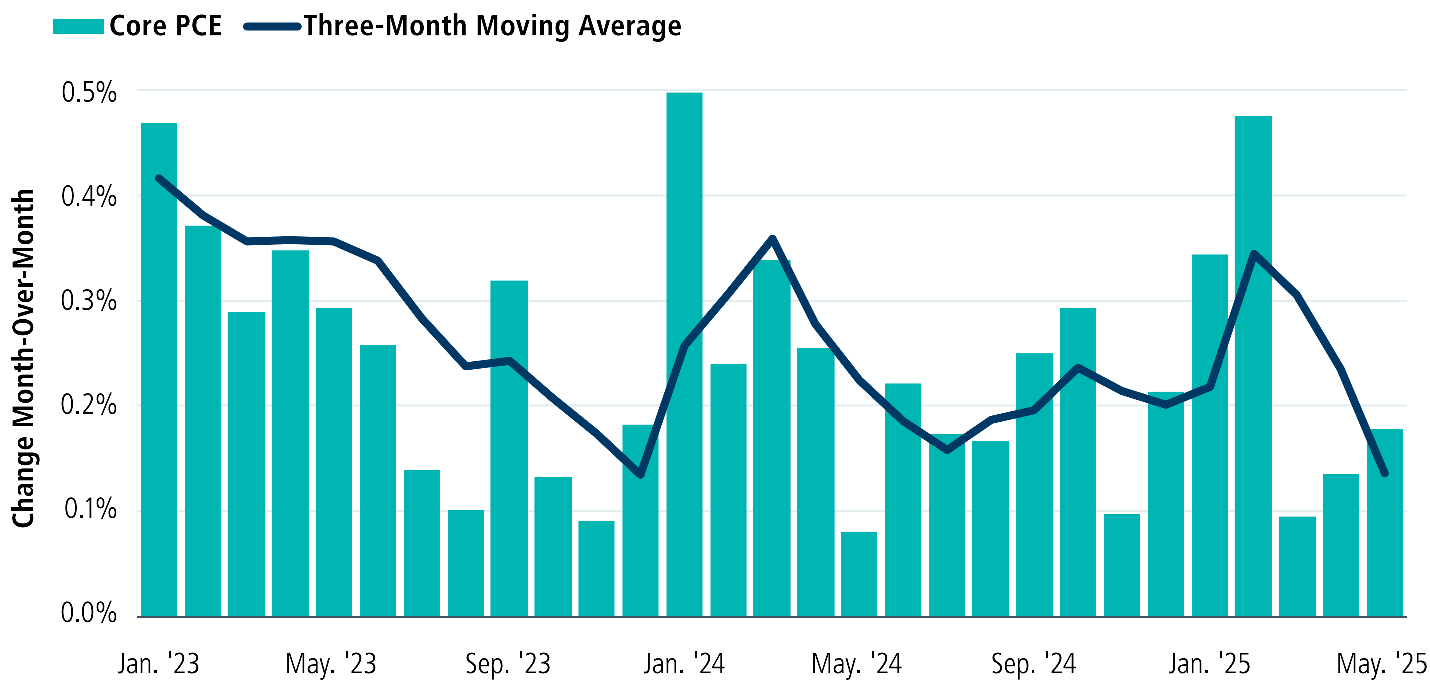
» **Globally, disinflation drove several central bank policy moves.** The RBA, ECB, and BoE reduced rates further as inflation cooled. On the other hand, **the BOJ and BoC, along with the Fed, held their policy rates steady in the second quarter, awaiting clarity on the effects of U.S. trade policy.**

» **Volatility in longer tenor Treasury yields was substantial during the quarter**, largely on the back of concerns surrounding U.S. trade and fiscal policies.

U.S. DISINFLATION PROGRESS RESUMED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2025:

CORE PERSONAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURES (PCE) PRICE INDEX*

MONTHLY CORE PCE VERSUS THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE



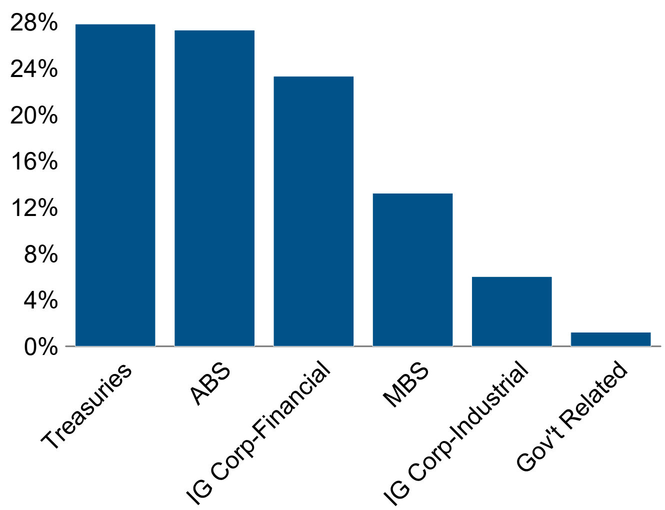
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
*Excluding food and energy

FLORIDA TRUST SHORT-TERM BOND FUND

Portfolio Review and Market Update - 2nd Quarter 2025

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS (As of 6/30/2025)	
Portfolio Market Value	$612.2 million
Fitch Rating	AAAf/S1
Weighted Average Duration	1.79 years
SEC 30-Day Yield (net)	4.16%

SECTOR ALLOCATION



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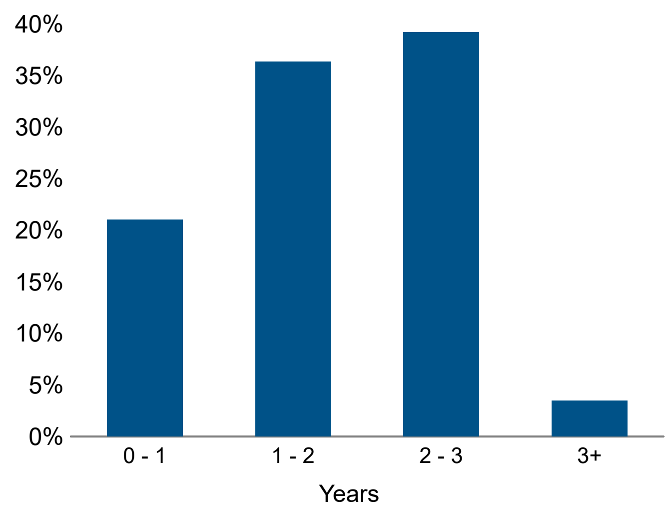

PORTFOLIO RETURNS - Periods Ending 6/30/2025

	2nd Quarter	2025 YTD	Trailing 1 Yr	Trailing 5 Yr	Trailing 10 Yr	Since Inception (1/1/92)
FLORIDA TRUST S-T BOND FUND (gross)	**1.46%**	**3.15%**	**6.24%**	**2.33%**	**2.30%**	**3.61%**
FLORIDA TRUST S-T BOND FUND (NAV)*	1.44%	3.02%	5.97%	2.06%	2.03%	3.29%
ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Treasury Index**	1.18%	2.79%	5.68%	1.37%	1.61%	3.09%

Periods over one year are annualized

**Net Asset Value data provided by custodian UMB. Net of fees.*

***Taxable money market funds average prior to 02/2000.*

SECTOR OUTLOOKS:

THOUGHTS FROM OUR STRATEGISTS

Market sentiment seesawed amid tariffs fits and starts and concerns of an economic slowdown. Though action will remain data-dependent, we anticipate the Fed will further ease monetary policy in the second half of the year, and perhaps more than the market currently expects.

Investment Grade Corporates:

CREDIT UNDERWRITING IN FOCUS

- Rates have been volatile in the face of uncertain policy shifts, after spiking wider post-Liberation Day, yet corporate spreads are relatively unchanged year-to-date. Attractive all-in yields continue to pique investor interest.
- Into the second half of 2025, we believe corporate fundamentals are on solid footing; however, we are closely watching for signs of deterioration or the impact of tariffs on gross margins.

High Yield and Loans:

COUPON CLIPPING AND POTENTIAL PRICE APPRECIATION

- Credit metrics remain sound as disciplined management teams have kept leverage in check and interest coverage ratios are strong.
- Yields north of 7% continue to attract investor attention, particularly given the solid fundamental backdrop.
- Bank loans have lagged high yield bonds this year, but underperformance was entirely attributable to lower rates. We remain highly selective with an eye on relative value opportunities.

Emerging Markets:

BIFURCATION CREATING UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

- In the wake of trade policy upheaval, EM economies are poised to bifurcate from increased protectionism.
- Recent US dollar weakness has proven a tailwind for EM assets, a phenomenon we believe could continue given the US dollar is still historically expensive. Lower inflation supports EM central banks' ability to further lower policy rates.
- We seek to overweight exposure to sovereign issuers presenting attractive income opportunities, as well as EM corporates that are positioned to benefit from shifting trade winds.

Securitized Sectors:

HIGH-QUALITY OPTIONS TO DIVERSIFY CREDIT EXPOSURE

- After widening in the wake of tariff announcements, securitized credit spreads largely retraced moving into the second half of the year.
- The mortgage complex offers attractive investment opportunities, particularly residential Non-QM and select new issue CMBS SASB.
- Agency MBS spreads remain attractive versus corporate credit and we anticipate rates stability to set the stage for mortgage basis compression.
- Limited new loan supply and robust demand continues to underpin pricing for quality CLO issues; we see compelling relative value opportunities in tier 1 managers and shorter deal structures.

Equities:

DIVIDEND INCOME OFFERING PORTFOLIO BALLAST

- The impact of tariffs on corporate earnings growth remains to be seen, though valuations have rebounded from the Liberation Day selloff.
- Given the uncertain outlook, we favor quality stocks of companies with robust cash flows and strong balance sheets.
- We remain focused on positioning the portfolio to capture a premium dividend yield with favorable long-term growth prospects, such as banks or AI-exposed names.

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OUR STRATEGIES

Multi-Sector

Short Maturity Bonds

U.S. Core Bond

Absolute Return Fixed Income

Strategic Income

Global Fixed Income

Liability Driven Investing

Sector-Specific

Emerging Markets Debt

Government/Sovereign

High Yield Bonds & Loans

Inflation-Linked/TIPS

Investment Grade Corporate Bonds

Municipal Bonds (U.S.)

Securitized Bonds

Income-Focused Equities

Equity Income

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