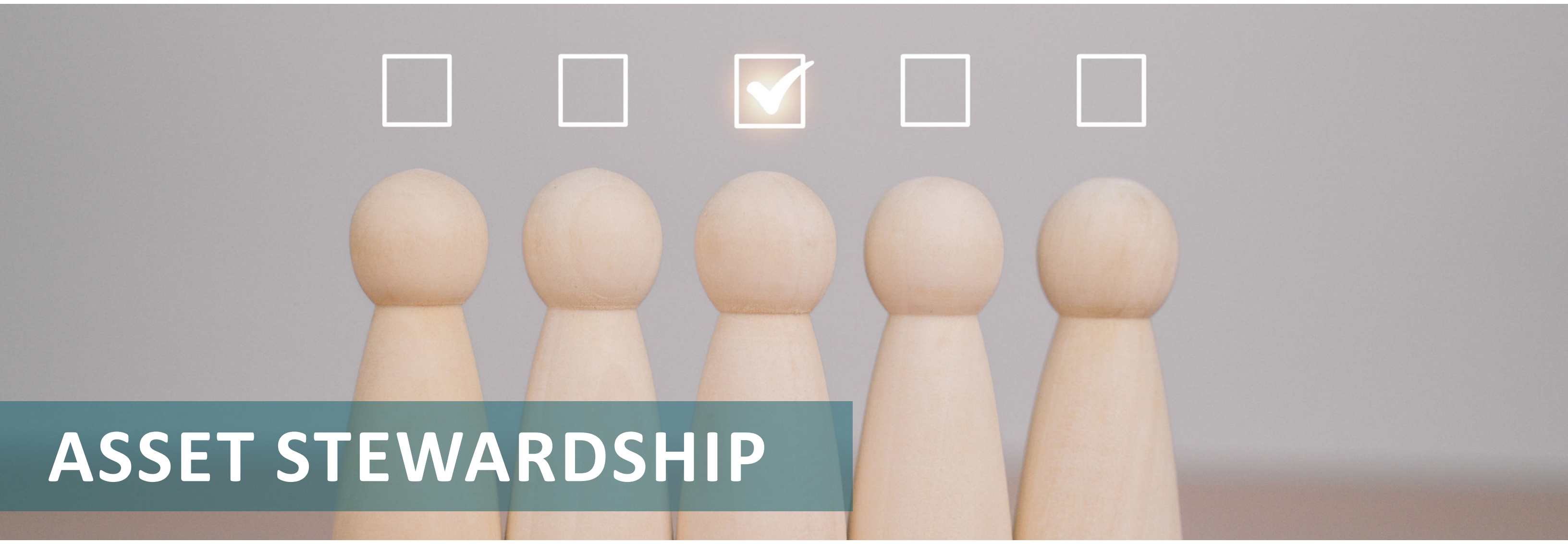
WASHINGTON STATE INVESTMENT BOARD



# ASSET STEWARDSHIP

The beneficiaries and stakeholders of Washington State's investment programs put their trust in the WSIB to act as a responsible steward of financial assets.

Three key components make up the WSIB's asset stewardship program:

## PROXY VOTING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

The WSIB believes proxy voting is an effective and valuable tool for positively influencing companies toward greater board accountability, genuine transparency, and increased focus on material corporate governance-related issues.

## ENGAGEMENT WITH PUBLICLY LISTED COMPANIES ON PRIORITY ISSUES

The WSIB has been increasing its engagement with a select number of publicly listed companies primarily based in the state of Washington in recent years.

## OVERSIGHT OF INVESTMENT MANAGER PROXY VOTING AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Proxy voting for non-U.S. holdings is typically delegated to the WSIB's external public equity managers, who act as fiduciaries on the WSIB's behalf. Oversight of investment manager proxy voting and engagement activities is integrated into the manager selection and monitoring processes.