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Annual Financial Statements and Other Information

DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund

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Investment Portfolio

as of August 31, 2026

	Principal Amount ($)	Value ($)
Municipal Investments 100.2%		
California 96.1%		
California, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, Series C, 5.0%, 10/1/2052, INS: AG	2,000,000	2,028,211
California, Antelope Valley Community College District, General Obligation, 5.0%, 8/1/2043 (a)	2,000,000	2,112,960
California, Bay Area Toll Authority, Toll Bridge Revenue:		
Series B, 2.25% (b), 9/1/2026, LOC: Barclays Bank PLC	400,000	400,000
Series A, 2.35% (b), 9/1/2026, LOC: Barclays Bank PLC	3,320,000	3,320,000
California, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Brick Campaign Revenue:		
Series B, AMT, 5.25%, 7/1/2044, INS: AG	690,000	730,866
Series B, AMT, 5.25%, 7/1/2045, INS: AG	750,000	791,782
Series B, AMT, 5.25%, 7/1/2054	1,500,000	1,528,216
California, Campbell Union High School District, General Obligation, Series B, 5.0%, 8/1/2032 (a)	2,305,000	2,546,169
California, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Series C, 5.25%, 8/1/2048	750,000	794,602
California, City of San Jose Financing Authority Wastewater Revenue, Series B, 5.0%, 11/1/2052	5,000,000	5,179,088
California, Colton Joint Unified School District, Election of 2024, Series A, 5.0%, 8/1/2055, INS: BAM	5,000,000	5,135,224
California, Community Choice Financing Authority, Clean Energy Project Revenue:		
Series E, 5.0%, 7/1/2035, GTY: Alphabet, Inc.	1,250,000	1,341,309
Series F, 5.0%, 6/1/2036, GTY: New York Life Insurance Co.	1,500,000	1,604,505
Series B-1, 5.0% (c), 7/1/2053, GTY: Morgan Stanley	5,500,000	5,695,290
Series A-1, 5.0% (c), 12/1/2053, GTY: Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	1,500,000	1,551,096
Series A-1, 5.0% (c), 5/1/2054, GTY: Morgan Stanley	1,500,000	1,571,910
Series 2024-H, 5.0% (c), 1/1/2056, GTY: New York Life Insurance Co.	2,000,000	2,137,016
California, County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Revenue, Series B-2, Zero Coupon, 6/1/2055	5,885,000	1,226,439
California, CSCDA Community Improvement Authority, Essential Housing Revenue:		
Series A-1, 144A, 3.5%, 10/1/2046	1,495,000	1,164,343
Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 7/1/2051	1,000,000	932,138
California, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran's Farm Home Purchase Program, Series A, 5.5%, 12/1/2052	650,000	684,058

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	Principal Amount ($)	Value ($)
California, Downey Unified School District, General Obligation, Series A, 4.0%, 8/1/2052	3,000,000	2,691,904
California, El Monte City School District, General Obligation, Series A, 4.125%, 8/1/2055, INS: AG	3,100,000	2,825,103
California, El Rancho Unified School District, Series D, 5.75%, 8/1/2048, INS: BAM	1,000,000	1,098,963
California, Enterprise Development Authority Revenue, Rocklin Academy Obligated Group, 144A, 5.0%, 6/1/2064	675,000	611,479
California, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Multi-Family Variable Rate Certificates:		
"A", Series M-054, 2.35%, 12/15/2035	8,675,000	7,081,118
Series M-049, 3.05%, 4/15/2034	2,180,000	1,993,452
California, Folsom Ranch Financing Authority, Special Tax Revenue, Community Facility District No. 20, 5.0%, 9/1/2048	1,000,000	988,426
California, Fontana Public Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, Series A, 5.0%, 11/1/2055	2,000,000	2,056,428
California, Foothill-Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, Toll Road Revenue:		
Series B-2, 3.5%, 1/15/2053	1,070,000	832,006
Series C, 4.0%, 1/15/2043	2,500,000	2,319,395
California, Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp., Tobacco Settlement Revenue, Series A-1, 5.0%, 6/1/2051	3,000,000	2,920,833
California, Hayward Unified School District, General Obligation, Series A, 5.25%, 8/1/2054, INS: AG	3,000,000	3,107,982
California, Housing Finance Agency, Municipal Certificates:		
"A", Series A, 3.25%, 8/20/2036	1,231,819	1,160,522
"A", Series 2021-2, 3.75%, 3/25/2035	859,278	854,834
California, Imperial Community College District, General Obligation, Series A, 5.25%, 8/1/2053, INS: AG	1,000,000	1,042,172
California, Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank Revenue, Brightline West Passenger Rail Project, Series B, 144A, AMT, 12.0% (c), 1/1/2065	1,445,000	917,575
California, Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank Revenue, Colburn School, 5.0%, 8/1/2036	1,975,000	2,249,441
California, Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank Revenue, Equitable School Revolving Fund LLC Obligated Group, Series B, 5.0%, 11/1/2049	1,000,000	1,013,564
California, Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank Revenue, Museum of Natural History Foundation, 5.5%, 7/1/2056	1,000,000	1,066,471
California, Irvine Ranch Water District, Special Assessment, Series A, 2.3% (b), 9/1/2026, LOC: Bank of America NA	850,000	850,000
California, Manteca Unified School District, General Obligation, Series C, 5.25%, 8/1/2050	5,000,000	5,318,538

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	Principal Amount ($)	Value ($)
California, Moreland School District, General Obligation, Series B, 5.0%, 8/1/2040	2,000,000	2,185,135
California, Moreno Valley Public Financing Authority Electric System Revenue, Series A, 5.25%, 5/1/2046, INS: AG	740,000	796,627
California, M-S-R Energy Authority, Series A, 7.0%, 11/1/2034, GTY: Citigroup, Inc.	6,820,000	8,025,854
California, Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, "A-1", Series 2, 4.5% (c), 3/20/2048	1,000,000	1,004,634
California, Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Eskaton Properties, Inc. Obligated Group, 5.0%, 11/15/2044	1,250,000	1,273,803
California, Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, PRS-California Obligated Group:		
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2044	1,000,000	1,021,579
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2049	1,000,000	1,003,674
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2054	1,000,000	991,026
California, Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Scripps College, 5.5%, 7/1/2060	3,000,000	3,131,670
California, Municipal Finance Authority, Community Facilities District No. 2021-11, 5.0%, 9/1/2057	3,000,000	2,952,901
California, Municipal Finance Authority, Community Facilities District No. 2023-7, Area No. 1, 5.0%, 9/1/2054	700,000	686,944
California, Municipal Finance Authority, Multi-Family Housing, Series A, 144A, 4.0%, 11/1/2036	1,750,000	1,652,415
California, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, General Obligation:		
Series A, 5.0%, 8/1/2049	1,500,000	1,567,274
Series A, 5.0%, 8/1/2052	3,500,000	3,622,428
California, Pomona Unified School District, Series F, 3.0%, 8/1/2048, INS: BAM	2,500,000	1,867,387
California, Public Finance Authority Revenue, ISF Ativo Portfolio Obligated Group, Series 2025-A, 144A, 6.625%, 3/1/2065	1,500,000	1,547,487
California, Public Finance Authority Revenue, QSH/LB LLC, Series A, 144A, 6.625%, 6/1/2065	1,750,000	1,837,634
California, Public Finance Authority, Educational Facilities Revenue, Trinity Classical Academy:		
Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 7/1/2044	375,000	332,110
Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 7/1/2054	1,000,000	829,834
California, Redwoods Community College District, General Obligation, 5.25%, 8/1/2054, INS: BAM	1,250,000	1,319,589
California, Regents of the University of California Medical Center Pooled Revenue, Series P, 3.5%, 5/15/2054	2,000,000	1,534,022
California, Rio Hondo Community College District, General Obligation, Series A, 5.25%, 8/1/2055	2,500,000	2,621,741
California, River Islands Public Financing Authority, Special Tax, Series A, 5.0%, 9/1/2052, INS: AG	1,500,000	1,540,579

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California, River Islands Public Financing Authority, Special Tax, Community Facilities District No. 2003-1, Public Improvements, Series B-2, 5.0%, 9/1/2052	2,000,000	1,876,061
California, River Islands Public Financing Authority, Special Tax, Community Facilities District No. 2016-1, Phase 2 Public Improvements, 5.25%, 9/1/2052, INS: AG	500,000	516,911
California, River Islands Public Financing Authority, Special Tax, Community Facilities District No. 2019-1, Phase 2 Public Improvements:		
3.875%, 9/1/2049	1,310,000	1,007,625
4.0%, 9/1/2051	1,000,000	809,294
California, Santa Barbara Community College District, General Obligation:		
Series A, Zero Coupon, 8/1/2048	2,400,000	802,780
Series A, Zero Coupon, 8/1/2049	3,430,000	1,080,920
Series A, Zero Coupon, 8/1/2050	3,500,000	1,041,591
California, School Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue, Classical Academies Oceanside Project:		
Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 10/1/2042	500,000	488,807
Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 10/1/2052	1,000,000	913,265
California, School Finance Authority, School Facilities Revenue, Green Dot Public Schools Obligated Group, Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 8/1/2038	1,000,000	1,001,906
California, South Bayside Waste Management Authority, Solid Waste Enterprise Revenue:		
Series A, 5.0%, 9/1/2040, INS: AG	610,000	627,307
Series A, Prerefunded, 5.0%, 9/1/2040, INS: AG	20,000	21,299
Series A, Prerefunded, 5.0%, 9/1/2042, INS: AG	45,000	47,923
California, State Educational Facilities Authority Revenue:		
Series A, 4.0%, 12/1/2050	1,000,000	832,151
5.125%, 8/1/2055	2,000,000	1,827,819
California, State Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, University of the Pacific, Series 2025-A, 5.0%, 11/1/2055	1,645,000	1,677,502
California, State Enterprise Development Authority Revenue, Campbell Hall Episcopal, Series C, 5.0%, 8/1/2040	5,000,000	5,368,769
California, State General Obligation:		
5.0%, 10/1/2042	1,000,000	1,062,292
Series C, 5.0%, 11/1/2042	4,000,000	4,241,873
5.0%, 10/1/2045	750,000	791,210
5.0%, 8/1/2046 (a)	750,000	795,318
Series CU, 5.5%, 12/1/2052	1,320,000	1,378,104

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California, State Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, Adventist Health System/West Obligated Group:		
Series B, 2.25% (b), 9/1/2026, LOC: Barclays Bank PLC	4,000,000	4,000,000
Series A, 5.25%, 12/1/2041	1,250,000	1,311,609
Series A, 5.25%, 12/1/2042	1,830,000	1,914,350
Series A, 5.25%, 12/1/2043	1,500,000	1,560,460
California, State Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Obligated Group, Series A, 3.0%, 8/15/2051	4,110,000	2,913,590
California, State Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, Children's Hospital of Orange County Obligated Group, Series B, 5.0% (c), 11/1/2054	1,000,000	1,087,571
California, State Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, EL Camino Healthcare Obligated Group, Series A, 5.25%, 2/1/2048	1,200,000	1,275,857
California, State Housing Finance Agency, Multi Family Housing Revene Bonds, Series V, 5.0% (c), 5/1/2054	1,200,000	1,201,326
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Baptist University, Series A, 144A, 5.625%, 11/1/2054	500,000	499,029
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Caritas Corp. CMFA Mobile Home Park Financing 2024 Portfolio:		
Series A, 5.0%, 8/15/2049	1,000,000	997,765
Series A, 5.0%, 8/15/2054	1,000,000	981,337
Series A, 5.0%, 8/15/2059	1,000,000	972,999
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Catalyst Impact Fund 1 LLC, "II", 144A, 7.0%, 1/1/2039	1,250,000	1,290,106
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, HumanGood California Obligated Group:		
4.0%, 10/1/2046	3,000,000	2,651,591
Series A, 5.25%, 10/1/2044	1,000,000	1,024,660
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Ignatian Corp., Series A, 5.0%, 9/1/2049	1,000,000	1,025,423
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, PRG - Potrero Properties LLC:		
Series A, 5.0%, 9/1/2043	225,000	236,385
Series A, 5.0%, 9/1/2044	210,000	219,741
Series A, 5.0%, 9/1/2045	355,000	370,254
Series A, 5.0%, 9/1/2046	225,000	233,681
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Republic Service, Inc., Series A, AMT, 3.875% (c), 3/1/2054	1,000,000	994,579
California, State Municipal Finance Authority Revenue, Samuel Merritt University, 5.25%, 6/1/2053	3,000,000	3,060,201

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California, State Municipal Finance Authority, Barlow Respiratory Hospital Obligated Group, Series A, 4.0%, 9/1/2050	2,000,000	1,580,656
California, State Municipal Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue, Santa Rose Academy Project, 5.0%, 7/1/2052	1,230,000	1,134,166
California, State Public Finance Authority Revenue, Marisol HB LLC Obligated Group, Series A, 144A, 5.1% (c), 4/1/2066	2,000,000	1,994,237
California, State School Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue, Bright Star Schools Obligated Group, 144A, 5.0%, 6/1/2054	2,000,000	1,759,761
California, State School Finance Authority, Educational Facilities Revenue, New Designs Charter School Adams Campus Project:		
Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 6/1/2040	750,000	748,779
Series A, 144A, 5.0%, 6/1/2050	1,060,000	990,341
California, Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue, Front Porch Communities & Services:		
Series A, 3.0%, 4/1/2051	1,500,000	1,032,290
Series A, 4.0%, 4/1/2046	3,780,000	3,321,509
California, Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue, John Muir Health Obligated Group, Series A, 5.25%, 12/1/2054	2,000,000	2,068,936
California, Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series A, 5.5%, 12/1/2054	1,000,000	1,000,149
California, Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue, Moldaw Residences, 5.0%, 11/1/2049	1,000,000	1,015,105
California, Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue, Odd Fellows Home of California:		
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2047	300,000	308,331
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2048	400,000	408,627
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2049	550,000	558,926
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2050	415,000	419,037
Series A, 5.0%, 4/1/2056	1,000,000	993,837
California, University of California Revenue:		
Series AL-4, 2.25% (b), 9/1/2026	900,000	900,000
Series AL-2, 2.35% (b), 9/1/2026	1,560,000	1,560,000
Series AL-3, 2.35% (b), 9/1/2026	700,000	700,000
Series Z-2, 3.74% (b), 9/7/2026	650,000	650,000
Series CC, 4.0%, 5/15/2055	2,000,000	1,855,392
California, Val Verde Unified School District, General Obligation, Series C, 4.0%, 8/1/2049, INS: AG	2,000,000	1,854,069
Fontana, CA, Special Tax, The Meadows:		
4.0%, 9/1/2040	625,000	580,051

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	Principal Amount ($)	Value ($)
4.0%, 9/1/2045	750,000	664,561
4.0%, 9/1/2050	900,000	767,314
Inglewood, CA, Redevelopment Agency Successor Tax Allocation, Merged Redevelopment Project, Series A, 5.0%, 5/1/2032, INS: BAM	1,000,000	1,014,575
Irvine, CA, Community Facilities District No. 2013-3, Improvement Area No. 11, Special Tax, 5.0%, 9/1/2055, INS: AG	5,000,000	5,225,463
Irvine, CA, Community Facilities District No. 2013-3, Improvement Area No. 8, Special Tax, 5.0%, 9/1/2051, INS: BAM	1,000,000	1,045,739
Irvine, CA, Improvement Bond Act 1915, 5.0%, 9/2/2044	2,500,000	2,526,540
Irvine, CA, Unified School District Special Tax, Community Facilities District No. 09:		
Series B, 5.0%, 9/1/2042	695,000	695,759
Series D, 5.0%, 9/1/2049	745,000	727,457
Long Beach, CA, Community College District, General Obligation, Series E, 5.0%, 8/1/2052	500,000	521,218
Long Beach, CA, Marina System Revenue, Alamitos Bay Marina Project, 5.0%, 5/15/2043	1,000,000	1,046,598
Los Angeles, CA, Community Facilities District No. 2021-01, Special Tax:		
5.0%, 9/1/2047	1,200,000	1,209,067
5.0%, 9/1/2052	1,000,000	994,454
Los Angeles, CA, Department of Airports Revenue, Los Angeles International Airport, Series A, AMT, 5.5%, 5/15/2051 (a)	1,500,000	1,571,213
Los Angeles, CA, Department of Water & Power Revenue:		
Series B, 5.0%, 7/1/2039	1,000,000	1,052,064
Series B, 5.0%, 7/1/2052	1,000,000	1,008,057
Series A, 5.0%, 7/1/2053, INS: BAM	1,185,000	1,200,051
Series A, 5.0%, 7/1/2055, INS: BAM	1,000,000	1,010,927
Los Angeles, CA, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority I-105 Expresslanes Project Toll Revenue, Series A, 5.5%, 6/1/2051 (a)	1,750,000	1,850,050
Los Angeles, CA, Municipal Improvement Corp. Revenue:		
Series A, 5.0%, 5/1/2042	1,000,000	1,053,804
Series A, 5.0%, 5/1/2043	1,000,000	1,050,372
Series A, 5.0%, 5/1/2044	840,000	887,442
Series A, 5.0%, 5/1/2045	550,000	579,437
Series A, 5.0%, 5/1/2046	1,000,000	1,049,084
Series A, 5.5%, 5/1/2055	1,000,000	1,052,402
Los Angeles, CA, Unified School District, 5.25%, 7/1/2048	1,345,000	1,414,360
Modesto, CA, State Irrigation District, Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2042	2,500,000	2,679,745

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Moreno Valley, CA, Unified School District, General Obligation, Series D, 5.25%, 8/1/2052, INS: AG	3,500,000	3,642,544
Orange County, CA, State Community Facilities District No. 2025-1 Improvement Area No. 1, Special Tax, Series A, 5.0%, 8/15/2056	750,000	740,644
Orange County, CA, Water District, Certificate of Participation, Series A, 1.93% (b), 9/7/2026, LOC: Bank of America NA	150,000	150,000
Rio Vista, CA, Community Facilities District, Special Tax, 5.0%, 9/1/2048	1,000,000	1,000,037
Riverside County, CA, Transportation Commission, Series B-2, 3.0%, 6/1/2048, INS: BAM	5,447,000	4,090,835
Sacramento County, CA, Airport System Revenue, Series A, 5.0%, 7/1/2041	1,000,000	1,091,738
Sacramento County, CA, Special Tax, Community Facilities District No. 2004-1, McClellan Park, 5.0%, 9/1/2040	2,665,000	2,670,473
San Diego, CA, Public Facilities Financing Authority Revenue:		
Series A, 5.0%, 10/15/2039	500,000	536,172
Series A, 5.0%, 10/15/2041	1,000,000	1,063,080
Series A, 5.0%, 10/15/2042	500,000	529,806
Series A, 5.0%, 10/15/2043	585,000	617,526
Series A, 5.25%, 10/15/2055	5,000,000	5,247,951
San Francisco City & County, CA, Airports Commission, International Airport Revenue:		
Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2039	375,000	402,373
Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2041	200,000	213,157
Series 2ND, AMT, 5.0%, 5/1/2048	3,700,000	3,701,617
Series D, Prerefunded, AMT, 5.0%, 5/1/2048	5,000	5,117
Series A, AMT, 5.25%, 5/1/2044	250,000	262,901
Series A, AMT, 5.25%, 5/1/2049	500,000	516,643
Series D, AMT, 5.5%, 5/1/2055	3,000,000	3,130,360
Series C, AMT, 5.75%, 5/1/2048	4,000,000	4,256,994
San Francisco City & County, CA, Airports Commission, International Airport Revenue, Special Facility Lease- SFO Fuel Co. LLC, Series A, Prerefunded, AMT, 5.0%, 1/1/2047	2,000,000	2,091,956
San Francisco City & County, CA, Redevelopment Agency, Successor Agency Tax, Transbay Infrastructure Projects, Series B, 5.0%, 8/1/2046, INS: AG	4,000,000	4,027,618
San Francisco City & County, CA, Special Tax District No. 2020-1, Mission Rock Facilities & Services, Series A, 144A, 4.0%, 9/1/2051	500,000	410,590
Santa Cruz County, CA, County General Obligation Lease, Capital Facilities Project, 5.65%, 9/1/2026, INS: NATL	1,605,000	1,605,000

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Southern California, Public Power Authority, Southern Transmission System Revenue, 5.0%, 7/1/2044	3,165,000	3,264,664
Stockton, CA, Public Financing Authority, Water Revenue, Green Bond:		
Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2034, INS: BAM	750,000	778,853
Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2035, INS: BAM	1,500,000	1,553,998
West Sacramento, CA, Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District No. 1, Tax Allocation, 5.0%, 9/1/2055, INS: AG	2,000,000	2,029,229
		297,818,844
Guam 1.8%		
Guam, Government Waterworks Authority, Water & Wastewater System Revenue:		
Series A, 5.0%, 7/1/2041	650,000	661,104
Series A, 5.0%, 7/1/2043	975,000	989,258
Series A, 5.0%, 1/1/2046	885,000	890,873
Series A, 5.0%, 1/1/2050	360,000	362,588
Guam, Power Authority Revenue:		
Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2037	1,050,000	1,056,762
Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2038	960,000	964,933
Series A, 5.0%, 10/1/2040	665,000	666,680
		5,592,198
Puerto Rico 1.5%		
Puerto Rico, General Obligation:		
Series A1, 4.0%, 7/1/2041	830,269	771,170
Series A1, 4.0%, 7/1/2046	1,030,435	915,517
Puerto Rico, Sales Tax Financing Corp., Sales Tax Revenue, Series A-1, 4.75%, 7/1/2053	3,045,000	2,881,433
		4,568,120
Other 0.8%		
Freddie Mac Multi-Family ML Certificates, "A-CA", Series 2019-ML05, 3.35%, 11/25/2033, GTY: Freddie Mac	2,727,444	**2,601,928**
Total Municipal Investments (Cost $318,996,155)		**310,581,090**

Underlying Municipal Bonds of Inverse Floaters (d) 5.1%

California

California, Public Works Board, Lease Revenue, Series C, 5.0%, 11/1/2050 (e)	5,000,000	5,190,068
Trust: California, Public Works Board, Lease Revenue, Series 2025-XM1334, 144A, 10.64%, 11/1/2033, Leverage Factor at purchase date: 4 to 1		

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	Principal Amount ($)	Value ($)
Los Angeles County, CA, Public Works Financing Authority, Series J, 5.25%, 12/1/2050 (e) *Trust: Los Angeles County, CA, Public Works Financing Authority, Series 2025-XM1313, 144A, 11.88%, 6/1/2033, Leverage Factor at purchase date: 4 to 1*	5,000,000	5,295,263
San Francisco City & County, CA, Public Utilities Commission, Water Revenue, Series E, 5.25%, 11/1/2055 (e) *Trust: San Francisco City & County, CA, Public Utilities Commission, Water Revenue, Series 2025-XM1276, 144A, 11.64%, 5/1/2033, Leverage Factor at purchase date: 4 to 1*	5,000,000	5,261,302
		15,746,633
Total Underlying Municipal Bonds of Inverse Floaters (Cost $15,693,897)		**15,746,633**

	Shares	Value ($)
Warrants 0.0%		
BL Train Holdings West LLC, Expiration Date 11/26/2035* (f) (Cost $0)	68,281	**0**

	% of Net Assets	Value ($)
Total Investment Portfolio (Cost $334,690,052)	105.3	**326,327,723**
Floating Rate Notes (d)	(3.6)	**(11,250,000)**
Other Assets and Liabilities, Net	(1.7)	**(5,250,923)**
Net Assets	100.0	**309,826,800**

* Non-income producing security.

(a) When-issued or delayed delivery securities included.

(b) Variable rate demand notes are securities whose interest rates are reset periodically (usually daily mode or weekly mode) by remarketing agents based on current market levels, and are not directly set as a fixed spread to a reference rate. These securities may be redeemed at par by the holder through a put or tender feature, and are shown at their current rates as of August 31, 2026. Date shown reflects the earlier of demand date or stated maturity date.

(c) Variable or floating rate security. These securities are shown at their current rate as of August 31, 2026. For securities based on a published reference rate and spread, the reference rate and spread are indicated within the description above. Certain variable rate securities are not based on a published reference rate and spread but adjust periodically based on current market conditions, prepayment of underlying positions and/or other variables. Securities with a floor or ceiling feature are disclosed at the inherent rate, where applicable.

(d) Securities represent the underlying municipal obligations of inverse floating rate obligations held by the Fund. The Floating Rate Notes represents leverage to the Fund and is the amount owed to the floating rate note holders.

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(e) Security forms part of the below inverse floater. The Fund accounts for these inverse floaters as a form of secured borrowing, by reflecting the value of the underlying bond in the investments of the Fund and the amount owed to the floating rate note holder as a liability.

(f) Investment was valued using significant unobservable inputs.

144A: Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

AG: Assured Guaranty, Inc.

AMT: Subject to alternative minimum tax.

BAM: Build America Mutual

GTY: Guaranty Agreement

INS: Insured

LOC: Letter of Credit

NATL: National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

Prerefunded: Bonds which are prerefunded are collateralized usually by U.S. Treasury securities which are held in escrow and used to pay principal and interest on tax-exempt issues and to retire the bonds in full at the earliest refunding date.

Fair Value Measurements

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk). Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The level assigned to the securities valuations may not be an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of August 31, 2026 in valuing the Fund's investments. For information on the Fund's policy regarding the valuation of investments, please refer to the Security Valuation section of Note A in the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Municipal Investments (a)	$—	$326,327,723	$—	$326,327,723
Warrants	—	—	0	0
Total	**$—**	**$326,327,723**	**$ 0**	**$326,327,723**

(a) See Investment Portfolio for additional detailed categorizations.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as of August 31, 2026

Assets	
Investment in securities, at value (cost $334,690,052)	$ 326,327,723
Cash	90,254
Receivable for investments sold	50,000
Receivable for Fund shares sold	114,201
Interest receivable	3,897,679
Other assets	14,828
Total assets	330,494,685
Liabilities	
Payable for investments purchased — when-issued/delayed-delivery securities	8,886,939
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	25,881
Payable for floating rate notes issued	11,250,000
Distributions payable	179,421
Accrued management fee	76,721
Accrued Trustees' fees	2,943
Other accrued expenses and payables	245,980
Total liabilities	20,667,885
Net assets, at value	**$ 309,826,800**
Net Assets Consist of	
Distributable earnings (loss)	(31,412,571)
Paid-in capital	341,239,371
Net assets, at value	**$ 309,826,800**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of August 31, 2026 (continued)

Net Asset Value		
Class A		
Net Asset Value and redemption price per share ($177,934,812 ÷ 27,434,150 outstanding shares of beneficial interest, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized)	**$**	**6.49**
Maximum offering price per share (100 ÷ 97.25 of $6.49)	**$**	**6.67**
Class C		
Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price (subject to contingent deferred sales charge) per share ($1,302,106 ÷ 202,054 outstanding shares of beneficial interest, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized)	**$**	**6.44**
Class S		
Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share ($98,218,569 ÷ 15,172,541 outstanding shares of beneficial interest, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized)	**$**	**6.47**
Institutional Class		
Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share ($32,371,313 ÷ 5,002,641 outstanding shares of beneficial interest, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized)	**$**	**6.47**

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Statement of Operations

for the year ended August 31, 2026

Investment Income	
Income:	
Interest	$ 13,638,587
Expenses:	
Management fee	1,233,698
Administration fee	303,767
Services to shareholders	299,011
Distribution and service fees	427,022
Custodian fee	1,116
Professional fees	104,879
Reports to shareholders	33,059
Registration fees	62,515
Trustees' fees and expenses	12,009
Interest expense on floating rate notes issued	280,489
Other	23,719
Total expenses before expense reductions	2,781,284
Expense reductions	(403,811)
Total expenses after expense reductions	2,377,473
Net investment income	**11,261,114**
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	(2,576,770)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	6,991,061
Net gain (loss)	**4,414,291**
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	**$ 15,675,405**

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	Years Ended August 31, 2026	2025
Operations:		
Net investment income	$ 11,261,114	$ 10,413,487
Net realized gain (loss)	(2,576,770)	(2,741,938)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	6,991,061	(13,272,680)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	15,675,405	(5,601,131)
Distributions to shareholders:		
Class A	(6,234,947)	(5,920,435)
Class C	(31,480)	(35,685)
Class S	(3,787,380)	(3,777,661)
Institutional Class	(1,078,258)	(539,828)
Total distributions	(11,132,065)	(10,273,609)
Fund share transactions:		
Proceeds from shares sold	47,576,174	44,241,213
Reinvestment of distributions	10,098,100	9,172,843
Payments for shares redeemed	(52,974,706)	(77,760,508)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from Fund share transactions	4,699,568	(24,346,452)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	9,242,908	(40,221,192)
Net assets at beginning of period	300,583,892	340,805,084
Net assets at end of period	**$309,826,800**	**$300,583,892**

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Financial Highlights

DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund — Class A

	Years Ended August 31,				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Selected Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	**$6.39**	**$6.71**	**$6.45**	**$6.58**	**$7.65**
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income[a]	.23	.21	.20	.19	.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.10	(.33)	.26	(.13)	(.99)
Total from investment operations	.33	(.12)	.46	.06	(.81)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(.23)	(.20)	(.20)	(.19)	(.18)
Net realized gains	—	—	—	—	(.08)
Total distributions	(.23)	(.20)	(.20)	(.19)	(.26)
Net asset value, end of period	**$6.49**	**$6.39**	**$6.71**	**$6.45**	**$6.58**
Total Return (%)[b,c]	5.13	(1.75)	7.27	1.01	(10.76)
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period ($ millions)	178	173	205	220	259
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	.96[d]	.89[d]	.86	.86	.84
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	.86[d]	.80[d]	.79	.78	.76
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (excluding interest expense) (%)	.77	.79	.79	.78	.76
Ratio of net investment income (%)	3.49	3.17	3.11	3.02	2.54
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	47	58	49	59	49

a Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

b Total return does not reflect the effect of any sales charges.

c Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

d Interest expense represents interest and fees on short-term floating rate notes issued in conjunction with inverse floating rate securities. Interest income from such transactions is included in income from investment operations.

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DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund — Class C

	Years Ended August 31,				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Selected Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	**$6.35**	**$6.67**	**$6.41**	**$6.53**	**$7.60**
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income[a]	.18	.16	.15	.15	.13
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.09	(.33)	.26	(.12)	(.99)
Total from investment operations	.27	(.17)	.41	.03	(.86)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(.18)	(.15)	(.15)	(.15)	(.13)
Net realized gains	—	—	—	—	(.08)
Total distributions	(.18)	(.15)	(.15)	(.15)	(.21)
Net asset value, end of period	**$6.44**	**$6.35**	**$6.67**	**$6.41**	**$6.53**
Total Return (%)[b,c]	4.19	(2.51)	6.50	.40	(11.52)
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period ($ millions)	1	1	2	3	6
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	1.77[d]	1.66[d]	1.63	1.62	1.61
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	1.61[d]	1.55[d]	1.54	1.53	1.51
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (excluding interest expense) (%)	1.52	1.54	1.54	1.53	1.51
Ratio of net investment income (%)	2.74	2.41	2.37	2.27	1.78
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	47	58	49	59	49

a Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

b Total return does not reflect the effect of any sales charges.

c Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

d Interest expense represents interest and fees on short-term floating rate notes issued in conjunction with inverse floating rate securities. Interest income from such transactions is included in income from investment operations.

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DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund — Class S

	Years Ended August 31,				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Selected Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	**$6.37**	**$6.70**	**$6.44**	**$6.56**	**$7.63**
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income[a]	.25	.22	.22	.21	.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.09	(.33)	.26	(.12)	(.99)
Total from investment operations	.34	(.11)	.48	.09	(.79)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(.24)	(.22)	(.22)	(.21)	(.20)
Net realized gains	—	—	—	—	(.08)
Total distributions	(.24)	(.22)	(.22)	(.21)	(.28)
Net asset value, end of period	**$6.47**	**$6.37**	**$6.70**	**$6.44**	**$6.56**
Total Return (%)[b]	5.39	(1.66)	7.55	1.42	(10.57)
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period ($ millions)	98	102	120	128	156
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	.78[c]	.70[c]	.67	.66	.69
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	.61[c]	.55[c]	.54	.53	.51
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (excluding interest expense) (%)	.52	.54	.54	.53	.51
Ratio of net investment income (%)	3.74	3.41	3.36	3.27	2.77
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	47	58	49	59	49

[a] Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

[b] Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

[c] Interest expense represents interest and fees on short-term floating rate notes issued in conjunction with inverse floating rate securities. Interest income from such transactions is included in income from investment operations.

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DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund — Institutional Class

	Years Ended August 31,				
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Selected Per Share Data					
Net asset value, beginning of period	**$6.37**	**$6.70**	**$6.44**	**$6.56**	**$7.63**
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income[a]	.25	.22	.22	.21	.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	.09	(.33)	.26	(.12)	(.99)
Total from investment operations	.34	(.11)	.48	.09	(.79)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(.24)	(.22)	(.22)	(.21)	(.20)
Net realized gains	—	—	—	—	(.08)
Total distributions	(.24)	(.22)	(.22)	(.21)	(.28)
Net asset value, end of period	**$6.47**	**$6.37**	**$6.70**	**$6.44**	**$6.56**
Total Return (%)[b]	5.39	(1.66)	7.55	1.42	(10.57)
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data					
Net assets, end of period ($ millions)	32	24	13	13	17
Ratio of expenses before expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	.78[c]	.67[c]	.65	.64	.63
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (including interest expense) (%)	.61[c]	.55[c]	.54	.53	.51
Ratio of expenses after expense reductions (excluding interest expense) (%)	.52	.54	.54	.53	.51
Ratio of net investment income (%)	3.75	3.44	3.36	3.27	2.79
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	47	58	49	59	49

[a] Based on average shares outstanding during the period.

[b] Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced.

[c] Interest expense represents interest and fees on short-term floating rate notes issued in conjunction with inverse floating rate securities. Interest income from such transactions is included in income from investment operations.

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Notes to Financial Statements

A. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified series of Deutsche DWS State Tax-Free Income Series (the "Series"), which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust.

The Fund offers multiple classes of shares which provide investors with different purchase options. Class A shares are subject to an initial sales charge. Class C shares are not subject to an initial sales charge but are subject to higher ongoing expenses than Class A shares and a contingent deferred sales charge payable upon certain redemptions within one year of purchase. Class C shares automatically convert to Class A shares in the same fund after 8 years, provided that the Fund or the financial intermediary through which the shareholder purchased the Class C shares has records verifying that the Class C shares have been held for at least 8 years. Class S shares are not subject to initial or contingent deferred sales charges and are available through certain intermediary relationships with financial services firms, or can be purchased by establishing an account directly with the Fund's transfer agent. Institutional Class shares are not subject to initial or contingent deferred sales charges and are generally available only to qualified institutions.

Investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and certain fund-level expenses and expense reductions, if any, are borne pro rata on the basis of relative net assets by the holders of all classes of shares, except that each class bears certain expenses unique to that class such as distribution and service fees, services to shareholders and certain other class-specific expenses. Differences in class-level expenses may result in payment of different per share dividends by class. All shares of the Fund have equal rights with respect to voting subject to class-specific arrangements.

The Fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") which require the use of management estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Subsequent events, if any, through the date that the financial statements were issued have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements. The Fund qualifies as an investment company under Topic 946 of Accounting Standards Codification of U.S. GAAP. The policies described below are followed consistently by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

Operating Segment. The Fund adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280) - Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures ("ASU 2023-07"). ASU 2023-07 impacts

financial statement disclosures only and does not affect the Fund's financial position or the results of its operations. An operating segment is defined in Topic 280 as a component of a public entity that engages in business activities from which it may recognize revenues and incur expenses, has operating results that are regularly reviewed by the public entity's chief operating decision maker (CODM) to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and has discrete financial information available. The President and Chief Executive Officer acts as the Fund's CODM. The Fund represents a single operating segment, as the CODM monitors the operating results of the Fund as a whole, and the Fund's long-term strategic asset allocation is pre-determined in accordance with the terms of its prospectus, based on a defined investment strategy that is executed by the Fund's portfolio managers as a team. The financial information in the form of the Fund's portfolio composition, total returns, expense ratios and changes in net asset (i.e., changes in net assets resulting from operations, subscriptions and redemptions), which are used by the CODM to assess the segment's performance versus the Fund's comparative benchmarks and to make resource allocation decisions for the Fund's single segment, is consistent with that presented within the Fund's financial statements. Segment assets are reflected on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities as "total assets" and results of operations and significant segment expenses are listed on the accompanying Statement of Operations.

Security Valuation. Investments are stated at value determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange on each day the exchange is open for trading.

The Fund's Board has designated DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. (the "Advisor") as the valuation designee for the Fund pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act. The Advisor's Pricing Committee (the "Pricing Committee") typically values securities using readily available market quotations or prices supplied by independent pricing services (which are considered fair values under Rule 2a-5). The Advisor has adopted fair valuation procedures that provide methodologies for fair valuing securities.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk). Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The level assigned to the securities valuations may not be an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investing in those securities.

Closed-end investment companies are valued at the most recent sale price or official closing price reported on the exchange (U.S. or foreign) or over-the-counter market on which they trade. Closed-end investment companies for which no sales are reported are valued at the calculated mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations on the relevant market or, if a mean cannot be determined, at the most recent bid quotation. Closed-end investment companies are generally categorized as Level 1.

Municipal debt securities are valued at prices supplied by independent pricing services approved by the Pricing Committee, whose valuations are intended to reflect the mean between the bid and asked prices. Such services may use various pricing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other data, as well as broker quotes. If the pricing services are unable to provide valuations, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked quotations or evaluated prices, as applicable, obtained from broker-dealers. These securities are generally categorized as Level 2.

Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available or for which the above valuation procedures are deemed not to reflect fair value are valued in a manner that is intended to reflect their fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Pricing Committee and are generally categorized as Level 3. In accordance with the Fund's valuation procedures, factors considered in determining value may include, but are not limited to, the type of the security; the size of the holding; the initial cost of the security; the existence of any contractual restrictions on the security's disposition; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or of comparable companies; quotations or evaluated prices from broker-dealers and/or pricing services; information obtained from the issuer, analysts, and/or the appropriate stock exchange (for exchange-traded securities); an analysis of the company's or issuer's financial statements; an evaluation of the forces that influence the issuer and the market(s) in which the security is purchased and sold; and with respect to debt securities, the maturity, coupon, creditworthiness, currency denomination and the movement of the market in which the security is normally traded. The value determined under these procedures may differ from published values for the same securities.

Disclosure about the classification of fair value measurements is included in a table following the Fund's Investment Portfolio.

Inverse Floaters. The Fund invests in inverse floaters. Inverse floaters are debt instruments with a weekly floating rate of interest that bears an inverse relationship to changes in the short-term interest rate market. Inverse floaters are created by depositing a fixed-rate long-term municipal

bond into a special purpose Tender Option Bond trust (the "TOB Trust"). In turn the TOB Trust issues a short-term floating rate note and an inverse floater. The short-term floating rate note is issued in a face amount equal to some fraction of the underlying bond's par amount and is sold to a third party, usually a tax-exempt money market fund. The Fund receives the proceeds from the sale of the short-term floating rate note and uses the cash proceeds to make additional investments. The short-term floating rate note represents leverage to the Fund. The Fund, as the holder of the inverse floater, has full exposure to any increase or decrease in the value of the underlying bond. The income stream from the underlying bond in the TOB Trust is divided between the floating rate note and the inverse floater. The inverse floater earns all of the interest from the underlying long-term fixed-rate bond less the amount of interest paid on the floating rate note and the expenses of the TOB Trust. The floating rate notes issued by the TOB Trust are valued at cost, which approximates fair value.

By holding the inverse floater, the Fund has the right to collapse the TOB Trust by causing the holders of the floating rate instrument to tender their notes at par and have the broker transfer the underlying bond to the Fund. The floating rate note holder can also elect to tender the note for redemption at par at each reset date. The Fund accounts for these transactions as a form of secured borrowing, by reflecting the value of the underlying bond in the investments of the Fund and the amount owed to the floating rate note holder as a liability under the caption "Payable for floating rate notes issued" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Income earned on the underlying bond is included in interest income, and interest paid on the floaters and the expenses of the TOB Trust are included in "Interest expense on floating rate notes issued" in the Statement of Operations. For the year ended August 31, 2026, interest expense related to floaters amounted to $280,489. The weighted average outstanding daily balance of the floating rate notes issued during the year ended August 31, 2026 was $10,582,192, with a weighted average interest rate of 2.65%.

The Fund may enter into shortfall and forbearance agreements by which the Fund agrees to reimburse the TOB Trust, in certain circumstances, for the difference between the liquidation value of the underlying bond held by the TOB Trust and the liquidation value of the floating rate notes plus any shortfalls in interest cash flows. This could potentially expose the Fund to losses in excess of the value of the Fund's inverse floater investments. In addition, when interest rates increase, the interest payment to the inverse floater will generally decrease and the value of inverse floaters may decrease significantly. The market for inverse floaters may be more volatile and less liquid than other municipal bonds of comparable maturity. The TOB Trust could be terminated outside of the Fund's control, resulting in a reduction of leverage and disposal of portfolio

investments at inopportune times and prices. Investments in inverse floaters generally involve greater risk than in an investment in fixed-rate bonds.

When-Issued and Delayed-Delivery Securities. The Fund may purchase or sell securities with delivery or payment to occur at a later date beyond the normal settlement period. At the time the Fund enters into a commitment to purchase or sell a security, the transaction is recorded and the value of the transaction is reflected in the net asset value. The price of such security and the date when the security will be delivered and paid for are fixed at the time the transaction is negotiated. The value of the security may vary with market fluctuations.

Certain risks may arise upon entering into when-issued and delayed-delivery transactions from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts or if the issuer does not issue the securities due to political, economic or other factors. Additionally, losses may arise due to changes in the value of the underlying securities.

Tax Information. The Fund's policy is to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which are applicable to regulated investment companies, and to distribute all of its taxable and tax-exempt income to its shareholders.

At August 31, 2026, the Fund had net tax basis capital loss carryforwards of $24,443,610, including short-term losses ($3,969,069) and long-term losses ($20,474,541), which may be applied against realized net taxable capital gains indefinitely.

The Fund files tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service, the State of New York, and various other states. Each of the tax years in the four-year period ended August 31, 2026, remains subject to examination by taxing authorities.

Distribution of Income and Gains. Net investment income of the Fund is declared as a daily dividend and distributed to shareholders monthly. Net realized gains from investment transactions, in excess of available capital loss carryforwards, would be taxable to the Fund if not distributed, and, therefore, will be distributed to shareholders at least annually. The Fund may also make additional distributions for tax purposes if necessary.

The timing and characterization of certain income and capital gain distributions are determined annually in accordance with federal tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences primarily relate to premium amortization on debt securities. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during such period. Accordingly, the Fund may periodically make reclassifications among certain of its capital accounts without impacting the net asset value of the Fund.

At August 31, 2026, the Fund's components of distributable earnings (accumulated losses) on a net tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed tax-exempt income	$ 1,230,206
Undistributed ordinary income*	$ 54
Capital loss carryforwards	$ (24,443,610)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	$ (8,019,800)

At August 31, 2026, the aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was $334,347,523. The net unrealized depreciation for all investments based on tax cost was $8,019,800. This consisted of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all investments for which there was an excess of value over tax cost of $3,874,875 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all investments for which there was an excess of tax cost over value of $11,894,675.

In addition, the tax character of distributions paid to shareholders by the Fund is summarized as follows:

	Years Ended August 31, 2026	2025
Distributions from tax-exempt income	$ 11,087,947	$ 10,269,878
Distributions from ordinary income*	$ 44,118	$ 3,731

* For tax purposes, short-term capital gain distributions are considered ordinary income distributions.

Expenses. Expenses of the Series arising in connection with a specific fund are allocated to that fund. Other Series expenses which cannot be directly attributed to a fund are apportioned among the funds in the Series based upon the relative net assets or other appropriate measures.

Contingencies. In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet been made. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Other. Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade date plus one basis for daily net asset value calculations. However, for financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are reported on trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis. All premiums and discounts are amortized/accreted for financial reporting purposes.

B. Purchases and Sales of Securities

During the year ended August 31, 2026, purchases and sales of investment securities (excluding short-term investments) aggregated $166,315,879 and $151,715,156, respectively.

C. Related Parties

Management Agreement. Under the Investment Management Agreement with DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. ("DIMA" or the "Advisor"), an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA ("DWS Group"), the Advisor directs the investments of the Fund in accordance with its investment objectives, policies and restrictions. The Advisor determines the securities, instruments and other contracts relating to investments to be purchased, sold or entered into by the Fund.

Under the Investment Management Agreement with the Advisor, the Fund pays a monthly management fee based on the average daily net assets of the Fund, computed and accrued daily and payable monthly, at the following annual rates:

First $250 million of the Fund's average daily net assets	.40%
Next $750 million of such net assets	.37%
Next $1.5 billion of such net assets	.35%
Next $2.5 billion of such net assets	.33%
Next $2.5 billion of such net assets	.30%
Next $2.5 billion of such net assets	.28%
Next $2.5 billion of such net assets	.26%
Over $12.5 billion of such net assets	.25%

Accordingly, for the year ended August 31, 2026, the fee pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement was equivalent to an annual rate (exclusive of any applicable waivers/reimbursements) of 0.394% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

For the period from September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, the Advisor had contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the total annual operating expenses (excluding certain expenses

such as extraordinary expenses, taxes, brokerage, interest expense and acquired fund fees and expenses) of each class as follows:

Class A	.79%
Class C	1.54%
Class S	.54%
Institutional Class	.54%

Effective October 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026, the Advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the total annual operating expenses (excluding certain expenses such as extraordinary expenses, taxes, brokerage, interest expense and acquired fund fees and expenses) of each class as follows:

Class A	.77%
Class C	1.52%
Class S	.52%
Institutional Class	.52%

For the year ended August 31, 2026, fees waived and/or expenses reimbursed for each class are as follows:

Class A	$ 183,370
Class C	1,857
Class S	169,510
Institutional Class	49,074
	$ 403,811

Administration Fee. Pursuant to an Administrative Services Agreement, DIMA provides most administrative services to the Fund. For all services provided under the Administrative Services Agreement, the Fund pays the Advisor an annual fee ("Administration Fee") of 0.097% of the Fund's average daily net assets, computed and accrued daily and payable monthly. For the year ended August 31, 2026, the Administration Fee was $303,767, of which $25,703 is unpaid.

Service Provider Fees. DWS Service Company ("DSC"), an affiliate of the Advisor, is the transfer agent, dividend-paying agent and shareholder service agent for the Fund. Pursuant to a sub-transfer agency agreement between DSC and SS&C GIDS, Inc. ("SS&C"), DSC has delegated certain transfer agent, dividend-paying agent and shareholder service agent functions to SS&C. DSC compensates SS&C out of the shareholder

servicing fee it receives from the Fund. For the year ended August 31, 2026, the amounts charged to the Fund by DSC were as follows:

Services to Shareholders	Total Aggregated	Unpaid at August 31, 2026
Class A	$ 16,985	$ 2,799
Class C	270	46
Class S	16,273	2,683
Institutional Class	227	38
	$ 33,755	**$ 5,566**

In addition, for the year ended August 31, 2026, the amounts charged to the Fund for recordkeeping and other administrative services provided by unaffiliated third parties, included in the Statement of Operations under "Services to shareholders," were as follows:

Sub-Recordkeeping	Total Aggregated
Class A	$ 113,795
Class C	1,013
Class S	102,938
Institutional Class	34,672
	$ 252,418

Distribution and Service Fees. Under the Fund's Class C 12b-1 Plan, DWS Distributors, Inc. ("DDI"), an affiliate of the Advisor, receives a fee ("Distribution Fee") of 0.75% of the average daily net assets of Class C shares. In accordance with the Fund's Underwriting and Distribution Services Agreement, DDI enters into related selling group agreements with various firms at various rates for sales of Class C shares. For the year ended August 31, 2026, the Distribution Fee was as follows:

Distribution Fee	Total Aggregated	Unpaid at August 31, 2026
Class C	$ 8,742	$ 749

In addition, DDI provides information and administrative services for a fee ("Service Fee") to Class A and C shareholders at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets for each such class. DDI in turn has various agreements with financial services firms that provide these services and pays these fees based upon the assets of shareholder

accounts the firms service. For the year ended August 31, 2026, the Service Fee was as follows:

Service Fee	Total Aggregated	Unpaid at August 31, 2026	Annual Rate
Class A	$ 415,366	$ 70,871	.23%
Class C	2,914	334	.25%
	$ 418,280	**$ 71,205**	

Underwriting Agreement and Contingent Deferred Sales Charge. DDI is the principal underwriter for the Fund. Underwriting commissions paid in connection with the distribution of Class A shares for the year ended August 31, 2026 aggregated $3,594.

In addition, DDI receives any contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") from Class C share redemptions occurring within one year of purchase. There is no such charge upon redemption of any share appreciation or reinvested dividends. The CDSC is 1% of the value of the shares redeemed for Class C. For the year ended August 31, 2026, the CDSC for Class C shares aggregated $30. A deferred sales charge of up to 1% is assessed on certain redemptions of Class A shares. For the year ended August 31, 2026, DDI received $6,868 for Class A shares.

Other Service Fees. Under an agreement with the Fund, DIMA is compensated for providing regulatory filing services to the Fund. For the year ended August 31, 2026, the amount charged to the Fund by DIMA included in the Statement of Operations under "Reports to shareholders" aggregated $1,005, of which $300 is unpaid.

Trustees' Fees and Expenses. The Fund paid retainer fees to each Trustee not affiliated with the Advisor, plus specified amounts to the Board Chairperson and to each committee Chairperson.

Transactions with Affiliates. The Fund may purchase securities from, or sell securities to, an affiliated fund provided the affiliation is solely due to having a common investment adviser, common officers or common trustees. During the year ended August 31, 2026, the Fund engaged in securities purchases of $9,950,000 and securities sales of $9,750,000 with a net gain (loss) on securities sales of $0, with affiliated funds in compliance with Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act.

D. Line of Credit

The Fund and other affiliated funds (the "Participants") share in a $345 million revolving credit facility provided by a syndication of banks. The Fund may borrow for temporary or emergency purposes, including the meeting of redemption requests that otherwise might require the untimely disposition of securities. The Participants are charged an annual commitment fee, which is allocated based on net assets, among each of

the Participants. Interest is calculated at a daily fluctuating rate per annum equal to the sum of the higher of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and the Overnight Bank Funding Rate, plus 1.25%. The Fund may borrow up to a maximum of 33 percent of its net assets under the agreement. The Fund had no outstanding loans at August 31, 2026.

E. Fund Share Transactions

The following table summarizes share and dollar activity in the Fund:

	Year Ended August 31, 2026		Year Ended August 31, 2025	
	Shares	**Dollars**	**Shares**	**Dollars**
Shares sold				
Class A	4,516,329	$ 29,820,613	3,887,602	$ 25,556,402
Class C	45,133	292,706	67,418	434,701
Class S	282,976	1,861,960	422,830	2,796,707
Institutional Class	2,362,301	15,600,895	2,397,199	15,453,403
		$ 47,576,174		**$ 44,241,213**
Shares issued to shareholders in reinvestment of distributions				
Class A	865,840	$ 5,710,245	824,476	$ 5,385,015
Class C	4,806	31,498	5,486	35,619
Class S	498,893	3,284,447	494,334	3,223,012
Institutional Class	162,957	1,071,910	81,501	529,197
		$ 10,098,100		**$ 9,172,843**
Shares redeemed				
Class A	(5,000,318)	$ (33,037,159)	(8,247,501)	$ (53,942,054)
Class C	(44,467)	(291,746)	(130,273)	(841,355)
Class S	(1,687,048)	(11,117,051)	(2,807,742)	(18,337,969)
Institutional Class	(1,296,030)	(8,528,750)	(709,407)	(4,639,130)
		$ (52,974,706)		**$ (77,760,508)**
Net increase (decrease)				
Class A	381,851	$ 2,493,699	(3,535,423)	$ (23,000,637)
Class C	5,472	32,458	(57,369)	(371,035)
Class S	(905,179)	(5,970,644)	(1,890,578)	(12,318,250)
Institutional Class	1,229,228	8,144,055	1,769,293	11,343,470
		$ 4,699,568		**$ (24,346,452)**

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders of DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund and Board of Trustees of Deutsche DWS State Tax-Free Income Series

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund (the "Fund") (one of the funds constituting Deutsche DWS State Tax-Free Income Series (the "Trust")), including the investment portfolio, as of August 31, 2026, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (one of the funds constituting Deutsche DWS State Tax-Free Income Series) at August 31, 2026, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of August 31, 2026, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, and others; when replies were not received from brokers and others, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the DWS family of funds since at least 1979, but we are unable to determine the specific year.

Boston, Massachusetts
October 21, 2026

Tax Information

(Unaudited)

Of the dividends paid from net investment income for the taxable year ended August 31, 2026, 100% are designated as exempt interest dividends for federal income tax purposes.

Please consult a tax advisor if you have questions about federal or state income tax laws, or on how to prepare your tax returns. If you have specific questions about your account, please call (800) 728-3337.

Advisory Agreement Board Considerations and Fee Evaluation

The Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or "Trustees") approved the renewal of DWS California Tax-Free Income Fund's (the "Fund") investment management agreement (the "Agreement") with DWS Investment Management Americas, Inc. ("DIMA") in September 2025.

In terms of the process that the Board followed prior to approving the Agreement, shareholders should know that:

— During the entire process, all of the Fund's Trustees were independent of DIMA and its affiliates (the "Independent Trustees").

— The Board met frequently during the past year to discuss fund matters and dedicated a substantial amount of time to contract review matters. Over the course of several months, the Board reviewed extensive materials received from DIMA, independent third parties and independent counsel, including materials containing information on the Fund's performance, fees and expenses, profitability, economies of scale and fall-out benefits.

— The Board also received extensive information throughout the year regarding performance of the Fund.

— The Independent Trustees regularly met privately with counsel to discuss contract review and other matters.

— In connection with reviewing the Agreement, the Board also reviewed the terms of the Fund's Rule 12b-1 plan, distribution agreement, administrative services agreement, transfer agency agreement, and certain other material service agreements.

In connection with the contract review process, the Board considered the factors discussed below, among others. The Board also considered that DIMA and its predecessors have managed the Fund since its inception, and the Board believes that a long-term relationship with a capable, conscientious advisor is in the best interests of the Fund. The Board considered, generally, that shareholders chose to invest or remain invested in the Fund knowing that DIMA managed the Fund. DIMA is part of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA ("DWS Group"). DWS Group is a global asset management business that offers a wide range of investing expertise and resources, including research capabilities in many countries throughout the world. DWS Group is majority-owned by Deutsche Bank AG, with approximately 20% of its shares publicly traded.

As part of the contract review process, the Board carefully considered the fees and expenses of each DWS fund overseen by the Board in light of the fund's performance. In many cases, this led to the negotiation and implementation of expense caps.

While shareholders may focus primarily on fund performance and fees, the Board considers these and many other factors, including the quality and integrity of DIMA's personnel and administrative support services provided by DIMA, such as back-office operations, fund valuations, and compliance policies and procedures.

Nature, Quality and Extent of Services. The Board considered the terms of the Agreement, including the scope of advisory services provided under the Agreement. The Board noted that, under the Agreement, DIMA provides portfolio management services to the Fund and that, pursuant to a separate administrative services agreement, DIMA provides administrative services to the Fund. The Board considered the experience and skills of senior management and investment personnel and the resources made available to such personnel. The Board also considered the risks to DIMA in sponsoring or managing the Fund, including financial, operational and reputational risks, the potential economic impact to DIMA from such risks and DIMA's approach to addressing such risks. The Board reviewed the Fund's performance over short-term and long-term periods and compared those returns to various agreed-upon performance measures, including market index(es) and a peer universe compiled using information supplied by Morningstar Direct ("Morningstar"), an independent fund data service. The Board also noted that it has put into place a process of identifying "Funds in Review" (e.g., funds performing poorly relative to a peer universe), and receives additional reporting from DIMA regarding such funds and, where appropriate, DIMA's plans to address underperformance. The Board believes this process is an effective manner of identifying and addressing underperforming funds. Based on the information provided, the Board noted that, for the one-, three- and five-year periods ended December 31, 2024, the Fund's performance (Class A shares) was in the 3rd quartile, 3rd quartile and 4th quartile, respectively, of the applicable Morningstar universe (the 1st quartile being the best performers and the 4th quartile being the worst performers). The Board also observed that the Fund has outperformed its benchmark in the one-year period and has underperformed its benchmark in the three- and five-year periods ended December 31, 2024. The Board noted the underperformance of the Fund in recent periods and continued to discuss with senior management of DIMA the factors contributing to such underperformance and, where needed, the actions being taken to improve performance. The Board observed that the Fund had experienced improved relative performance during the first eight months of 2025. The Board recognized the efforts by DIMA in recent years to enhance its investment platform and improve long-term performance across the DWS fund complex.

Fees and Expenses. The Board considered the Fund's investment management fee schedule, operating expenses and total expense ratios, and comparative information provided by Broadridge Financial Solutions,

Inc. ("Broadridge") regarding investment management fee rates paid to other investment advisors by similar funds (1st quartile being the most favorable and 4th quartile being the least favorable). With respect to management fees paid to other investment advisors by similar funds, the Board noted that the contractual fee rates paid by the Fund, which include a 0.097% fee paid to DIMA under the Fund's administrative services agreement, were higher than the median (3rd quartile) of the applicable Broadridge peer group (based on Broadridge data provided as of December 31, 2024). The Board noted that, effective October 1, 2021, in connection with the 2021 contract renewal process, DIMA agreed to reduce the Fund's contractual management fee at each breakpoint by 0.05%. The Board noted that the Fund's Class A shares total (net) operating expenses (excluding 12b-1 fees) were expected to be lower than the median (2nd quartile) of the applicable Broadridge expense universe (based on Broadridge data provided as of December 31, 2024, and analyzing Broadridge expense universe Class A (net) expenses less any applicable 12b-1 fees) ("Broadridge Universe Expenses"). The Board also reviewed data comparing each other operational share class's total (net) operating expenses to the applicable Broadridge Universe Expenses. The Board noted that the expense limitations agreed to by DIMA were expected to help the Fund's total (net) operating expenses remain competitive. The Board considered the Fund's management fee rate as compared to fees charged by DIMA to comparable DWS U.S. registered funds ("DWS Funds") and considered differences between the Fund and the comparable DWS Funds. The information requested by the Board as part of its review of fees and expenses also included information about institutional accounts (including any sub-advised funds and accounts) and funds offered primarily to European investors ("DWS Europe Funds") managed by DWS Group. The Board noted that DIMA indicated that DWS Group does not manage any institutional accounts or DWS Europe Funds comparable to the Fund.

On the basis of the information provided, the Board concluded that management fees were reasonable and appropriate in light of the nature, quality and extent of services provided by DIMA.

Profitability. The Board reviewed detailed information regarding revenues received by DIMA under the Agreement. The Board considered the estimated costs to DIMA, and pre-tax profits realized by DIMA, from advising the DWS Funds, as well as estimates of the pre-tax profits attributable to managing the Fund in particular. The Board also received information regarding the estimated enterprise-wide profitability of DIMA and its affiliates with respect to all fund services in totality and by fund. The Board reviewed DIMA's methodology in allocating its costs to the management of the Fund. Based on the information provided, the Board concluded that the pre-tax profits realized by DIMA in connection with the management of the Fund were not unreasonable. The Board also

reviewed certain publicly available information regarding the profitability of certain similar investment management firms. The Board noted that, while information regarding the profitability of such firms is limited (and in some cases is not necessarily prepared on a comparable basis), DIMA and its affiliates' overall profitability with respect to the DWS Funds (after taking into account distribution and other services provided to the funds by DIMA and its affiliates) was in line with the overall profitability levels of most comparable firms for which such data was available.

Economies of Scale. The Board considered whether there are economies of scale with respect to the management of the Fund and whether the Fund benefits from any economies of scale. The Board noted that the Fund's investment management fee schedule includes fee breakpoints. The Board concluded that the Fund's fee schedule represents an appropriate sharing between the Fund and DIMA of such economies of scale as may exist in the management of the Fund at current asset levels.

Other Benefits to DIMA and Its Affiliates. The Board also considered the character and amount of other incidental or "fall-out" benefits received by DIMA and its affiliates, including any fees received by DIMA for administrative services provided to the Fund, any fees received by an affiliate of DIMA for transfer agency services provided to the Fund and any fees received by an affiliate of DIMA for distribution services. The Board also considered benefits to DIMA related to brokerage and soft-dollar allocations, including allocating brokerage to pay for research generated by parties other than the executing broker dealers, which pertain primarily to funds investing in equity securities. In addition, the Board considered the incidental public relations benefits to DIMA related to DWS Funds advertising and cross-selling opportunities among DIMA products and services. The Board considered these benefits in reaching its conclusion that the Fund's management fees were reasonable.

Compliance. The Board considered the significant attention and resources dedicated by DIMA to its compliance processes. The Board noted in particular (i) the experience, seniority and time commitment of the individuals serving as DIMA's and the Fund's chief compliance officers; (ii) the substantial commitment of resources by DIMA and its affiliates to compliance matters; and (iii) ongoing efforts to enhance the compliance program.

Based on all of the information considered and the conclusions reached, the Board determined that the continuation of the Agreement is in the best interests of the Fund. In making this determination, the Board did not give particular weight to any single factor identified above and individual Independent Trustees may have weighed these factors differently in reaching their individual decisions to approve the continuation of the Agreement. The Board considered these factors over the course of

numerous meetings, certain of which were in executive session with only the Independent Trustees and counsel present.