

# Colorado Department of the Treasury SMART Act Hearing



Joint Finance Committee  
January 18, 2022



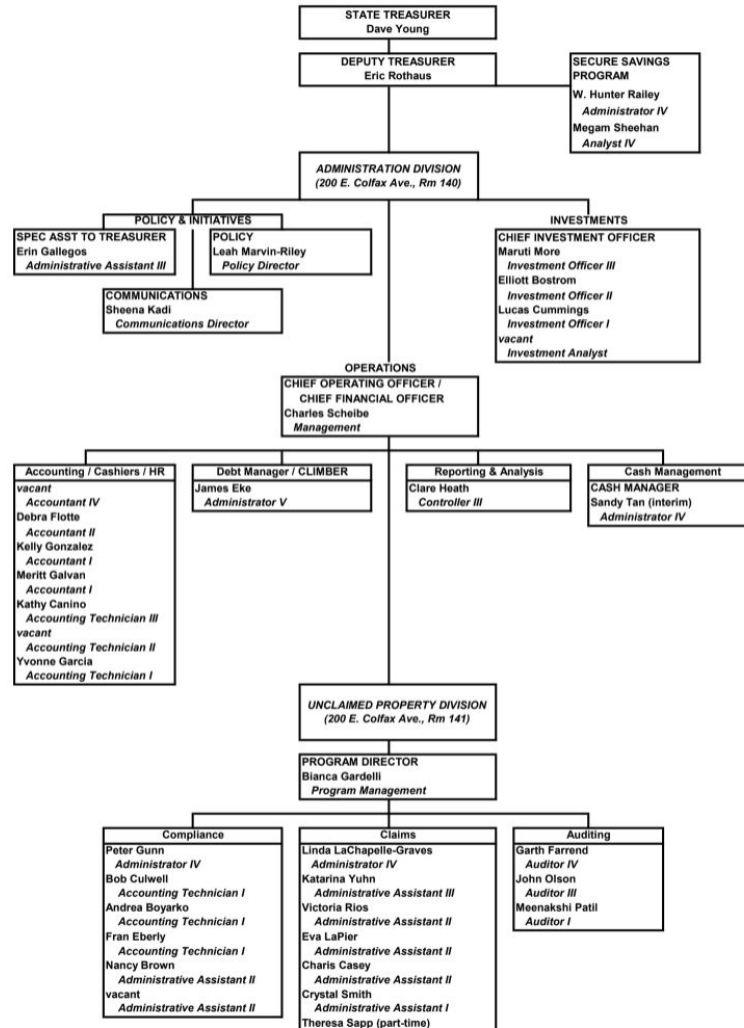
# Treasury Mission & Vision

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Colorado State Treasury is the constitutional custodian of the public's funds. It is the Treasury's duty to manage and account for the citizen's tax dollars from the time they are received until the time they are disbursed. The Treasury's staff is committed to safeguarding and managing the people's monies with the same diligence and care as they do their own. The mission of the Unclaimed Property Section is to reunite all owners or heirs with their unclaimed or abandoned property.

**VISION STATEMENT:** The Colorado State Treasury staff will continually strive to better serve the citizens of Colorado. Central to this goal is the continued introduction and use of new technologies to provide improved access to services for both citizens and other governmental agencies.



# Treasury Organizational Chart



# Performance Evaluation

## PERFORMANCE GOALS



### DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE GOALS

- To conservatively and safely invest the portfolios to preserve principal and consistently provide income
- To improve cash management and ensure adequate liquidity through better forecasting
- To improve banking services
- To provide technical assistance to local governments
- To provide expertise, guidance, and skill managing debt issuances, and achieve the lowest interest rates possible on behalf of the State
- To continue and improve funding for the Building Excellent Schools Today program



# Performance Evaluation (cont'd)

## INVESTMENT DIVISION PERFORMANCE GOALS

The Investment division is responsible for managing all investments in the State of Colorado Treasury, which includes operating and trust funds with total assets currently exceeding \$15 billion.

The mission of the Investment Division is to provide investment programs that are safe, prudent, and appropriate for the public purpose of each fund, with rates of return consistently at or above performance benchmarks over time. In managing the Treasury operating fund (TPOOL) and the Unclaimed Property Tourism Promotion Trust Fund (UPTPTF), earn and distribute steady cash flows from interest income and realized capital gains by neutralizing realized gains and losses. In managing a portion of the Public School Permanent Bond Fund (PSPF), provide steady cash flows as required, and maximize total return by neutralizing realized gains and losses.



# Performance Evaluation (cont'd)

## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PERFORMANCE GOALS



- Review all claims within 90-day statute requirement. This includes approving, denying or responding to claimants requesting additional documentation within 90-days of receipt of documentation.
- Intake and process a monthly average of 80% (or greater) of calls that come in on the Division's claim hotline.
- Deposit unclaimed property holder payments within 2 weeks of receipt. November 1st is when the majority of reporting occurs. Holders should be identified and their reports credited within 2 weeks.
- Approximately 4,000 checks are received on or around November 1st. Reconcile 50% of new holder reports within 3 months of receipt.
- Send out documentation for 40 desk audits. (Not all will result in on-site audits). Complete the review of reporting for these holders to confirm proper reporting of unclaimed property.
- Authorize 40 third-party audits.
- Manage and partner with contractors for successful reporting of Unclaimed Property.
- Meet additional statutory requirements passed in SB19-088 (Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act).



# Treasury FY 2022-2023 Budget Request

\$942,198,105 Total Funds  
\$445,006,604 General Fund  
\$8,777,105 Departmental Funds (GF  
and CF)  
48.8 FTE



# Budget Request (cont'd)

The Colorado Department of the Treasury has made several budget requests for FY 2022-2023, including:

1. Hiring six new full time employees, three which are department-wide, and three dedicated to the Division of Unclaimed Property
2. Staff salary adjustments to align employee compensation with internal and external markets
3. An increase in the technology budget for the first time in 18 years
4. Feasibility reports for the Continuation of Benefits Board
5. Financial audit costs from the State Auditor
6. Continued funding for the design and implementation of the Colorado Secure Savings Program, supporting the hiring of five new full time employees
7. Removal of the leased space appropriation from the Unclaimed Property Division's budget





# Legislative Agenda

The Department respectfully requests the General Assembly consider legislation on the following:

- Making the CLIMBER Loan Fund even more accessible to Colorado small businesses across the state by adjusting loan terms and extending the program through 2024.
- Providing property tax relief to thousands of Coloradans by fully implementing SB21-293, which significantly expands access to the State's property tax deferral program.



# Regulatory Agenda

1. Finished and updated rules for RUUPA.
2. Beginning rule-making process for the Secure Savings Program.
3. Revising and updating debt management rules.



# Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order [2020 175](#), the Department has prepared a plan to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion, including efforts to:

1. Completed statewide EDI training
2. Completed organizational assessment



# Remote Work

In response to COVID-19, Treasury has completed a comprehensive review of its programs and staff to identify where short-term remote work is appropriate and long-term opportunities for remote work.



# Other Highlights

- Secure Savings
- CLIMBER
- ETRANS & GTRANS
- BEST
- SB17-267
- SB20-219

Moody's

**Colorado (State of) -- Moody's assigns MIG 1 to Colorado's 2021B ETRANS**

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## Sierra Grande celebrates new school



Photos by Adam Lopez A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Jan. 8 for the new Sierra Grande School in Fort Garland.

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## States Step Up Action To Address The U.S. Retirement Savings Crisis



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Colorado and New Mexico recently announced an innovative approach to managing their new state-facilitated retirement saving programs. Under a Memorandum of Cooperation, the Colorado Secure Savings Program and New Mexico Work and Save will collaborate on program administration and financial services, marketing, data collection, and participant privacy. Such

