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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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**DREYFUS STRATEGIC MUNICIPALS, INC.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end:      9/30

Date of reporting period:      09/30/11

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

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Strategic Municipals, Inc.

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## A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO

Dear Shareholder:

This annual report for Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, Inc. covers the 12-month period from October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011. For information about how the fund performed during the reporting period, as well as general market perspectives, we provide a Discussion of Fund Performance on the pages that follow.

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

The economic outlook currently is clouded by heightened market turbulence and political infighting, but we believe that a continued subpar global expansion is more likely than a return to recession. Inflationary pressures appear to be waning in most countries as energy prices recently have retreated from their highs. In the United States, the Federal Reserve Board has signaled its intention to maintain an aggressively accommodative monetary policy, which may help offset the financial stresses caused by deleveraging in the private sector and fiscal consolidation by governments in the United States and Europe. To assess the potential impact of these and other developments on your investments, we encourage you, as always, to speak with your financial advisor.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Jonathan R. Baum  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The Dreyfus Corporation  
October 17, 2011

## DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

*For the period of October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011, as provided by James Welch, Portfolio Manager*

### Fund and Market Performance Overview

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 2011, Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, Inc. achieved a total return of 4.53% on a net-asset-value basis.<sup>1</sup> Over the same period, the fund provided aggregate income dividends of \$0.59 per share, which reflects a distribution rate of 6.92%.<sup>2</sup>

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

### The Fund's Investment Approach

The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal obligations. Generally, the fund invests at least 50% of its net assets in municipal bonds considered investment grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of bonds, and in the two highest-rating categories or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of short-term obligations having or deemed to have maturities of less than one year.

To this end, portfolio construction focuses on income opportunities, through analysis of each bond's structure, including paying close attention to each bond's yield, maturity and early redemption features. When making new investments, we focus on identifying undervalued sectors and securities, and we minimize the use of interest rate forecasting. We select municipal bonds by using fundamental credit analysis to estimate the relative value and attractiveness of various sectors and securities and to exploit pricing inefficiencies in the municipal bond market. We actively trade among various sectors, such as escrowed, general obligation and revenue, based on their apparent relative values.

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

Municipal Bonds Held Up Relatively Well Amid Uncertainty

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

Economic sentiment began to deteriorate in earnest in late April when Greece appeared headed for default on its sovereign debt, U.S. economic data disappointed and the debate regarding U.S. government spending and borrowing intensified. Riskier assets suffered bouts of volatility as investors shifted their focus to traditionally defensive investments. Turbulence among stocks and lower-rated bonds was particularly severe in August and September, after a major credit-rating agency downgraded its assessment of long-term U.S. debt securities.

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

Longer-Term Bonds Buoyed Relative Performance

The fund's results were driven by strong performance among longer-term bonds, which fared well when long-term interest rates fell amid deteriorating economic conditions later in the reporting period. In addition, the ongoing use of tender option bonds for a substantial portion of the fund's leveraging strategy proved effective as the fund's borrowing costs remained anchored by historically low short-term interest rates.

We identified attractive values among general obligation bonds from states that, in our analysis, were punished too severely during the market downturn over the final months of 2010. Bonds from California, Illinois and New Jersey rebounded strongly in 2011 as credit conditions stabilized, boosting the fund's returns. Revenue bonds backed by



essential-services facilities also fared well over the reporting period. However, the positive impact of these strategies was offset to a degree by bonds backed by the states' settlement of litigation with U.S. tobacco companies, which suffered credit-rating downgrades during the reporting period.

#### Adjusting to a Slower-Growth Environment

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

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*Bond funds are subject generally to interest rate, credit, liquidity and market risks, to varying degrees. 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. Market price per share, net asset value per share and investment return fluctuate. 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 figure provided reflects the absorption of certain fund expenses by The Dreyfus Corporation pursuant to an agreement in effect until May 31, 2012, at which time it may be extended, modified or terminated. Had these expenses not been absorbed, the fund's return would have been lower.*
- 2 Distribution rate per share is based upon dividends per share paid from net investment income during the period, divided by the market price per share at the end of the period, adjusted for any capital gain distributions.*

**SELECTED INFORMATION**

September 30, 2011 (Unaudited)

Market Price per share September 30, 2011	8.50
Shares Outstanding September 30, 2011	61,278,991
New York Stock Exchange Ticker Symbol	LEO

**MARKET PRICE (NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE)**

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2011			
	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended
	December 31, 2010	March 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	September 30, 2011
High	\$9.07	\$8.04	\$8.21	\$8.50
Low	7.44	7.17	7.66	7.66
Close	7.80	8.04	8.15	8.50

**PERCENTAGE GAIN (LOSS) based on change in Market Price\***

September 23, 1987 (commencement of operations)	
through September 30, 2011	360.10%
October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2011	71.77
October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2011	28.49
October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011	1.32
January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011	15.10
April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011	9.59
July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011	6.14

**NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE**

September 23, 1987 (commencement of operations)	\$9.32
September 30, 2010	8.65
December 31, 2010	7.79
March 31, 2011	7.62
June 30, 2011	8.04
September 30, 2011	8.41

**PERCENTAGE GAIN based on change in Net Asset Value\***

September 23, 1987 (commencement of operations)	
through September 30, 2011	388.40
October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2011	70.47

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October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2011	23.36
October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011	4.53
January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011	14.03
April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011	14.41
July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011	6.45

\* *With dividends reinvested.*

## STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2011

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments—153.5%</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Arizona—6.2%</b>				
Arizona Housing Finance Authority, SFMR (Mortgage-Backed Securities Program) (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)	5.55	12/1/41	5,565,000	5,736,680
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Salt River Project Electric System Revenue)	5.00	1/1/38	17,210,000 a,b	18,363,414
Glendale Western Loop 101 Public Facilities Corporation, Third Lien Excise Tax Revenue	6.25	7/1/38	5,000,000	5,194,300
Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Education Revenue (American Charter Schools Foundation Project)	5.63	7/1/38	3,410,000	2,731,990
<b>California—18.0%</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 a,b	5,613,031
California, GO (Various Purpose)	5.75	4/1/31	10,800,000	11,878,704
California, GO (Various Purpose)	6.50	4/1/33	10,000,000	11,798,300
California, GO (Various Purpose)	6.00	11/1/35	7,500,000	8,458,275
California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue (Bentley School)	7.00	7/1/40	2,090,000	1,742,935

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California Statewide Communities				
Development Authority, Revenue				
(Bentley School)	0.00	7/1/50	6,225,000 <sup>c</sup>	151,579
California Statewide Communities				
Development Authority, Student				
Housing Revenue (CHF-Irvine,				
LLC-UCI East Campus				
Apartments, Phase II)	5.75	5/15/32	2,000,000	1,999,840

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>California (continued)</b>				
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	4.50	6/1/27	2,000,000	1,567,120
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.00	6/1/33	10,075,000	7,113,756
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds (Prerefunded)	7.80	6/1/13	8,100,000 <sup>d</sup>	9,075,888
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds (Prerefunded)	7.90	6/1/13	2,000,000 <sup>d</sup>	2,244,140
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (University of Southern California))	5.25	10/1/16	10,100,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	11,080,912
Sacramento County, Airport System Subordinate and Passenger Facility Charges Grant Revenue	6.00	7/1/35	6,250,000	6,777,000
San Buenaventura, Revenue (Community Memorial Health System)	7.50	12/1/41	2,000,000	2,041,000
San Diego Public Facilities Financing Authority, Senior Sewer Revenue	5.25	5/15/34	2,500,000	2,683,975
Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds (San Diego County Tobacco Asset				

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Securitization Corporation)	5.00	6/1/37	7,300,000	5,062,112
Tuolumne Wind Project Authority, Revenue (Tuolumne Company Project)	5.88	1/1/29	3,500,000	3,905,860

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Colorado—1.8%</b>				
Beacon Point Metropolitan District, GO	6.25	12/1/35	2,000,000	1,874,620
Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue (American Academy Project)	8.00	12/1/40	3,500,000	4,131,820
Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Single Family Program Senior and Subordinate Bonds (Collateralized; FHA)	6.60	8/1/32	960,000	1,038,336
Southlands Metropolitan District Number 1, GO (Prerefunded)	7.13	12/1/14	2,000,000 <sup>d</sup>	2,409,560
<b>Delaware—.9%</b>				
Delaware Economic Development Authority, Exempt Facility Revenue (Indian River Power LLC Project)	5.38	10/1/45	5,000,000	4,642,850
<b>Florida—7.8%</b>				
Clearwater, Florida, Department of Transportation Right-of-Way Acquisition and Bridge Construction Bonds	5.00	7/1/24	5,000,000	5,717,300
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Airport Facilities Revenue	6.25	10/1/20	8,000,000	9,498,800
Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, Springing Lien Revenue	7.25	10/1/34	6,000,000	6,404,460
Orange County School Board, COP (Master Lease Purchase Agreement) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.50	8/1/34	6,000,000	6,414,600
Saint Johns County Industrial Development Authority, Revenue				



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(Presbyterian Retirement

Communities Project)

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Georgia—7.7%</b>				
Atlanta, Airport General Revenue	5.00	1/1/26	5,000,000	5,196,750
Atlanta, Water and Wastewater Revenue	6.00	11/1/27	6,000,000	6,806,340
Atlanta, Water and Wastewater Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.25	11/1/34	6,000,000	6,408,840
Brooks County Development Authority, Senior Health and Housing Facilities Revenue (Presbyterian Home, Quitman, Inc.) (Collateralized; GNMA)	5.70	1/20/39	4,445,000	4,656,582
DeKalb County Hospital Authority, RAC (DeKalb Medical Center, Inc. Project)	6.13	9/1/40	7,765,000	7,919,446
Fulton County Development Authority, Revenue (Georgia Tech North Avenue Apartments Project) (Insured; XLCA)	5.00	6/1/32	2,300,000	2,364,377
Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue (USG Real Estate Foundation I, LLC Project) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.63	6/15/38	6,000,000	6,367,080
<b>Hawaii—9%</b>				
Hawaii Department of Budget and Finance, Special Purpose Revenue (Hawai'i Pacific Health Obligated Group)	5.75	7/1/40	4,415,000	4,416,060
<b>Idaho—1.0%</b>				
Power County Industrial Development Corporation, SWDR (FMC Corporation Project)	6.45	8/1/32	5,000,000	5,004,450

**Illinois—4.6%**

Chicago,

General Airport Third Lien

Revenue (Chicago O'Hare

International Airport)

5.63

1/1/35

5,000,000

5,463,050

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Illinois (continued)</b>				
Chicago, SFMR (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)	6.55	4/1/33	1,550,000	1,623,361
Illinois, GO	5.00	3/1/28	3,000,000	3,026,040
Illinois Finance Authority, Recovery Zone Facility Revenue (Navistar International Corporation Project)	6.50	10/15/40	4,000,000	4,161,360
Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, State Tax Revenue (McCormick Place Expansion Project) (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.)	5.25	6/15/42	5,325,000	5,349,175
Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Revenue	6.00	6/1/28	4,000,000	4,157,200
<b>Indiana—1.7%</b>				
Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank, Revenue (Indianapolis Airport Authority Project) (Insured; AMBAC)	5.00	1/1/36	4,500,000	4,440,510
Petersburg, SWDR (Indianapolis Power and Light Company Project)	6.38	11/1/29	4,150,000	4,224,908
<b>Iowa—.3%</b>				
Tobacco Settlement Authority of Iowa, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.60	6/1/34	2,000,000	1,675,940
<b>Kansas—.2%</b>				
Sedgwick and Shawnee Counties, SFMR (Mortgage-Backed Securities Program) (Collateralized: FNMA and GNMA)	5.70	12/1/35	1,140,000	1,198,824
<b>Kentucky—.9%</b>				

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Kentucky Area Development Districts Financing Trust, COP (Lease Acquisition Program)	5.50	5/1/27	2,000,000	2,081,540
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Kentucky (continued)</b>				
Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, Health Facilities Revenue (Jewish Hospital and Saint Mary's HealthCare, Inc. Project)	6.13	2/1/37	2,300,000	2,356,695
<b>Louisiana—1.7%</b>				
Lakeshore Villages Master Community Development District, Special Assessment Revenue	5.25	7/1/17	2,979,000 <sup>e</sup>	1,191,302
Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority, Revenue (Westlake Chemical Corporation Projects)	6.75	11/1/32	7,000,000	7,351,050
<b>Maine—1.2%</b>				
Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (MaineGeneral Medical Center Issue)	7.50	7/1/32	3,000,000	3,268,050
Maine Housing Authority, Mortgage Purchase Bonds	5.30	11/15/23	2,825,000	2,828,927
<b>Maryland—1.2%</b>				
Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Senior Student Housing Revenue (University of Maryland, Baltimore Project)	5.75	10/1/33	4,590,000	3,053,130
Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Student Housing Revenue (University of Maryland, College Park Project) (Prerefunded)	6.50	6/1/13	3,000,000 <sup>d</sup>	3,304,800
<b>Massachusetts—10.2%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities				

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Authority, Revenue (Massachusetts Institute of Technology Issue))	5.00	7/1/38	13,110,000 a,b	14,269,842
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (Massachusetts, Consolidated Loan)	5.00	4/1/19	8,600,000 a,b	9,840,894

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Massachusetts (continued)</b>				
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue (Harvard University Issue))	5.25	2/1/34	10,000,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	11,490,400
Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Civic Investments Issue) (Prerefunded)	9.00	12/15/12	1,400,000 <sup>d</sup>	1,537,928
Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Partners HealthCare System Issue)	5.75	7/1/32	185,000	186,944
Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Suffolk University Issue)	6.25	7/1/30	5,500,000	5,977,345
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Rental Housing Mortgage Revenue (Insured; AMBAC)	5.50	7/1/40	4,000,000	3,655,920
Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency, RRR (Ogden Haverhill Project)	5.60	12/1/19	6,000,000	6,019,380
<b>Michigan—10.8%</b>				
Charyl Stockwell Academy, COP	5.90	10/1/35	2,580,000	2,068,128
Detroit, Sewage Disposal System Senior Lien Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	7.00	7/1/27	2,500,000	2,954,375
Detroit, Sewage Disposal System Senior Lien Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	7.50	7/1/33	5,700,000	6,822,615



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Detroit School District, School Building and Site Improvement Bonds (GO—Unlimited Tax) (Insured; FGIC)	5.00	5/1/28	6,930,000	6,982,737
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (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	2,930,000	2,794,400
Kent Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue (Metropolitan Hospital Project)	6.25	7/1/40	3,000,000	2,931,180
Michigan Hospital Finance Authority, HR (Henry Ford Health System)	5.63	11/15/29	5,000,000	5,147,400
Michigan Strategic Fund, LOR (The Detroit Edison Company Exempt Facilities Project) (Insured; XLCA)	5.25	12/15/32	3,000,000	3,017,670
Michigan Strategic Fund, SWDR (Genesee Power Station Project)	7.50	1/1/21	11,100,000	10,537,563
Royal Oak Hospital Finance Authority, HR (William Beaumont Hospital Obligated Group)	8.25	9/1/39	5,500,000	6,543,295
Wayne County Airport Authority, Airport Revenue (Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport) (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.)	5.00	12/1/34	7,000,000	6,609,750
<b>Minnesota—3.6%</b>				
Dakota County Community Development Agency, SFMR (Mortgage-Backed Securities Program) (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)	5.15	12/1/38	1,415,856	1,504,347
Dakota County Community Development Agency, SFMR (Mortgage-Backed Securities Program) (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)	5.30	12/1/39	1,577,396	1,690,921

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Minneapolis, Health Care System Revenue (Fairview Health Services) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	6.50	11/15/38	5,000,000	5,670,250
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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Minnesota (continued)</b>				
North Oaks, Senior Housing Revenue (Presbyterian Homes of North Oaks, Inc. Project)	6.25	10/1/47	1,265,000	1,269,377
Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Hospital Facility Revenue (HealthEast Project)	5.15	11/15/20	3,310,000	3,250,784
Winona, Health Care Facilities Revenue (Winona Health Obligated Group)	6.00	7/1/26	5,000,000	5,081,050
<b>Mississippi—4.7%</b>				
Clairborne County, PCR (System Energy Resources, Inc. Project)	6.20	2/1/26	4,545,000	4,547,318
Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, PCR (System Energy Resources, Inc. Project)	5.88	4/1/22	14,310,000	14,338,906
Mississippi Development Bank, Special Obligation Revenue (Magnolia Regional Health Center Project)	6.50	10/1/31	5,000,000	5,237,700
<b>Missouri—1.7%</b>				
Missouri Development Finance Board, Infrastructure Facilities Revenue (Branson Landing Project)	5.38	12/1/27	2,000,000	2,022,660
Missouri Development Finance Board, Infrastructure Facilities Revenue (Branson Landing Project)	5.50	12/1/32	4,500,000	4,547,070
Missouri Development Finance Board, Infrastructure Facilities Revenue (Independence, Crackerneck Creek Project)	5.00	3/1/28	2,000,000	1,968,020

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**Montana—.1%**

Montana Board of Housing,

SFMR	6.45	6/1/29	465,000	473,375
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Nevada—1.0%</b>				
Clark County, Passenger Facility Charge Revenue (Las Vegas-McCarran International Airport)	5.00	7/1/30	5,000,000	5,189,600
<b>New Hampshire—1.4%</b>				
New Hampshire Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Exeter Project)	6.00	10/1/24	1,000,000	1,011,710
New Hampshire Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Exeter Project)	5.75	10/1/31	1,000,000	1,011,050
New Hampshire Industrial Development Authority, PCR (Connecticut Light and Power Company Project)	5.90	11/1/16	5,000,000	5,011,150
<b>New Jersey—4.0%</b>				
New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Cigarette Tax Revenue	5.75	6/15/34	5,500,000	5,284,070
New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, Student Loan Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	6.13	6/1/30	5,000,000	5,247,350
Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation of New Jersey, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.00	6/1/29	5,000,000	3,649,850
Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation of New Jersey, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds (Prerefunded)	7.00	6/1/13	5,640,000 <sup>d</sup>	6,259,892
<b>New Mexico—1.5%</b>				
Farmington, PCR (Public Service Company of New Mexico San Juan Project)	5.90	6/1/40	7,000,000	6,968,640
New Mexico Mortgage Finance				

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Authority, Single Family

Mortgage Program Revenue

(Collateralized: FHLMC,

FNMA and GNMA)

6.15

7/1/35

705,000

759,941

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>New York—9.9%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, Water and Sewer System General Resolution Revenue)	5.00	6/15/39	20,000,000 a,b	21,362,200
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (New York City Transitional Finance Authority, Future Tax Secured Subordinate Revenue)	5.50	11/1/27	5,000,000 a,b	5,860,350
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (New York City Transitional Finance Authority, Future Tax Secured Subordinate Revenue)	5.25	11/1/18	5,000,000 a,b	5,873,600
New York City Educational Construction Fund, Revenue	6.50	4/1/27	4,490,000	5,475,465
New York City Industrial Development Agency, PILOT Revenue (Yankee Stadium Project) (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	7.00	3/1/49	5,000,000	5,758,750
New York State Dormitory Authority, Revenue (Orange Regional Medical Center Obligated Group)	6.13	12/1/29	1,625,000	1,642,843
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Special Project Bonds (JFK International Air Terminal LLC Project)	6.00	12/1/36	2,000,000	2,084,240
Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, Revenue	5.25	11/15/30	2,720,000	2,834,430
<b>North Carolina—5%</b>				



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North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, Home Ownership Revenue	5.88	7/1/31	2,600,000	2,602,002
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Ohio—3.8%</b>				
Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	5.88	6/1/30	3,000,000	2,259,870
Butler County, Hospital Facilities Revenue (UC Health)	5.50	11/1/40	3,500,000	3,408,230
Canal Winchester Local School District, School Facilities Construction and Improvement and Advance Refunding Bonds (GO—Unlimited Tax) (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.)	0.00	12/1/29	3,955,000 <sup>c</sup>	1,621,787
Canal Winchester Local School District, School Facilities Construction and Improvement and Advance Refunding Bonds (GO—Unlimited Tax) (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.)	0.00	12/1/31	3,955,000 <sup>c</sup>	1,427,162
Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, Air Quality Revenue (Ohio Valley Electric Corporation Project)	5.63	10/1/19	5,900,000	6,395,541
Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, Tax Increment Development Revenue (Fairfax Village Red Bank Infrastructure Project)	5.63	2/1/36	3,000,000 <sup>b</sup>	2,235,930
Toledo Lucas County Port Authority, Airport Revenue (Baxter Global Project)	6.25	11/1/13	2,100,000	2,090,571
<b>Oregon—.6%</b>				
Warm Springs Reservation Confederated Tribes,				

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Hydroelectric Revenue (Pelton Round Butte Project)	6.38	11/1/33	3,300,000	3,338,775
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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Pennsylvania—2.7%</b>				
Delaware County Industrial Development Authority, Charter School Revenue (Chester Community Charter School Project)	6.13	8/15/40	5,000,000	4,670,550
JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust (Geisinger Authority, Health System Revenue (Geisinger Health System)) Philadelphia, GO	5.13	6/1/35	3,000,000 a,b	3,137,130
Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, Revenue (Please Touch Museum Project)	6.50	8/1/41	3,550,000	4,086,441
5.25	9/1/31	2,425,000	2,103,542	
<b>Rhode Island—1.1%</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	5,764,400
<b>South Carolina—4.3%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Columbia, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue) South Carolina Public Service Authority, Revenue Obligations	5.00	2/1/40	10,000,000 a,b	10,928,500
5.50	1/1/38	10,000,000	11,058,200	
<b>Tennessee—3.6%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Rutherford County Health and Educational Facilities Board, Revenue (Ascension Health Senior Credit Group))	5.00	11/15/40	10,000,000 a,b	10,436,900

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Tennessee (continued)</b>				
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Health and Educational Facilities Board, Revenue (The Vanderbilt University)	5.50	10/1/34	7,000,000	7,925,470
<b>Texas—11.8%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Leander Independent School District, Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds (Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program))	5.00	8/15/40	8,510,000 <sup>a,b</sup>	9,183,779
Dallas and Fort Worth, Joint Revenue (Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport) (Insured; National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.)	6.25	11/1/28	2,540,000	2,550,135
Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Senior Lien Sales Tax Revenue	5.25	12/1/48	10,000,000	10,745,500
Harris County Health Facilities Development Corporation, HR (Memorial Hermann Healthcare System)	7.25	12/1/35	2,000,000	2,264,940
Houston, Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	6.00	11/15/36	5,000,000	5,788,300
North Texas Tollway Authority, First Tier System Revenue (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	5.75	1/1/40	10,300,000	11,037,583
North Texas Tollway Authority, Second Tier System Revenue	5.75	1/1/38	5,500,000	5,669,565
Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency, Power Supply				

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System Revenue	5.75	10/1/21	6,000,000	6,114,360
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Home Mortgage Revenue (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)	12.98	7/2/24	550,000 <sup>f</sup>	608,806

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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Texas (continued)</b>				
Texas Turnpike Authority, Central Texas Turnpike System Revenue (Insured; AMBAC)	5.75	8/15/38	7,100,000	7,114,768
<b>Vermont—1%</b>				
Vermont Housing Finance Agency, SFHR (Insured; Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.)	6.40	11/1/30	445,000	454,336
<b>Virginia—2.0%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (Virginia Small Business Financing Authority, Health Care Facilities Revenue (Sentara Healthcare))	5.00	11/1/40	10,000,000 a,b	10,443,000
<b>Washington—5.5%</b>				
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (King County, Limited Tax GO (Payable from Sewer Revenues))	5.13	1/1/33	10,000,000 a,b	10,877,400
Barclays Capital Municipal Trust Receipts (King County, Sewer Revenue)	5.00	1/1/29	3,998,716 a,b	4,464,076
Washington Health Care Facilities Authority, Mortgage Revenue (Highline Medical Center) (Collateralized; FHA)	6.25	8/1/36	5,975,000	6,675,210
Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue (Seattle University Project) (Insured; AMBAC)	5.25	11/1/37	3,000,000	3,133,920
Washington Housing Finance Commission, Revenue (Single-Family Program) (Collateralized: FHLMC, FNMA and GNMA)	5.15	6/1/37	3,000,000	3,015,960
<b>West Virginia—8%</b>				



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The County Commission of Harrison County, SWDR (Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC Harrison Station Project)	5.50	10/15/37	2,000,000	1,988,980
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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>West Virginia (continued)</b>				
West Virginia Water Development Authority, Water Development Revenue (Insured; AMBAC)	6.38	7/1/39	2,250,000	2,263,455
<b>Wisconsin—4.1%</b>				
Badger Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds (Prerefunded)	6.13	6/1/12	2,795,000 <sup>d</sup>	2,901,937
Badger Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds (Prerefunded)	7.00	6/1/12	12,995,000 <sup>d</sup>	13,567,300
Madison, IDR (Madison Gas and Electric Company Projects)	5.88	10/1/34	2,390,000	2,403,025
Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue (Aurora Health Care, Inc.)	6.40	4/15/33	2,000,000	2,047,400
<b>Wyoming—1.1%</b>				
Wyoming Municipal Power Agency, Power Supply System Revenue	5.50	1/1/33	2,360,000	2,522,321
Wyoming Municipal Power Agency, Power Supply System Revenue	5.38	1/1/42	2,750,000	2,908,070
<b>U.S. Related—6.5%</b>				
Government of Guam, LOR (Section 30) Guam Housing Corporation, SFMR (Guaranteed Mortgage-Backed Securities Program)	5.75	12/1/34	2,000,000	2,054,220
(Collateralized; FHLMC)	5.75	9/1/31	965,000	1,077,065
Guam Waterworks Authority, Water and Wastewater System Revenue	5.63	7/1/40	2,000,000	1,929,440



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<b>Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>U.S. Related (continued)</b>				
Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Public Improvement GO	5.50	7/1/32	2,000,000	2,030,780
Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Public Improvement GO	6.00	7/1/39	1,610,000	1,669,345
Puerto Rico Commonwealth, Public Improvement GO	6.50	7/1/40	2,390,000	2,619,344
Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue	5.25	7/1/40	2,500,000	2,537,475
Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue (First Subordinate Series)	5.38	8/1/38	5,000,000	5,199,250
Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue (First Subordinate Series)	5.38	8/1/39	2,500,000	2,593,275
Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue (First Subordinate Series)	6.00	8/1/42	11,000,000	11,912,560
<b>Total Long-Term Municipal Investments</b> (cost \$755,489,106)				<b>791,450,670</b>
<b>Short-Term Municipal Investments— .9%</b>				
<b>California— .4%</b>				
Irvine Assessment District Number 05-21, Limited Obligation Improvement Bonds (LOC: California State Teachers Retirement System and U.S. Bank NA)	0.20	10/1/11	1,200,000 <sup>9</sup>	1,200,000
Irvine Assessment District Number 89-10 (LOC: California State Teachers Retirement System and State Street Bank and Trust Co.)	0.20	10/1/11	835,000 <sup>9</sup>	835,000



## STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

<b>Short-Term Municipal Investments (continued)</b>	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)		Value (\$)
<b>New York—.5%</b>					
New York City, GO Notes (LOC; JPMorgan Chase Bank)	0.14	10/1/11	1,800,000	g	1,800,000
New York City, GO Notes (LOC; JPMorgan Chase Bank)	0.14	10/1/11	700,000	g	700,000
<b>Total Short-Term Municipal Investments</b> (cost \$4,535,000)					<b>4,535,000</b>
<b>Total Investments</b> (cost \$760,024,106)			<b>154.4%</b>		<b>795,985,670</b>
<b>Liabilities, Less Cash and Receivables</b>			<b>(12.9%)</b>		<b>(66,836,827)</b>
<b>Preferred Stock, at redemption value</b>			<b>(41.5%)</b>		<b>(213,750,000)</b>
<b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders</b>			<b>100.0%</b>		<b>515,398,843</b>

a Collateral for floating rate borrowings.

b Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At September 30, 2011, these securities were valued at \$165,461,358 or 32.1% of net assets applicable to Common Shareholders.

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

d 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.

e Non-income producing security; interest payments in default.

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

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

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>EDR</b>	Economic Development Revenue
<b>EIR</b>	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>LOC</b>	Letter of Credit	<b>LOR</b>	Limited Obligation Revenue
<b>LR</b>	Lease Revenue	<b>MFHR</b>	Multi-Family Housing Revenue
<b>MFMR</b>	Multi-Family Mortgage Revenue	<b>PCR</b>	Pollution Control Revenue
<b>PILOT</b>	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<b>PUTTERS</b>	Puttable Tax-Exempt Receipts
<b>RAC</b>	Revenue Anticipation Certificates	<b>RAN</b>	Revenue Anticipation Notes
<b>RAW</b>	Revenue Anticipation Warrants	<b>RRR</b>	Resources Recovery Revenue
<b>SAAN</b>	State Aid Anticipation Notes	<b>SBPA</b>	Standby Bond Purchase Agreement
<b>SFHR</b>	Single Family Housing Revenue	<b>SFMR</b>	Single Family Mortgage Revenue
<b>SONYMA</b>	State of New York Mortgage Agency	<b>SWDR</b>	Solid Waste Disposal Revenue
<b>TAN</b>	Tax Anticipation Notes	<b>TAW</b>	Tax Anticipation Warrants
<b>TRAN</b>	Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	<b>XLCA</b>	XL Capital Assurance

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

Fitch	or	Moody's	or	Standard & Poor's	Value (%) <sup>†</sup>
AAA		Aaa		AAA	19.6
AA		Aa		AA	25.0
A		A		A	25.3
BBB		Baa		BBB	20.7
BB		Ba		BB	2.1
B		B		B	.4
F1		MIG1/P1		SP1/A1	.3
Not Rated <sup>h</sup>		Not Rated <sup>h</sup>		Not Rated <sup>h</sup>	6.6
					<b>100.0</b>

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

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

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

September 30, 2011

	Cost	Value
<b>Assets (\$):</b>		
Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments	760,024,106	795,985,670
Interest receivable		13,763,694
Receivable for investment securities sold		506,101
Prepaid expenses		37,643
		<b>810,293,108</b>
<b>Liabilities (\$):</b>		
Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates—Note 2(b)		439,105
Cash overdraft due to Custodian		2,992,904
Payable for floating rate notes issued—Note 3		74,886,216
Payable for investment securities purchased		2,451,400
Interest and expense payable related to floating rate notes issued—Note 3		180,115
Commissions payable		29,675
Dividends payable to Preferred Shareholders		4,373
Accrued expenses		160,477
		<b>81,144,265</b>
<b>Auction Preferred Stock</b> , Series M,T,W,Th and F, par value \$.001 per share (8,550 shares issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)—Note 1		<b>213,750,000</b>
<b>Net Assets applicable to Common Shareholders (\$)</b>		<b>515,398,843</b>
<b>Composition of Net Assets (\$):</b>		
Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share (61,278,991 shares issued and outstanding)		61,279
Paid-in capital		557,917,169
Accumulated undistributed investment income—net		9,261,419
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments		(87,802,588)
Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		35,961,564
<b>Net Assets applicable to Common Shareholders (\$)</b>		<b>515,398,843</b>
<b>Shares Outstanding</b>		
(500 million shares authorized)		61,278,991
<b>Net Asset Value</b> , per share of Common Stock (\$)		<b>8.41</b>

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended September 30, 2011

<b>Investment Income (\$):</b>	
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>42,856,363</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Management fee—Note 2(a)	5,314,909
Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued—Note 3	489,454
Commission fees—Note 1	369,623
Professional fees	123,576
Shareholder servicing costs—Note 2(b)	91,858
Directors' fees and expenses—Note 2(c)	85,355
Shareholders' reports	84,132
Registration fees	58,865
Custodian fees—Note 2(b)	52,871
Miscellaneous	162,756
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,833,399</b>
Less—reduction in management fee due to undertaking—Note 2(a)	(708,654)
<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>6,124,745</b>
<b>Investment Income—Net</b>	<b>36,731,618</b>
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments—Note 3 (\$):</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(10,313,792)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(4,208,833)
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments</b>	<b>(14,522,625)</b>
<b>Dividends to Preferred Shareholders</b>	<b>(751,790)</b>
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>21,457,203</b>

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended September 30, 2011

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities (\$):</b>		
Interest received	43,273,399	
Operating expenses paid	(5,661,245)	
Dividends paid to Preferred Shareholders	(757,230)	
Purchases of portfolio securities	(129,434,446)	
Net purchases of short-term portfolio securities	(2,735,000)	
Proceeds from sales of portfolio securities	126,621,830	
		<b>31,307,308</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities (\$):</b>		
Net proceeds from floating rate notes issued	25,471,216	
Dividends paid to Common Shareholders	(34,665,582)	
Redemptions of Auction Preferred Stock	(22,000,000)	
Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued paid	(490,300)	<b>(31,684,666)</b>
Decrease in cash		<b>(377,358)</b>
Cash overdraft at beginning of period		(2,615,546)
<b>Cash overdraft at end of period</b>		<b>(2,992,904)</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 Increase in Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders Resulting From Operations		<b>21,457,203</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>		
Increase in investments in securities, at cost		(7,801,750)
Decrease in receivable for investment securities sold		17,522,776
Decrease in payable for investment securities purchased		(4,954,850)
Increase in interest receivable		(381,487)
Decrease in commissions payable and accrued expenses		(5,716)
Decrease in prepaid expenses		2,773
Decrease in Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates		(23,011)
Decrease in dividends payable to Preferred Shareholders		(5,440)
Interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued		489,454
Net unrealized depreciation on investments		4,208,833

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Net amortization of premiums on investments	798,523
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>31,307,308</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information (\$):</b>	
Non-cash financing activities:	
Reinvestment of dividends	1,323,153

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
<b>Operations (\$):</b>		
Investment income—net	36,731,618	37,823,788
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(10,313,792)	(7,762,407)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(4,208,833)	16,873,724
Dividends to Preferred Shareholders	(751,790)	(1,068,111)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>21,457,203</b>	<b>45,866,994</b>
<b>Dividends to Common Shareholders from (\$):</b>		
<b>Investment income—net</b>	<b>(35,988,735)</b>	<b>(34,940,680)</b>
<b>Capital Stock Transactions (\$):</b>		
<b>Dividends reinvested</b>	<b>1,323,153</b>	<b>2,894,956</b>
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>(13,208,379)</b>	<b>13,821,270</b>
<b>Net Assets (\$):</b>		
Beginning of Period	528,607,222	514,785,952
<b>End of Period</b>	<b>515,398,843</b>	<b>528,607,222</b>
Undistributed investment income—net	9,261,419	9,470,839
<b>Capital Share Transactions (Shares):</b>		
<b>Increase in Shares Outstanding as a Result of Dividends Reinvested</b>	<b>167,099</b>	<b>344,971</b>

See notes to financial statements.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

	Year Ended September 30,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
<b>Per Share Data (\$):</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	8.65	8.47	7.88	9.12	9.46
Investment Operations:					
Investment income—net	.60	.62	.67	.68	.69
Net realized and unrealized					
gain (loss) on investments	(.24)	.15	.48	(1.25)	(.36)
Dividends to Preferred Shareholders					
from investment income—net	(.01)	(.02)	(.06)	(.17)	(.17)
Total from Investment Operations	.35	.75	1.09	(.74)	.16
Distributions to Common Shareholders:					
Dividends from investment income—net	(.59)	(.57)	(.50)	(.50)	(.50)
Net asset value, end of period	8.41	8.65	8.47	7.88	9.12
Market value, end of period	8.50	9.02	7.91	6.75	8.74
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>b</sup></b>	1.32	22.13	26.05	(18.00)	.46

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	Year Ended September 30,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data (%):</b>					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup>	1.40	1.40	1.50	1.58	1.63
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup>	1.26	1.24	1.34	1.42	1.48
Ratio of interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup>	.10	.05	—	.17	.28
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock <sup>C</sup>	7.51	7.43	9.09	7.79	7.38
Ratio of total expenses to total average net assets	.96	.92	.92	1.03	1.09
Ratio of net expenses to total average net assets	.86	.82	.82	.92	.99
Ratio of interest and expense related to floating rate notes issued to total average net assets	.07	.03	—	.11	.19
Ratio of net investment income to total average net assets	5.18	4.89	5.57	5.07	4.92
Portfolio Turnover Rate	17.81	24.41	28.72	48.60	34.75
Asset coverage of Preferred Stock, end of period	341	324	281	268	294
Net Assets, net of Preferred Stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	515,399	528,607	514,786	478,586	553,598
Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	213,750	235,750	285,000	285,000	285,000

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

*b* Calculated based on market value.

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

See notes to financial statements.





## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1—Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, 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 (the “NYSE”) under the ticker symbol LEO.

The fund has outstanding 1,710 shares of Series M, Series T, Series W, Series TH and Series F for a total of 8,550 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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During the period ended September 30, 2011, the fund announced the following redemptions of APS at a price of \$25,000 per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends through the redemption date.

Series	Shares Redeemed	Amount Redeemed (\$)	Redemption Date
M	56	1,400,000	November 16, 2010
T	56	1,400,000	November 17, 2010
W	56	1,400,000	November 18, 2010
TH	56	1,400,000	November 19, 2010
F	56	1,400,000	November 15, 2010
M	102	2,550,000	January 18, 2011
T	102	2,550,000	January 19, 2011
W	102	2,550,000	January 20, 2011
TH	102	2,550,000	January 21, 2011
F	102	2,550,000	January 18, 2011
M	18	450,000	February 15, 2011
T	18	450,000	February 16, 2011
W	18	450,000	February 17, 2011
TH	18	450,000	February 18, 2011
F	18	450,000	February 14, 2011
<b>Total</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>22,000,000</b>	

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

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

(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 lia-

bility in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (i.e. the exit price). GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Investments in securities are valued each business day by an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the

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Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. All preceding securities are categorized within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

When market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect accurately fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), but before the fund calculates its net asset value, the fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Board of Directors. Certain factors may be considered when fair valuing investments such as: fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, an evaluation of the forces that influence the market in which the securities are purchased and sold, and public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers.

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 September 30, 2011 in valuing the fund's investments:

	Level 1— Unadjusted Quoted Prices	Level 2—Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3— Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
<b>Assets (\$)</b>				
Investments in Securities:				
Municipal Bonds	—	795,985,670	—	<b>795,985,670</b>

In May 2011, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2011-04 “Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in GAAP and International Financial

Reporting Standards (“IFRS”)” (“ASU 2011-04”). ASU 2011-04 includes common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between GAAP and IFRS. ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to disclose the following information for fair value measurements categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy: quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement, the valuation processes used by the reporting entity and a narrative description of the sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs. In addition, ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to make disclosures about amounts and reasons for all transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. The new and revised disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of ASU 2011-04 and its impact on the financial statements.

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

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

On September 29, 2011, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$.049 per share from investment income-net, payable on October 31, 2011 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on October 18, 2011.

**(d) Dividends to shareholders of APS:** Dividends, which are cumulative, are generally reset every 7 days for each Series of APS pursuant to a process specified in related fund charter documents. Dividend rates as of September 30, 2011, for each Series of APS were as follows: Series M-0.244%, Series T-0.244%, Series W-0.244%, Series TH-0.244% and Series F-0.259%. 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 September 30, 2011 for each Series of APS were as follows: Series M-0.34%, Series T-0.34%, Series W-0.34%, Series TH-0.34% and Series F-0.35%.

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

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

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

At September 30, 2011, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows: undistributed tax exempt income \$10,060,054, accumulated capital losses \$76,307,603 and unrealized appreciation \$36,260,374. In addition, the fund had \$11,793,795 of capital losses realized after October 31, 2010, which were deferred for tax purposes to the first day of the following fiscal year.

The accumulated capital loss carryover is available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to September 30, 2011. If not applied, \$27,258,106 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2012, \$264,789 expires in fiscal 2016, \$9,875,465 expires in fiscal 2017, \$32,540,019 expires in fiscal 2018 and \$6,369,224 expires in fiscal 2019.

Under the recently enacted Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 (the "2010 Act"), the fund will be permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 ("post-enactment losses") for an unlimited period. However, the 2010 Act requires post-enactment losses to be utilized before the utilization of losses incurred in taxable years prior to the effective date of the 2010 Act. As a result of this ordering rule, capital loss carryovers related to taxable years beginning prior to the effective date of the 2010 Act may be more likely to expire unused.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal periods ended September 30, 2011 and September 30, 2010 were as follows: tax exempt income \$36,656,908 and \$35,831,855 and ordinary income \$83,617 and \$176,936, respectively.

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During the period ended September 30, 2011, as a result of permanent book to tax differences, primarily due to the tax treatment for amortization adjustments and a capital loss carryover expiration, the fund decreased accumulated undistributed investment income-net by \$200,513, increased net realized gain (loss) on investments by \$19,687,198 and decreased paid-in capital by \$19,486,685. Net assets and net asset value per share were not affected by this reclassification.

NOTE 2—Management Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement (“Agreement”) with the Manager, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .75% of the value of the fund’s average weekly net assets, inclusive of the outstanding APS, and is payable monthly. The Agreement provides for an expense reimbursement from the Manager should the fund’s aggregate expenses, exclusive of taxes, interest on borrowings, brokerage and extraordinary expenses, in any full fiscal year exceed the lesser of (1) the expense limitation of any state having jurisdiction over the fund or (2) 2% of the first \$10 million, 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> % of the next \$20 million and 1% of the excess over \$30 million of the average weekly value of the fund’s net assets. The Manager has currently undertaken for the period from October 1, 2010 through May 31, 2012, to waive receipt of a portion of the fund’s management 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 management fee, pursuant to the undertaking, amounted to \$708,654 during the period ended September 30, 2011.

(b) The fund compensates BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus, under a transfer agency agreement for providing personnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the fund. During the period ended September 30, 2011, the fund was charged \$91,858 pursuant to the transfer agency agreement, which is included in Shareholder servicing costs in the Statement of Operations.

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

The fund compensates The Bank of New York Mellon, a subsidiary of BNY Mellon and an affiliate of Dreyfus, under a custody agreement for providing custodial services to the fund. During the period ended September 30, 2011, the fund was charged \$52,871 pursuant to the custody agreement.

During the period ended September 30, 2011, the fund was charged \$7,146 for services performed by the Chief Compliance Officer.

The components of "Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consist of: management fees \$447,475, custodian fees \$21,294, chief compliance officer fees \$3,750 and transfer agency per account fees \$26,250 which are offset against an expense reimbursement currently in effect in the amount of \$59,664.

(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 September 30, 2011, amounted to \$124,479,596 and \$134,570,270, respectively.

**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

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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 September 30, 2011, was approximately \$69,958,600, with a related weighted average annualized interest rate of .70%.

At September 30, 2011, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$684,839,080; accordingly, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$36,260,374, consisting of \$45,419,529 gross unrealized appreciation and \$9,159,155 gross unrealized depreciation.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Shareholders and Board of Directors  
Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, Inc.

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

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

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

New York, New York  
November 23, 2011

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan

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

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

A Common Shareholder who has fund shares registered in his name may elect to withdraw from the Plan at any time for a \$2.50 fee and thereby elect to receive cash in lieu of shares of the fund. Changes in elections must be in writing, sent to The Bank of New York Mellon, c/o BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, Shareholder Investment Plan, P.O. Box 35803, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8035, should include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the Administrator's records and will be effective only if received more than fifteen days prior to the record date for any distribution.

A Plan participant who has fund shares in his name has the option of making additional cash payments to the Administrator, semi-annually, in any amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000, for investment in the fund's

shares in the open market on or about January 15 and July 15. Any voluntary cash payments received more than 30 days prior to these dates will be returned by the Administrator, and interest will not be paid on any uninvested cash payments. A participant may withdraw a voluntary cash payment by written notice, if the notice is received by the Administrator not less than 48 hours before the payment is to be invested. A Common Shareholder who owns fund shares registered in street name should consult his broker/dealer to determine whether an additional cash purchase option is available through his broker/dealer.

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

The fund pays the Administrator's fee for reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Plan participants pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Administrator's open market purchases and purchases from voluntary cash payments, and a \$1.25 fee for each purchase made from a voluntary cash payment.

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

#### Level Distribution Policy

The fund's dividend policy is to distribute substantially all of its net investment income to its shareholders on a monthly basis. In order to provide shareholders with a more consistent yield to the current trading price of shares of Common Stock of the fund, the fund may at times

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) *(continued)*

pay out less than the entire amount of net investment income earned in any particular month and may at times in any month pay out such accumulated but undistributed income in addition to net investment income earned in that month. As a result, the dividends paid by the fund for any particular month may be more or less than the amount of net investment income earned by the fund during such month.

**Benefits and Risks of Leveraging**

The fund utilizes leverage to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its Common Stock. These objectives cannot be achieved in all interest rate environments. To leverage, the fund has issued Preferred Stock, which pays dividends at prevailing short-term interest rates, and invests the proceeds in long-term municipal bonds. The interest earned on these investments is paid to Common Shareholders in the form of dividends, and the value of these portfolio holdings is reflected in the per share net asset value of the fund's Common Stock. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, the fund redeemed \$22,000,000 of its outstanding Preferred Stock, the leverage that had been provided by the redeemed Preferred Stock was replaced through the purchase of tax-exempt tender option bonds. In order for this form of leverage to benefit Common Shareholders, the yield curve must be positively sloped: that is, short-term interest rates must be lower than long-term interest rates. At the same time, a period of generally declining interest rates will benefit Common Shareholders. If either of these conditions change along with other factors that may have an effect on preferred dividends or tender option bonds, then the risk of leveraging will begin to outweigh the benefits.

Supplemental Information

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

Certifications

The fund's then-current chief executive officer has certified to the NYSE, pursuant to the requirements of Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual, that, as of July 8, 2011, he was not aware of any violation by the fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The fund's reports to the SEC on Form N-CSR contain certifications by the fund's chief executive officer and chief financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act, including certifications regarding the quality of the fund's disclosures in such reports and certifications regarding the fund's disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting.

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**IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION** (Unaudited)

In accordance with federal tax law, the fund hereby designates all the dividends paid from investment income-net during its fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 as “exempt-interest dividends” (not generally subject to regular federal income tax), except \$83,617 that is being designated as an ordinary income distribution for reporting purposes.

Where required by federal tax law rules, shareholders will receive notification of their portion of the fund’s taxable ordinary dividends (if any) and capital gains distributions (if any) paid for the 2011 calendar year on Form 1099-DIV and their portion of the fund's tax-exempt dividends paid for the 2011 calendar year on Form 1099-INT, both of which will be mailed in early 2012.

PROXY RESULTS (Unaudited)

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

	For	Shares	Authority Withheld
To elect three Class II Directors: <sup>†</sup>			
Gordon J. Davis	52,759,062		1,601,855
Ehud Houminer	52,656,590		1,704,327
Robin A. Melvin <sup>††</sup>	6,019		58

<sup>†</sup> The terms of these Class II Directors expire in 2014.

<sup>††</sup> Elected solely by APS holders, Common Shareholders not entitled to vote.

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OFFICERS OF THE FUND (Unaudited)

**BRADLEY J. SKAPYAK, President since January 2010.**

Chief Operating Officer and a director of the Manager since June 2009. From April 2003 to June 2009, Mr. Skapyak was the head of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of the Manager. He is an officer of 75 investment companies (comprised of 167 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 52 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1988.

**MICHAEL A. ROSENBERG, Vice President and Secretary since August 2005.**

Assistant General Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 51 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1991.

**KIESHA ASTWOOD, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since January 2010.**

Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 38 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since July 1995.

**JAMES BITETTO, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.**

Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon and Secretary of the Manager, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 45 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since December 1996.

**JONI LACKS CHARATAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.**

Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 55 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

**JOSEPH M. CHIOFFI, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.**

Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 49 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 2000.

**KATHLEEN DENICHOLAS, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since January 2010.**

Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 36 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 2001.

**JANETTE E. FARRAGHER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.**

Assistant General Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 48 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1984.

**JOHN B. HAMMALIAN, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.**

Senior Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 48 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since February 1991.

**M. CRISTINA MEISER, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since January 2010.**

Senior Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. She is 41 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since August 2001.

OFFICERS OF THE FUND (Unaudited) *(continued)*

**ROBERT R. MULLERY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.**

Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 59 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since May 1986.

**JEFF PRUSNOFSKY, Vice President and Assistant Secretary since August 2005.**

Senior Managing Counsel of BNY Mellon, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 46 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1990.

**JAMES WINDELS, Treasurer since November 2001.**

Director – Mutual Fund Accounting of the Manager, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 53 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1985.

**RICHARD CASSARO, Assistant Treasurer since January 2007.**

Senior Accounting Manager – Money Market and Municipal Bond Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 52 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since September 1982.

**GAVIN C. REILLY, Assistant Treasurer since December 2005.**

Tax Manager of the Investment Accounting and Support Department of the Manager, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 43 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since April 1991.

**ROBERT ROBOL, Assistant Treasurer since August 2005.**

Senior Accounting Manager – Fixed Income Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 47 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since October 1988.

**ROBERT SALVILOLO, Assistant Treasurer since May 2007.**

Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since June 1989.

**ROBERT SVAGNA, Assistant Treasurer since August 2005.**

Senior Accounting Manager – Equity Funds of the Manager, and an officer of 76 investment companies (comprised of 192 portfolios) managed by the Manager. He is 44 years old and has been an employee of the Manager since November 1990.

**JOSEPH W. CONNOLLY, Chief Compliance Officer since October 2004.**

Chief Compliance Officer of the Manager and The Dreyfus Family of Funds (76 investment companies, comprised of 192 portfolios). From November 2001 through March 2004, Mr. Connolly was first Vice-President, Mutual Fund Servicing for Mellon Global Securities Services. In that capacity, Mr. Connolly was responsible for managing Mellon's Custody, Fund Accounting and Fund Administration services to third-party mutual fund clients. He is 54 years old and has served in various capacities with the Manager since 1980, including manager of the firm's Fund Accounting Department from 1997 through October 2001.





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**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for non-audit assurance and related services by the Auditor to the Registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-investment adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Registrant ("Service Affiliates"), that were reasonably related to the performance of the annual audit of the Service Affiliate, which required pre-approval by the Audit Committee were \$0 in 2010 and \$0 in 2011.

(c) Tax Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for professional services rendered by the Auditor for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning ("Tax Services") were \$3,588 in 2010 and \$2,731 in 2011. These

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

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(d) All Other Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for products and services provided by the Auditor, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item, were \$667 in 2010 and \$217 in 2011. [These services consisted of a review of the Registrant's anti-money laundering program].

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

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

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

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

Non-Audit Fees. The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the Auditor for services rendered to the Registrant, and rendered to Service Affiliates, for the Reporting Periods were \$29,311,662 in 2010 and \$16,565,389.

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

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

The Registrant has a separately-designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a) (58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, consisting of the following members: Joseph S. DiMartino, David W. Burke, Hodding Carter III, Joni Evans, Ehud Houminer, Richard C. Leone, Hans C. Mautner, Robin A. Melvin, Burton N. Wallack and John E. Zuccotti of applicable.

#### **Item 6.                    Investments.**

(a) Not applicable.

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

Not applicable. [CLOSED-END FUNDS ONLY]

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

(a) (1) The following information is as of November 29, 2011, the date of the filing of this report:

James Welch and Daniel A. Barton manages the Registrant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Registered Investment Company Accounts</b>	<b>Assets Managed</b>	<b>Pooled Accounts</b>	<b>Assets Managed</b>	<b>Other Accounts</b>	<b>Assets Managed</b>
James Welch	8	\$4,876.2 million	1	472.8 million	142	\$440.2 million
Daniel A. Barton	5	\$2,483.4 million	0	0	0	0



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

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

<b><u>Portfolio Manager</u></b>	<b><u>Registrant Name</u></b>	<b><u>Dollar Range of Registrant Shares Beneficially Owned</u></b>
James Welch	Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, Inc.	None
Daniel A. Barton	Dreyfus Strategic Municipals, Inc.	None

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

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

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

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

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

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

(a)(3) Not applicable.

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

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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 MUNICIPALS, INC.

By: /s/ Bradley J. Skapyak

Bradley J. Skapyak,

President

Date: November 22, 2011

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: November 22, 2011

By: /s/ James Windels

James Windels,

Treasurer

Date: November 22, 2011

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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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)



