## Sole Custody Reporting

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#### Agenda

- What Are Sole Custody Funds?
- What Is a Sole Custody Bank Account?
- Fund vs. Account
- Information Collected and Its Use
- Key Reporting Dates
- Using the Sole Custody Application
- Other Useful Information Bank Recs, Escheatment,
   Common Questions/Reporting Issues

#### What Are Sole Custody Funds?

- Bank Accounts
  - Checking, savings, money market, certificate of deposit (CD), concentration, controlled disbursement, lock box
- Investment Accounts
- Short Term Investment Pool (STIP)
  - Part of NYS General Checking Account
  - Earns higher interest rate
  - STIP funds begin with 7
  - Funds invested in STIP should equal balance in Statewide Financial System (SFS) as of March 31

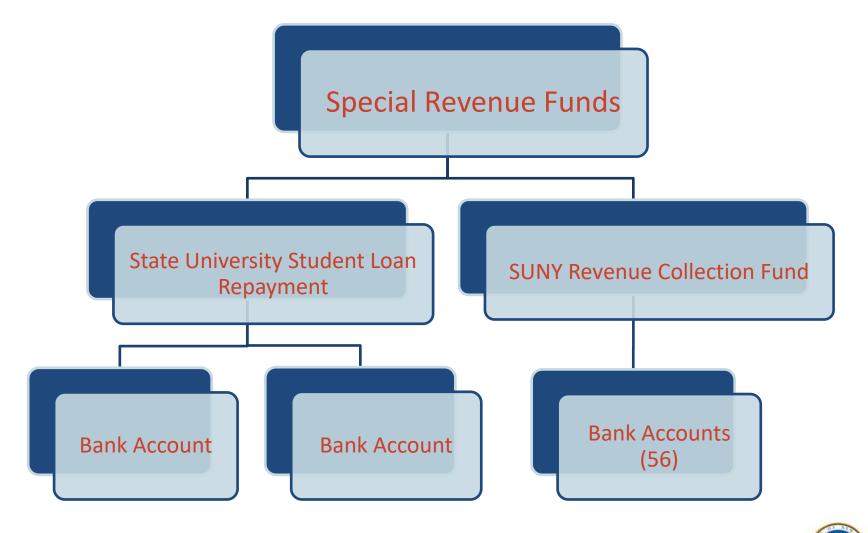
#### What Is a Sole Custody Bank Account?

 Bank accounts held outside of the State Treasury in the sole custody of a state official.

 Maintained by agencies for revenue collection and other authorized sole custody purposes.



### Sole Custody Funds vs. Accounts



#### Sole Custody Statistics 2020-21 State Fiscal Year

- 1,208 reports filed by 226 departments in 42 agencies
- Over 1,300 bank/investment accounts
- 29 STIP funds
- Reported under 109 different fund classification references



#### **Annual Reporting Requirements**

- State Finance Law (SFL) §8 requires that the Comptroller "keep, audit and state all accounts in which the state is interested, and keep accurate and proper books, showing their conditions at all times."
- SFL §116 requires public officers/agencies to provide statements for accounts maintained on the State's behalf.
- Information is collected in an online system annually.
- Used to generate New York State's required financial statements on a cash basis and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

#### What Information Is Collected?

- Report Name
  - User defined
- Report Number
  - User defined (usually the last 4 digits of bank account)
- Statutory Reference
- Purpose
- Revenue Description
- Disbursement Description



#### What Information Is Collected?

- Full bank account number and name of bank
- Yearly transactional data (in aggregate)
  - Transfers between sole custody accounts (deposits from and disbursements to)
  - NYS Treasury transactions Funds received from NYS general checking account, funds sent to NYS Treasury via check or sweeps performed by OSC's Cash Management Unit
  - Other types of deposit and disbursements
- As of March 31
  - Bank account balance
    - Outstanding checks (checks not cleared the bank)
    - Deposits in transit (example, collected 3/31 but deposited on 4/2)
  - Investments
  - STIP balance

#### Use of Sole Custody Data Collected

- Cash balances (bank, STIP, and investment) along with deposits and disbursements
  - Annual Reports
    - Comptroller's Annual Report to the Legislature on State Funds Cash Basis of Accounting
      - Schedule C-4
    - Basic Financial Statements and Other Supplementary Information
      - Statement of Net Position
      - Balance Sheet
- Purpose, Revenue Sources, Disbursements, and Statutory Reference
  - Fund Classification Manual (reviewed and updated yearly)
    - https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/state-agencies/pdf/fund-classification-manual.pdf

#### Sole Custody Accounts

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, New York State's Sole Custody Funds and Accounts reported on a cash basis totaled \$54.3 billion.

CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES APRIL 1, 2020 RECEIPTS DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 47,800,745,546 \$ 193,305,864,696 \$ 186,828,227,066

CASH AND
INVESTMENT
BALANCES
MARCH 31, 2021
\$ 54,278,383,176

## Sole Custody – Cash Basis of Accounting

CASH AND

STATE OF NEW YORK SOLE CUSTODY FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021 (continued)

CASH AND

	INVESTMENT BALANCES APRIL 1, 2020	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	INVESTMENT BALANCES MARCH 31, 2021
AGENCY FUNDS (continued)				
Department of Financial Services:				
Family Leave Benefits Account	<del>-</del>	65,035,099	65,035,099	<del>-</del>
Foreign Fire Insurance Tax	62,148,624	47,043,092	65,879,681	43,312,035
Department of Health:				
American Indian Health Program (**)	7,288	19,734,851	19,714,960	27,179
Early Intervention Program	2,644,696	571,721,349	564,821,845	9,544,200
Medicaid	28,991,002	1,864,833,958	1,893,824,569	391
Miscellaneous Agency Account	6,230	573	1,155	5,648
Patients' Account	1,723,444	5,682,389	5,667,529	1,738,304
Department of Labor:				
Minimum and Prevailing Wage and Wage Claim Payment Account	(557,121)	9,346,590	9,198,747	(409,278)
Department of Law:				
Civil Recoveries	11,423,086	262,239,850	218,936,884	54,726,052
Medicaid Fraud Control Escrow	15,541,981	151,823,257	149,585,641	17,779,597
Restitution Account	138,996,670	22,181,841	44,962,463	116,216,048
Department of Motor Vehicles:				
Revenue Collection	127,097	190,938,346	190,938,346	127,097
Department of Taxation and Finance:	40,000,022	440.242	425.020	40 400 445
DASNY NYC HHC Litigation Holding Account	18,089,032	146,312	125,929	18,109,415
Exchange Account	8,433,699	4,403,708	12,765,680	71,727
Linked Deposit Program	271.004	9,826,014	9,826,014	200 525
Special Investigation Program	371,984	3,493	88,942	286,535
State University Construction Fund Payroll Deductions	313,167	5,192,721	4,801,914	703,974
Department of Transportation:	(00.774)	44 000 000	0.050.070	4.500.000
Contractors Bid Deposit and Guarantee Escrow	(86,774)	11,608,066	9,952,072	1,569,220
Employee Benefit Account	805	2 452 275	805	2 200 004
Highway Oversize/Overweight Credentialing System (HOOCS) Partners.	4,058,101	2,152,375	2,843,615	3,366,861
Division of Criminal Justice Services:	4 000 020	27 524 626	27 040 202	002 200
Fingerprint Fees	1,090,820	37,531,938	37,819,362	803,396
Division of State Police:	4 404 473	2 628 224	4 444 000	2 700 507
Seized Asset	1,494,472	3,628,221	1,414,096	3,708,597
Higher Education Services Corporation:	04.004.077	202712112	044 000 000	00 500 700
Guaranteed Student Loans	94,681,277	636,740,418	644,830,899	86,590,796
NYS Gaming Commission:	4 447 770 500	4 444 022 624	4 274 542 040	4 257 260 242
Lottery Prizes	1,417,770,599	1,111,032,631	1,271,543,018	1,257,260,212
Office for People with Developmental Disabilities:	24 677 464	444 422 444	00 004 540	44 425 620
Patients' Account	31,677,404	111,432,144	98,984,519	44,125,029
Office of Children and Family Services:	45.042	400,000	141 100	70 400
Youth Residents	45,013	166,289	141,193	70,109

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> These accounts are administered by a fiscal agent on behalf of New York State.

## Sole Custody – GAAP Basis of Accounting

#### Statement of Net Position

March 31, 2021 (Amounts in millions)

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Component Units
ASSETS:				
Cash and investments	\$ 40,419	\$ 9,056	\$ 49,475	\$ 60,645
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles:				
Taxes	21,798	-	21,798	-
Due from Federal government	10,279	1,144	11,423	-
Loans, leases and notes	-	-	-	49,252
Other	4,609	4,546	9,155	4,011
Internal balances	(597)	958	361	-
Net pension asset	-	23	23	15
Net other postemployment benefits asset	-	3	3	-
Other assets	638	190	828	5,300
Capital assets:				
Land, infrastructure and construction in progress	85,166	3,698	88,864	23,705
Buildings, equipment, land improvements				
and infrastructure, net of depreciation	6,292	15,062	21,354	89,681
Intangible assets, net of amortization	587	168	755	711
Derivative instruments	-	-	-	1
Total assets	169,191	34,848	204,039	233,321

## Sole Custody – GAAP Basis of Accounting

#### **Balance Sheet**

**Governmental Funds** 

March 31, 2021

(Amounts in millions)

	Major Funds										
		Federal Special			General Debt		Other Governmental				
	Seneral	R	evenue	S	Service		Funds	Elim	inations		Total
\$	19,110	\$	5,890	\$	3,723	\$	11,696	\$	-	\$	40,419
	10,674		-		9,452		1,672		-		21,798
	-		9,853		4		580		-		10,437
	2,067		783		-		1,759		-		4,609
	7,395		82		-		1,363		(7,994)		846
	355		188		-		95		-		638
\$	39,601	\$	16,796	\$	13,179	\$	17,165	\$	(7,994)	\$	78,747
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#### **Annual Reporting Key Dates**

• Application is available for agencies to review and update January or earlier Sole Custody Report information. • Email sent to agencies asking them to confirm contact information. January – February New contacts receive user ID and password. • Agencies should verify sole custody bank reconciliations are current March and items are cleared. Confirm report information is accurate. April 1st Official Sole Custody reporting start date. April 30 • Submissions must be completed by this date. • A random selection of reports chosen for additional review – if supporting documentation is not attached to report May – June submission, selected agencies are contacted to provide bank statements, March 31 reconciliation, outstanding check listing.

#### Sole Custody Report Flow



Report Status Flow

Not Started > Started > Ready for Review > OSC Review

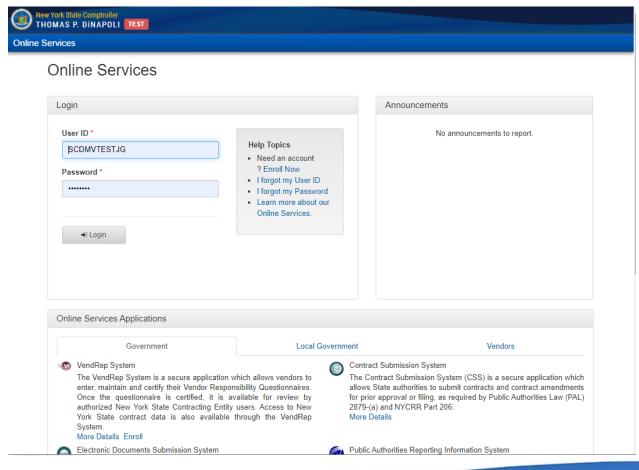
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  - Click the "Log in" button

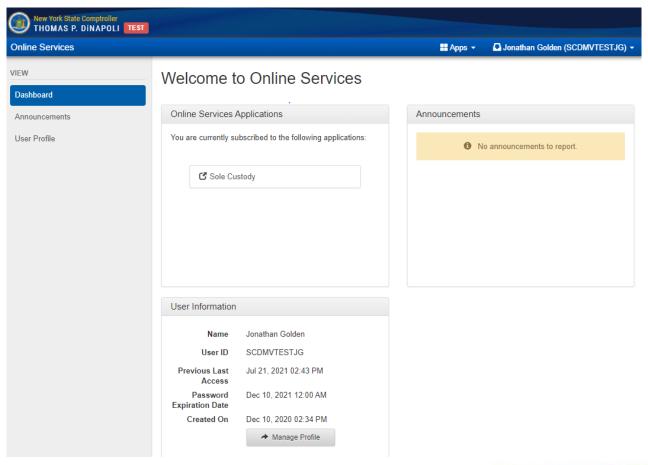
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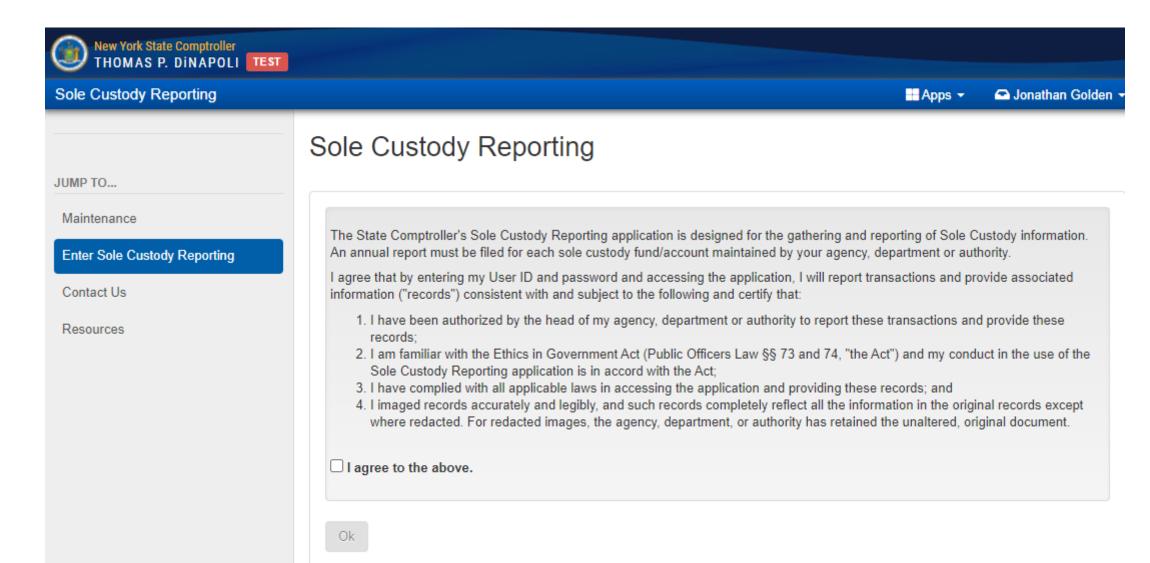
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- · Retirement Online
- VendRep System (VRS) | Create Account
- Contact Update
- Contract Submission System (CSS)
- Electronic Documents Submission System (EDSS)
- Justice Court Fund Internet Reporting System
- Local Government Constitutional Tax Limit Filing System (LGCTL)
- Local Government Electronic Filing
- Local Government Real Property Tax Cap/Tax Freeze Reporting System (LGPTC)
- Online Claiming for Authorized Users (OUF)
- Public Authorities Reporting Information System (PARIS)
- Sole Custody Reporting Application
- https://onlineservices.osc.state.ny.us/Enrollment/login?0

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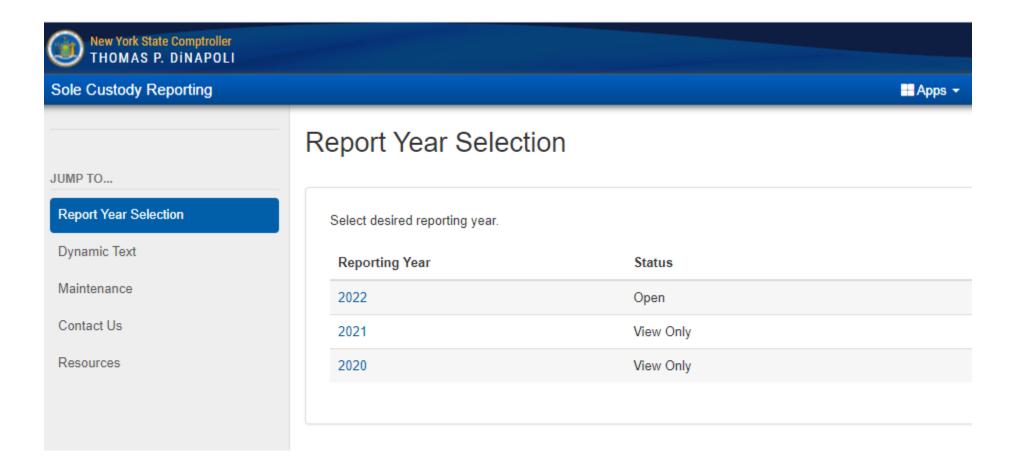


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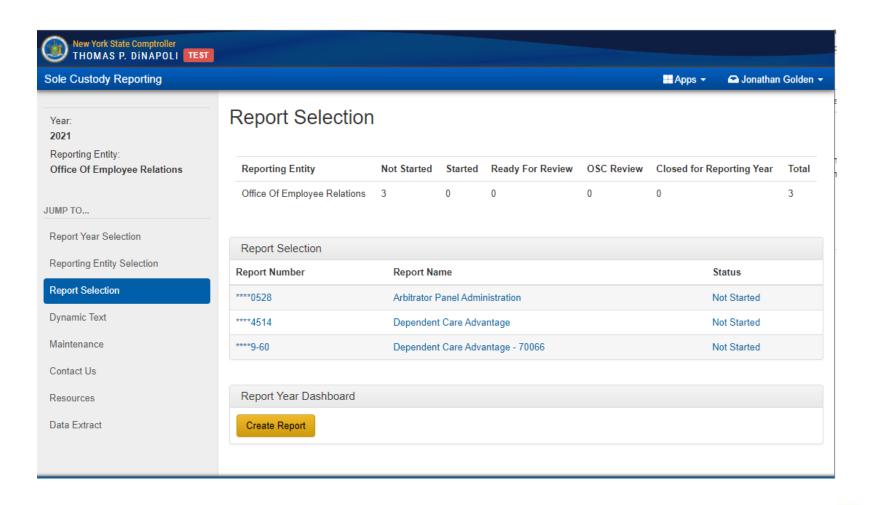
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#### Sole Custody Report Components



### Sole Custody Report Selection



#### **Report Information**

Preparers and Reviewers are asked to verify/update information on sole custody accounts, including the following:

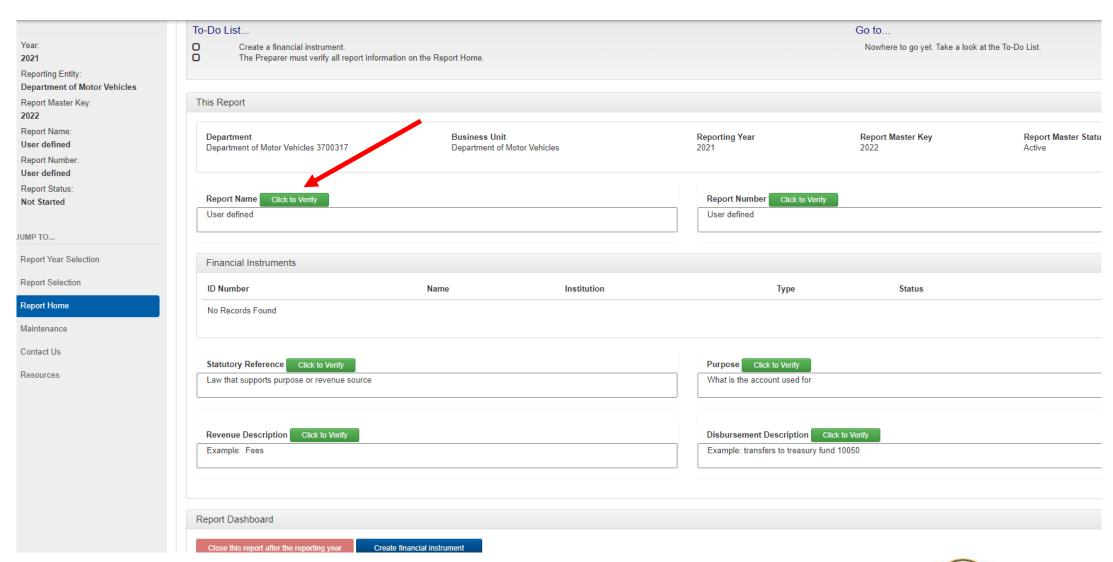
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- Statutory Reference
- Purpose
- Revenue Description (source)
- Disbursement Description (type of)

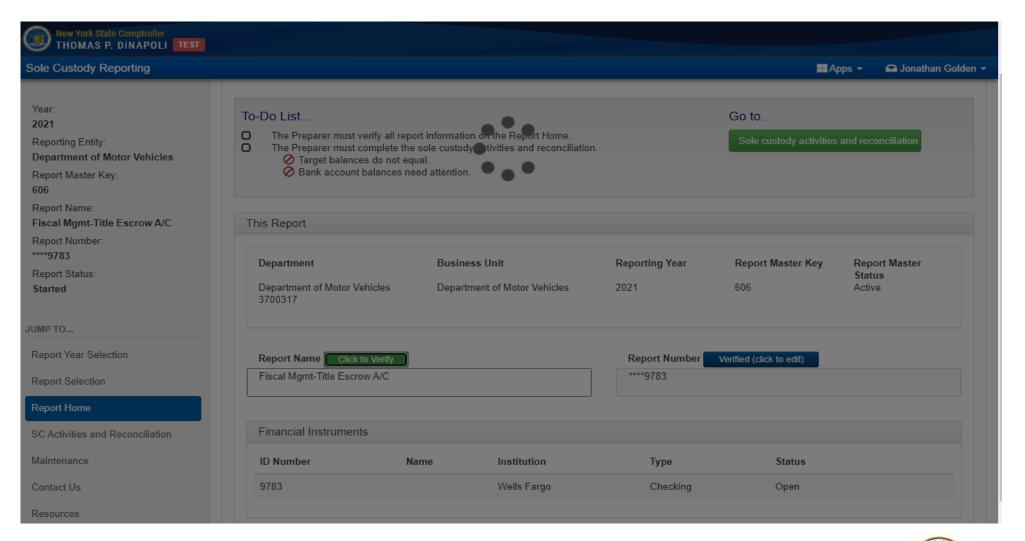
#### Financial Instrument Report Information

Confirm the following – if any changes are needed, use the "Contact Us" link in the application:

- Account Name
- Bank Name
- Type of Account
- Account Number







#### Adding a New Report

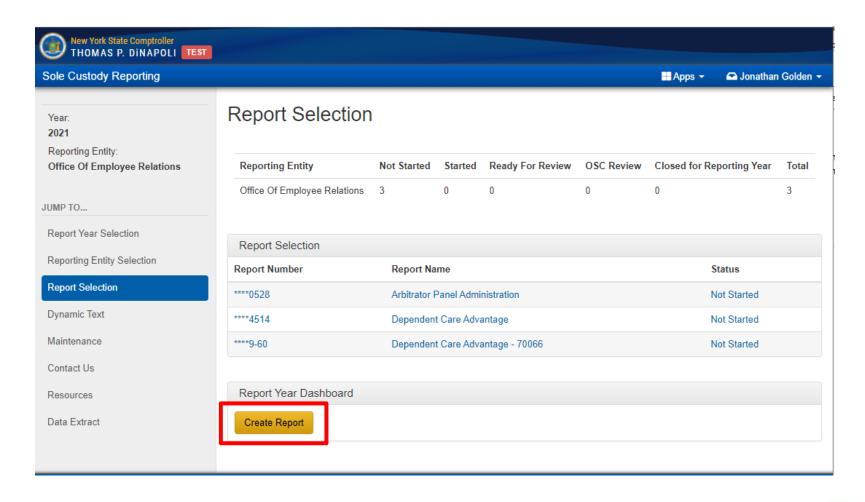
- When would you add a new report?
  - New account with new purpose
  - Previously unreported bank account

NOTE: Contact us if you are not sure whether to add a new report

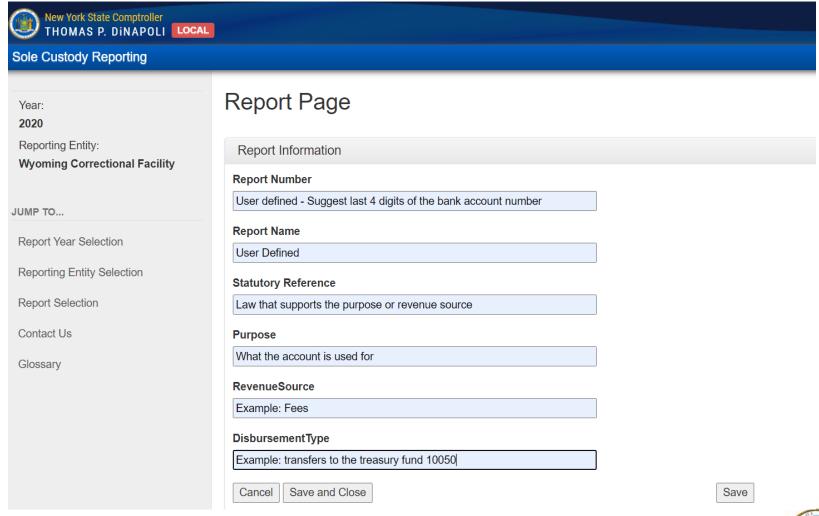
Do not add Advance Accounts or Petty Cash Accounts

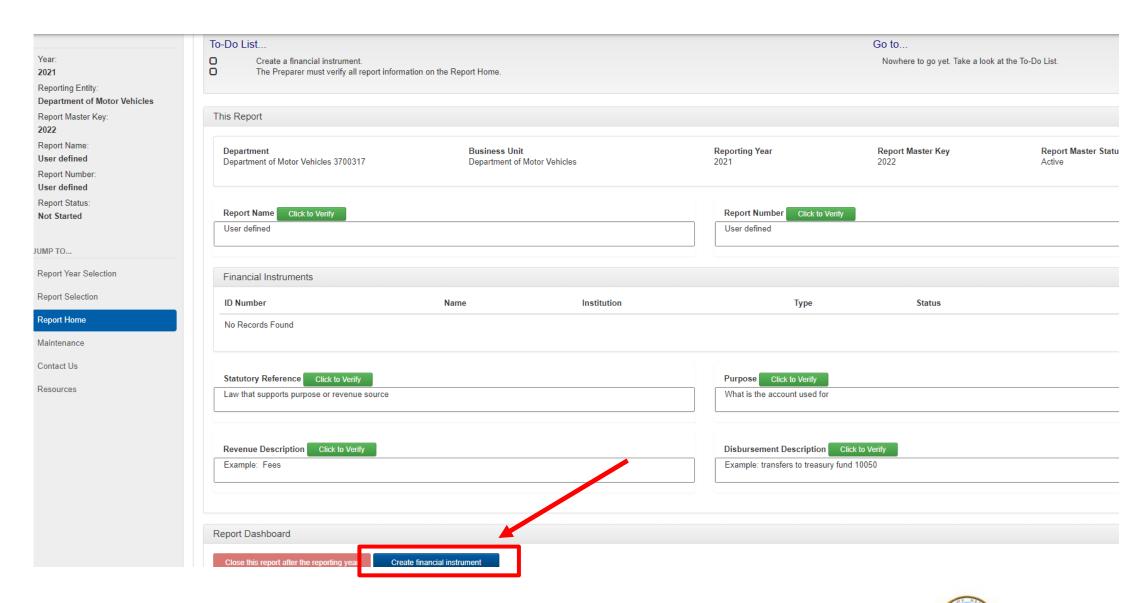


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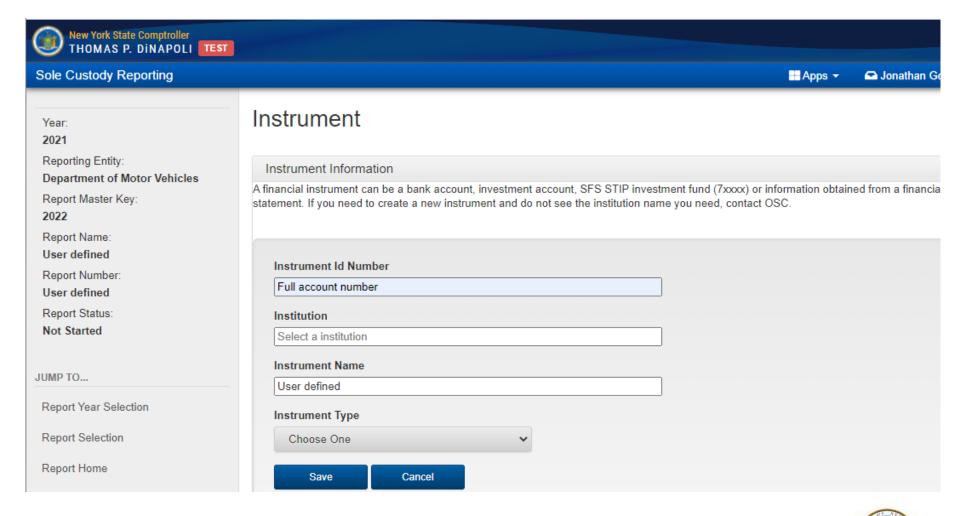
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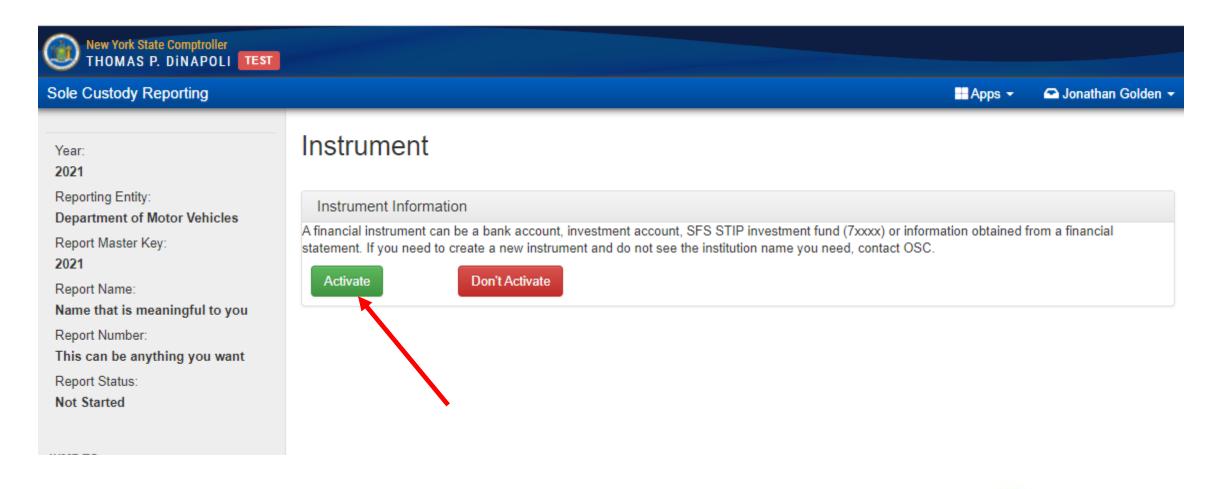


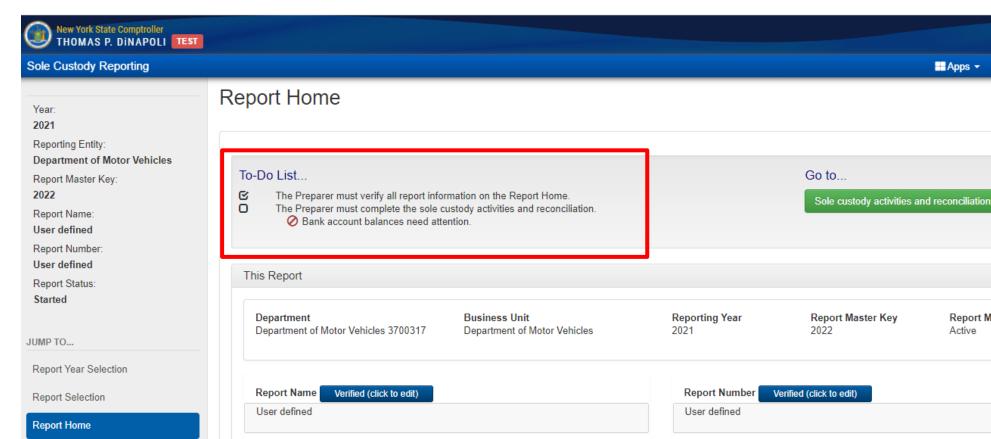


#### Creating a New Instrument



#### Activating a New Instrument





Statutory Reference

Verified (click to edit)

SC Activities and Reconciliation

Maintenance

Contact Us

Resources

Financial Instruments **ID Number** Name Institution Type Status Full account number NBT Bank User defined Savings Open

Purpose

Verified (click to edit)



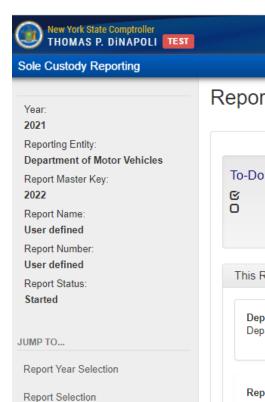
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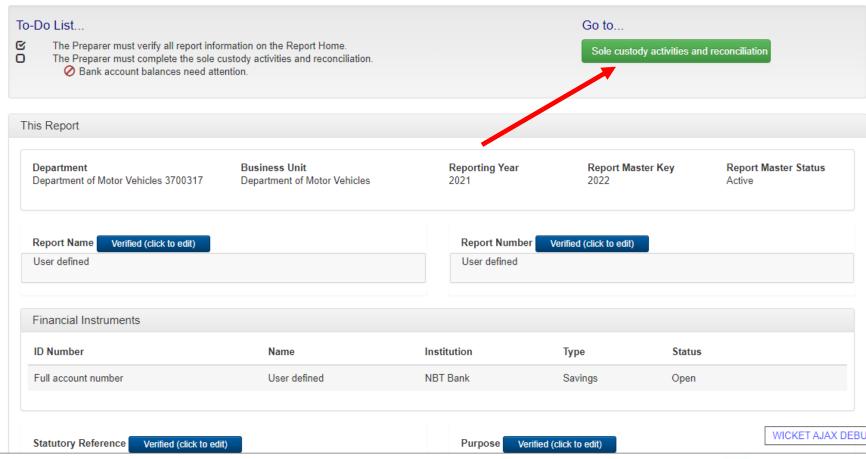
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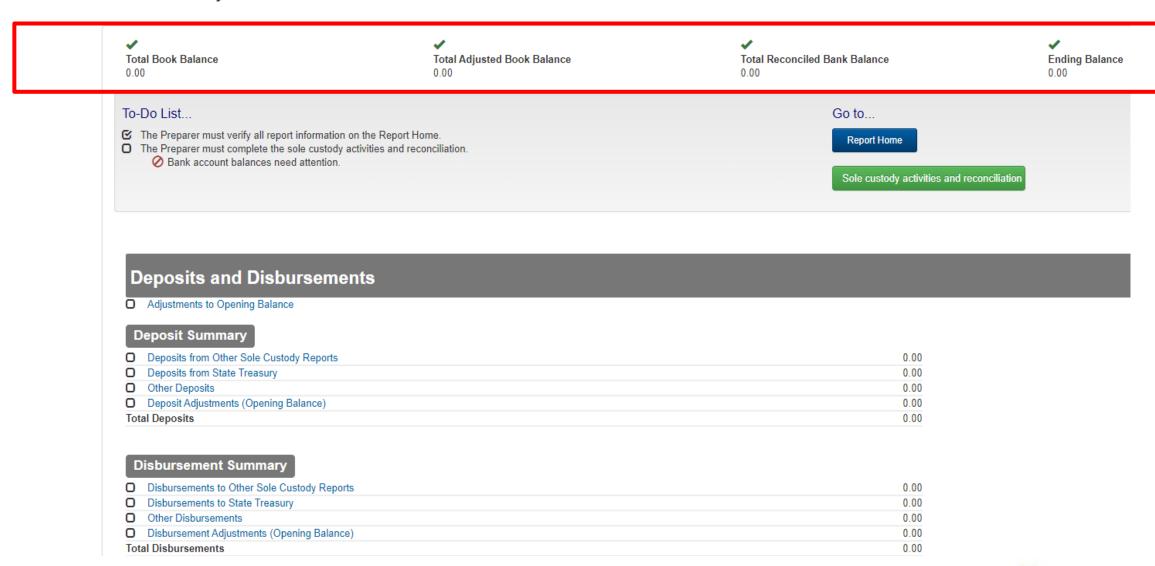
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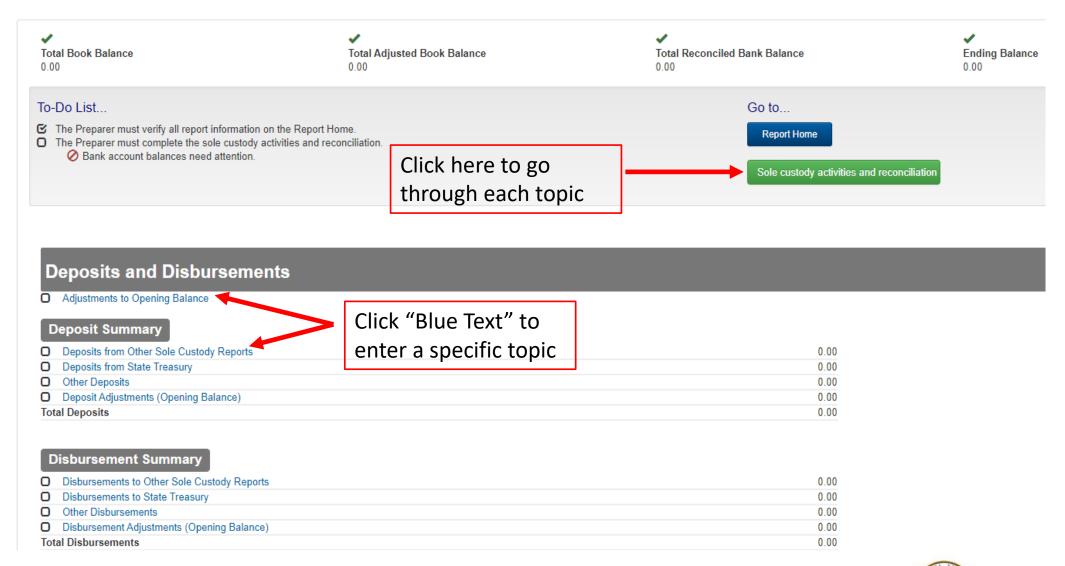


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#### Sole Custody Activities and Reconciliation





## Deposits/Disbursements Summary

#### 1. Revenue Deposits/Disbursements from Other Sole Custody Report

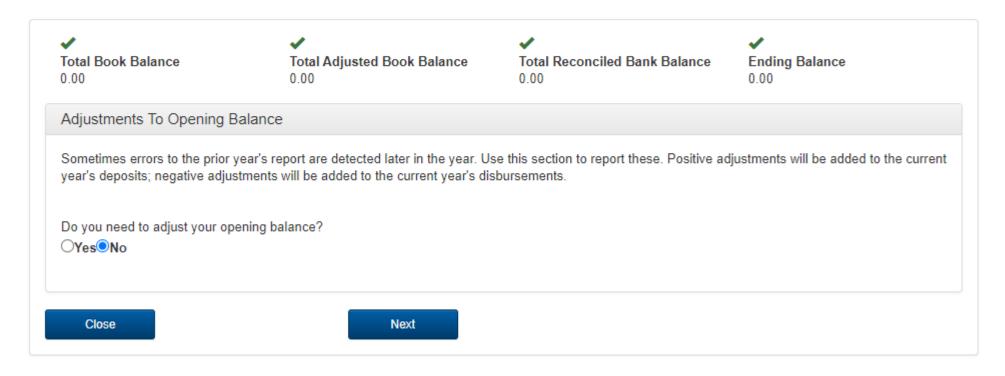
• Revenues/disbursements paid from one sole custody account to another (including accounts in the custody of another agency).

#### 2. Deposits from State Treasury/Disbursements to the Treasury

- Deposit from State Treasury Any revenues received from the State's general checking bank account (example: OSC Cash Management transfers money to fund your sole custody bank account). Deposit amounts should be separately listed by SFS fund number.
- Disbursement to State Treasury Any disbursement made to the State's general checking bank account (example: OSC Cash Management sweeps from your sole custody bank account). Disbursement amounts should be separately listed by SFS fund number. When determining the SFS fund, it should be the fund the money ultimately ends up in (example: a transfer to the State Treasury fund 10050, which is then allocated to fund 22311. Use fund 22311).

#### 3. Other Deposits/Disbursements (not included above)

- Other revenues include interest, fees, fines, etc.
- Other disbursements include refunds, personal expenses of inmates and patients, etc.





Total Adjusted Book Balance 0.00 Total Reconciled Bank Balance 0.00

Ending Balance

Deposits from Other Sole Custody Reports

Include deposits received from another sole custody bank account.

- . Identify spending by sole custody bank account number and dollar amount(s) that the deposits were received from.
- · Separate entries are required for deposits received from different sole custody accounts.
- For single bank account reports, your bank account is displayed. For multiple bank account reports, choose the one that applies. If multiple bank accounts exist for this report, transfers between them are NOT reported to avoid double counting.
- Select the instrument that the deposit came from. If the instrument is not listed, you can create the instrument. The sending department, bank account number and institution are needed.
- . Amounts from the same account should be reported in total.

IMPORTANT: If multiple bank accounts are reported on one sole custody report, DO NOT INCLUDE deposit and disbursements between these accounts to avoid double counting.

Have you received any deposits from other sole custody accounts?

○Yes○No

#### Step 1

Note this is your sole custody account the deposit was received into.

NBT Bank Savings

Full account number

User defined

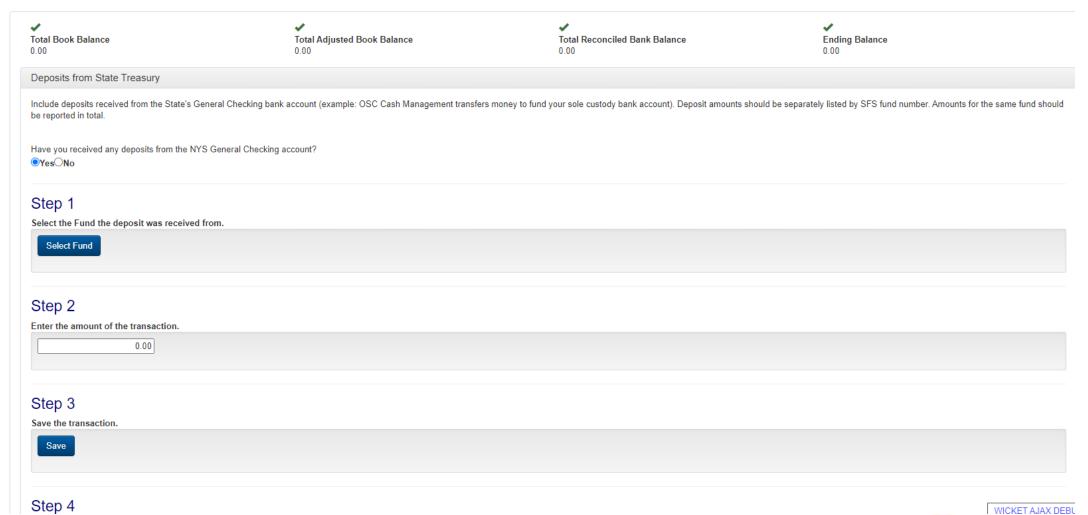
#### Step 2

Select the sole custody account the deposit was received from.

Select Instrument

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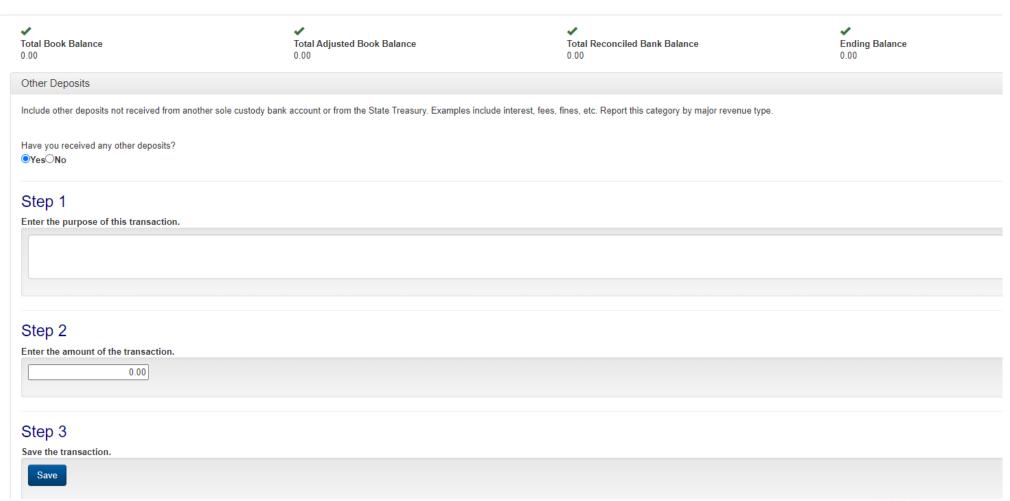


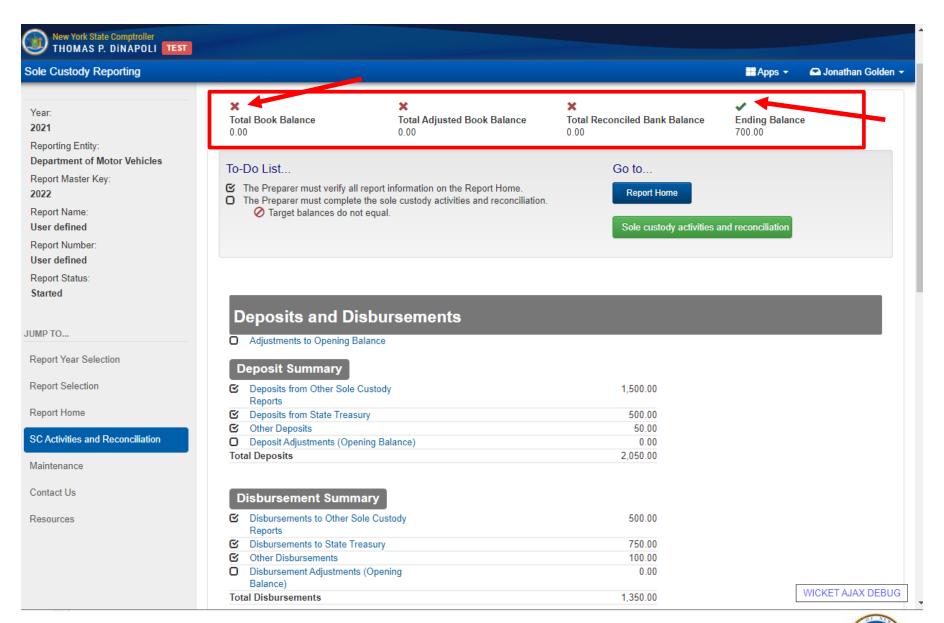


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#### Sole Custody Activities and Reconciliation Total Book Balance Total Adjusted Book Balance Total Reconciled Bank Balance **Ending Balance** Fund Search Deposits from State Treasury Fund Code 05 Fund Description its should be separately listed by SFS fund number. Amounts for the same fund should Include deposits received from the State's Ger be reported in total. Have you received any deposits from the NYS Showing 1 to 20 of 178 ○Yes○No << < 123456789>>> Fund Code Fund Description Step 1 10050 State Purposes Account Select the Fund the deposit was received fr Fringe Benefit Escrow Ac 10500 Select Fund 10501 Indirect Cost - Fed Indirect Cost - Non Federal 10502 10503 Social Security Step 2 10504 Retirement - Non-Federal Enter the amount of the transaction. 0.00 10505 Retirement - Federal Share Step 3







## Composition of Account Balance

### The ending balance is comprised of three components:

#### **Current Cash Balance**

Book balance at the bank

## OSC Sole Custody Balance

- Cash invested in the Short Term Investment Pool (STIP)
- Fund numbers start with "7"
- Equals the fund's ending balance on the NYGL0219 report for March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current fiscal year

#### **Investments**

- Should be classified by category (government securities, corporate bonds, etc.)
- Information is reported in Note 2 of the Basic Financial Statements and Other Supplementary Information

#### Composition of Account Balance and Account Reconciliation

The next three sections are for balancing of the book and bank balances as of March 31. The Total Book Balance, Total Adjusted Book Balance, and Total Reconciled Bank Balance must agree to the calculated Ending Balance.

# Calculation of Total Book Balance □ Ending Cash Balance □ Investments in STIP □ 0.00 □ Investments □ 1000

#### Calculation of Total Adjusted Book Balance

0	Unreconciled Book Balance	0.00
0	Bank Interest Not Recorded	0.00
0	Adjustments To Book Balance	0.00
~	Total Adjusted Book Balance	0.00

Please refer to Section XIV.4.C of the Guide to Financial Operations (GFO) for procedures for completing a bank reconciliation. This link will take you to the GFO https://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/guide/MyWebHelp/#XIV/4/C.htm

#### Calculation of Total Reconciled Bank Balance

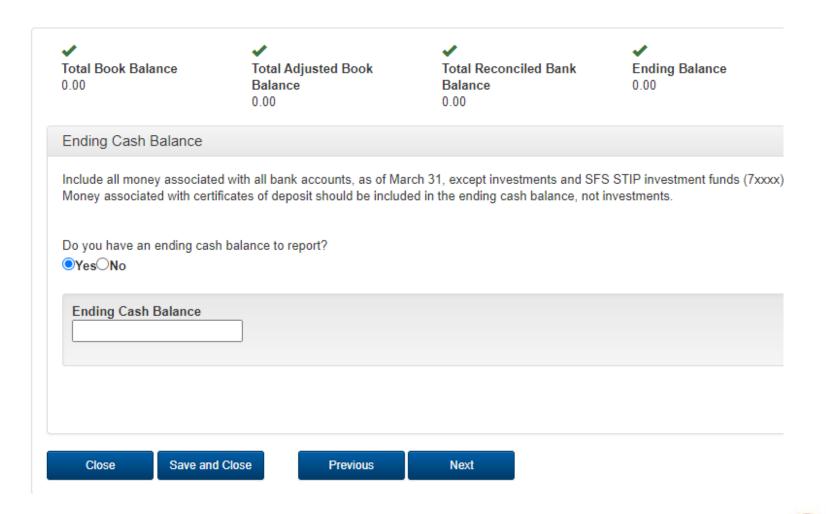
0	Bank Account Balances	0.00
0	Deposits In Transit	0.00
0	Outstanding Checks	0.00
0	Adjustments To Bank Balance	0.00
To	tal Invested in STIP	0.00
<b>V</b>	Total Reconciled Bank Balance	0.00

#### Calculated Report Summary

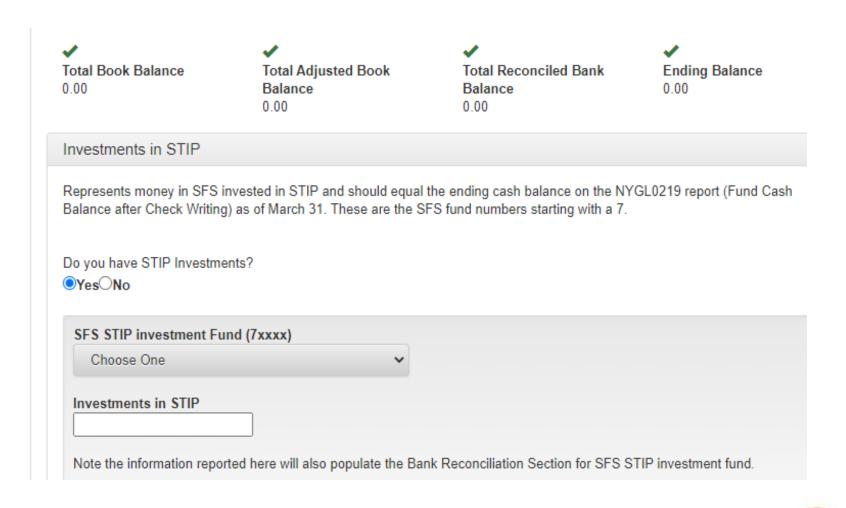
Beginning Balance	0.00
Total Deposits	0.00

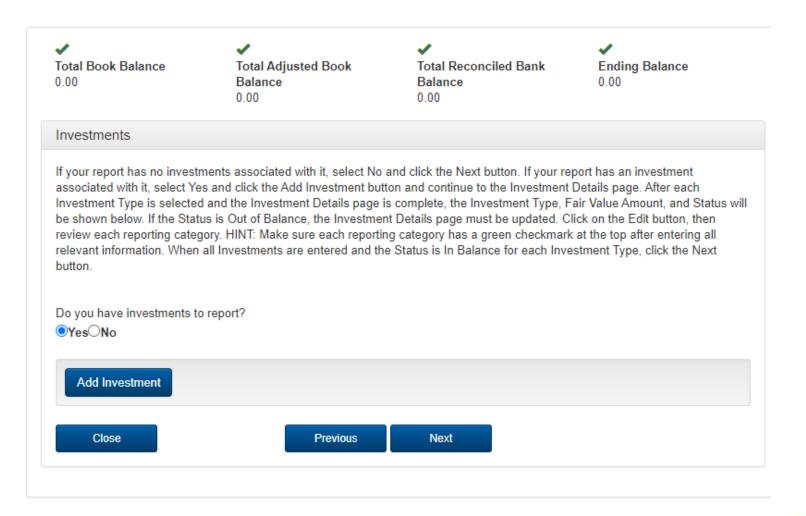


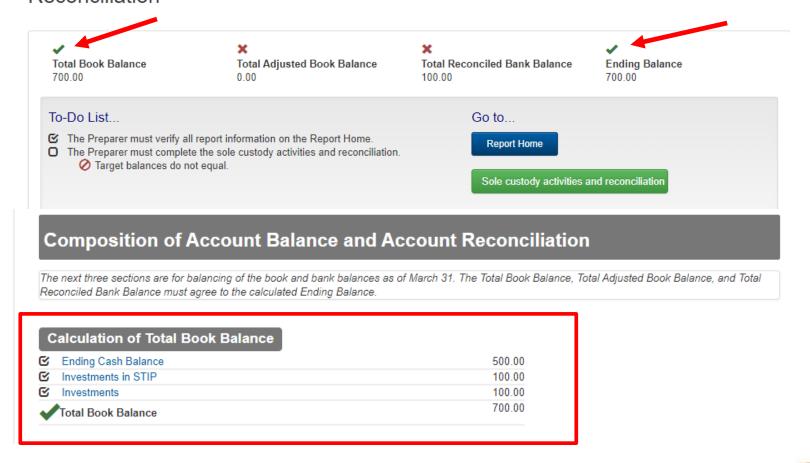
### **Current Cash Balance**



### Investments in STIP







## Components of Total Adjusted Book Balance

## Unreconciled Book Balance

 Book balance per agency/department ledger (QuickBooks, Excel spreadsheet, etc.)

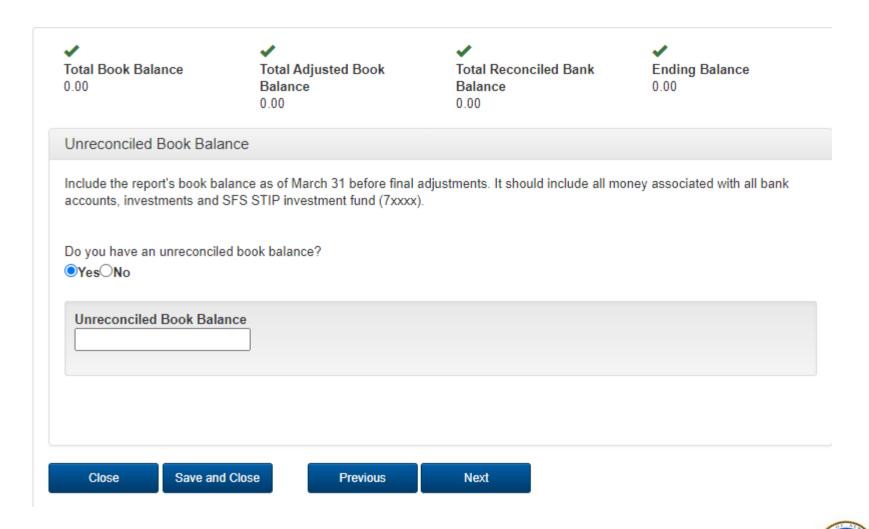
## Bank Interest Not Recorded

 Interest earned as of March 31, but not recorded in the agency/department ledger

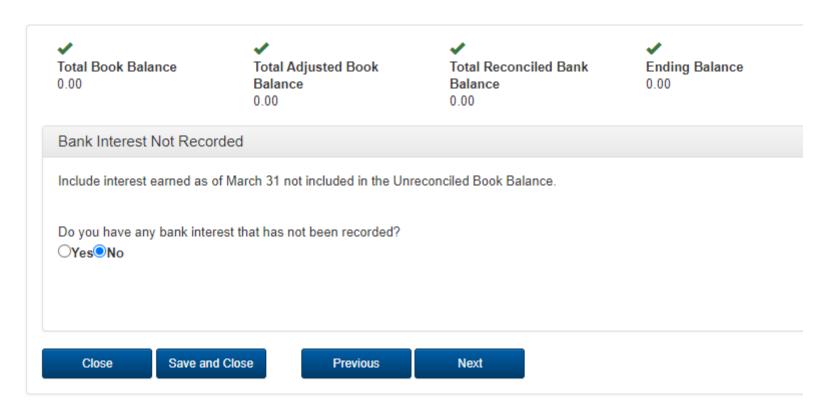
## Adjustments to Book Balance

- Transactions not included in the book balance incurred as of March 31
- Example includes returned check deposit not recorded

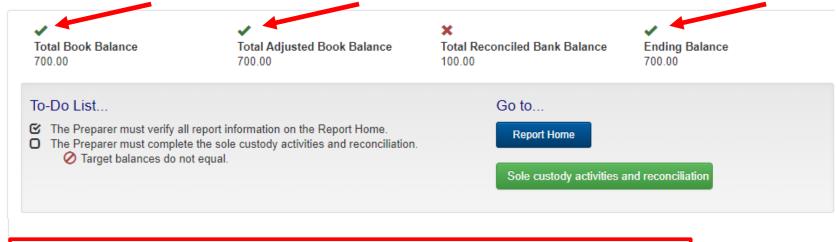
## Unreconciled Book Balance



### Bank Interest Not Recorded



✓ Total Book Balance 0.00	Total Adjusted Book Balance 0.00	Total Reconciled Bank Balance 0.00	Ending Balance
Adjustments To Book B	alance		
Include other transactions r check deposit not recorded		Book Balance incurred as of March	31. Examples include returned
Do you have book balance  Yes No	adjustments?		
Adjustments To Book B	alance		
Reason			
Close Save an	d Close Previous	Next	



Calculation of Total Adjusted Book Balance			
$\odot$	Unreconciled Book Balance	650.00	
<b>S</b>	Bank Interest Not Recorded	50.00	
0	Adjustments To Book Balance	0.00	
<b>~</b>	Total Adjusted Book Balance	700.00	

Please refer to Section XIV.4.C of the Guide to Financial Operations (GFO) for procedures for completing a bank reconciliation. This link will take you to the GFO https://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/guide/MyWebHelp/#XIV/4/C.htm



## Components of Reconciled Bank Balance

## Bank Account Balances

 Balance per bank statement as of March 31

## Deposits in Transit

Funds
 collected on
 or before
 March 31, but
 not deposited
 in bank until
 April 1 or
 later

## Outstanding Checks

 Checks issued on or before March 31, but not paid by the bank

## Adjustments to Bank Balance

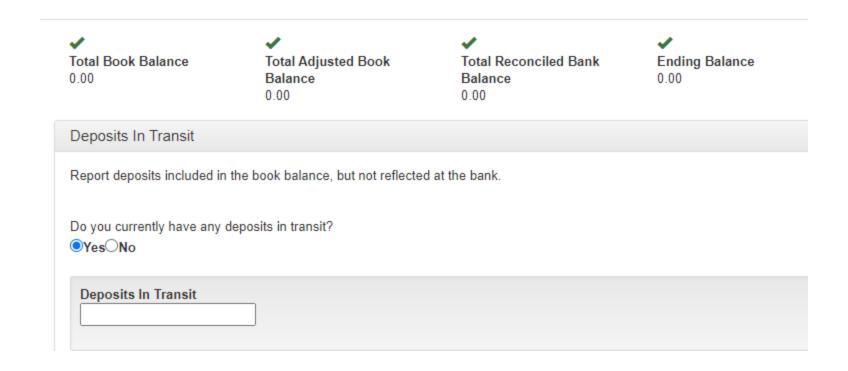
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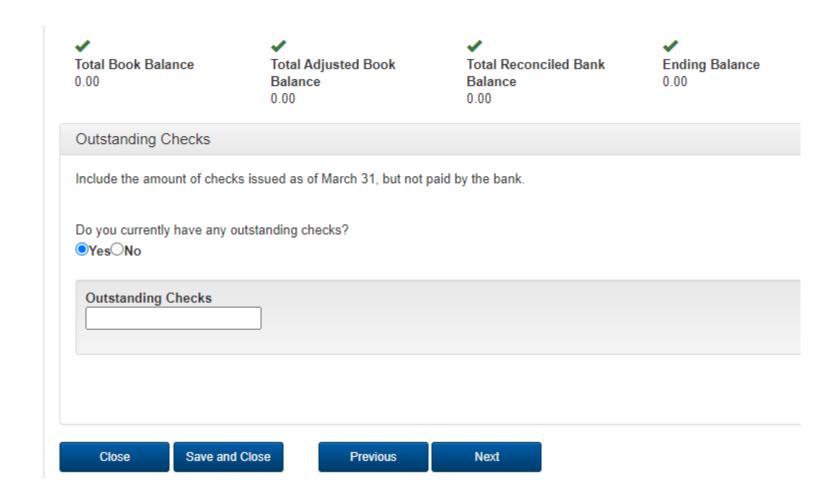
## **Bank Account Balance**

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Bank Account	Balances			
Enter the March 31 balance per the bank statement for all bank accounts, including investment accounts and certificates of deposit associated with this report.				
Instrument Name	Instrument Number	Institution Name	Bank Balance	Instrument Status
User defined	Full account number	NBT Bank		Open
Bank Accou	ınt Balances		0.00	
Bank Accou	ınt Balances		0.00	

## Deposits in Transit

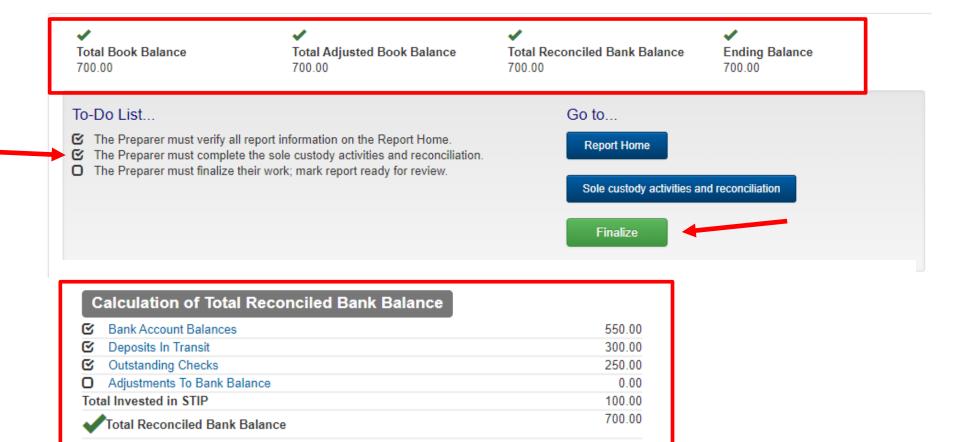


## **Outstanding Checks**

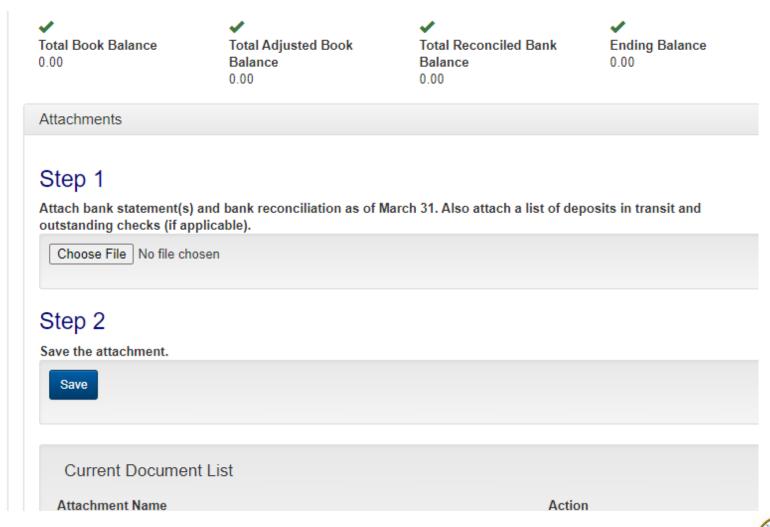


## Adjustments to Bank Balance

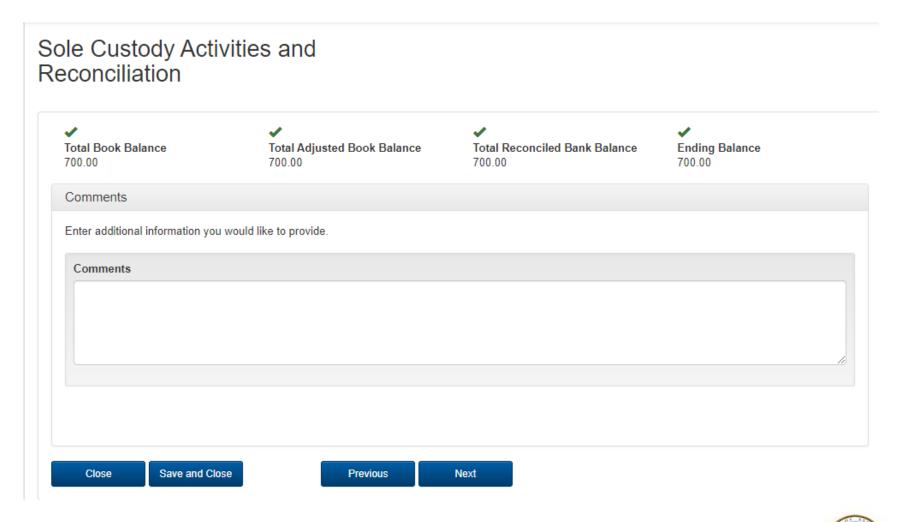
Total Book Balance	Total Adjusted Book Balance 0.00	Total Reconciled Bank Balance 0.00	Ending Balance		
Adjustments To Bank Balance					
Include book to bank record  Do you have bank balance  Yes No					
Adjustments To Bank Balance Reason					



## **Attaching Supporting Documents**



## **Additional Comments**

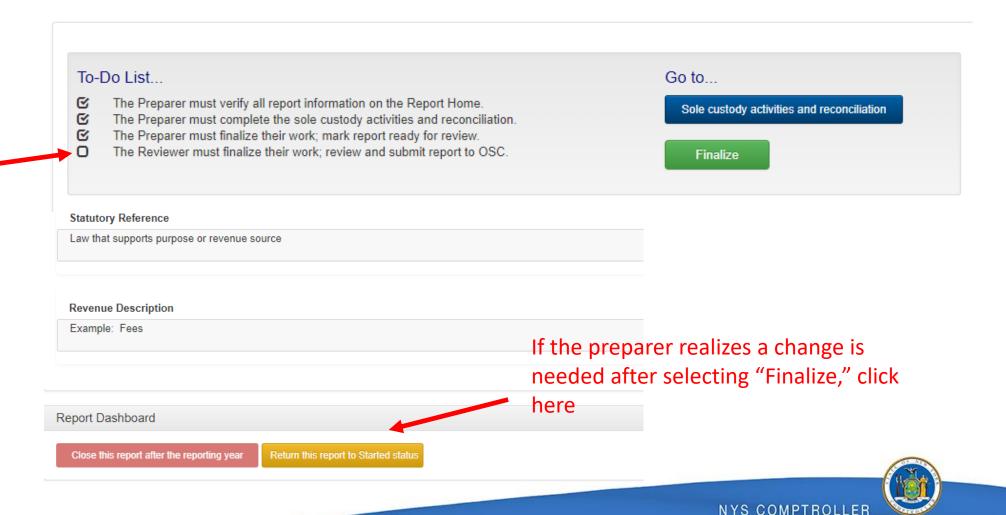


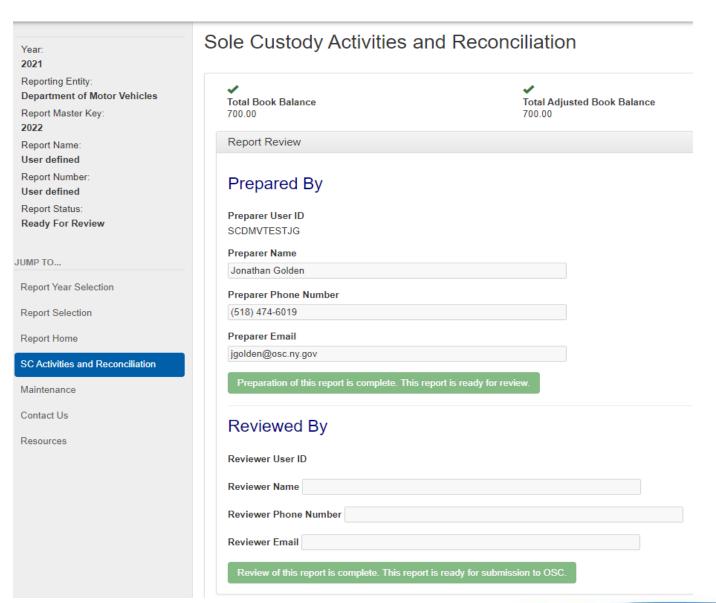


Total Book Balance 700.00	Total Adjusted Book Balance 700.00
Report Review	
Prepared By	
Preparer User ID SCDMVTESTJG	
Preparer Name	
Jonathan Golden	
Preparer Phone Number	
(518) 474-6019	
Preparer Email	
jgolden@osc.ny.gov	
Preparation of this report is complete. This report is re	eady for review.
Reviewed By	
Reviewer User ID	
Reviewer Name	
Reviewer Phone Number	
Reviewer Email	
Review of this report is complete. This report is ready	for submission to OSC.

## After Preparer Finalizes Report

#### Report Home





## Common Reporting Issues/Errors

- Reporting all deposits and disbursements under "Other Deposits."
  - Deposits and Disbursements should be reported under proper category.
- Using Bank Balance Adjustment for reporting deposit in transit and/or outstanding checks.
- Outstanding (uncleared) checks/deposits in transit listed as Book Adjustments – these are components of the bank reconciliation and are accounted for in the Calculation of Total Bank Balance.

## Additional Agency Responsibilities

- Monthly bank account reconciliations
  - To be filed with Commissioner of Taxation and Finance within 7 days of the succeeding month
    - See the Guide to Financial Operations

XIV. Special Procedures > 4. Agency Bank Accounts > A. Agency Bank Accounts Overview

(https://web.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/guide/MyWebHelp/Default.htm)

- Recordkeeping
- Escheatment of uncashed checks

### **Bank Reconciliations**

 Sole custody bank accounts must be reconciled (by the custodial agency) on a monthly basis.

 Reconciliations should be completed within 5 to 7 days after monthend and reviewed by management.

Documentation of reconciliation and review must be retained.



## **Bank Rec Components**

Bank Balance at Month End	\$1,000.00
+ Deposits in transit	50.00
- Outstanding checks	100.00
+/- Other adjustments	20.00
Reconciled Bank Balance	\$ 970.00

## Things to Consider

- Report consolidation, if possible
  - STIP Funds and the related bank account possibly could be one report instead of two reports
  - Multiple instruments having the same fund and purpose possibly could be reported on one report instead of multiple reports

Ask us if you would like to know if report consolidation would work for you

### Escheatment

- State Finance Law §102 and Abandoned Property Law §1315
  generally require checks uncashed for more than one year from
  the date of issuance be escheated and paid into the Abandoned
  Property Fund.
- Pursuant to Abandoned Property Law §1422, State agencies are also required to meet certain payee notification requirements. See Operational Advisory 8 – State Check Outreach for more information:

https://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/operational advisories/index.htm

## Common Sole Custody Questions

### Q: What if my beginning balance is wrong?

A: The beginning/opening balance cannot be changed. Please use the adjustments to opening balance. A positive adjustment will increase deposits and a negative adjustment will increase disbursements; an explanation for the adjustment will be required.

## Q: Do I have to file a sole custody report for an account that was closed?

A: Reports must be filed for an account that was closed in the fiscal year being reported. A sole custody account cannot be closed if the ending balance is not zero. If you did not click "Close this report after the reporting year" when finalizing the prior year's report, it will remain open, and you must file a sole custody report.

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## Thank you for your time!

