

EATON VANCE MUNICIPAL BOND FUND
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SCHEDULE 14A

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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund

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CLOSED-END FUNDS

PROXY FACT SHEET FOR:

EATON VANCE

**SPECIAL MEETING
IMPORTANT DATES**

Record OCTOBER 25, 2018
Mail NOVEMBER 19,
2018
Meeting DECEMBER 20,
2018

SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION

OFFICES OF EATON VANCE
TWO INTERNATIONAL PLACE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Ticker SEE BELOW **Inbound Line** 1-800-713-9968
CUSIP SEE BELOW **Website** <https://funds.eatonvance.com/closed-end-fund-and-term-trust-documents>

<i>FUND</i>	<i>TICKER</i>	<i>CUSIP</i>	<i>MEETING TIME</i>
Eaton Vance Ohio Municipal Income Trust	EVO	27826G109	2:00 PM ET
Eaton Vance Pennsylvania Municipal Income Trust	EVP	27826T101	2:00 PM ET
Eaton Vance Massachusetts Municipal Income Trust www.proxyonline.com/docs/EV-Muni-Income-Trusts.pdf	MMV	27826E104	2:00 PM ET
Eaton Vance Ohio Municipal Bond Fund	EIO	27828L106	2:30 PM ET
Eaton Vance New Jersey Municipal Bond Fund	EMJ	27828R103	2:30 PM ET
Eaton Vance Pennsylvania Municipal Bond Fund	EIP	27828W102	2:30 PM ET
Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund II www.proxyonline.com/docs/EV-Muni-Bond-Funds.pdf	EIV	27827K109	2:30 PM ET

What are Shareholders being asked to vote on?

Shareholders are being asked to approve an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (a “Plan”) providing for the reorganization of each Fund listed below into the respective Acquiring Fund (each, a “Reorganization”).

Acquired Fund	Acquiring Fund	Board of Trustees Recommendation
Eaton Vance Ohio Municipal Income Trust	Eaton Vance Municipal Income Trust	“FOR”
Eaton Vance Pennsylvania Municipal Income Trust	Eaton Vance Municipal Income Trust	“FOR”
Eaton Vance Massachusetts Municipal Income Trust	Eaton Vance Municipal Income Trust	“FOR”

Eaton Vance Ohio Municipal Bond Fund	Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund	“FOR”
Eaton Vance New Jersey Municipal Bond Fund	Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund	“FOR”
Eaton Vance Pennsylvania Municipal Bond Fund	Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund	“FOR”
Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund II	Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund	“FOR”

What is happening?

Each Fund’s shareholders are being asked to consider a proposed Reorganization and approve a related Plan at a special meeting of shareholders scheduled to be held on December 20, 2018. The Board of Trustees of each Fund has approved the Plan. Under the terms of each Plan, common shares of the Funds will, in effect, be exchanged for new common shares of the relevant Acquiring Fund with an equal aggregate net asset value.

How will a Reorganization affect shareholders?

If the proposed Reorganizations are approved and completed, you will become a shareholder of the relevant Acquiring Fund, and the number of shares you receive will be based on the pre-Reorganization net asset value of your Fund shares.

How will a Reorganization affect the value of my shares?

The aggregate net asset value of each shareholder’s shares of an Acquiring Fund immediately after the Reorganization will be the same as the aggregate net asset value of such shareholder’s Fund shares immediately prior to the Reorganization. See below for information regarding potential benefits of the Reorganizations to Fund shareholders.

How do the investment objectives, policies and risks of the Funds compare?

Each Acquired Fund and its Acquiring Fund have similar investment objectives, policies, restrictions and risk profiles.

Each Fund invests primarily in municipal obligations the interest from which is exempt from federal income taxes, including the alternative minimum tax, although the Funds listed below (unlike their Acquiring Funds) also invest in municipal obligations the interest from which is exempt from applicable state taxes. Following a Reorganization, former shareholders of such Funds will lose favorable tax treatment in the particular state in which they reside.

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Applicable State Taxes</i>
<u><i>Eaton Vance Ohio Municipal Bond Fund and Eaton Vance Ohio Municipal Income Trust</i></u>	<u>Ohio personal income tax</u>
<u><i>Eaton Vance New Jersey Municipal Bond Fund</i></u>	<u>New Jersey personal income tax</u>
<u><i>Eaton Vance Pennsylvania Municipal Bond Fund and Eaton Vance Pennsylvania Municipal Income Trust</i></u>	<u>Pennsylvania personal property taxes</u>
<u><i>Eaton Vance Massachusetts Municipal Bond Fund</i></u>	<u>Massachusetts state personal income tax</u>

How will the Reorganizations benefit shareholders?

It is expected that common shareholders of each Fund would benefit from the Reorganizations because they would become common shareholders of a larger fund that has similar investment objectives and policies.

Following each Reorganization, the relevant Acquiring Fund would be expected to have a lower total expense ratio and higher net income per common share than the Fund currently (inclusive of the costs of IMTP (Institutional MuniFund Term Preferred Shares)), although the advisory fee rate currently paid by each Acquiring Fund is higher than that of the relevant Acquired Fund.

Fund shareholders are also expected to benefit from substantial continuity in management and administration following each proposed Reorganization. The proposed Reorganizations are intended to be tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

How will the Reorganizations affect fees and expenses?

Following the Reorganizations, each Acquiring Fund is expected to have a lower total expense ratio and higher net income per common share than the relevant Fund currently (inclusive of the costs of IMTP *Institutional MuniFund Term Preferred Shares), although the annual advisory fee rate currently paid by each Acquiring Fund is higher than that of the relevant Acquired Fund.

Once the Reorganizations are completed, who will be the investment adviser of the Acquiring Funds?

Eaton Vance Management (“Eaton Vance”) is the investment adviser of each Fund and Acquiring Fund. Eaton Vance intends to manage each Acquiring Fund after the Reorganization in substantially the same manner as the relevant Fund and Acquiring Fund prior to the Reorganization, subject to any differences in strategies.

If shareholders approve the Plan, when will the Reorganizations take place?

If approved, the proposed Reorganizations would be expected to be completed as soon as practicable following the December 20, 2018 shareholder vote or later if the meeting is adjourned or postponed.

What happens if a Reorganization is not approved?

If the required approval of shareholders is not obtained, the Fund(s) will continue to engage in business and the Board of Trustees of such Fund(s) will consider what further action may be appropriate.

What are the federal income tax consequences of the Reorganizations?

The proposed Reorganizations are intended to be tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Who is paying for the costs of the Reorganizations?

The costs associated with the proposed Reorganizations are to be borne by the relevant Acquired Fund’s common shareholders. The costs associated with the proposed Reorganizations of the Eaton Vance Ohio Municipal Bond Fund, Eaton Vance New Jersey Municipal Bond Fund, Eaton Vance Pennsylvania Municipal Bond Fund and Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund II into Eaton Vance Municipal Bond Fund are also to be borne in part by Eaton Vance.

THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND A VOTE “FOR” THE PROPOSALS

- PHONE:** To cast your vote by telephone with a proxy specialist, call the toll-free number found on your proxy card. Representatives are available to take your voting instructions Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- MAIL:** To vote your proxy by mail, check the appropriate voting box on the proxy card, sign and date the card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.
- TOUCH-TONE:** To cast your vote via a touch-tone voting line, call the toll-free number and enter the *control number* found on your proxy card.
- INTERNET:** To vote via the Internet, go to the website on your proxy card and enter the *control number* found on the proxy card.
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AST Fund Solutions, LLC is first mentioned in the Q&A section of the Proxy Statement.

Eaton Vance

Level I Script

(CONFIRM RECEIPT OF PROXY MATERIAL)

Good (*morning, afternoon, evening*), my name is (AGENT'S FULL NAME).

May I please speak with (SHAREHOLDER'S FULL NAME)?

(Re-Greet If Necessary)

I am calling on a recorded line regarding your current investment with Eaton Vance. I wanted to confirm that you have received the proxy material for the Special Meetings of Shareholders scheduled to take place on December 20, 2018.

Have you received the information?

(Pause for response)

If "Yes" or positive response:

If you're not able to attend the meeting, I can record your voting instructions by phone. The Board of Trustees is recommending a vote "FOR" the proposal.

If "No" or negative response:

I would be happy to review the meeting agenda and record your vote by phone. However, the Board of Trustees is recommending a vote "FOR" the proposal.

Would you like to vote along with the Board's recommendation?

(Pause For Response)

(Review Voting Options with Shareholder If Necessary)

If we identify any additional accounts you own with Eaton Vance before the meeting takes place, would you like to vote those accounts in the same manner as well?

(Pause For Response)

***Confirmation** – I am recording your (*Recap Voting Instructions*).

For confirmation purposes:

Please state your full name. *(Pause)*

According to our records, you reside in (city, state, zip code). *(Pause)*

To ensure that we have the correct address for the written confirmation, please state your street address. *(Pause)*

Thank you. You will receive written confirmation of this vote within 3 to 5 business days. Upon receipt, please review and retain for your records. If you should have any questions, please call the toll free number listed on the confirmation. Mr. /Ms. _____, your vote is important and your time is greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a good *(morning, afternoon, evening.)*

Eaton Vance Municipal Funds

Level I Machine Script

Hello.

I am calling regarding your investment in the Eaton Vance municipal obligation closed-end funds.

The Special Meetings of Shareholders are scheduled to take place on December 20, 2018. All shareholders are being asked to consider a merger. As of today, your vote has not been registered.

Please contact us as soon as possible at 1-800-713-9968 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 10:00pm Eastern Time.

Your vote is very important. Thank you and have a good day.