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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  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end:      11/30

Date of reporting period:      5/31/13

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

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- Information about your transactions with us, such as the purchase or sale of Fund shares.
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### **ACCOUNT, OR AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW.**

*Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.*

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Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

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### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to present this semiannual report for Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc., covering the six-month period from December 1, 2012, through May 31, 2013. 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.

The U.S. economic recovery gained traction over the reporting period, but remained slower than historical norms. On one hand, the expansion has been fueled by gradually falling unemployment, recovering housing markets, rapid growth in domestic oil and gas production, and, perhaps most significant, the aggressively stimulative monetary policy of the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed"). On the other hand, several factors have weighed on the nation's economic growth rate, including relatively sluggish demand for exports to Europe and the emerging markets, higher tax rates for some Americans, and more restrictive fiscal policies stemming from sequestration. Yields of longer term municipal bonds climbed in response to these developments, but yields of short-term securities remained anchored by the Fed's historically low target for the overnight federal funds rate.

In our analysis, real GDP growth seems poised to accelerate modestly over the remainder of 2013. In fact, we expect the relatively mild economic expansion to remain intact domestically and globally over the next several years. The moderate pace of the recovery implies that the risks of consumer price inflation are limited, making it unlikely that the Fed will adopt expansion-threatening, restrictive policies anytime soon. As always, we encourage you to discuss our observations with your financial advisor.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

J. Charles Cardona  
President  
The Dreyfus Corporation  
June 17, 2013

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### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

*For the period of December 1, 2012, through May 31, 2013, as provided by Daniel Barton and Steven Harvey, Portfolio Managers*

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## Fund and Market Performance Overview

For the six-month period ended May 31, 2013, Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund achieved a total return of -1.45% on a net-asset-value basis.<sup>1</sup> Over the same period, the fund provided aggregate income dividends of \$0.285 per share, which reflects a distribution rate of 6.66%.<sup>2</sup>

Selling pressure at the end of 2012 stemming from changing capital gains tax rates and dealers' reluctance to maintain inventories dampened municipal bond market returns for the reporting period overall, as did rising long-term interest rates in 2013. The fund cushioned the brunt of market weakness through overweighted exposure to higher yielding revenue bonds.

## 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, has 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

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

with newly issued bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings. When such opportunities arise, we usually look to sell bonds that are close to their optional redemption date or maturity.

### Selling Pressure in Advance of Tax Changes

After an extended period of market support resulting, in part, from favorable supply-and-demand dynamics, municipal bonds lost some value at the end of 2012 when investors took profits in anticipation of higher capital gains tax rates for 2013. At the same time, municipal bond dealers proved reluctant to absorb the rising supply of municipal bonds in the secondary market as they sought to maintain light inventories of unsold securities at year-end.

While the supply of newly issued municipal bonds continued to moderate over the opening months of 2013, the robust investor demand that had characterized much of 2012 failed to rematerialize. In addition, yields of U.S. Treasury securities generally climbed over the first five months of 2013 in response to improved economic trends and mounting expectations that the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") might back away from its ongoing quantitative easing program sooner than many had expected. These expectations intensified in May, when remarks by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke were widely interpreted as a signal of the central bank's intention to adopt a less accommodative monetary policy. The resulting downward pressure on municipal bond prices caused broad measures of long-term municipal bond performance to end the reporting period with mildly negative returns.

In this environment, shorter term and lower rated municipal bonds provided higher returns than their longer maturity and higher rated counterparts, on average.

### Fund Strategies Produced Mixed Results

The fund benefited over the reporting period from overweighted exposure to revenue bonds backed by hospitals, airports, industrial development projects, and the state's settlement of litigation with U.S. tobacco companies. The fund's holdings of bonds with credit ratings toward the lower end of the investment-grade range also fared relatively well, as did tactical trades in bonds from Puerto Rico, which encountered

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heightened volatility. On the other hand, results were dampened by a modestly long average duration, the effects of which were magnified by the fund's leveraging strategy. In addition, higher quality revenue bonds backed by essential municipal services, such as water and sewer facilities, weighed on performance.

### Maintaining a Selective Approach

We have been encouraged by recently improved economic data, but the U.S. economy remains vulnerable to domestic fiscal uncertainty and unexpected global developments. In addition, while credit fundamentals are improving for most states, many localities face ongoing fiscal pressures. Therefore, we have maintained a long-term perspective in which our research-intensive credit selection process seeks to identify attractively valued opportunities among fundamentally sound issuers. Over the near term, we believe that bouts of heightened market volatility may provide opportunities to purchase municipal bonds at more attractive valuations as yield differences widen along the market's maturity spectrum.

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*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 November 30, 2014, 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, annualized, divided by the market price per share at the end of the period, adjusted for any capital gain distributions.*

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## STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

May 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments—142.8%</b>	<b>Coupon Rate (%)</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Principal Amount (\$)</b>	<b>Value (\$)</b>
<b>Alabama—.7%</b>				
Jefferson County, Limited Obligation School Warrants	5.25	1/1/17	2,000,000	2,000,260
Jefferson County, Limited Obligation				

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School Warrants	5.00	1/1/24	1,000,000	992,420
<b>Alaska—2.5%</b>				
Northern Tobacco Securitization Corporation of Alaska, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.00	6/1/32	2,500,000	2,330,075
Northern Tobacco Securitization Corporation of Alaska, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.00	6/1/46	9,465,000	8,414,196
<b>Arizona—6.0%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 21W) (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>	14,785,601
Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Education Revenue (American Charter Schools Foundation Project)	5.50	7/1/26	4,000,000	3,970,360
Pima County Industrial Development Authority, IDR (Tucson Electric Power Company Project)	5.75	9/1/29	6,000,000	6,294,660
Salt Verde Financial Corporation, Senior Gas Revenue	5.00	12/1/37	1,000,000	1,106,890
<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>	5,873,563
California, GO (Various Purpose)	5.75	4/1/31	7,800,000	9,078,030
California, GO (Various Purpose)	6.00	3/1/33	2,250,000	2,752,672

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>California (continued)</b>				

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California, GO (Various Purpose)	6.50	4/1/33	5,000,000	6,163,100
California, GO (Various Purpose)	6.00	11/1/35	5,000,000	6,033,050
California State Public Works Board, LR (The Regents of the University of California) (Various University of California Projects)	5.00	4/1/34	3,000,000	3,304,260
California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue (Front Porch Communities and Services Project)	5.13	4/1/37	4,975,000 <sup>b</sup>	5,160,169
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	4.50	6/1/27	2,000,000	1,967,360
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Power System Revenue	5.00	7/1/34	2,885,000	3,226,873
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Water System Revenue	5.00	7/1/43	5,000,000	5,556,500
Sacramento City Unified School District, GO (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	0.00	7/1/24	5,220,000 <sup>d</sup>	3,289,487
Sacramento County, Airport System Subordinate and Passenger Facility Charges Grant Revenue	6.00	7/1/35	4,000,000 <sup>c</sup>	4,678,920
San Buenaventura, Revenue (Community Memorial Health System)	7.50	12/1/41	1,500,000	1,827,390
San Diego Public Facilities Financing Authority, Senior Sewer Revenue	5.25	5/15/34	2,500,000	2,905,975
Santa Margarita/Dana Point Authority, Revenue (Santa Margarita Water District Improvement Districts Numbers 2,3 and 4)	5.13	8/1/38	5,000,000	5,711,950

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>California (continued)</b>				
Tuolumne Wind Project Authority, Revenue (Tuolumne Company Project)	5.88	1/1/29	2,000,000	2,365,120
<b>Colorado—4%</b>				
Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Single Family Program Senior and Subordinate Bonds (Collateralized; FHA)	6.60	8/1/32	650,000	684,860
The Plaza Metropolitan District Number 1, Revenue	4.00	12/1/16	1,000,000	1,062,750
<b>Connecticut—1.1%</b>				
Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, Special Obligation Revenue (American REF-FUEL Company of Southeastern Connecticut Project)	6.45	11/15/22	4,985,000	4,993,524
<b>Florida—6.0%</b>				
Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, Personal Lines Account/Commercial Lines Account Senior Secured Revenue	5.00	6/1/22	3,500,000	4,122,090
Martin County Industrial Development Authority, IDR (Indiantown Cogeneration, L.P. Project)	4.20	12/15/25	1,750,000	1,760,045
Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, Springing Lien Revenue	7.25	10/1/34	5,000,000 <sup>C</sup>	6,252,350
Palm Beach County Health Facilities Authority, Retirement Community Revenue (Adult Communities Total Services, Inc. Retirement—Life Communities, Inc. Obligated Group)	5.50	11/15/33	6,825,000	7,380,964
Saint Johns County Industrial				

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Development Authority, Revenue (Presbyterian Retirement Communities Project)	6.00	8/1/45	3,500,000	3,878,175
South Lake County Hospital District, Revenue (South Lake Hospital, Inc.)	6.25	4/1/39	2,500,000	2,823,900

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Georgia—3.7%</b>				
Atlanta, Airport General Revenue	5.00	1/1/26	3,500,000 <sup>C</sup>	3,917,375
Atlanta, Water and Wastewater Revenue	6.00	11/1/28	4,865,000	5,892,634
Atlanta, Water and Wastewater Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.25	11/1/34	1,000,000	1,114,050
Augusta, Airport Revenue	5.45	1/1/31	2,500,000 <sup>C</sup>	2,545,375
Savannah Economic Development Authority, EIR (International Paper Company Project)	6.20	8/1/27	2,670,000	2,691,947
<b>Hawaii—1.2%</b>				
Hawaii Department of Budget and Finance, Special Purpose Revenue (Hawai'i Pacific Health Obligated Group)	5.63	7/1/30	2,500,000	2,763,775
Hawaii Department of Budget and Finance, Special Purpose Revenue (Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and Subsidiary Projects)	6.50	7/1/39	2,000,000	2,345,260
<b>Idaho—.0%</b>				
Idaho Housing and Finance Association, SFMR (Collateralized; FNMA)	6.35	1/1/30	185,000	185,379
<b>Illinois—2.9%</b>				

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Chicago, General Airport Third Lien Revenue (Chicago O'Hare International Airport)	5.63	1/1/35	3,000,000 <sup>C</sup>	3,435,270
Illinois, GO Illinois Finance Authority, Revenue (Sherman Health Systems)	5.00	4/1/22	3,500,000	3,949,050
5.50	8/1/37	1,020,000	1,103,538	
Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Revenue	6.00	6/1/28	3,600,000	4,299,480

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Indiana—1.0%</b>				
Indiana Finance Authority, Private Activity Bonds (Ohio River Bridges East End Crossing Project)	5.00	1/1/19	1,000,000	1,102,130
Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank, Revenue (Indianapolis Airport Authority Project) (Insured; AMBAC)	5.00	1/1/36	3,000,000 <sup>C</sup>	3,147,990
<b>Iowa—1.3%</b>				
Iowa Finance Authority, Midwestern Disaster Area Revenue (Iowa Fertilizer Company Project)	5.25	12/1/25	3,500,000	3,614,135
Tobacco Settlement Authority of Iowa, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.60	6/1/34	2,000,000	1,997,560
<b>Kentucky—.3%</b>				
Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, Health Facilities				

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Revenue (Jewish Hospital and Saint Mary's HealthCare, Inc. Project) (Prerefunded)	6.13	2/1/18	1,000,000 <sup>e</sup>	1,235,440
<b>Louisiana—1.2%</b>				
Lakeshore Villages Master Community Development District, Special Assessment Revenue	5.25	7/1/17	1,987,000 <sup>f</sup>	795,833
Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority, Revenue (Westlake Chemical Corporation Projects)	6.75	11/1/32	4,000,000	4,543,360
<b>Maine—6%</b>				
Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (MaineGeneral Medical Center Issue)	7.50	7/1/32	2,000,000	2,519,540

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Massachusetts—11.5%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 15W) (Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Massachusetts Institute of Technology Issue))	5.00	7/1/38	10,200,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	11,498,766
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (Series 3840) (Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue (Harvard University Issue))	5.25	2/1/34	10,000,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	11,751,100
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (Series 3898) (Massachusetts, Consolidated Loan)	5.00	4/1/19	6,400,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	7,478,336

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Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue (Tufts Medical Center Issue)	7.25	1/1/32	2,500,000	3,090,475
Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Suffolk University Issue)	6.25	7/1/30	5,000,000	5,769,550
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Housing Revenue	7.00	12/1/38	4,575,000	5,200,723
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, SFHR	5.00	12/1/31	5,015,000	5,149,402
<b>Michigan—8.3%</b>				
Detroit, Sewage Disposal System Senior Lien Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	7.50	7/1/33	3,500,000	4,270,630
Detroit, Water Supply System Senior Lien Revenue	5.00	7/1/31	3,780,000	3,970,777
Detroit, Water Supply System Senior Lien Revenue	5.00	7/1/36	3,290,000	3,403,702

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Michigan (continued)</b>				
Kent Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue (Metropolitan Hospital Project)	6.00	7/1/35	2,000,000	2,114,420
Michigan Finance Authority, Clean Water Revolving Fund Revenue	5.00	10/1/31	2,000,000	2,308,480
Michigan Strategic Fund, LOR (State of Michigan Cadillac Place Office Building Project)	5.25	10/15/31	4,500,000	5,041,035
Michigan Strategic Fund,				

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SWDR (Genesee Power Station Project)	7.50	1/1/21	6,120,000	6,107,882
Royal Oak Hospital Finance Authority, HR (William Beaumont Hospital Obligated Group)	8.00	9/1/29	5,000,000	6,283,600
Wayne County Airport Authority, Airport Revenue (Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport) (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.)	5.00	12/1/34	2,450,000 <sup>C</sup>	2,506,791
<b>Nevada—1.3%</b>				
Clark County, Passenger Facility Charge Revenue (Las Vegas-McCarran International Airport)	5.00	7/1/30	5,000,000 <sup>C</sup>	5,531,850
<b>New Jersey—3.8%</b>				
New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Cigarette Tax Revenue	5.00	6/15/25	2,490,000	2,797,117
New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Cigarette Tax Revenue	5.00	6/15/28	1,000,000	1,099,490
New Jersey Economic Development Authority, School Facilities Construction Revenue	5.50	12/15/29	5,000,000	5,684,200
New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Special Facility Revenue (Continental Airlines, Inc. Project)	5.13	9/15/23	2,500,000 <sup>C</sup>	2,682,775
New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Water Facilities Revenue (New Jersey—American Water Company, Inc. Project)	5.70	10/1/39	3,000,000	3,297,990

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>New Jersey (continued)</b>				
Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation of New Jersey, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.00	6/1/41	1,000,000	888,630

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<b>New Mexico—1.3%</b>				
Farmington, PCR (Public Service Company of New Mexico San Juan Project)	5.90	6/1/40	5,000,000	5,578,300
<b>New York—15.7%</b>				
Austin Trust (Series 1107) (Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Bonds, 151st Series)	6.00	9/15/28	10,000,000	a,b,c 11,656,000
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 7B) (New York City Transitional Finance Authority, Future Tax Secured Subordinate Revenue)	5.50	11/1/27	5,000,000	a,b 6,057,800
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 11B) (New York City Transitional Finance Authority, Future Tax Secured Revenue)	5.00	5/1/30	4,488,203	a,b 5,153,531
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (Series 3857) (New York City Transitional Finance Authority, Future Tax Secured Subordinate Revenue)	5.25	11/1/18	5,000,000	a,b 6,034,300
Long Island Power Authority, Electric System General Revenue	6.25	4/1/33	3,000,000	3,633,270
Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Transportation Revenue	6.25	11/15/23	9,425,000	c 11,540,724
Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Transportation Revenue	5.00	11/1/28	1,500,000	c 1,712,085
New York City Educational Construction Fund, Revenue	6.50	4/1/28	2,785,000	3,567,446

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>New York (continued)</b>				
New York City Industrial Development Agency, Senior Airport Facilities Revenue (Transportation Infrastructure Properties, LLC Obligated Group)	5.00	7/1/22	2,165,000 <sup>c</sup>	2,316,550
New York City Industrial Development Agency, Special Facility Revenue (American Airlines, Inc. John F. Kennedy International Airport Project)	8.00	8/1/31	5,000,000 <sup>c</sup>	5,772,350
New York State Dormitory Authority, Revenue (Orange Regional Medical Center Obligated Group)	6.25	12/1/37	2,500,000	2,758,400
New York State Dormitory Authority, Revenue (Suffolk County Judicial Facility)	9.50	4/15/14	605,000	634,161
Niagara Area Development Corporation, Solid Waste Disposal Facility Revenue (Covanta Energy Project)	5.25	11/1/42	2,000,000	2,042,380
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>	5,497,748
<b>North Carolina—2.5%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 31W) (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>	10,941,700
<b>Ohio—5.7%</b>				
Butler County, Hospital Facilities Revenue (UC Health)	5.50	11/1/40	3,000,000	3,271,170
Cleveland, Airport System Revenue	5.00	1/1/30	2,000,000 <sup>c</sup>	2,199,680



<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Ohio (continued)</b>				
Muskingum County, Hospital Facilities Revenue (Genesis HealthCare System Obligated Group Project)	5.00	2/15/20	1,250,000	1,367,300
Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, Air Quality Revenue (Ohio Valley Electric Corporation Project)	5.63	10/1/19	4,200,000	4,931,976
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>	2,157,559
Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, Hospital Facilities Improvement Revenue (Memorial Health System Obligated Group Project)	6.00	12/1/42	2,000,000	2,207,060
Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Special Assessment Revenue (Crocker Park Public Improvement Project)	5.38	12/1/35	3,000,000	3,077,370
University of Akron, General Receipts Bonds (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.00	1/1/22	5,000,000	5,805,350
<b>Oregon—4%</b>				
Warm Springs Reservation Confederated Tribes, Hydroelectric Revenue (Pelton Round Butte Project)	6.38	11/1/33	1,500,000	1,713,465
<b>Pennsylvania—2.3%</b>				
Commonwealth Financing Authority of Pennsylvania, Revenue JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers	5.00	6/1/23	1,000,000	1,191,650

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Trust ) (Series 3916) (Geisinger Authority, Health System Revenue (Geisinger Health System))	5.13	6/1/35	3,000,000 a,b	3,312,270
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Pennsylvania (continued)</b>				
Philadelphia, GO	6.50	8/1/41	4,700,000	5,568,607
<b>Rhode Island—1.3%</b>				
Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation, Hospital Financing Revenue (Lifespan Obligated Group Issue) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	7.00	5/15/39	5,000,000	5,851,700
<b>Tennessee—1.5%</b>				
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Health and Educational Facilities Board, Revenue (The Vanderbilt University)	5.50	10/1/29	2,500,000	2,945,500
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Health and Educational Facilities Board, Revenue (The Vanderbilt University)	5.50	10/1/34	3,000,000	3,481,140
<b>Texas—19.4%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 28W) (Leander Independent School District, Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds (Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program))	5.00	8/15/40	9,997,299 a,b	11,082,499

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Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 39W) (Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, Financing System Revenue)	5.00	5/15/39	13,160,000 a,b	14,509,953
Dallas and Fort Worth, Joint Improvement Revenue (Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport)	5.00	11/1/42	5,000,000 c	5,157,450
Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Facility Improvement Corporation, Revenue (Learjet Inc. Project)	6.15	1/1/16	3,000,000 c	3,005,340

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Texas (continued)</b>				
Gulf Coast Industrial Development Authority, SWDR (CITGO Petroleum Corporation Project)	4.88	5/1/25	1,000,000	1,027,340
Harris County Health Facilities Development Corporation, HR (Memorial Hermann Healthcare System) (Prerefunded)	7.25	12/1/18	7,290,000 e	9,678,204
Houston, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	6.00	11/15/36	5,000,000	6,034,900
Love Field Airport Modernization Corporation, Special Facilities Revenue (Southwest Airlines Company—Love Field Modernization Program Project)	5.00	11/1/28	1,000,000 c	1,074,540
Lower Colorado River Authority, Transmission Contract Revenue (Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission				

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Services Corporation Project)	5.00	5/15/31	3,250,000	3,669,900
Matagorda County Navigation District Number One, Revenue (Houston Lighting and Power Company Project) (Insured; AMBAC)	5.13	11/1/28	4,295,000	5,053,454
North Texas Tollway Authority, First Tier System Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.75	1/1/40	14,705,000 <sup>c</sup>	16,799,727
North Texas Tollway Authority, Second Tier System Revenue Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Home Mortgage Revenue (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)	5.75	1/1/38	6,650,000 <sup>c</sup>	7,308,483
<b>Vermont—9%</b> Burlington, Airport Revenue	13.41	7/2/24	500,000 <sup>g</sup>	532,300
	3.50	7/1/18	4,000,000 <sup>c</sup>	3,985,200

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Virginia—6.7%</b> Henrico County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue (Bon Secours Health System, Inc.) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	11.22	8/23/27	7,050,000 <sup>g</sup>	9,245,934
Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board, Transportation Capital Projects Revenue	5.00	5/15/21	5,000,000 <sup>c</sup>	6,124,250
Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board, Transportation Capital				

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Projects Revenue	5.00	5/15/22	3,840,000 <sup>c</sup>	4,727,462
Virginia Housing Development Authority, Commonwealth				
Mortgage Revenue	6.25	7/1/31	4,845,000	5,476,013
Washington County Industrial Development Authority, HR (Mountain States Health Alliance)	7.75	7/1/38	3,000,000	3,647,370
<b>Washington—5.3%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Series 27B) (King County, Sewer Revenue) Seattle,	5.00	1/1/29	8,577,246 <sup>a,b</sup>	9,798,437
Water System Revenue	5.00	9/1/24	5,000,000	6,040,900
Washington Health Care Facilities Authority, Mortgage Revenue (Highline Medical Center) (Collateralized; FHA)	6.25	8/1/36	5,975,000	7,075,416
<b>West Virginia—1.9%</b>				
The County Commission of Harrison County, SWDR (Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC Harrison Station Project)	5.50	10/15/37	7,920,000	8,339,839

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Wisconsin—1.3%</b>				
Public Finance Agency, Senior Airport Facilities Revenue (Transportation Infrastructure Properties, LLC Obligated Group)	5.00	7/1/42	1,500,000 <sup>c</sup>	1,555,365
Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Aurora Health Care, Inc.)	6.40	4/15/33	4,000,000	4,009,320
<b>U.S. Related—6.9%</b>				
Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer				

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Authority, Senior Lien Revenue Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Public Improvement GO	5.13	7/1/37	3,660,000	3,480,184
Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Public Improvement GO	5.50	7/1/32	1,500,000	1,516,140
Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Public Improvement GO	6.00	7/1/39	1,610,000	1,664,064
Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Public Improvement GO	6.50	7/1/40	2,390,000	2,593,604
Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue	5.25	7/1/24	1,895,000	1,942,186
Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue	5.00	7/1/42	1,900,000	1,819,934
Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.)	5.50	7/1/17	1,755,000	1,900,998
Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue (First Subordinate Series)	5.38	8/1/39	2,500,000	2,626,825
Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue (First Subordinate Series)	6.00	8/1/42	10,000,000	11,039,700
Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority, Revenue (Virgin Islands Matching Fund Loan Notes) (Senior Lien/Capital Projects)	5.00	10/1/39	1,250,000	1,302,563
<b>Total Long-Term Municipal Investments</b> (cost \$559,138,602)				<b>622,698,717</b>

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

<b>Short-Term Municipal Investments—</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>—0.8%</b>				
<b>New York—</b>				
New York City, GO Notes (LOC; JPMorgan Chase Bank)	0.09	6/3/13	200,000	200,000
<b>North Carolina—</b>				
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital				

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Authority, Health Care Revenue (Carolinas HealthCare System) (LOC; Wells Fargo Bank)	0.06	6/3/13	3,300,000	h	3,300,000
<b>Total Short-Term Municipal Investments</b> (cost \$3,500,000)					<b>3,500,000</b>
<b>Total Investments</b> (cost \$562,638,602)			<b>143.6 %</b>		<b>626,198,717</b>
<b>Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables</b>			<b>(11.6 %)</b>		<b>(50,718,847 )</b>
<b>Preferred Stock, at redemption value</b>			<b>(32.0 %)</b>		<b>(139,500,000 )</b>
<b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders</b>			<b>100.0 %</b>		<b>435,979,870</b>

*a Collateral for floating rate borrowings.*

*b Securities exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At May 31, 2013, these securities were valued at \$137,251,584 or 31.5% of net assets applicable to Common Shareholders.*

*c At May 31, 2013, the fund had \$131,005,213 or 30.0% 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 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.*

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

*g Inverse floater security—the interest rate is subject to change periodically. Rate shown is the interest rate in effect at May 31, 2013.*

*h Variable rate demand note—rate shown is the interest rate in effect at May 31, 2013. Maturity date represents the next demand date, or the ultimate maturity date if earlier.*

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### 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 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>DRIVERS</b>	Derivative Inverse

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<b>EDR</b>	Economic Development Revenue	<b>EIR</b>	Tax-Exempt Receipts Environmental Improvement Revenue
<b>FGIC</b>	Financial Guaranty Insurance Company	<b>FHA</b>	Federal Housing Administration
<b>FHLB</b>	Federal Home Loan Bank	<b>FHLMC</b>	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
<b>FNMA</b>	Federal National Mortgage Association	<b>GAN</b>	Grant Anticipation Notes
<b>GIC</b>	Guaranteed Investment Contract	<b>GNMA</b>	Government National 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>LIFERS</b>	Long Inverse Floating Exempt Receipts
<b>LOC</b>	Letter of Credit	<b>LOR</b>	Limited Obligation Revenue
<b>LR</b>	Lease Revenue	<b>MERLOTS</b>	Municipal Exempt Receipts Liquidity Option Tender
<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>P-FLOATS</b>	Puttable Floating Option Tax-Exempt Receipts	<b>PUTTERS</b>	Puttable Tax-Exempt Receipts
<b>RAC</b>	Revenue Anticipation Certificates	<b>RAN</b>	Revenue Anticipation Notes
<b>RAW</b>	Revenue Anticipation Warrants	<b>ROCS</b>	Reset Options Certificates
<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>SPEARS</b>	Short Puttable Exempt Adjustable Receipts	<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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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

Fitch	or	Moody's	or	Standard & Poor's	Value (%) <sup>†</sup>
AAA		Aaa		AAA	6.8



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AA	Aa	AA	28.1
A	A	A	33.5
BBB	Baa	BBB	20.0
BB	Ba	BB	5.5
B	B	B	2.3
F1	MIG1/P1	SP1/A1	.6
Not Rated <sup>i</sup>	Not Rated <sup>i</sup>	Not Rated <sup>i</sup>	3.2
			<b>100.0</b>

† Based on total investments.

*i 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

May 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

	Cost	Value
<b>Assets (\$):</b>		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments	562,638,602	626,198,717
Interest receivable		8,999,913
Prepaid expenses		32,226
		<b>635,230,856</b>
<b>Liabilities (\$):</b>		
Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates—Note 2(a)		325,954
Cash overdraft due to Custodian		2,055,665
Payable for floating rate notes issued—Note 3		57,128,615
Interest and expense payable related to floating rate notes issued—Note 3		100,773
Commissions payable—Note 1		14,240
Dividends payable to Preferred Shareholders		3,134
Accrued expenses		122,605
		<b>59,750,986</b>
<b>Auction Preferred Stock</b> , Series A, B and C, par value		
\$.001 per share (5,580 shares issued and outstanding)		

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at \$25,000 per share liquidation value)—Note 1	139,500,000
<b>Net Assets applicable to Common Shareholders (\$)</b>	<b>435,979,870</b>
<b>Composition of Net Assets (\$):</b>	
Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share (49,082,366 shares issued and outstanding)	49,082
Paid-in capital	418,521,230
Accumulated undistributed investment income—net	5,867,028
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments	(52,017,585 )
Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	63,560,115
<b>Net Assets applicable to Common Shareholders (\$)</b>	<b>435,979,870</b>
<b>Shares Outstanding</b>	
(110 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized)	49,082,366
<b>Net Asset Value, per share of Common Stock (\$)</b>	<b>8.88</b>

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended May 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

<b>Investment Income (\$):</b>	
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>15,183,473</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Investment advisory fee—Note 2(a)	1,455,065
Administration fee—Note 2(a)	727,532
Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued—Note 3	185,550
Commission fees—Note 1	116,514
Directors' fees and expenses—Note 2(c)	41,122
Professional fees	36,854
Shareholders' reports	32,414
Registration fees	25,779
Shareholder servicing costs	18,900
Custodian fees—Note 2(b)	706
Miscellaneous	29,012
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,669,448</b>
Less—reduction in expenses due to undertaking—Note 2(a)	(291,066 )
<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>2,378,382</b>

<b>Investment Income—Net</b>	<b>12,805,091</b>
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 3 (\$):</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	2,105,305
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(21,388,514 )
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments</b>	<b>(19,283,209 )</b>
<b>Dividends to Preferred Shareholders</b>	<b>(151,750 )</b>
<b>Net (Decrease) in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>(6,629,868 )</b>

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

May 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities (\$):</b>		
Interest received	16,063,479	
Operating expenses paid	(2,227,675 )	
Dividends paid to Preferred Shareholders	(152,098 )	
Purchases of long-term portfolio securities	(30,083,410 )	
Net purchases of short-term portfolio securities	(200,000 )	
Proceeds from sales of long-term portfolio securities	30,120,728	
		13,521,024
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities (\$):</b>		
Dividends paid to Common Shareholders	(13,096,195 )	
Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued	(205,742 )	(13,301,937 )
Increase in cash		<b>219,087</b>
Cash overdraft at beginning of period		(2,274,752 )
<b>Cash overdraft at end of period</b>		<b>(2,055,665 )</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Increase in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (\$):</b>		
Net Decrease in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders Resulting From Operations		<b>(6,629,868 )</b>
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets applicable to Common Shareholders resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities (\$):</b>		
Decrease in investments in securities, at cost		1,732,012
Decrease in payable for investment securities purchased		(4,000,000 )

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Decrease in interest receivable	175,434
Decrease in commissions payable and accrued expenses	(31,278 )
Increase in prepaid expenses	(19,308 )
Increase in Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates	15,743
Decrease in dividends payable to Preferred Shareholders	(347 )
Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued	185,550
Net unrealized depreciation on investments	21,388,514
Net amortization of premiums on investments	704,572
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>13,521,024</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure cash flow information (\$):</b>	
Non-cash financing activities:	
Reinvestment of dividends	<b>878,285</b>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended	
	May 31, 2013	Year Ended
	(Unaudited)	November 30, 2012
<b>Operations (\$):</b>		
Investment income—net	12,805,091	26,658,680
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	2,105,305	2,571,654
Net unrealized appreciation		
(depreciation) on investments	(21,388,514 )	57,696,686
Dividends to Preferred Shareholders	(151,750 )	(358,587 )
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
<b>Applicable to Common Shareholders</b>		
<b>Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>(6,629,868 )</b>	<b>86,568,433</b>
<b>Dividends to Common Shareholders from (\$):</b>		
Investment income—net	(13,974,480 )	(27,856,772 )
<b>Capital Stock Transactions (\$):</b>		
Dividends reinvested	878,285	2,038,862
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
<b>Applicable to Common Shareholders</b>	<b>(19,726,063 )</b>	<b>60,750,523</b>
<b>Net Assets Applicable to</b>		
<b>Common Shareholders(\$):</b>		
Beginning of Period	455,705,933	394,955,410

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<b>End of Period</b>	<b>435,979,870</b>	<b>455,705,933</b>
Undistributed investment income—net	5,867,028	7,188,167
<b>Capital Share Transactions (Shares):</b>		
<b>Increase in Common Shares Outstanding as a Result of Dividends Reinvested</b>	<b>96,975</b>	<b>233,568</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.

	Six Months Ended			Year Ended November 30,		
	May 31, 2013 (Unaudited)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>						
Net asset value,						
beginning of period	9.30	8.10	7.87	7.93	6.76	8.60
Investment Operations:						
Investment income—net	.26	.55	.57	.59	.64	.63
Net realized and unrealized						
gain (loss) on investments	(.38 )	1.23	.24	(.10 )	1.02	(1.86 )
Dividends to Preferred						
Shareholders from						
investment income—net	(.01 )	(.01 )	(.01 )	(.01 )	(.03 )	(.14 )
Total from						
Investment Operations	(.13 )	1.77	.80	.48	1.63	(1.37 )
Distributions to						
Common Shareholders:						
Dividends from						
investment income—net	(.29 )	(.57 )	(.57 )	(.54 )	(.46 )	(.47 )
Net asset value, end of period	8.88	9.30	8.10	7.87	7.93	6.76
Market value, end of period	8.56	9.79	8.39	7.94	7.58	5.53
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>(9.75 )<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>24.46</b>	<b>13.67</b>	<b>11.95</b>	<b>46.74</b>	<b>(24.12 )</b>

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

	Six Months Ended May 31, 2013 (Unaudited)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>						
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>d</sup>	1.21 <sup>e</sup>	1.23	1.30	1.30	1.37	1.44
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>d</sup>	1.07 <sup>e</sup>	1.07	1.16	1.16	1.21	1.30
Ratio of interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>d</sup>	.08 <sup>e</sup>	.10	.10	.07	.01	.12
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>d</sup>	5.79 <sup>e</sup>	6.22	7.36	7.30	8.65	7.89
Ratio of total expenses to total average net assets	.92 <sup>e</sup>	.93	.95	.91	.90	.98
Ratio of net expenses to total average net assets	.82 <sup>e</sup>	.81	.85	.81	.80	.88
Ratio of interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued to total average net assets	.05 <sup>e</sup>	.07	.07	.05	.01	.08
Ratio of net investment income to total average net assets	3.55 <sup>e</sup>	4.69	5.36	5.11	5.68	5.34
Portfolio Turnover Rate	4.54 <sup>c</sup>	15.99	20.50	25.94	31.59	53.01
Asset coverage of Preferred Stock, end of period	413	427	383	356	307	276
Net Assets, net of Preferred Stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	435,980	455,706	394,955	382,293	384,457	327,879
Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	139,500	139,500	139,500	149,475	186,000	186,000

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

b Calculated based on market value.

c Not annualized.

d Does not reflect the effect of dividends to Preferred Shareholders.

e Annualized.

See notes to financial statements.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

### 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. 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.

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.

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On February 11, 2013, the fund’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) authorized the fund to redeem up to an additional 25% of the original amount of the fund’s outstanding APS, subject to market, regulatory and other conditions and factors, over a period of up to approximately twelve months.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification 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.

**(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).

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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.

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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:

Investments in securities are valued each business day by an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board. 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 the following: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. All of the 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.

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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, but before the fund calculates its net asset value, the fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Board. 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 within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the relevant inputs used.

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 May 31, 2013 in valuing the fund's investments:

	Level 1— Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2—Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3— Significant Unobservable Inputs	
<b>Assets (\$)</b>				<b>Total</b>



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### Investments in Securities:

Municipal Bonds	—	626,198,717	—	626,198,717
<b>Liabilities (\$)</b>				
Floating Rate Notes <sup>†</sup>	—	(57,128,615 )	—	(57,128,615 )

<sup>†</sup> Certain of the fund's liabilities are held at carrying amount, which approximates fair value for financial reporting purposes.

At May 31, 2013, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

**(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.

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Interest 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) based on the record date's respective prices. If the net asset value per share on the record date is lower than the market price per share, shares will be issued by the fund at the record date's net asset value on the payable date of the distribution. If net asset value per share is less than 95% of the market value, shares will be issued by the fund at 95% of the market value. If the market price is lower than the net asset value per share on the record date, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. will purchase fund shares in the open market commencing on the payable date and reinvest those shares accordingly. As a result of purchasing fund shares in the open market, fund shares outstanding will not be affected by this form of reinvestment.

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

On May 30, 2013, the Board declared a cash dividend of \$0.0475 per share from investment income net, payable on June 28, 2013 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 13, 2013.

**(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 May 31, 2013, for each Series of APS were as follows: Series A-0.246%, Series B-0.246% and Series C-0.246%. 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 average dividend rates for the period ended May 31, 2013 for each Series of APS were as follows: Series A-0.22%, Series B-0.22% and Series C-0.22%.

**(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.

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As of and during the period ended May 31, 2013, 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 tax year in the three-year period ended November 30, 2012 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 (the "2010 Act"), the fund is permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 ("post-enactment losses") for an unlimited period. Furthermore,

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post-enactment capital loss carryovers retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than short-term as they were under previous statute. 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 ("pre-enactment losses"). As a result of this ordering rule, pre-enactment losses may be more likely to expire unused.

The fund has an unused capital loss carryover of \$54,159,939 available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net realized capital gains, if any, realized subsequent to November 30, 2012. If not applied, \$1,427,978 of the carryover expires in fiscal year 2015, \$5,522,685 expires in fiscal year 2016, \$20,261,695 expires in fiscal year 2017, \$5,075,623 expires in fiscal year 2018 and \$21,871,958 expires in fiscal year 2019.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2012 was as follows: tax-exempt income \$27,885,959 and ordinary income \$329,400. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

### 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 APS outstanding). The fund also has an Administration Agreement with Dreyfus, a Custody Agreement with The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Custodian"), a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus, and a Transfer Agency and Registrar Agreement with BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus. The fund

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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 APS outstanding). All out of pocket transfer agency and custody expenses, including custody transaction expenses, are paid separately by the fund.

Dreyfus has agreed, from December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013, 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 expenses, pursuant to the undertaking, amounted to \$291,066 during the period ended May 31, 2013.

(b) The fund compensates the Custodian under a custody agreement for providing custodial services for the fund. During the period ended May 31, 2013, the fund was charged \$706 for out-of-pocket and custody transaction expenses, pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended May 31, 2013, the fund was charged \$4,558 for services performed by the Chief Compliance Officer and his staff.

The components of "Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: investment advisory fees \$321,610, administration fees \$49,663, Custodian out of pocket fees \$363 and Chief Compliance Officer fees \$3,830, which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of \$49,512.

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(c) 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 May 31, 2013, amounted to \$26,083,410 and \$30,120,726, 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 May 31, 2013, was approximately \$57,128,600, with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of .65%.

At May 31, 2013, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$63,560,115, consisting of \$65,781,203 gross unrealized appreciation and \$2,221,088 gross unrealized depreciation.

At May 31, 2013, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

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## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Dreyfus Strategic Municipal Bond Fund, Inc.

200 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10166

### Directors

Joseph S. DiMartino, Chairman  
William Hodding Carter, III

### Officers (continued)

Chief Compliance Officer  
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Ehud Houminer

Richard C. Leone

Hans C. Mautner

Robin A. Melvin ††

Burton N. Wallack

John E. Zuccotti ††

*†† Auction Preferred Stock Directors*

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**Portfolio Managers**

Dan Barton

Steven Harvey

**Investment Adviser  
and Administrator**

The Dreyfus Corporation

**Custodian**

The Bank of New York Mellon

**Counsel**

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

**Transfer Agent,**

**Dividend-Paying Agent,**

**Registrar and Disbursing Agent**

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing  
(US) Inc. (Common Stock)

Deutsche Bank Trust Company America  
(Auction Preferred Stock)

**Auction Agent**

Deutsche Bank Trust Company America  
(Auction Preferred Stock)

**Stock Exchange Listing**

NYSE Symbol: DSM

**Initial SEC Effective Date**

11/22/89

Robert Svagna

*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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**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Investments.**

(a) Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

**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.

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**Item 12. Exhibits.**

(a)(1) Not applicable.

(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.

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## 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: July 24, 2013

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: July 24, 2013

By: /s/ James Windels  
James Windels,

Treasurer

Date: July 24, 2013



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(a)(2) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.CERT)

(b) Certification of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.906CERT)