



## Investment Performance Quarterly Report, Third Quarter, FY26

State investment balances increased by \$12.2 billion, or 13.7 percent, compared with this time last year. Investment returns were weak in the quarter period, but they continued to show strength over the year, ranging from 11 percent (PERA) to 12.8 percent (LGPF). The state’s allocations performed above the median among peer funds in the quarter period, but below the median in the year period. The fund managed by ERB continued to demonstrate strong performance, with the state’s best long-term returns and a more optimized risk profile than other large state investments.

### Investment Performance Highlights

- The value of New Mexico’s combined investment holdings grew by \$354 million quarter-over-quarter, to an ending balance of \$100.7 billion, with gains bolstered by contributions of excess oil and gas revenues to the ECTF and the STPF. For the year, funds increased by \$12.2 billion, or 13.7 percent. Over the last five years, the state’s combined investment holdings grew by \$40.5 billion, or 67.4 percent.
- One-year returns were strong for all funds, ranging from 11 percent (PERA) to 12.8 percent (LGPF). Average annualized investment returns over the last 10 years ranged from 7.2 percent (STPF) to 8.7 percent (ERB).
- Net inflows of oil and gas taxes and royalties across the LGPF, STPF, and ECTF made up 21 percent, or \$2.5 billion, of the one-year value increase across all funds. STPF performance is lowered by the allocation to active and legacy differential rate New Mexico investments, which typically provide a lower return. ERB and PERA balances were moderated by benefit payments greater than contributions typical for pension funds.
- ERB, LGPF, and ECTF met their long-term return target in the one-, three-, five- and 10-year period. PERA and STPF met their long-term return target in each period except the five-year period.<sup>1</sup>

**THIS REPORT** details the comparative investment performance of the three investment agencies: the Educational Retirement Board (ERB), the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), and the State Investment Council (SIC), which manages the land grant permanent fund (LGPF), the severance tax permanent fund (STPF), and the early childhood education and care trust fund (ECTF).

Agency performance and market environment information are derived from the investment performance reports submitted by PERA, ERB, and SIC.

#### Aggregate Value of New Mexico Investment Holdings

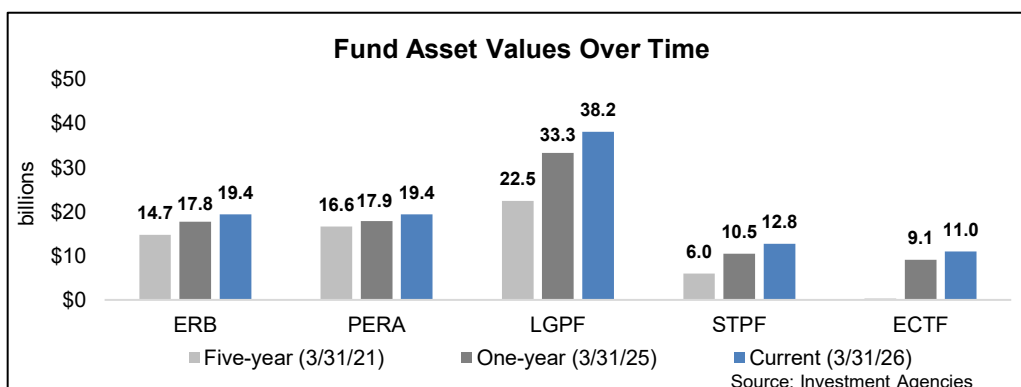
**\$100.7 billion**

Note: does not include general fund investments.

#### Annual Combined Growth of all Funds

**\$12.2 billion  
13.7%**

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#### Five-Year Annualized Returns

Fund	Returns
ERB	8.07
ECTF	7.41
LGPF	7.05
PERA	6.61
STPF	5.40

Source: Investment Agencies

<sup>1</sup> The funds’ long-term return targets are 7.25 percent (PERA), 7 percent (ERB), 7 percent (LGPF), and 6.75 percent (STPF).

### About the Funds

PERA and ERB manage state pension funds that offer members guaranteed life-long monthly benefits after retirement. Both members and employers make contributions. PERA members are New Mexico public employees. ERB members are New Mexico public education employees. The pension funds are invested to generate income that covers the gap between contributions and benefit payments. Pension funds offer a major benefit to state employees and are often cited as a major benefit of a career in the public sector. However, they also represent one of the state's largest long-term liabilities, and the health of the funds is important to monitor.

## Pension Fund Agencies

Pension fund investments grew by \$3.2 billion, or 8.9 percent, over the year. Annualized returns for the Educational Retirement Board (ERB) were above their long-term targets in every annualized period. Annualized returns for the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) were above their long-term targets in every annualized period, except for the five-year period. ERB allocated more of its assets to alternatives while PERA allocated more of its portfolio to fixed income.

**Table 1**

### Pension Funds Asset Values (net of fees)

Period ending 3/31/2026

Fund	Value as of		Value Change	Percent Change
	3/31/25	3/31/26		
ERB	\$17,751.7	\$19,428.2	\$1,676.5	9.4%
PERA	\$17,874.7	\$19,368.9	\$1,494.2	8.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,626.4</b>	<b>\$38,797.1</b>	<b>\$3,170.6</b>	<b>8.9%</b>

Source: ERB, PERA

### Membership Snapshot

(in thousands)

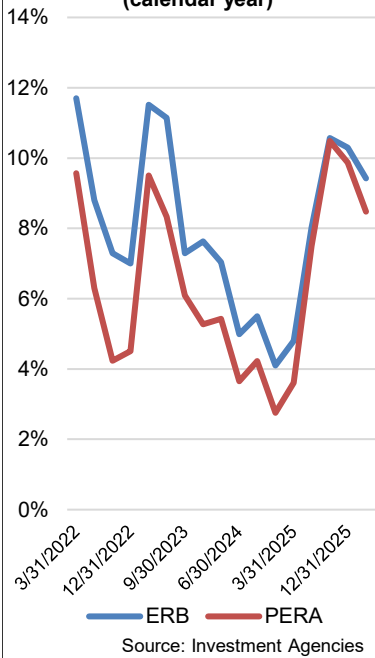
Type	PERA	ERB	Total
Active	55.7	61.5	117.2
Inactive	28.9	54.7	83.7
Retirees	47.1	54.8	101.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>171.0</b>	<b>302.7</b>

Source: PERA, ERB

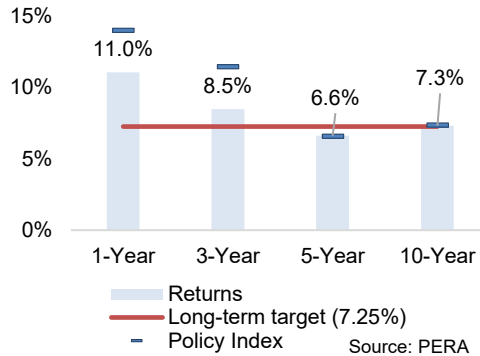
**ERB.** ERB's annualized returns outperformed the fund's long-term target of 7 percent in each period. The fund outperformed its policy index, a performance benchmark, in each annualized period. The fund's return in the quarter, which is not annualized, was 0.34 percent while the policy index for that period was 0.39 percent. ERB's five-year average Sharpe ratio—a measure of how an investment's risk compares with its returns—was 0.85, one of the best performance measures among large public funds over \$1 billion, according to InvMetrics. This indicates the fund is optimizing its risk-to-return profile in the long-term.

**PERA.** PERA's annualized returns outperformed the fund's long-term target of 7.25 percent in each period except the five-year period. The fund missed its policy index in the one-, three-, and 10-year period. The fund's return in the quarter, which is not annualized, was negative 0.39 percent, below the policy index of 0.05 percent.

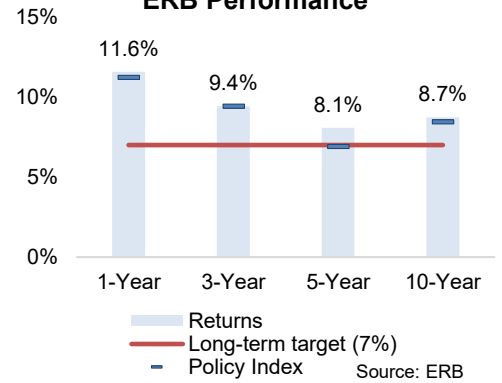
### Historical Three-Year Annualized Returns (calendar year)



### PERA Performance



### ERB Performance



## SIC Long-Term Investment Funds

The long-term investment funds managed by the State Investment Council (SIC) grew by \$9 billion, or 17 percent, over the year. Of the increased value, over one-fourth—28 percent—was the result of net inflows of oil and gas taxes and royalties. The LGPF surpassed its long-term targets in each annualized period. The STPF surpassed its long-term targets in each annualized period except the five-year period.

**Table 2**

Long-term Investment Funds Asset Values (net of fees)				
Period ending 3/31/2026				
Fund	Value as of		Value Change	Percent Change
	3/31/25	3/31/26		
LGPF	\$33,315.4	\$38,159.6	\$4,844.2	14.5%
STPF	\$10,471.0	\$12,762.2	\$2,291.2	21.9%
ECTF	\$9,114.5	\$10,963.5	\$1,848.9	20.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,900.9</b>	<b>\$61,885.2</b>	<b>\$8,984.3</b>	<b>17.0%</b>

Source: SIC

its long-term target of 6.75 percent in each period, except for the five-year period. The fund surpassed its policy index in each period except the 10-year period. The fund distributed \$420 million to the general fund and received \$1.5 billion in oil and gas revenues. STPF returns are lowered by allocations to the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation and two legacy programs: the small business recovery loan program and the New Mexico Private Equity Investment Program (NMPEIP). While neither legacy program is active, past allocations still drag on STPF performance. SIC recently replaced the NMPEIP with the Strategic Venture Capital Program, which requires market-rate returns for its commitments.

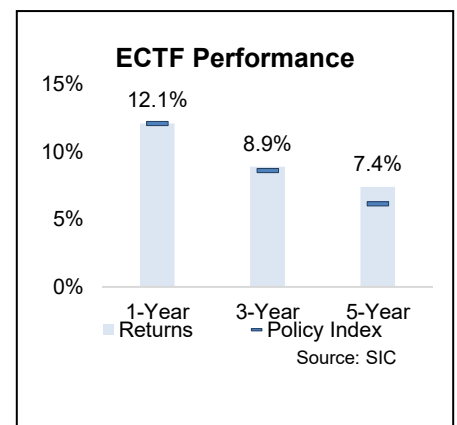
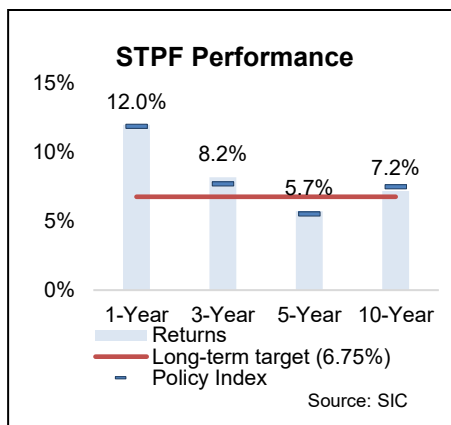
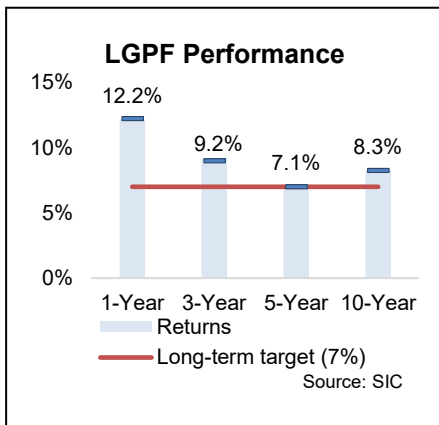
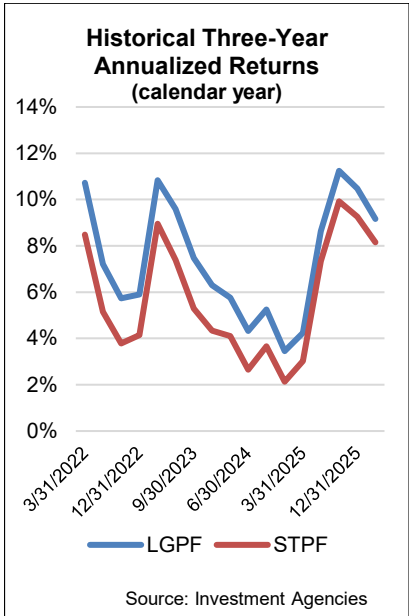
**ECTF.** The ECTF tracked closely with other SIC-managed funds, exceeding its policy index in each period. Last year, SIC approved a new asset allocation for the fund with a long-term return expectation of 6.8 percent. ECTF’s five-year average Sharpe ratio—a measure of how an investment’s risk compares with its returns—was 0.91, the best measure of large funds in New Mexico and one of the best performance measures among large public funds over \$1 billion, according to InvMetrics. This indicates the fund is optimizing its risk-to-return profile in the long-term. The ECTF received \$1.2 billion in oil and gas revenues and distributed \$500 million to the general fund.

**LGPF.** The LGPF outperformed its long-term target of 7 percent in each period. The fund surpassed its policy index for each annualized period, except for the one-year period, where it narrowly missed. Over the year, the fund distributed \$1.6 billion to beneficiaries and received \$2.3 billion in revenues, primarily from royalties from oil and gas extracted on state lands.

**STPF.** The STPF overperformed

### About the Funds

The state’s long-term investment funds have a diverse history. The **land grant permanent fund (LGPF)** is a constitutionally protected fund created at statehood to invest proceeds from the use of natural resources on state lands. The fund receives royalties from state lands and makes distributions to the general fund earmarked for use in public schools. The **severance tax permanent fund (STPF)** is a constitutionally protected fund that receives severance taxes—taxes levied against the extraction of natural resources—not required for bond maintenance. The STPF makes distributions to the state general fund. The **early childhood education and care trust fund (ECTF)** is a statutorily created fund that receives above-trend oil and gas revenues and supports funding for education and early childhood.



## Risk Profiles, Five Years Ending

Net of Fees, Period ending 3/31/2026

Fund	Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	Sharpe Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Beta <sup>3</sup>
PERA	6.5	0.5	0.4
ERB	5.5	0.9	0.3
LGPF	6.3	0.6	0.4
STPF	6.2	0.4	0.4
ECTF	4.5	0.9	0.3

<sup>1</sup>Measures variability from the mean return; higher is more volatile.

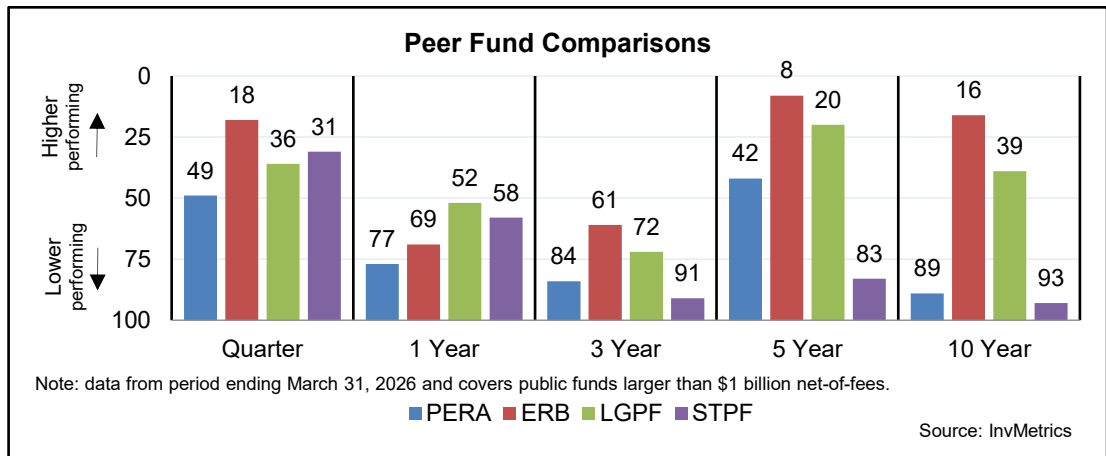
<sup>2</sup>Higher numbers indicate higher return-to-risk level; a good ratio is 1 or better.

<sup>3</sup>Represents the volatility of the portfolio versus the S&P 500. Beta = 1: portfolio moves with the market. Beta < 1: portfolio is less volatile than market. Beta > 1: portfolio is more volatile than the market.

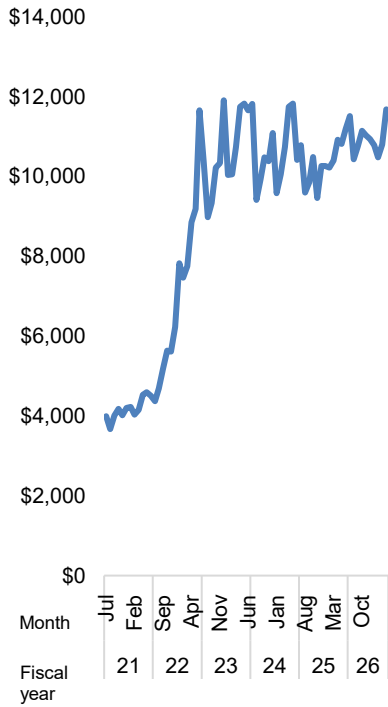
Source: Investment Agencies

## Comparison with Peer Funds

When compared with peer funds greater than \$1 billion on a net-of-fee basis, New Mexico's large investment funds had varied performance over the long-term, with ERB and the LGPF above the median and PERA and the STPF performing below the median. All funds performed well compared with peer funds in the quarter. Most funds performed poorly compared with peers in the three-year period. STPF's long-term performance was weak compared with peer funds and performed at the bottom 80<sup>th</sup> percentile in the three-, five-, and 10-year periods, although it tracked closely with PERA in the quarter and one-year period. STPF performance is moderated by active and legacy allocations to differential rate New Mexico investments, which generate lower returns.



## SGFIP Balances



Note: Balances include both the core and liquidity portfolios.

Source: STO

## General Fund Investment Pool

Table 3

### General Fund Investment Pool

Period ending 3/31/2026

Fund	Value as of		Value Change	Percent Change
	3/31/25	3/31/26		
GF Core	\$6,132.2	\$6,639.1	\$506.9	8.3%

Source: STO

Table 4

### General Fund Investment Pool - Core Portfolio

Period ending 3/31/2026

	Performance	
	Quarter	1-Year
GF Core	0.39%	4.16%
Benchmark - Treasury 0-5 Year	0.33%	3.91%
Relative Performance	0.06%	0.25%

Source: STO

The State Treasurer's Office (STO) acts as the state's bank when receipts are deposited and later pooled into a statewide investment fund, known as the state general fund investment pool (SGFIP). The SGFIP has a liquidity portfolio, structured to meet the immediate cash needs of the state, and the core portfolio, which invests balances not necessary to meet the state's short-term cash flow needs over a longer time horizon.

The general fund core portfolio exceeded its benchmark over the quarter by 0.06 percentage points and by 0.25 percentage points over the year.