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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A woman with curly hair, wearing a grey blazer, is presenting to an audience in a classroom. She is gesturing with her right hand. The audience consists of several people sitting at desks, some looking towards her. The background shows large windows and a bright, well-lit room.

OUR MISSION IS TO...

provide pension education, safeguard plan investments, and efficiently administer retirement benefits.

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Executive Director/CEO

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as of June 30, 2024



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Retired Teacher

Elected by the Board of Trustees

Term Expires 6/30/27



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Vice-Chair
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Appointed by the Governor

Term Expires 7/1/27



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Term Expires 7/01/26



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Ex-Officio



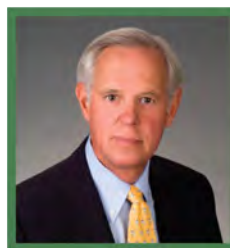
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L.C. (Buster) Evans, Ed.D.
Executive Director

September 27, 2024
Board of Trustees
Teachers Retirement System of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia

TRS Plan members and Board of Trustees:

I am pleased to present the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the System. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the System. I trust that you will find this report helpful in understanding your retirement system.

Fiscal year 2024 has been a testament to our ongoing commitment to innovation and operational excellence. We've strategically improved several internal and external processes, redefining the way we interact with our members. This evolution has not only transformed our operations, but has also elevated the overall member experience. We are confident that this approach positions us for continued success, while also ensuring that our members' financial well-being remains our top priority.

Certificate of Achievement

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This was the 36th consecutive year that the System has achieved this prestigious award.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently

organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current Annual Comprehensive Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

History and Overview

The System was created in 1943, by an act of the Georgia General Assembly to provide retirement security to those individuals who choose to dedicate their lives to educating the children of the State of Georgia, and began operations in 1945. A summary of the System's plan provisions is provided on pages 11-12 of this report.

The System is governed by a ten-member Board of Trustees (the Board) which appoints the Executive Director who is responsible for the administration and operations of the System, which serves 535,836 active and retired members, and 328 employers.

Financial Information

The management of the System is charged with the responsibility of maintaining a sound system of internal accounting controls. The objectives of such a system are to provide management with reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorizations, and that they are recorded properly to permit the preparation of

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financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived. Therefore, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements. Even though there are inherent limitations in any system of internal control, the management of the System makes every effort to ensure that through systematic reporting and internal reviews, errors or fraud would be quickly detected and corrected.

Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 15 of this report for an overview of the financial status of the System, including a summary of the System's Fiduciary Net Position, Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, and Investment Allocation.

INVESTMENTS - The System has continued to invest primarily in a mix of liquid, high quality bonds and stocks as it historically has done. This was our 4th year investing in private markets. Our intention is to build the program in a disciplined manner. These types of investments further diversify the portfolio and allow the System to participate in rising markets, while moderating the risks on the downside. A high quality balanced fund has proven to be a successful strategy in a variety of markets over a long period of time. Despite the multiple challenges the economy faced this fiscal year, the unique blend of events resulted in a strong equity return. The time-weighted rate of return is 14.5%, with a 19.0% return for equities, a 9.5% return on private equity, and a 2.8% return for fixed income. A comparative analysis of rates of return, excluding private equity, is presented on page 52. For additional information and analysis pertaining to investment policies and strategies, asset allocations, and yield, see Management's Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 15 and the Investment Section beginning on page 51. The System addresses the safeguarding of investments by requiring that they be held by agent custodial banks in the name of the System and that deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

As in years past, maintaining quality was a primary goal and was successfully met. "Conservation of Capital" and "Conservatism" continue to be guiding principles for investment decisions. The System continued to use a diversified portfolio to accomplish these objectives. When necessary, actions are taken to adjust the assumed annual rate of return on future investments to prepare for market conditions.

FUNDING - The System's funding policy provides for employee and employer contributions at rates, expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll, that are sufficient to provide resources to pay benefits when due.

A useful indicator of the funded status of a retirement system is the relationship between the actuarial value of assets and the actuarial accrued liabilities. The System continues to remain strong as evidenced by the ratio of the actuarial value of assets

to the actuarial accrued liabilities. This ratio was 78.2% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The ultimate test of the financial soundness of a retirement system is its ability to pay all promised benefits when due. I am proud to say that through the continued wisdom and the support of Governor Brian Kemp and the Georgia General Assembly, the System has been and will continue to be funded on an actuarially sound basis, thus providing the membership the comfort and security they expect from their retirement system.

Initiatives

The most recent version of the agency's strategic plan was completed with the cooperation of the executive administration and TRS leadership team. Goals were set with a strong focus on efficiency, leveraging technology and cross-divisional collaboration to maximize resources. TRS has been recognized many years over for efficiently administering the benefits for its members by taking advantage of technological advances that cut processing times and allow staff members to become more specialized in certain areas. We have ventured into the capabilities of artificial intelligence (AI), testing applications to produce communications, on-demand content, and reduce time spent on internal documents. An AI innovation team was established to address policy, safe implementation, and new opportunities presented by front-line software.

The Information Technology Division (IT) was instrumental in the successful execution of new and continuing initiatives to implement cutting-edge security solutions to safeguard member data. Cybersecurity remains paramount as expectations for secure digital communications and interactions increase. We expanded multi-factor authentication (MFA) options to include Google and Microsoft Authenticator apps, transitioned our email system to the Microsoft M365 cloud, and enhanced our web security proxy with an industry-leading web security appliance. Our robust cybersecurity posture, as evidenced by a Georgia Technology Authority BitSight rating of 800, places us in the "Advanced" category. The focus on keeping our critical systems secure allows us to maintain a 100% uptime for our pension administration and financial systems.

Our foray into new applications and digital presence does not come without concern, prompting several measures to protect the System and its members. There has been an increase in attempts to attack system processes through hacks and direct solicitations to members. Educational resources have been provided internally and externally to address fraudulent attempts to convince members to take actions that are against their financial interests. Social media campaigns, presentations, publications, and videos have been created to expose these attempts of unethical financial services companies.

The System was able to demonstrate its resilience as it was not exempted from the effects of a data breach involving a software application called MOVEit that is utilized by our vendor Pension Benefit Information, LLC for file transfer purposes. Due to security barriers put into place, no System processes or systems

were affected and it did not hinder the administration of retiree benefit payments. However, to further increase security, we have responded by reviewing all external data transfer processes and eliminating any unnecessary personally identifiable information from being included in reports. Additionally, terms of service of existing software-as-a-service providers were scrutinized to ensure that they are following TRS security policies. As a result, some contracts were terminated and others were required to add measures such as Single Sign-on and SOC-2 compliance.

We have continued in our commitment to training and development. Internally, we presented increased opportunities for inter-divisional staff training. Externally, we implemented a significant training improvement centered around the experience we provide for our employers. We have observed significant turnover in employers' staffing of those who process member and pre-retiree information. As a result, employer training events are more frequent and involve subject matter experts from our Employer Services, Retirement Services, and Member Services divisions. Additionally, several division leaders were involved in the development of the Outreach Employer Trainer, resulting in a more impactful experience for attendees of our outreach events.

Counseling services have always been in high demand, but there has been greater demand over the past few years for outreach services that provide in-person interaction. Historically, our counseling services have operated as two distinct units—outreach and office-based, which provided an array of choices for members. However, we uncovered some inefficiencies. As a result, we combined all the counseling services into one division to ensure consistency of delivered information and a maximization of output. To address the increased demand and limited staff availability, we implemented a new model for scheduling outreach events with employers that expands our reach across the state and provides delivery options for our members no matter where they live.

The System staff conducted a total of 8,006 counseling sessions in the System's office locations and throughout the state at outreach events. Demand for in-person counseling events remained high, but our virtual counseling led with 52% of the total output. Virtual counseling experienced exponential growth from a minimal presence in January 2020 to exclusive reliance by the end of the year. The trend has since stabilized and appears to have leveled off over the past couple fiscal years. Although more than half of all combined office and outreach counseling sessions are virtual, 91% of those performed solely through outreach efforts are in-person. This fact demonstrates the need

for a variety of delivery platforms to meet the demands of our wide-ranging demographics and needs based on where members reside.

We continue to improve upon the auto-approval process implemented by our Retirement Services division. The updated processes have dramatically reduced processing time, allowing us to dedicate staff to other complex tasks. As of June 30, 2024, a remarkable 86.6% of submitted return-to-work contracts were auto-approved in under ten minutes, a stark contrast to several hours required for manual processing. This streamlined approach not only expedites contract approval, but also optimizes our team's efficiency.

Other Information

INDEPENDENT AUDIT - The Board requires an annual audit of the financial statements of the System by independent, certified public accountants. The accounting firm of KPMG LLP was selected by the Board. The independent auditors' report on the *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position* and the related *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position* is included in the Financial Section of this report.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - The compilation of this report reflects the combined effort of the staff under the leadership of the Board. It is intended to provide complete and reliable information as a basis for making management decisions, as a means of determining compliance with legal provisions, and as a means for determining responsible stewardship of the assets contributed by the System's members, their employers, and the State of Georgia.

Copies of this report can be obtained by contacting the System, or may be downloaded from the System's website.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Governor Brian Kemp, members of the Georgia General Assembly, the staff, the advisors, and to the many people who have worked so diligently to ensure the successful operation of the System.

Sincerely,



L.C. (Buster) Evans, Ed.D.
Executive Director



YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM



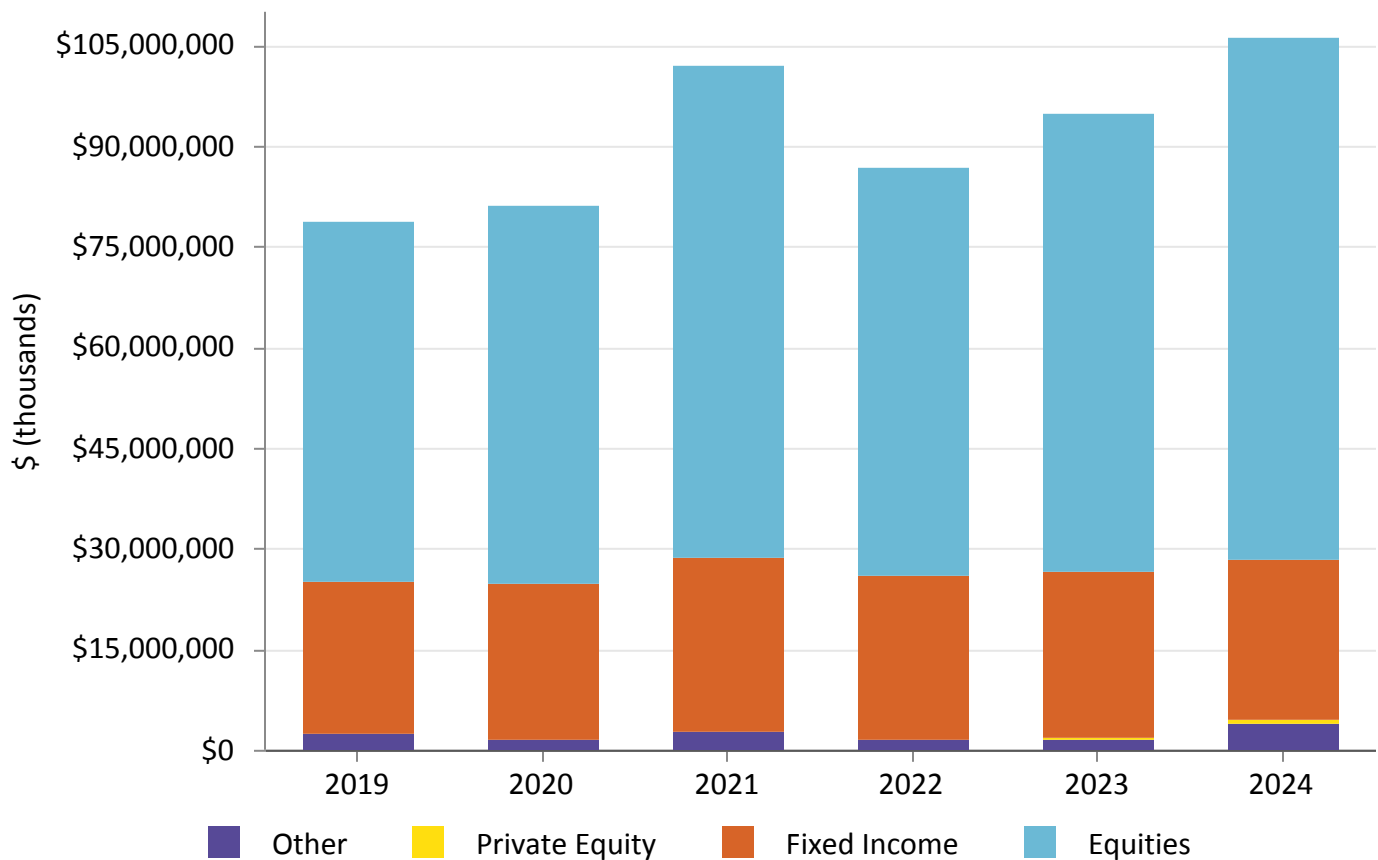
Financial & Statistical Highlights

Financial Highlights (dollars in thousands)	June 30,		
	2024	2023	% Change
Member Contributions	\$ 968,016	\$ 911,542	+6.2
Employer and Nonemployer Contributions	\$ 3,127,483	\$ 2,929,096	+6.8
Interest and Dividend Income	\$ 2,146,211	\$ 1,964,858	+9.2
Benefits Paid to Retired Members	\$ 6,224,330	\$ 5,957,380	+4.5
Refunds of Member Contributions	\$ 98,633	\$ 89,460	+10.3
Interest Credited to Member Contributions	\$ 457,310	\$ 436,192	+4.8
Statistical Highlights			
Active Membership	240,562	235,912	+2.0
Members Leaving the System	7,769	7,409	+4.9
Retired Members	151,881	148,063	+2.6
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ 3,415	\$ 3,353	+1.9



Total System Assets at June 30 (dollars in thousands)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Equities	\$53,433,296	\$56,198,730	\$73,188,525	\$60,694,882	\$68,386,851	\$77,640,031
Fixed Income	22,684,318	23,218,154	25,863,109	24,421,017	24,550,200	23,884,722
Private Equity	—	—	50,450	214,651	450,255	743,478
Other ⁽¹⁾	2,772,805	1,831,024	3,109,708	1,885,266	1,716,076	4,091,142
Total System Assets	\$78,890,419	\$81,247,908	\$102,211,792	\$87,215,816	\$95,103,382	\$106,359,373



⁽¹⁾ Includes cash and equivalents, receivables, real estate, net OPEB asset, and capital assets, net.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & ORGANIZATION

as of September 27, 2024



Dr. L.C. (Buster) Evans
Executive Director



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Chief Financial Officer



Charles W. Cary, Jr.
Chief Investment Officer
Investment Services



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Director
Retirement Services



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Director
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Management



Winston Buckley
Director
Communications & Outreach



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Member Services



Sonya Kinley
Chief Human Resources Officer
Human Resources



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Controller
Financial Services



Tom McMurry
Chief Information Officer
Information Technology

Consulting Services

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Cooke & Bieler
Fisher Investments
MFS Institutional Advisors, Inc.
Mondrian Investment Partners Limited
Sands Capital Management
WCM Investment Management

* See page 53 in the Investment Section for a summary of fees paid to Investment Advisors.

Purpose

The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) was established in 1943, by an act of the Georgia General Assembly for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for teachers of the State, and began operations in 1945. The System has the power and privileges of a corporation and the right to bring and defend actions.

The major objectives of the System are (1) to pay monthly benefits due to retirees accurately and in a timely manner, (2) to soundly invest retirement funds to ensure adequate financing for future benefits due and for other obligations of the System, (3) to accurately account for the status and contributions of all active and inactive members, (4) to provide statewide educational and counseling services for System members, and (5) to process refunds due to terminated members.

Administration

State statutes provide that the administration of the System be vested in a ten-member Board of Trustees (the Board) comprised as follows:

Ex-officio members:

- the State Auditor
- the State Treasurer

Governor's appointees:

- two active members of the System who are classroom teachers and not employees of the Board of Regents
- one active member of the System who is a public school administrator
- one active member of the System who is not an employee of the Board of Regents
- one member-at-large

Board of Regents appointee:

- one active member of the System who is an employee of the Board of Regents

Trustee appointees:

- one member who has retired under the System
- one individual who is a citizen of the State, not a member of the System, and experienced in the investment of money

A complete listing of the current members of the Board is included on page 4 of this report.

Management of the System is the responsibility of the Executive Director who is appointed by the Board and serves at its pleasure. On behalf of the Board, the Executive Director is responsible for the proper operation of the System, engaging such actuarial and other services as shall be necessary to transact business, and paying expenses necessary for operations. A listing of the administrative staff is included on page 10 of this report.

Membership

All personnel employed in a permanent status position, and not less than one-half time, with local boards of education, charter schools, universities and colleges, technical colleges, Board of Regents, county and regional libraries, Regional Educational Service Agencies, and certain State of Georgia agencies are required to be members as a condition of employment. Exceptions to TRS membership include employees required to participate in another Georgia retirement plan or employees who may elect the Board of Regents Optional Retirement Plan in lieu of TRS membership.

Eligibility

Service Retirement

Active members may retire and elect to receive monthly retirement benefits after one of the following conditions: 1) completion of 10 years of creditable service and attainment of age 60, or 2) completion of 25 years of creditable service.

Disability Retirement

Members are eligible to apply for monthly retirement benefits under the disability provision of the law if they are an active member, have at least 10 years of creditable service, and are permanently disabled.

The Formula

Normal Retirement

Any member who has at least 30 years of creditable service or who has at least 10 years of creditable service and has attained age 60 will receive a benefit calculated by using the percentage of salary formula. Simply stated, two percent (2%) is multiplied by the member's years of creditable service established with the System, including partial years (not to exceed 40 years). The product is then multiplied by the average monthly salary for the two highest consecutive membership years of service. The resulting product is the monthly retirement benefit under the maximum plan of retirement.

Early Retirement

Any member who has not reached the age of 60 and has between 25 and 30 years of creditable service will receive a reduced benefit. The benefit will be calculated using the percentage of salary formula explained above. It will then be reduced by the lesser of 1/12 of 7% for each month the member is below age 60 or 7% for each year or fraction thereof the member has less than 30 years of creditable service. The resulting product is the monthly retirement benefit under the maximum plan of retirement.

SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

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Disability Retirement

Disability retirement benefits are also calculated using the percentage of salary formula explained above. The resulting product is the monthly disability retirement benefit under the maximum plan. The member must have at least 10 years of creditable service to qualify; however, there is no age requirement for disability retirement.

Plan A - Maximum Plan of Retirement

This plan produces the largest possible monthly benefit payable to the member only during his or her lifetime. There are no survivorship benefits under this plan.

Plan B - Optional Plans of Retirement

Upon retirement, a member of the System may elect one of six optional plans that provide survivorship benefits. The election of an optional form of payment is made upon application for retirement and it becomes irrevocable upon distribution of the first benefit check. The six options are as follows:

Option 1

The retiring member accepts a relatively small reduction from the maximum monthly benefit in order to guarantee to the estate, beneficiary, or beneficiaries named on the retirement application, a lump-sum refund of any remaining portion of member contributions and interest.

Option 2

This plan offers the retiring member a reduced monthly benefit, based on the ages of the member and the beneficiary, payable for life. It further provides a guarantee to the surviving named beneficiary that, at the death of the retired member, the beneficiary will receive the same basic monthly retirement allowance the member received at the date of retirement plus any cost-of-living increases the member received up to the time of death.

Option 2 Pop-Up

Any member may elect a reduced retirement allowance to be designated Option 2 Pop-Up with the provision that if the beneficiary dies prior to the retiree that the basic benefit payable to the retiree shall increase to an amount the retiree would have received under Plan A - Maximum Plan.

Option 3

This plan of retirement offers a reduced monthly benefit that is based on the ages of the member and the beneficiary. The resulting benefit is paid to the retired member for life, with the guarantee to the surviving named beneficiary that at the time of the retired member's death, the beneficiary will receive a payment for life of one-half of the initial monthly benefit received by the member at the time of retirement plus one-half of any cost-of-living increases the member received up to the time of death.

Option 3 Pop-Up

Any member may elect a reduced retirement allowance to be designated Option 3 Pop-Up with the provision that if the beneficiary dies prior to the retiree, the basic benefit payable to the retiree shall increase to the amount the retiree would have received under Plan A - Maximum Plan.

Option 4

This option offers a reduced monthly lifetime benefit in exchange for the flexibility to designate a specific dollar amount or percentage of the retiring member's monthly benefit to be paid to the beneficiary after the retired member's death. The beneficiary benefits specified under this plan cannot cause the retired member's monthly benefit to be reduced below 50% of the maximum benefit available to them. If multiple beneficiaries predecease the retiree, the dollar amounts for the percentages are not adjusted. Beneficiaries also receive a prorated share of any cost-of-living increases the retiree received up to the date of death.

Partial Lump-Sum Option Plan

TRS offers a Partial Lump-Sum Option Plan (PLOP) at retirement. In exchange for a permanently reduced lifetime benefit, a member may elect to receive a lump-sum distribution in addition to a monthly retirement benefit. The age of the member and plan of retirement are used to determine the reduction in the benefit.

A member is eligible to participate in the PLOP if he or she meets the following criteria. A member must:

- have 30 years of creditable service or 10 years of creditable service and attain age 60 (not early retirement).
- not retire with disability benefits.

At retirement, a member may elect a lump-sum distribution in an amount between 1 and 36 months of his or her normal monthly retirement benefit. This amount will be calculated under Plan A - Maximum Plan of Retirement and will be rounded up or down to be a multiple of \$1,000. If a PLOP distribution is elected, the monthly benefit is actuarially reduced to reflect the value of the PLOP distribution. The combination of both the PLOP distribution and the reduced benefit are the same actuarial value as the unreduced normal benefit alone.

Financing the System

The funds to finance the System come from member contributions, 6.00% of annual salary; employer contributions, 19.98% of annual salary; and investment income.



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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System), a component unit of the State of Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the System as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the System and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the System's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the System's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the management's discussion and analysis and the schedule of changes in employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability, schedule of employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability and related ratios, schedule of employer and nonemployer contributions, schedule of investment returns, schedule of the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability to ERS, schedule of the System's contributions to ERS, schedule of the System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset), schedule of the System's contributions to OPEB plans, and the notes to required supplementary information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements. The schedule of administrative expenses and schedule of investment expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial

statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual comprehensive financial report. The other information comprises the introductory, investment, actuarial, and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 27, 2024 on our consideration of the System's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KPMG LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
September 27, 2024

This section provides a discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) for the year ended June 30, 2024. The discussion and analysis of the System's financial performance is within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

The following highlights are discussed in more detail later in this analysis:

- At June 30, 2024, the System's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$106.2 billion (reported as net position) as compared to the net position of \$95.0 billion at June 30, 2023, representing an increase of \$11.2 billion, or 11.8%.
- Contributions from members increased by \$56.5 million or 6.2% from \$911.5 million in 2023 to \$968.0 million in 2024. Employer and nonemployer contributing entity (Nonemployer) contributions increased by \$198.4 million or 6.8% from \$2.9 billion in 2023 to \$3.1 billion in 2024. The increase in member and employer contributions is primarily due to an increase in the number of active members and higher average member payroll during the year.
- Pension benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries for the years ended June 30, 2024, and 2023 were \$6.2 billion and \$6.0 billion, respectively, representing an increase of 4.5%. This is due to an increase in the number of retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefit payments and postretirement benefit adjustments.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include (1) the *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*, (2) the *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The System also includes in this report additional information to supplement the financial statements.

The System prepares its financial statements on an accrual basis in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These statements provide information about the System's overall financial status.

In addition, the System presents eight required supplementary schedules, which provide historical trend information about the plan. Four of these schedules are presented from the perspective of the System reporting as the plan and include (1) a *Schedule of Changes in Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability*; (2) a *Schedule of Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios*; (3) a *Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Contributions*; and (4) a *Schedule of Investment Returns*. Four schedules are presented from the perspective of the System reporting as the employer for its employees who

participate in either the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS), the State Employees' Assurance Department Retired and Vested Inactive Members Trust Fund (SEAD-OPEB), or the Georgia State Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (State OPEB) and include (1) a *Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to ERS*; (2) a *Schedule of the System's Contributions to ERS*; (3) a *Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)*; and (4) a *Schedule of the System's Contributions to OPEB Plans*.

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

The *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position* presents information that includes all of the System's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the balance reported as and representing the Net Position Restricted for Pensions. This statement is presented on page 19.

The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

The *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position* reports how the System's net position changed during the fiscal year. The additions and the deductions to net position are summarized in this statement. The additions include contributions and investment income, which includes the net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments. The deductions include benefit payments, refunds of member contributions, and administrative expenses. This statement is presented on page 20.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the System's financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 21 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

A brief explanation of the eight required schedules found beginning on page 43 of this report follows:

Schedule of Changes in Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability: This schedule presents historical trend information for the last ten consecutive fiscal years about the changes in the net pension liability and includes the beginning and ending balances of the total pension liability and the plan's fiduciary net position, the net pension liability, and the effects of certain changes on those items.

Schedule of Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios: This schedule presents historical trend information for the last ten consecutive fiscal years about the net pension liability and includes total pension liability, the plan's fiduciary net position, net pension liability, covered payroll, and

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the ratios of fiduciary net position to total pension liability and net pension liability to covered payroll.

Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Contributions: This schedule presents historical trend information for the last ten consecutive fiscal years about the actuarially determined contributions of employers and nonemployer and the contributions made in relation to the requirement.

Schedule of Investment Returns: This schedule presents historical trend information for the last ten consecutive fiscal years about the annual money-weighted rate of return on plan investments, net of plan investment expense.

Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to ERS: This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability for its employees who participate in the ERS plan.

Schedule of the System's Contributions to ERS: This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's contributions for its employees who participate in the ERS plan.

Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset): This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) for its employees who participate in the State OPEB plan or the SEAD-OPEB plan. This trend information will be accumulated to display a 10-year presentation.

Schedule of the System's Contributions to OPEB Plans: This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's contributions for its employees who participate in the State OPEB and/or SEAD-OPEB plans. This trend information will be accumulated to display a 10-year presentation.

Financial Analysis of the System

A summary of the System's net position at June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

Summary of TRS Fiduciary Net Position (dollars in thousands)

	Net position June 30,		Amount change	Percentage change
	2024	2023		
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents and receivables	\$ 4,070,278	1,703,880	2,366,398	138.9 %
Investments	102,276,162	93,387,306	8,888,856	9.5
Net OPEB asset	5,174	4,389	785	17.9
Capital assets, net	7,759	7,807	(48)	(0.6)
Total assets	<u>106,359,373</u>	<u>95,103,382</u>	<u>11,255,991</u>	11.8
Deferred outflows of resources	16,270	27,070	(10,800)	(39.9)
Liabilities:				
Due to brokers and accounts payable	151,675	78,995	72,680	92.0
Net pension liability	44,199	51,956	(7,757)	(14.9)
Net OPEB liability	2,197	3,648	(1,451)	(39.8)
Total liabilities	<u>198,071</u>	<u>134,599</u>	<u>63,472</u>	47.2
Deferred inflows of resources	3,571	4,658	(1,087)	(23.3)
Net position restricted for pensions	<u>\$106,174,001</u>	<u>94,991,195</u>	<u>11,182,806</u>	11.8

The \$11.2 billion, or 11.8%, increase in net position from 2023 to 2024 is primarily due to positive equity market returns.



The following table presents the investment allocation at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

Investment Allocation	2024	2023
Asset allocation at June 30 (in percentages):		
Equities:		
Domestic	59.3 %	57.1 %
International	16.6	16.1
Private equity	0.7	0.5
Domestic obligations:		
U.S. treasuries	16.8	18.6
Corporate and other bonds	6.2	7.3
International obligations:		
Corporates	0.4	0.4
Real Estate	—	—
Asset allocation at June 30 (dollars in thousands):		
Equities:		
Domestic	\$ 60,692,483	53,366,426
International	16,947,548	15,020,425
Private equity	743,478	450,255
Domestic obligations:		
U.S. treasuries	17,130,495	17,356,194
Corporate and other bonds	6,381,716	6,827,448
International obligations:		
Corporates	372,511	366,558
Real Estate	7,931	—
	<u>\$102,276,162</u>	<u>93,387,306</u>

The total investment portfolio at June 30, 2024 increased \$8.9 billion, or 9.5%, from June 30, 2023, which is primarily due to positive equity market returns.

Investment performance is calculated using a time-weighted rate of return using the Daily Valuation Method. The time-weighted rate of return in fiscal year 2024 was 14.5%, with a 19.0% return for equities, a 9.5% return on private equity (inception date March 2021), and a 2.8% return for fixed income. The five-year annualized rate of return at June 30, 2024 was 8.8% with a 11.9% return on equities and a 0.4% return on fixed income.

A money-weighted rate of return is weighted by the amount of dollars in the fund at the beginning and end of the performance period. A money-weighted rate of return is highly influenced by the timing of cash flows into and out of the fund and is a better measure of an entity or person who controls the cash flows into or out of the fund. The nondiscretionary cash flows for the plan, primarily contributions and benefit payments, have a considerable impact on the money-weighted returns of the portfolio. The money-weighted rate of return for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 11.5%, compared to 8.6% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

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A summary of the changes in the System's net position for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

Changes in TRS Fiduciary Net Position (dollars in thousands)

	Changes in net position		Amount change	Percentage change
	2024	2023		
Additions:				
Employer contributions	\$ 3,121,575	2,923,577	197,998	6.8 %
Nonemployer contributions	5,908	5,519	389	7.0
Member contributions	968,016	911,542	56,474	6.2
Net investment income	13,434,751	10,097,823	3,336,928	33.0
Total additions	17,530,250	13,938,461	3,591,789	25.8
Deductions:				
Benefits payments	6,224,330	5,957,380	266,950	4.5
Refunds	98,633	89,460	9,173	10.3
Administrative expenses, net	24,481	23,285	1,196	5.1
Total deductions	6,347,444	6,070,125	277,319	4.6
Net increase in net position	11,182,806	7,868,336	3,314,470	42.1
Beginning of year	94,991,195	87,122,859	7,868,336	9.0
End of year	106,174,001	94,991,195	11,182,806	11.8

Additions

The System accumulates resources needed to fund benefits through contributions and returns on invested funds. Member contributions were higher with an increase of \$56.5 million, or 6.2%, primarily due to an increase in membership salary in 2024 coupled with an increase in active members. Employer contributions were higher with an increase of \$198.0 million, or 6.8%, compared to 2023 primarily due to increases in membership salaries and an increase in the number of active members from 235,912 in 2023 to 240,562 in 2024. The change in net investment income was primarily due to equity market gains in 2024.

Deductions

Deductions increased \$277.3 million, or 4.6%, in 2024, primarily because of the \$267.0 million, or 4.5%, increase in benefit payments. Regular pension benefit payments increased due to an increase in the number of retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefit payments from 148,063 in 2023 to 151,881 in 2024, and an increase in postretirement benefits.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the System's finances for all those with interest in the System's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, Two Northside 75, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30318.

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

June 30, 2024 (in thousands)



Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,350,249
Receivables:	
Interest and dividends	267,590
Due from brokers for securities sold	103,456
Member and employer contributions	299,343
Securities Lending	42,000
Other	7,640
Total receivables	<u>720,029</u>
Investments:	
Equities:	
Domestic	60,692,483
International	16,947,548
Private equity	743,478
Real Estate	7,931
Domestic obligations:	
U.S. treasuries	17,130,495
Corporate and other bonds	6,381,716
International obligations:	
Corporates	372,511
Total investments	<u>102,276,162</u>
Net OPEB asset	5,174
Capital assets, net	7,759
Total assets	<u>106,359,373</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>16,270</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and other	13,612
Due to brokers for securities purchased	138,063
Net pension liability	44,199
Net OPEB liability	2,197
Total liabilities	<u>198,071</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,571</u>
Net Position Restricted for Pensions	<u>\$ 106,174,001</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024 (in thousands)



Additions:

Contributions:

Employer	\$ 3,121,575
Nonemployer	5,908
Member	968,016

Investment income:

Net increase in fair value of investments	11,349,885
Interest, dividends, and other	2,146,211
Total investment gain	13,496,096
Less: investment expense	61,345
Net investment income	13,434,751
Total additions	17,530,250

Deductions:

Benefit payments	6,224,330
Refunds of member contributions	98,633
Administrative expenses, net	24,481
Total deductions	6,347,444
Net increase in net position	11,182,806

Net Position Restricted for Pensions:

Beginning of year	94,991,195
End of year	\$ 106,174,001

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

1. Plan Description

Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) was created in 1943 by an act of the Georgia Legislature (the Act) to provide retirement benefits for teachers who qualify under the Act. The System administers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No.67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*. A Board of Trustees (the Board) comprising two appointees of the Board, two ex-officio state employees, five appointees of the Governor, and one appointee of the Board of Regents is ultimately responsible for the administration of the System.

Eligibility and Membership

All teachers in the state public schools, the University System of Georgia (except those professors and principal administrators electing to participate in an optional retirement plan), and certain other designated employees in educational-related work are eligible for membership. There were 328 employers and 1 nonemployer contributing entity participating in the plan during 2024.

Retirement Benefits

As of June 30, 2024, participation in the System is as follows:

Inactive members and beneficiaries	
currently receiving benefits	151,881
Inactive members not yet	
receiving benefits, vested	16,072
Inactive members, nonvested	127,321
Active plan members	<u>240,562</u>
Total	<u><u>535,836</u></u>

The System provides service retirement, disability retirement, and survivor's benefits. Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) assigns the authority to establish and amend the provisions of the System to the State Legislature. A member is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. A member is eligible for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service.

Normal retirement (pension) benefits paid to members are equal to 2% of the average of the member's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. Early retirement benefits are reduced by the lesser of one-twelfth of 7% for each month the member is below age 60 or by 7% for each year, or fraction thereof, by which the member has less than 30 years of service. It is also assumed that certain cost-of-living adjustments, based on the Consumer Price Index, may be made in future years. Retirement benefits are payable monthly for life. A member may elect to receive a partial lump-sum distribution in addition to a

reduced monthly retirement benefit. Options are available for distribution of the member's monthly pension, at a reduced rate, to a designated beneficiary upon the member's death.

Death and Disability Benefits

Retirement benefits also include death and disability benefits, whereby the disabled member or surviving spouse is entitled to receive annually an amount equal to the member's service retirement benefit or disability retirement, whichever is greater. The benefit is based on the member's creditable service (minimum of 10 years of service) and compensation up to the time of disability.

The death benefit is the amount that would be payable to the member's beneficiary had the member retired on the date of death with either a service retirement allowance or a disability retirement allowance, whichever is larger. The benefit is based on the member's creditable service (minimum of 10 years of service) and compensation up to the date of death.

Contributions

The System is funded by member, employer, and nonemployer contributions. The contribution rates are adopted and amended by the Board. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §47-3-63, the employer contributions for certain full-time public school support personnel are funded on behalf of the employers by the State of Georgia.

Contributions, as a percentage of covered payroll, required for fiscal year 2024 were based on the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation as follows:

Member	<u>6.00 %</u>
Employer:	
Normal	8.66 %
Unfunded accrued liability	<u>11.32 %</u>
Total	<u><u>19.98 %</u></u>

Members become fully vested after 10 years of service. If a member terminates with less than 10 years of service, no vesting of employer contributions occurs, but the member's contributions may be refunded with interest. Member contributions with accumulated interest are reported as net position restricted for pensions.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Plan Asset Matters

Basis of Accounting

The System's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions from the employers, nonemployer, and the members are recognized when due, based on statutory requirements. Retirement and refund payments are recognized as deductions when due and payable.

Reporting Entity

The System is a component unit of the State of Georgia; however, it is accountable for its own fiscal matters and presentation of its separate financial statements. The System has considered potential component units under GASB Statements No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units*, GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity's Omnibus – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, and GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, and determined there were no component units of the System.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, reported at cost, include cash in banks and cash on deposit with the investment custodian.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value and, in some cases, net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient to fair value. Additionally, real estate held for investment is valued at acquisition cost. Equity securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price. Investments in private investment companies are valued utilizing the NAVs provided by the underlying private investment companies as a practical expedient. The Pooled Investment Fund (the Fund) applies the practical expedient to its investments in private investment companies on an investment by investment basis, consistent with the Fund's entire position in a particular investment, unless it is probable that the Fund will sell a portion of an investment at an amount different from the NAV of the investment. Private equity fair value is measured using the valuation of the underlying companies as reported by the general partner. These investments, in the form of limited partnerships, reflect values and related performance on a quarter-lag basis due to the nature of the investments and the time it takes to value them. The estimated fair value of investments without readily determinable market values could differ significantly if a ready market for these assets existed. Fixed income securities are valued based primarily on quoted market prices provided by independent pricing sources. Global foreign exchange holdings are translated using a third-party vendor. Investment income is recognized as earned by the System. There are no investments in, loans to, or leases with parties related to the System.

The System utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, foreign currency, and overall market volatility risk.

Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

The System's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established on a cost basis in compliance with Georgia statute. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan. The following was the System's adopted asset allocation policy as of June 30, 2024:

Asset Class	Target Allocation
Fixed income	25% - 45%
Equities	55% - 75%
Alternative investments	0% - 5%
Total	100%

Approximately 16.8% of the investments held for pension benefits are invested in debt securities of the U.S. government. The System has no investments in any one organization, other than those issued by the U.S. government, that represent 5% or more of the System's net position restricted for pensions.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 11.5%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Capital Assets

The System has two categories of capital assets which are tangible capital assets and intangible right-to-use subscription assets.

Tangible capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Tangible capital assets costing \$5,000 or more are capitalized. These assets are included within Capital assets, net on the *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*. Depreciation on tangible capital assets is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to forty years. Depreciation expense is included in administrative expenses, net. Maintenance and repairs are charged to administrative expenses when incurred. When tangible assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the costs and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position* in the period of disposal. The following table summarizes the estimated useful life by class:

Tangible Capital Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life
Buildings	40 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-7 years
Computer equipment	3-7 years
Computer software	3-10 years

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Plan Asset Matters, *continued*

Intangible right-to-use subscription assets are assets that convey control of the right to use another entity's information technology software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets, as specified in the contract for a period of time, in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. For eligible contracts with a term greater than 12 months, the System records intangible right-to-use subscription assets and related subscription liabilities, if applicable, at the commencement date of the contract. The intangible right-to-use subscription asset is calculated from the initial measurement of the subscription liability, plus any payments made to the vendor at or before the commencement of the contract term, plus any applicable implementation costs. The System has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$100,000. These assets are included within Capital assets, net on the *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*. Subscription liabilities represent the System's obligation to make subscription payments and are measured at the present value of expected subscription payments over the contract term. These liabilities are included within Accounts payable and other on the *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*. When the interest rate is not provided in the contract, the System has elected to calculate the present value using the State's incremental borrowing rate. Amortization of intangible right-to-use subscription assets is computed using the straight-line method over the shorter of the term of the contract or the estimated remaining useful life of the underlying asset. Interest expense is recognized over the contract term. Amortization and interest expenses are included in either Administrative expenses, net or Less investment expense on the *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*.

For contracts that contain both a subscription component and a non-subscription component, the components are accounted for separately except when it is not practicable and the System accounts for both components as a single subscription based information technology arrangement (SBITA). Contracts that are entered into at or near the same time with the vendor are considered part of the same contract when the contracts are negotiated as a package with a single objective.

System Employee Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For the plans listed below, for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, net OPEB asset, net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB, and pension and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plans and additions to and deductions from the fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value and in some cases NAV as a practical expedient to fair value.

Pensions:

- Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS)

OPEB:

- Georgia State Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (State OPEB)
- State Employees' Assurance Department Retired and Vested Inactive Members Trust Fund (SEAD-OPEB)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of fiduciary net position and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Pronouncements effective for the 2024 financial statements:

In April 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. Some of the requirements of this Statement were effective upon issuance, while others were effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 and June 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to improve the consistency of authoritative literature and enhance the comparability in accounting and financial reporting. The variety of topics to be implemented for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023 include financial guarantees and classification and reporting of derivative instruments. There are no applicable reporting requirements for the System related to this Statement.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* — an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting for accounting changes and error corrections to have greater consistency in reporting. There are no applicable reporting requirements for the System related to this Statement this fiscal year; however, when an accounting change or error correction is required the System will apply these new requirements under Statement No. 100.

Pronouncements issued, but not yet effective:

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to eliminate potential comparability issues between governments that offer different leave types and enhance the relevance and reliability of the liability for compensated absences. The System is in the process of evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

In December 2023, the GASB issued Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Plan Asset Matters, *continued*

concentrations or constraints. The System is in the process of assessing and determining whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued.

In April 2024, the GASB issued Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues. The System is in the process of evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

3. Investment Program

The System maintains sufficient cash to meet its immediate liquidity needs. Cash not immediately needed is invested as directed by the Board. All investments are held by agent custodial banks in the name of the System. State statutes and the System's investment policy authorize the System to invest in a variety of short-term and long-term securities as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the System's deposits totaled approximately \$3.4 billion at June 30, 2024, with actual bank balances of approximately \$3.4 billion. The System's cash balances are fully insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, an independent agency of the U.S. government.

The System engages in repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements as part of the securities lending program. The System and the broker exchange cash for direct obligations of the U.S. government or obligations unconditionally guaranteed by agencies of the U.S. government or U.S. corporations. The System or broker promises to repay the cash received plus interest at a specific date in the future in exchange for the same securities.

Short-term securities authorized but not currently used are:

- U.S. Treasury obligations.
- Commercial paper, with a maturity of 180 days or less. Commercial paper is an unsecured promissory note issued primarily by corporations for a specific amount and maturing on a specific day. The System considers for investment only commercial paper of the highest quality, rated P-1 and/or A-1 by national credit rating agencies.
- Master notes, an overnight security administered by a custodian bank, and an obligation of a corporation whose commercial paper is rated P-1 and/or A-1 by national credit rating agencies.

Investments in commercial paper or master notes are limited to no more than \$500 million in any one name.

Investments

Fixed income investments, managed by the Division of Investment Services (the Division), are authorized in the following instruments:

- U.S. and foreign government obligations. At June 30, 2024, the System held US Treasury bonds of approximately \$17.1 billion.
- U.S. and foreign corporate obligations. At June 30, 2024, the System held U.S. corporate bonds of approximately \$6.4 billion and international corporate bonds of approximately \$372.5 million.
- Obligations unconditionally guaranteed by agencies of the U.S. government. At June 30, 2024, the System did not hold agency bonds.
- Private placements are authorized under the same general restrictions applicable to corporate bonds. At June 30, 2024, the System did not hold private placements.

Mortgage investments are authorized to the extent that they are secured by first mortgages on improved real property located in the state of Georgia.

Real estate is authorized by statute. The allocation shall not exceed 10% of the System's plan assets. At June 30, 2024, the System held real estate of approximately \$7.9 million.

Equity securities are also authorized by statute for investment as a complement to the System's fixed income portfolio and as a long-term inflation hedge. No more than 75% of the invested assets on a historical cost basis may be placed in equities. Equity holdings in any one corporation may not exceed 5% of the outstanding equity of the issuing corporation. The equity portfolio is managed by the Division in conjunction with independent advisors. Buy/sell decisions are based on securities meeting rating criteria established by the Board; in-house research considering such matters as yield, growth, and sales statistics; and analysis of independent market research. Equity trades are approved and executed by the Division's staff. Common stocks eligible for investment are approved by the Investment Committee of the Board before being placed on an approved list.





3. Investment Program, *continued*

Equity investments are authorized in the following instruments:

- Domestic equities are those securities considered by the O.C.G.A. to be domiciled in the United States. At June 30, 2024, the System held domestic equities of approximately \$60.7 billion.
- International equities, including American Depository Receipts (ADR), are not considered by the O.C.G.A. to be domiciled in the United States. At June 30, 2024, the System held ADRs of approximately \$9.15 billion and international equities of approximately \$7.79 billion.
- Alternative investments are authorized by statute to provide portfolio diversification and to enhance the risk-adjusted rate of return for the retirement fund that benefits the members of the System. By statute, the allocation to alternative investments shall not, in the aggregate, exceed 5.0% of the System's plan assets at any time. Further, in any calendar year, new commitments to alternative investments shall not, in the aggregate, exceed 1.0% of the System's plan assets until the first occurrence that 4.5% of the assets have been invested, at which time there shall be no limit on the percentage of commitments that may be made in any calendar year, subject to compliance with other provisions of the statute. At June 30, 2024, the System held private equity investments of approximately \$743.5 million.

Fair Value Measurements: The System categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the inputs used in valuation and gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets and requires that observable inputs be used in the valuations when available. The disclosure of fair value estimates in the hierarchy is based on whether the significant inputs into the valuations are observable. In determining the level of the hierarchy in which the estimate is disclosed, the highest level, Level 1, is given to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets and the lowest level, Level 3, to unobservable inputs.

Level 1 - Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets that the System has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Valuations based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable.

Level 3 - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The System also has investments held through limited partnerships for which fair value is estimated using the NAV reported by the general partner as a practical expedient to fair value. Such investments have not been categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

The System has real estate investments held at acquisition value. Such investments are not included in the fair value schedule.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The System's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each investment.

Equity securities classified in Level 1 are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Equity securities classified in Level 2 are valued using prices quoted for similar instruments in active markets. Equity securities classified in Level 3 are valued using third-party valuations not currently observable in the market.

Debt securities classified in Level 1 are valued using prices quoted in active markets. Debt securities classified in Level 2 are valued using either a bid evaluation or a matrix pricing technique. Bid evaluations may include market quotations, yields, maturities, call features, and ratings. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices. These securities have nonproprietary information that is readily available to market participants, from multiple independent sources, which are known to be actively involved in the market.

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3. Investment Program, *continued*

This table shows the fair value leveling of the System's investments (in thousands):

Investments Measured at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024 (dollars in thousands)

Investments by fair value level	Fair value measures using			Total
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets	Significant other observable inputs	Significant unobservable inputs	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Equities:				
Domestic	\$ 60,692,483	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 60,692,483
International	16,759,342	188,206	—	16,947,548
Obligations:				
Domestic:				
U.S. treasuries	17,130,495	—	—	17,130,495
Corporate bonds	—	6,381,716	—	6,381,716
International:				
Corporate bonds	—	372,511	—	372,511
Total investments by fair value level	<u>\$ 94,582,320</u>	<u>\$ 6,942,433</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 101,524,753</u>
Investments measured at NAV*				
Private equity funds				<u>743,478</u>
Total				<u>\$ 102,268,231</u>

*Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.



3. Investment Program, *continued*

Unfunded commitments, redemption frequency, and redemption notice period relative to the System’s alternative investments for which the System utilized NAV or its equivalent relative to the determination of fair value at June 30, 2024, are as follows (in thousands):

	Investments measured at NAV	Unfunded commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption notice period
Private equity funds	743,478	1,184,251	Not Eligible	N/A

Investments in privately held limited partnerships are valued using the NAV provided by the general partner as of March 31 of each fiscal year, adjusted by the System for cash flows through June 30. The quarterly values of the partnership investments provided from the general partner are reviewed by the System to determine if any adjustments are necessary. The types of partnership strategies held include control distressed, oil and gas energy, growth equity, leveraged buyouts, and co-investment. Investments typically have an approximate life of 10–12 years. These investments are considered illiquid since the nature of these private investments prohibits redemption with the fund; instead, distributions are received from the general partner through liquidation of the underlying assets of the fund. The System currently has no plans to sell any of the investments prior to their liquidation, resulting in these assets being carried at the NAV estimated by the general partner and adjusted for final quarter cash flows by the System.

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the System. O.C.G.A. 47-20-84 limits investments to investment grade securities. It is the System’s investment policy to require that the bond portfolio be of high quality and chosen with respect to maturity ranges, coupon levels, refunding characteristics, and marketability. The System’s policy is to require that new purchases of bonds be restricted to high-grade bonds rated no lower than "A" by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not require disclosure of credit quality. The quality ratings of investments in fixed income securities as described by Standard & Poor’s and by Moody’s Investors Service, which are nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, at June 30, 2024, are shown in the chart on the following page.

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3. Investment Program, *continued*

Investment type	Standard and Poor's/ Moody's quality rating	June 30, 2024 Fair value
Domestic obligations:		
U.S. treasuries		\$ 17,130,495
Corporates	AAA/Aaa	1,017,830
	AA/Aaa	770,890
	AA/Aa	1,944,301
	AA/A	752,467
	A/A	1,513,192
	BBB/Baa	383,036
Total domestic corporates		6,381,716
International obligations:		
Corporates	AA/Aa	372,511
Total fixed income investments		<u>\$ 23,884,722</u>

Concentration of Credit Risk: Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. At June 30, 2024, the System did not have debt or equity investments in any one organization, other than those issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies, which represented greater than 5% of total investments.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. While the System has no formal interest rate risk policy, active management of the bond portfolio incorporates interest rate risk to generate improved returns. This risk is managed within the

portfolio using the effective duration method. This method is widely used in the management of fixed income portfolios and quantifies to a much greater degree the sensitivity to interest rate changes when analyzing a bond portfolio with call options, prepayment provisions, and any other cash flows. Effective duration makes assumptions regarding the most likely timing and amounts of variable cash flows and is best utilized to gauge the effect of a change in interest rates on the fair value of a portfolio. It is believed that the reporting of effective duration found in the table below quantifies to the fullest extent possible the interest rate risk of the System's fixed income assets.

Fixed income type	Fair value June 30, 2024	Percentage of all fixed income assets	Effective duration (years)
Domestic obligations:			
U.S. treasuries	\$ 17,130,495	71.7 %	5.1
Corporates	6,381,716	26.7	4.3
International obligations:			
Corporates	372,511	1.6	2.5
Total	<u>\$ 23,884,722</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	4.8

3. Investment Program, *continued*

Foreign Currency Risk: Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely impact the fair value of an investment. The System's currency risk exposures, or exchange rate risks, primarily reside within the System's international equity investment holdings. The System's asset allocation and investment policies allow for active and passive investments in international securities. The System's Board-adopted foreign exchange risk management policy is to minimize

risk and protect the investments from negative impact by hedging foreign currency exposures with foreign exchange instruments when market conditions and circumstances are deemed appropriate. Foreign exchange instruments are used to protect the value of noncash investments from currency movements. The System's foreign exchange risk management policy does not quantify limitations on foreign currency-denominated investments. As of June 30, 2024, the System's exposure to foreign currency risk in U.S. Dollars is highlighted in this table:

International Investment Securities at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024 (dollars in thousands)

Currency	Cash & cash equivalents	Equities	Fixed income	Total
Australian Dollar	\$ —	\$ 315,392	\$ —	\$ 315,392
Brazilian Real	—	93,627	—	93,627
British Pound Sterling	—	693,683	—	693,683
Canadian Dollar	—	317,012	—	317,012
Chilean Peso	—	13,487	—	13,487
Colombian Peso	—	5,386	—	5,386
Czech Koruna	—	10,305	—	10,305
Danish Krone	—	482,993	—	482,993
Euro	—	2,372,511	—	2,372,511
Hungarian Forint	—	12,680	—	12,680
Indian Rupee	245	588,969	—	589,214
Indonesian Rupiah	—	31,960	—	31,960
Israeli Shekel	—	22,257	—	22,257
Japanese Yen	—	1,030,124	—	1,030,124
Malaysian Ringgit	—	47,059	—	47,059
Mexican Peso	—	35,319	—	35,319
New Zealand Dollar	—	8,394	—	8,394
Norwegian Krone	—	17,229	—	17,229
Philippine Peso	30	17,915	—	17,945
Polish Zloty	—	33,356	—	33,356
Qatari Riyal	—	18,502	—	18,502
Singapore Dollar	—	111,975	—	111,975
South African Rand	—	66,060	—	66,060
South Korean Won	—	531,135	—	531,135
Swedish Krona	—	307,157	—	307,157
Swiss Franc	—	226,783	—	226,783
Taiwan Dollar	—	287,505	—	287,505
Thai Baht	—	47,145	—	47,145
UAE Dirham	—	47,730	—	47,730
Total holdings subject to foreign currency risk	275	7,793,650	—	7,793,925
Investment securities payable in U.S. dollars	—	9,153,898	372,511	9,526,409
Total international investments - at fair value	\$ 275	\$ 16,947,548	\$ 372,511	\$ 17,320,334

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4. Securities Lending Program

State statutes and the Board's policies permit the System to lend its securities to broker/dealers with a simultaneous agreement to return the collateral for the same securities in the future. The System is presently involved in securities lending programs or repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements that act as securities lending programs with major brokerage firms. The System lends equity and fixed income securities for varying terms and receives a fee. The System reports the net loan fee income earned as investment income on the *Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*. During a loan, the System continues to receive dividends and interest as the owner of the loaned securities. The brokerage firms pledge collateral securities consisting of U.S. government and agency securities, mortgage-backed securities issued by a U.S. government agency, corporate bonds, and equities. The collateral value must be equal to at least 102% to 109% of the loaned securities' value, depending on the type of collateral security.

Securities loaned totaled approximately \$7.0 billion at June 30, 2024. The collateral value was equal to 103.7% of the loaned securities' fair value at June 30, 2024. The System's lending collateral was held in the System's name by the triparty custodian.

Loaned securities are included in the accompanying *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position* since the System maintains ownership. The related collateral securities are not recorded as assets on the System's *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*, and a corresponding liability is not recorded, since the System is deemed not to have the ability to pledge or trade the collateral securities. In accordance with the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 28, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Securities Lending Transactions*, the System is deemed not to have the ability to pledge or sell collateral securities, since the System's lending contracts do not address whether the lender can pledge or sell the collateral securities without a borrower default, the System has not previously demonstrated that ability, and there are no indications of the System's ability to pledge or sell the collateral securities.

5. Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets and amortization/depreciation information as of June 30 and for the years then ended:

Summary of Capital Assets (dollars in thousands)

	Balance at June 30, 2023	Additions	Disposals	Balance at June 30, 2024
Capital assets:				
Land	\$ 4,124	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,124
Building	2,800	—	—	2,800
Furniture and fixtures	554	7	—	561
Computer equipment	3,209	1,387	(90)	4,506
Computer software	14,980	—	—	14,980
Intangible right-to-use subscriptions	1,469	32	—	1,501
	<u>27,136</u>	<u>1,426</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>28,472</u>
Accumulated amortization/depreciation for:				
Building	(1,330)	(70)	—	(1,400)
Furniture and fixtures	(473)	(61)	—	(534)
Computer equipment	(2,441)	(705)	90	(3,056)
Computer software	(14,980)	—	—	(14,980)
Intangible right-to-use subscriptions	(105)	(638)	—	(743)
	<u>(19,329)</u>	<u>(1,474)</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>(20,713)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 7,807</u>	<u>\$ (48)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 7,759</u>

5. Capital Assets, *continued*

The System enters into contracts to use other entities' information technology software to support the System. The contract term used in the measurement of the subscription liability includes the options to extend or terminate the contract when it is reasonably certain that the System will exercise that option. Variable payments that are fixed in substance, such as contracts that provide for increases in the future minimum annual subscription, are included in the measurement of the subscription liability. The System's current contracts expire at various dates through 2027.

The outstanding subscription liability as of June 30, 2024 was \$242 thousand. The total future minimum subscription payments under the subscription agreements are as follows:

Future Minimum Subscription Payments (dollars in thousands)		
Year Ended	Principal	Interest
2025	118	6
2026	124	4

6. Commitments

As of June 30, 2024, the System had committed to fund certain private equity partnerships for a total capital commitment of

\$1.8 billion. Of this amount, \$1.2 billion remained unfunded and is not recorded on the System's *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*.



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7. Net Pension Liability of Employers and Nonemployer

This table summarizes components of the net pension liability of the participating employers and nonemployer at June 30, 2024:

Components of Net Pension Liability (dollars in thousands)

Total pension liability	\$	131,308,611
Plan fiduciary net position		106,174,001
Employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability	\$	25,134,610
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		80.86 %

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 rolled forward to June 30, 2024 using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00 - 8.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.90%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Post-retirement benefit increases	1.50% semi-annually

Post-retirement mortality rates for service retirements and beneficiaries were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Headcount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally. The rates of improvement were reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. Post-retirement mortality rates for disability retirements were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Mortality Table for Disabled Retirees (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally. The rates of improvement were reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. The Pub-2010 Teachers Headcount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table with ages set forward one year and adjusted 106% was used for death prior to retirement. Future improvement in mortality rates was assumed using the MP-2019 projection scale

generationally. These rates of improvement were reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018, with the exception of the long-term assumed rate of return on assets (discount rate) which was changed from 7.50% to 7.25% effective with the June 30, 2018 valuation and then from 7.25% to 6.90% effective with the June 30, 2021 valuation. In addition, the assumed annual rate of inflation was changed from 2.75% to 2.50%, effective with the June 30, 2018 valuation, and the payroll growth assumption was changed from 3.00% to 2.50% effective with the June 30, 2021 valuation.



7. Net Pension Liability of Employers and Nonemployer, *continued*

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are

developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Target Allocation & Estimated Rates of Return by Asset Class

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00 %	1.50 %
Domestic large cap equities	46.40	9.10
Domestic small cap equities	1.10	13.00
International developed market equities	13.60	9.10
International emerging market equities	3.90	11.10
Alternatives	5.00	10.60
Total	100.00 %	

* Net of inflation

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and nonemployer contributions will be made at the actuarially determined employer contribution rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the net pension liability of the employers and nonemployer, calculated using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.90%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability

(dollars in thousands)

1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current discount rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
\$43,261,695	\$25,134,610	\$10,337,360

7. Net Pension Liability of Employers and Nonemployer, *continued*

Actuarial valuation date: The total pension liability is based upon the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation. An expected total pension liability is determined as of June 30, 2024 using standard roll-forward techniques. The roll-forward calculation adds the annual normal cost (also called service cost), subtracts the actual benefit payments and refunds for the plan year, and then applies the expected investment rate of return for the year.

8. System Employees' Retirement Benefits

The System's employees are members of the ERS plan. This note to the financial statements and required supplementary information in the first two tables on page 45 are presented from the perspective of the System as an employer.

General Information about the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Plan description: ERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly during the 1949 Legislative Session for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for employees of the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions. ERS is directed by a Board of Trustees. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov/post/annual-financial-reports.

Benefits provided: The ERS Plan supports three benefit tiers: Old Plan, New Plan, and Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS). Employees under the Old Plan started membership prior to July 1, 1982 and are subject to plan provisions in effect prior to July 1, 1982. Members hired on or after July 1, 1982 but prior to January 1, 2009 are New Plan members subject to modified plan provisions. Effective January 1, 2009, new state employees and rehired state employees who did not retain membership rights under the Old or New Plans are members of GSEPS. ERS members hired prior to January 1, 2009 also have the option to irrevocably change their membership to GSEPS.

Under the Old Plan, the New Plan, and GSEPS, a member may retire and receive normal retirement benefits after completion of 10 years of creditable service and attainment of age 60 or 30 years of creditable service regardless of age. Additionally, there are some provisions allowing for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service for members under age 60.

Retirement benefits paid to members are based upon the monthly average of the member's highest 24 consecutive calendar months, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, multiplied by the applicable benefit factor. Annually,

postretirement cost-of-living adjustments may also be made to members' benefits, provided the members were hired prior to July 1, 2009. The normal retirement pension is payable monthly for life; however, options are available for distribution of the member's monthly pension, at reduced rates, to a designated beneficiary upon the member's death. Death and disability benefits are also available through ERS.

Contributions: Member contributions under the Old Plan are 4% of annual compensation, up to \$4,200, plus 6% of annual compensation in excess of \$4,200. Under the Old Plan, the State pays member contributions in excess of 1.25% of annual compensation. Under the Old Plan, these State contributions are included in the members' accounts for refund purposes and are used in the computation of the members' earnable compensation for the purpose of computing retirement benefits. Member contributions under the New Plan and GSEPS are 1.25% of annual compensation. The System's total required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024 was 29.35% of annual covered payroll for old plan members and new plan members and 25.51% for GSEPS members. The System's contributions to ERS for funding purposes totaled approximately \$6.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2024, the System reported a liability of approximately \$44.2 million for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the ERS plan. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The System's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on contributions to ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the System's proportionate share was 0.740892% which is based on contributions, and a decrease of 0.037072% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the System recognized pension expense of approximately \$10.8 million. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 67, approximately \$5.4 million of the pension expense is included in investment expense as a reduction of investment income. At June 30, 2024, the System reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the sources shown in the chart on the following page.

8. System Employees' Retirement Benefits, *continued*

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources (dollars in thousands)

	<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 671	\$ 104
Change of assumptions	1,701	—
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,801	—
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	49	963
System's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,481	—
Total	<u>\$ 10,703</u>	<u>\$ 1,067</u>

System contributions subsequent to the measurement date of approximately \$6.5 million are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows (dollars in thousands):

Years ended June 30:		
2025	\$	1,109
2026		(729)
2027		3,598
2028		(823)
Total		<u>3,155</u>

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00 - 6.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Cost-of-living adjustment	1.05%, annually

The Mortality rates are as follows:

- The Pub-2010 General Employee Table, with no adjustments, projected generationally with the MP-2019

scale is used for both males and females while in active service.

- The Pub-2010 Family of Tables projected generationally with with the MP-2019 Scale and with further adjustments are used for post-retirement mortality assumptions as follows:

Participant Type	Membership Table	Set Forward (+)/ Setback (-)	Adjustment To Rates
Service Retirees	General Healthy Annuitant	Male: +1; Female: +1	Male: 105%; Female: 108%
Disability Retirees	General Disabled	Male: -3; Female: 0	Male: 103%; Female: 106%
Beneficiaries	General Contingent Survivors	Male: +2; Female: +2	Male: 106%; Female: 105%

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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8. System Employees' Retirement Benefits, *continued*

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in this table:

Target Allocation & Estimated Rates of Return by Asset Class

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	0.90 %
Domestic large cap equities	46.30	9.40
Domestic small cap equities	1.20	13.40
International developed market equities	12.30	9.40
International emerging market equities	5.20	11.40
Alternatives	5.00	10.50
Total	100.00%	

*Net of inflation

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and State of Georgia contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the ERS fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is

1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate (dollars in thousands):

System's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability		
1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current discount rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
\$60,650	\$44,199	\$30,354

Pension plan fiduciary net position: Detailed information about the ERS plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERS financial report, which is publicly available at www.ers.ga.gov/post/annual-financial-reports.

9. System Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits

Plan descriptions and Funding Policy:

Georgia State Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (State OPEB Fund)

Plan Description: Employees of State organizations as defined in §45-18-25 of the O.C.G.A. are provided OPEB through the State OPEB Fund - a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan, reported as an employee trust fund and administered by a Board of Community Health (DCH Board). Title 45 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of the group health plan to the DCH Board.

Benefits Provided: The State OPEB Fund provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents due under the group health plan for employees of State organizations (including technical colleges) and other entities authorized by law to contract with the Department of Community Health (DCH) for inclusion in the plan. Retiree medical eligibility is attained when an employee retires and is immediately eligible to draw a retirement annuity from ERS. If elected, dependent coverage starts on the same day as retiree coverage. Medicare-eligible retirees are offered Standard and Premium Medicare Advantage plan options. Non-Medicare eligible retiree plan options include Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The State OPEB Fund also pays for administrative expenses of the fund. By law, no other use of the assets of the State OPEB Fund is permitted.

Contributions: As established by the DCH Board, the State OPEB Fund is substantially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis; that is, annual cost of providing benefits will be financed in the same year as claims occur. Contributions to the State OPEB Fund from the System were \$3.4 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. Active employees are not required to contribute to the State OPEB Fund.

State Employees' Assurance Department Retired and Vested Inactive Members Trust Fund (SEAD-OPEB)

Plan Description: SEAD-OPEB was created in 2007 by the Georgia General Assembly to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement, so as to establish a fund for the provision of term life insurance to retired and vested inactive members of ERS, LRS, and JRS. The plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan as defined in GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans other than OPEB Plans*. The SEAD-OPEB trust fund accumulates the premiums received from the aforementioned retirement plans, including interest earned on deposits and investments of such payments.

Benefits Provided: The amount of insurance for a retiree with creditable service prior to April 1, 1964 in the SEAD-OPEB plan is the full amount of insurance in effect on the date of retirement. The amount of insurance for a service retiree with no creditable service prior to April 1, 1964 in the SEAD-OPEB plan is 70% of the amount of insurance in effect at age 60 or at termination, if earlier. Life insurance proceeds are paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary upon death of the retiree.

Contributions: Georgia law provides that employee contributions to the SEAD-OPEB plan shall be in an amount established by the Board of Trustees not to exceed one-half of 1% of the member's earnable compensation. There were no employer contributions required for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2024, the System reported a liability of \$2.2 million for its proportionate share of the State OPEB net liability and an asset of \$5.2 million for its proportionate share of the SEAD-OPEB net asset.

The following schedule details the System's proportionate share of the OPEB amounts for all plans as of June 30, 2024:

Aggregate OPEB Amounts - All Plans (dollars in thousands)

OPEB liabilities	\$ 2,197
OPEB assets	5,174
Deferred outflows of resources	5,567
Deferred inflows of resources	2,504
OPEB expense	(1,225)

The net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset were measured as of June 30, 2023. The total OPEB liability and OPEB asset were used to calculate the net OPEB liability/asset and were based on actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2022. An expected total OPEB liability and OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023 were determined using standard roll-forward techniques.

The System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for the State OPEB plan was actuarially determined based on employer contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the System's proportionate share was 0.774979%, which was a decrease of 0.036954% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022. The System's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset for the SEAD-OPEB plan was based on actual member salaries reported to the SEAD-OPEB plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the System's proportionate share was 1.173282%, which was a decrease of 0.020742% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

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9. System Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits, *continued*

For the year ended June 30, 2024 the System recognized a reduction of OPEB expense of \$833.0 thousand for the State OPEB plan and a reduction of OPEB expense of \$391.5 thousand for the SEAD-OPEB plan. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 74,

approximately \$475.1 thousand of the State OPEB reduction of expense and \$202.9 thousand of the SEAD-OPEB reduction of OPEB expense is included in investment expense as a reduction of investment income. At June 30, 2024, the System reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB for each plan from the following sources:

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources (dollars in thousands)

	State OPEB plan		SEAD-OPEB plan	
	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 75	\$ 2,282	\$ 33	\$ —
Change of assumptions	1,081	10	—	—
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	158	—	280	—
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	491	212	38	—
System's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,411	—	—	—
Total	\$ 5,216	\$ 2,504	\$ 351	\$ —

System contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$3.4 million for the State OPEB plan are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net State OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows (dollars in thousands):

Years ended June 30:	State OPEB	SEAD-OPEB
2025	\$ (744)	\$ 30
2026	(109)	(95)
2027	330	545
2028	(176)	(129)
Total	(699)	351

9. System Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits, *continued*

June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2023:

Actuarial assumptions: The total OPEB liability and OPEB asset as of June 30, 2023 were determined by an actuarial valuation as of

Actuarial Assumptions

	State OPEB plan	SEAD-OPEB plan
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00 - 6.75%, including inflation	3.00 - 6.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation	7.00%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rate	7.00%	n/a
Ultimate trend rate	4.00%	n/a
Year of Ultimate trend rate	2032	n/a

Pre-retirement mortality rates for the State OPEB plan were based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table, with no adjustment, with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally. Post-retirement mortality rates for service retirements were based on the Pub-2010 General Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table (ages set forward one year and adjusted 105% for males and 108% for females) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally. Post-retirement mortality rates for disability retirements were based on the Pub-2010 General Disabled Mortality Table (ages set back three years for males and adjusted 103% for males and 106% for females) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally. Post-retirement mortality rates for beneficiaries were based on the Pub-2010 General Contingent Survivor Mortality Table (ages set forward two years and adjusted 106% for males and 105% for females) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally.

are used for post-retirement mortality assumptions as follows:

Participant Type	Membership Table	Set Forward (+)/ Setback (-)	Adjustment To Rates
Service Retirees	General Healthy Annuitant	Male: +1; Female: +1	Male: 105%; Female: 108%
Disability Retirees	General Disabled	Male: -3; Female: 0	Male: 103%; Female: 106%
Beneficiaries	General Contingent Survivors	Male: +2; Female: +2	Male: 106%; Female: 105%

Mortality rates for the SEAD-OPEB plan are as follows:

- The Pub-2010 General Employee Table, with no adjustments, projected generationally with the MP-2019 scale is used for both males and females while in active service.
- The Pub-2010 Family of Tables projected generationally with the MP-2019 Scale and with further adjustments

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation for the State OPEB and SEAD-OPEB plans were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019. For State OPEB, the remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2022 valuation.

Projection of State OPEB benefits for financial reporting purposes is based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and includes the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions



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9. System Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits, *continued*

used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects for short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculation.

The long-term expected rate of return on the State OPEB and SEAD-OPEB plan investments were determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of

investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Target Allocation & Estimated Rates of Return by Asset Class

Asset class	State OPEB		SEAD-OPEB	
	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	1.50 %	30.00%	0.90 %
Domestic large cap equities			46.30	9.40
Equities	70.00	9.40	—	—
Domestic small cap equities	—	—	1.20	13.40
International developed market equities	—	—	12.30	9.40
International emerging market equities	—	—	5.20	11.40
Alternatives	—	—	5.00	10.50
Total	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>100.00%</u>	

*Net of inflation

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total State OPEB liability was 7.00%, the same as last year's rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from members and from the employer will be made at the current level as averaged over the last five years, adjusted for annual projected changes in headcount. Based on those assumptions, the State OPEB fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members.

The discount rate used to measure the total SEAD-OPEB liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be

made at the current contribution rate and that employer and State of Georgia contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members.

The long-term expected rate of return on the State OPEB and SEAD-OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total State OPEB and SEAD-OPEB liability. For State OPEB, the projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2122.



9. System Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits, *continued*

Sensitivity of the Employer Agency's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the System's proportionate share of the net State OPEB liability and net SEAD-OPEB asset calculated using the discount rate detailed below, as well as what the proportionate share of the net State OPEB liability and net SEAD-OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate (dollars in thousands):

System's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current discount rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
State OPEB	\$3,937	\$2,197	\$697
SEAD-OPEB	(3,648)	(5,174)	(6,427)

Sensitivity of the Employer Agency's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates:

The following presents the System's proportionate share of the State net OPEB liability, as well as what the proportionate share of the State net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates (dollars in thousands):

System's Proportionate Share of the Net State OPEB Liability		
1% Decrease	Current healthcare cost trend rate	1% Increase
\$459	\$2,197	\$4,237

OPEB plan fiduciary net position: Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR) for each of the plans which are publicly available. The State OPEB plan is located at <https://sao.georgia.gov/statewide-reporting/acfr> and the SEAD-OPEB plan is located at www.ers.ga.gov/post/annual-financial-reports.

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10. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources reported on the *Statement of Net Position* as of June 30, 2024 consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

Deferred Outflows of Resources

	ERS pension plan	State OPEB plan	SEAD- OPEB plan	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 671	\$ 75	\$ 33	\$ 779
Change of assumptions	1,701	1,081	—	2,782
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	1,801	158	280	2,239
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	49	491	38	578
System's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,481	3,411	—	9,892
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 10,703</u>	<u>\$ 5,216</u>	<u>\$ 351</u>	<u>\$ 16,270</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources

	ERS pension plan	State OPEB plan	SEAD- OPEB plan	Total
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 104	\$ 2,282	\$ —	\$ 2,386
Change of assumptions	—	10	—	10
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	—	—	—	—
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	963	212	—	1,175
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,067</u>	<u>\$ 2,504</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,571</u>

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Schedule of Changes in Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability:										
Service cost	\$ 2,123,205	\$ 1,966,543	\$ 1,742,643	\$ 1,734,145	\$ 1,597,714	\$ 1,536,336	\$ 1,484,705	\$ 1,413,080	\$ 1,435,810	\$ 1,386,498
Interest	8,373,427	8,043,425	7,837,074	7,440,942	7,080,133	6,868,617	6,565,372	6,293,611	5,990,178	5,779,597
Differences between expected and actual experience	2,619,452	957,570	(215,975)	1,934,042	368,463	430,272	894,691	573,483	380,526	(165,785)
Changes of assumptions	—	—	5,026,914	—	1,316,780	2,388,357	—	—	662,047	—
Benefit payments	(6,224,330)	(5,957,380)	(5,692,032)	(5,434,414)	(5,192,283)	(4,950,465)	(4,699,920)	(4,461,124)	(4,228,819)	(3,996,879)
Refunds of member contributions	(98,633)	(89,460)	(94,853)	(69,166)	(76,976)	(76,543)	(76,061)	(76,296)	(79,334)	(80,085)
Net change in total pension liability	6,793,121	4,920,698	8,603,771	5,605,549	5,093,831	6,196,574	4,168,787	3,742,754	4,160,408	2,923,346
Total pension liability - beginning	124,515,490	119,594,792	110,991,021	105,385,472	100,291,641	94,095,067	89,926,280	86,183,526	82,023,118	79,099,772
Total pension liability - ending (a)	131,308,611	124,515,490	119,594,792	110,991,021	105,385,472	100,291,641	94,095,067	89,926,280	86,183,526	82,023,118
Plan fiduciary net position:										
Contributions - employer	3,121,575	2,923,577	2,691,316	2,490,404	2,733,089	2,560,989	2,014,308	1,648,669	1,572,624	1,399,668
Contributions - nonemployer	5,908	5,519	5,398	5,123	5,729	5,414	4,416	6,175	7,908	7,038
Contributions - member	968,016	911,542	853,376	817,090	800,864	759,474	745,574	716,233	685,626	661,835
Net investment income	13,434,751	10,097,823	(12,770,564)	23,192,761	4,119,609	4,972,419	6,247,155	7,971,677	810,574	2,384,145
Benefit payments	(6,224,330)	(5,957,380)	(5,692,032)	(5,434,414)	(5,192,283)	(4,950,465)	(4,699,920)	(4,461,124)	(4,228,819)	(3,996,879)
Refunds of member contributions	(98,633)	(89,460)	(94,853)	(69,166)	(76,976)	(76,543)	(76,061)	(76,296)	(79,334)	(80,085)
Administrative expense	(24,481)	(23,285)	(16,470)	(16,668)	(17,411)	(15,276)	(15,865)	(16,773)	(15,279)	(14,996)
Other ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	(27,654)	—	—	(27,706)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	11,182,806	7,868,336	(15,023,829)	20,985,130	2,372,621	3,256,012	4,191,953	5,788,561	(1,246,700)	333,020
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	94,991,195	87,122,859	102,146,688	81,161,558	78,788,937	75,532,925	71,340,972	65,552,411	66,799,111	66,466,091
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	106,174,001	94,991,195	87,122,859	102,146,688	81,161,558	78,788,937	75,532,925	71,340,972	65,552,411	66,799,111
Net pension liability - ending (a)-(b)	\$ 25,134,610	\$ 29,524,295	\$ 32,471,933	\$ 8,844,333	\$ 24,223,914	\$ 21,502,704	\$ 18,562,142	\$ 18,585,308	\$ 20,631,115	\$ 15,224,007

¹ The System is a participating employer in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, the Georgia State Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund, and the State Employees' Assurance Department Retired and Vested Inactive Members Trust Fund. Pursuant to the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68, the fiscal year 2015 beginning Fiduciary Net Position was restated by \$27,705,937. Pursuant to the requirements of GASB Statement No. 75, the fiscal year 2018 beginning Fiduciary Net Position was restated by \$27,653,657. These restatements were made for reporting purposes to reflect the impact of recording the initial deferred outflows of resources and the net pension and OPEB liabilities and OPEB asset. For actuarial purposes, these adjustments are being recognized in fiscal year 2015 and 2018 respectively, and beginning fiduciary net position was not restated.

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information and independent auditors' report.

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Schedule of Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability & Related Ratios (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability	\$131,308,611	\$124,515,490	\$119,594,792	\$110,991,021	\$105,385,472	\$100,291,641	\$ 94,095,067	\$ 89,926,280	\$ 86,183,526	\$82,023,118
Plan fiduciary net position	106,174,001	94,991,195	87,122,859	102,146,688	81,161,558	78,788,937	75,532,925	71,340,972	65,552,411	66,799,111
Employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability	<u>\$ 25,134,610</u>	<u>\$ 29,524,295</u>	<u>\$ 32,471,933</u>	<u>\$ 8,844,333</u>	<u>\$ 24,223,914</u>	<u>\$ 21,502,704</u>	<u>\$ 18,562,142</u>	<u>\$ 18,585,308</u>	<u>\$ 20,631,115</u>	<u>\$15,224,007</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.86 %	76.29 %	72.85 %	92.03 %	77.01 %	78.56 %	80.27 %	79.33 %	76.06 %	81.44 %
Covered payroll	\$ 15,653,068	\$ 14,660,140	\$ 13,612,892	\$ 13,093,006	\$ 12,955,620	\$ 12,279,440	\$ 12,009,066	\$ 11,596,664	\$ 11,075,907	\$10,697,384
Employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	160.57 %	201.39 %	238.54 %	67.55 %	186.98 %	175.11 %	154.57 %	160.26 %	186.27 %	142.32 %

Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Contributions (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined employer and nonemployer contribution	\$3,127,483	\$2,929,096	\$2,696,714	\$2,495,527	\$2,738,818	\$2,566,403	\$2,018,724	\$1,654,844	\$1,580,532	\$1,406,706
Contributions in relation to actuarially determined contribution	<u>3,127,483</u>	<u>2,929,096</u>	<u>2,696,714</u>	<u>2,495,527</u>	<u>2,738,818</u>	<u>2,566,403</u>	<u>2,018,724</u>	<u>1,654,844</u>	<u>1,580,532</u>	<u>1,406,706</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Covered payroll	\$15,653,068	\$14,660,140	\$13,612,892	\$13,093,006	\$12,955,620	\$12,279,440	\$12,009,066	\$11,596,664	\$11,075,907	\$10,697,384
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	19.98 %	19.98 %	19.81 %	19.06 %	21.14 %	20.90 %	16.81 %	14.27 %	14.27 %	13.15 %

Schedule of Investment Returns

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	11.55%	8.56%	(15.18)%	25.08%	2.91%	4.08%	5.05%	7.62%	(2.92)%	(0.45)%

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information and independent auditors' report.

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Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to ERS (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
System's proportion of the net pension liability	0.740892 %	0.777964 %	0.767947 %	0.723618 %	0.699417 %	0.676785 %	0.691037 %	0.698825 %	0.683763 %	0.668620 %
System's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 44,199	\$ 51,956	\$ 17,962	\$ 30,500	\$ 28,862	\$ 27,823	\$ 28,065	\$ 33,057	\$ 27,702	\$ 25,077
System's covered payroll	21,519	20,138	19,440	19,214	18,555	18,202	17,756	16,880	16,291	17,622
System's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	205.40 %	258.00 %	92.40 %	158.74 %	155.54 %	152.86 %	158.06 %	195.84 %	170.04 %	142.31 %
ERS fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.20 %	67.44 %	87.62 %	76.21 %	76.74 %	76.68 %	76.33 %	72.34 %	76.20 %	77.99 %

Schedule of the System's Contributions to ERS (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 6,481	\$ 6,318	\$ 4,807	\$ 4,579	\$ 4,504	\$ 4,451	\$ 4,423	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,102	\$ 3,433
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	6,481	6,318	4,807	4,579	4,504	4,451	4,423	4,328	4,102	3,433
deficiency (excess)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
System's covered payroll	\$ 23,599	\$ 21,519	\$ 20,138	\$ 19,440	\$ 19,214	\$ 18,555	\$ 18,202	\$ 17,756	\$ 16,880	\$ 16,291
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	27.46 %	29.36 %	23.87 %	23.55 %	23.44 %	23.99 %	24.30 %	24.37 %	24.30 %	21.07 %

Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
State OPEB plan							
System's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.774979 %	0.811933 %	0.782645 %	0.748277 %	0.714338 %	0.691645 %	0.698345 %
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 2,197	\$ 3,648	\$ 2,151	\$ 8,421	\$ 8,867	\$ 18,091	\$ 28,452
System's covered payroll	25,052	24,223	22,732	22,052	21,061	20,599	19,895
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	8.77 %	15.06 %	9.46 %	38.19 %	42.10 %	87.82 %	143.01 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	87.75 %	80.03 %	87.58 %	59.71 %	56.57 %	31.48 %	17.34 %
SEAD-OPEB plan							
System's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	1.173282 %	1.194024 %	1.109326 %	1.018190 %	0.939985 %	0.865387 %	0.837498 %
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (5,174)	\$ (4,389)	\$ (6,832)	\$ (2,892)	\$ (2,658)	\$ (2,342)	\$ (2,177)
System's covered payroll	12,039	12,198	11,996	12,080	11,996	12,056	12,196
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	42.98 %	35.98 %	56.95 %	23.94 %	22.16 %	19.43 %	17.85 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)	144.49 %	138.03 %	164.76 %	129.20 %	129.73 %	129.46 %	130.17 %
Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.							

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information and independent auditors' report.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended June 30 (Unaudited), *continued*



Schedule of the System's Contributions to OPEB Plans (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
State OPEB plan							
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,411	\$ 1,377	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,126	\$ 3,820	\$ 3,449
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	3,411	1,377	1,141	1,187	1,126	3,820	3,449
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
System's covered payroll	\$ 26,678	\$ 25,052	\$ 24,223	\$ 22,732	\$ 22,052	\$ 21,061	\$ 20,599
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.79 %	5.50 %	4.71 %	5.22 %	5.11 %	18.14 %	16.74 %
SEAD-OPEB plan							
Contractually required contribution ¹	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
System's covered payroll	\$ 12,347	\$ 12,039	\$ 12,198	\$ 11,996	\$ 12,080	\$ 11,996	\$ 12,056
	— %	— %	— %	— %	— %	— %	— %

¹ Employer contributions are not currently required for the SEAD-OPEB plan.

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Required Supplementary Information for the System as the Plan

Schedule of Changes in the Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability

The total pension liability contained in this schedule was provided by the System's actuary, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC. The net pension liability is measured as the total pension liability less the amount of the fiduciary net position of the System.

Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Contributions

The required employer and nonemployer contributions and percentage of those contributions actually made are presented in the schedule.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Changes of assumptions: On November 18, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. Based on the funding policy adopted by the Board on May 15, 2019, the investment rate of return assumption was changed to 7.25%. In addition, the assumed rate of inflation was changed to 2.50%. On May 13, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary

among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, and withdrawal. On May 11, 2022, the Board adopted recommended changes to the investment rate of return assumption from 7.25% to 6.90%, and the payroll growth assumption was changed from 3.00% to 2.50%.

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions: The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer and nonemployer contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2024 employer contributions are based on June 30, 2021 valuation).

The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Valuation date:	June 30, 2021
Actuarial cost method:	Entry age
Amortization method:	Level percent of pay, closed
Remaining amortization period:	22.6 years
Asset valuation method:	Five-year smoothed fair
Inflation rate:	2.50%
Salary increases:	3.00 to 8.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return:	6.90%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Post-retirement benefit increases:	1.50% semi-annually

Required Supplementary Information for the System as a Participating Employer in ERS

Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to ERS

This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability for its employees who participate in the ERS plan. GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented in 2015.

Schedule of the System's Contributions to ERS

This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's contributions for its employees who participate in the ERS plan. GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented in 2015.

Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms that affect the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date.

Changes of assumptions: On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal, and salary increases. Subsequent to the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation, the ERS Board adopted a new funding policy. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, based on the ERS Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date, remained unchanged for June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 measurement dates. On December 17, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System based on the Experience study prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. This also included a change to the long-term assumed investment rate of return to 7.00% and remained unchanged for the June 30, 2022 measurement date. On April 21, 2022, the Board adopted a new funding policy which, in part, provides that the actuarial accrued liability and normal cost of the System will include a prefunded variable cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for eligible retirees and beneficiaries of the System. The assumption for future COLAs was set at 1.05%. In addition, a new transitional unfunded actuarial accrued liability was established and will be amortized over a closed 20-year period.

Required Supplementary Information for the System as a Participating Employer in the State OPEB plan

Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes in benefit terms that affect the measurement of the total State OPEB liability since the prior measurement date.

Changes in assumptions: The June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was revised, for various factors, including the methodology used to determine how employees and retirees were assigned to each of the OPEB Funds and anticipated participation percentages. Current and former employees of State organizations (including technical colleges, community service boards and public health departments) are now assigned to the State OPEB fund based on their last employer payroll location: irrespective of retirement affiliation.

In the June 30, 2019 valuation, the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50% in anticipation of the upcoming ERS Experience study. Additionally, decremental assumptions were changed to reflect the Teachers Retirement System's experience study. Approximately 6.0% of employees are members of the Teachers Retirement System.

In the June 30, 2020 valuation, decremental assumptions were changed to reflect the ERS Experience study.

In the June 30, 2022 valuation, the tobacco use assumption and aging factors were revised.

The discount rate was updated from 3.09% as of June 30, 2016 to 3.60% as of June 30, 2017 to 5.22% as of June 30, 2018, to 7.30% as of June 30, 2019, to 7.06% as of June 30, 2020, and to 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 and remain unchanged for June 30, 2023.

Required Supplementary Information for the System as a Participating Employer in the SEAD-OPEB plan

Changes of assumptions

On December 17, 2015, the Board of Trustees adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the Plan. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. Subsequent to the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation, the ERS Board adopted a new funding policy.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2024 (Unaudited), *continued*

Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, based on the SEAD Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date, remained unchanged for June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 measurement dates, and was further reduced to 7.20% for the June 30, 2022 measurement date.

On December 17, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System based on the Experience study prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. This also included a change to the long-term assumed investment rate of return to 7.00%.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of Administrative Expenses (dollars in thousands)

Personal services:	
Salaries and fringes	\$ 11,857
Retirement contributions	5,512
Health insurance	1,576
FICA	857
Miscellaneous	141
Total personal services	<u>19,943</u>
Communications:	
Postage	297
Publications and printing	252
Telecommunications	184
Travel	146
Total communications	<u>879</u>
Professional services:	
Computer services	2,077
Actuarial services	74
Audit fees	250
Legal services	91
Medical services	76
Total professional services	<u>2,568</u>
Management Expenses:	
Building maintenance	617
Total management expenses	<u>617</u>
Other services and charges:	
Repairs and maintenance	13
Supplies and materials	166
Depreciation and amortization	836
Miscellaneous	258
Total other services and charges	<u>1,273</u>
Total administrative expenses	<u>25,280</u>
Less reimbursement by other state retirement systems for services rendered on their behalf	<u>799</u>
Net administrative expenses	<u>\$ 24,481</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Schedule of Investment Expenses (dollars in thousands)

Investment advisory and custodial fees	\$ 45,966
Miscellaneous	15,379
Total investment expenses	<u>\$ 61,345</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

U.S. Real GDP growth decelerated through the fiscal year but was overall positive at an annual growth rate of 2.9%. Inflation continued to ease through the year but remains stubbornly high at over 3%. The Federal Reserve is expected to cut rates later this calendar year, a significant change in its policy that has seen rate increases since March 2022. The U.S. jobs market has proven resilient, with the unemployment rate increasing, but at a still modest 4.1%. Against this backdrop, U.S. equities remained surprisingly strong with a 24% return while foreign equities saw a 12% return.

We continually emphasize that the pension plan has a long-term investment horizon and that short-term concerns should not drive investment decisions. The System invests primarily in a mix of liquid, high-quality bonds and stocks. In addition, the System continues to build its private markets program in a disciplined manner. These types of investments further diversify the portfolio and allow the System to participate in rising markets while moderating the risks on the downside. A high-quality balanced fund has proven to be a successful strategy in a variety of markets over long periods of time.

As in previous years, the bias to quality was a primary goal and was successfully met. “Conservation of Capital” and “Conservatism” remain the guiding principles for investment decisions. The Board of Trustees continues to use a diversified portfolio to accomplish these objectives.

Over the last year, real GDP has decelerated but remained positive while the risks of a recession remain top of mind. The upcoming presidential election highlights many policies likely to impact future returns, including ongoing operating deficits, expiration of tax cuts, a strong U.S. dollar policy, and tariffs. From an international standpoint, the Ukraine war continues, while persistent economic softness in China seems to have led to a pullback in consumer spending. Finally, Europe has experienced several surprising election results, reflecting the challenges it faces, including from an aging population and challenges with various immigration policies.

Studies undertaken to evaluate the investment returns of pension funds over very long-time horizons indicate that the asset allocation decision has the largest impact on the fund’s returns. Although the returns for the various asset categories vary from year to year, over the long term, equities typically outperform fixed income and cash by a very wide margin. For example, the ten-year returns for equities were 10.1%, while for bonds it was 1.5%. For that reason, the System has generally maintained significant equity exposure, with the remainder of the fund invested in fixed income securities designed to generate income and preserve capital.

Returns for one, three, five, ten, twenty, and thirty-year periods are presented in this section. Longer periods allow

for a more valid evaluation of returns, both in absolute terms and relative to an asset class index, by reducing emphasis on the short-term volatility of markets. The Daily Valuation Method, a time-weighted rate of return, was used to calculate returns in a manner consistent with the CFA Institute’s objectives as stated in its publication, “Global Investment Performance Standards Handbook,” third edition.

The S&P 500 had a return of 24.6%. The S&P MidCap 400 and the S&P SmallCap 500 indexes had returns of 13.6% and 8.7%, respectively. Periods of outperformance by large cap stocks are not unusual; however, the relative magnitude of the returns from the largest stocks in the S&P 500 has been unusual. Long-term returns for these indexes remain impressive, with the S&P 500 leading the pack with a ten-year annualized performance of almost 13%. The highest sector returns were from Communication Services and Information Technology.

Global markets outside of the U.S. had a solid year with a return of 11.6%. The MSCI EAFE Index had a return of 11.5% and the Emerging Markets Index had a return of 12.5%. Most countries had a positive return for the year. However, China was down again at (1.6%).

Longer-term fixed income yields generally moved higher last fiscal year. The U.S. yield curve generally saw higher yields and more narrow spreads. For example, the yield on the 2-year and 10-year bonds as of June 30, 2024, was 4.7% and 4.4%, respectively. This compares to 4.9% and 3.8% as of June 30, 2023. The 10-year Treasury had a return of (0.7%) for the year, while the 30-year Treasury had a return of (7.7%).

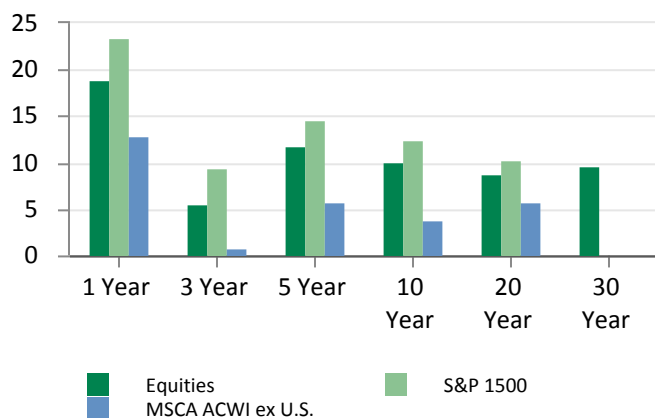
We look at two fixed-income indexes to measure the bond market’s performance. The Barclays Capital Government/Credit Index had a return of 2.7%. It is a broad index containing corporate and government-sponsored bonds as well as Treasuries. The FTSE Gov/Corp AAA/AA had a return of 1.7%. It is also a broad index containing higher-rated corporate bonds as well as Treasuries and Government securities.

In summary, due to the long-term investment focus, and despite remarkable market volatility and high inflation, the investment status of the System is excellent. The high quality of the System’s investments is in keeping with the continued policy of “Conservation of Capital” and “Conservatism.”

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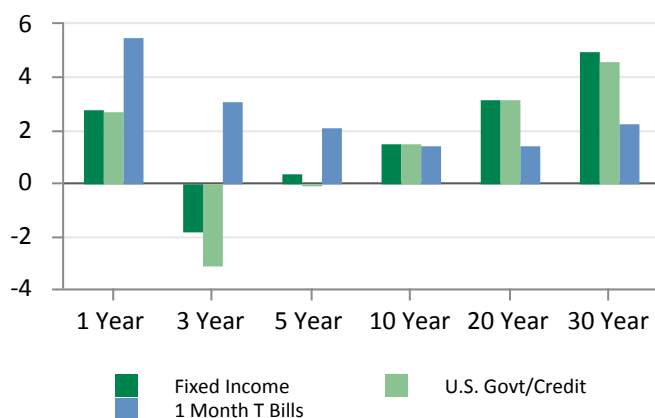
RATES OF RETURN

Equities



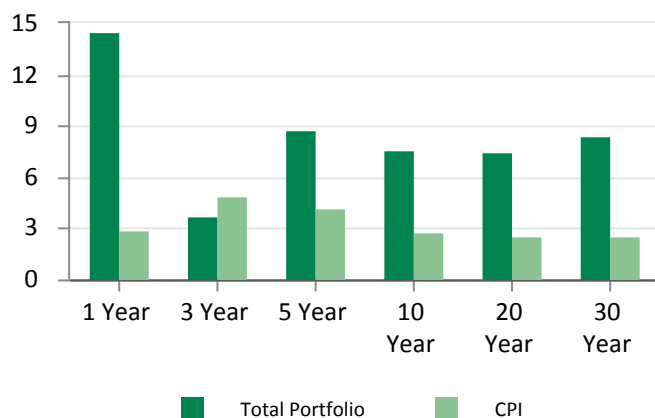
	Equities	S&P 1500	MSCA ACWI ex U.S.
1 Year	18.97%	23.52%	12.97%
3 Year	5.71	9.43	0.86
5 Year	11.86	14.59	5.80
10 Year	10.09	12.50	3.97
20 Year	8.82	10.27	5.84
30 Year	9.70	—	—

Fixed Income



	Fixed Income	U.S. Govt/Credit	1 Month T Bills
1 Year	2.81%	2.74%	5.56%
3 Year	(1.81)	(3.11)	3.11
5 Year	0.41	(0.07)	2.15
10 Year	1.50	1.51	1.48
20 Year	3.19	3.21	1.47
30 Year	4.99	4.60	2.26

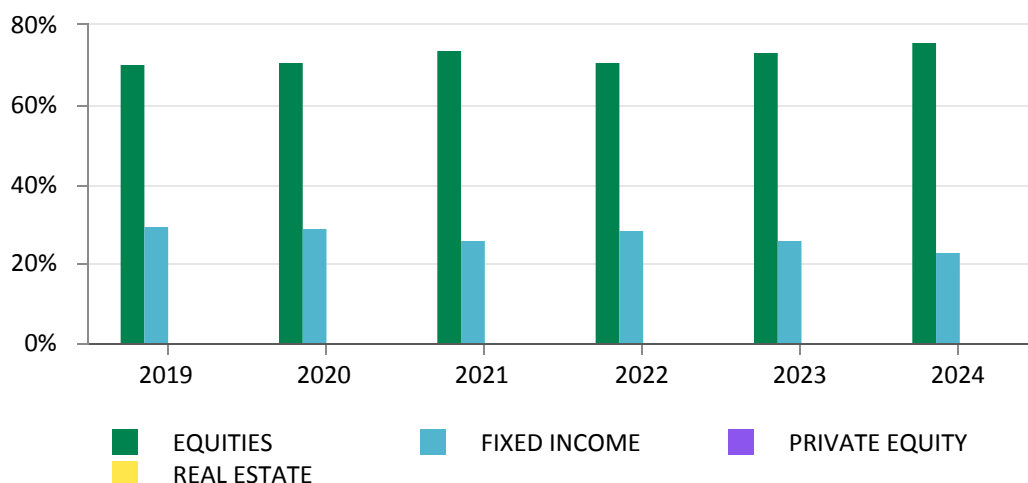
Total Portfolio



	Total Portfolio	CPI
1 Year	14.50%	2.98%
3 Year	3.77	4.97
5 Year	8.76	4.17
10 Year	7.67	2.81
20 Year	7.46	2.56
30 Year	8.41	2.53

Note: Time-weighted rates of return are calculated using the Daily Valuation Method based on market rates of return.

Investment Allocation



Investment Summary

Asset Allocation at June 30

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Equities	70.2%	70.8%	73.8%	71.1%	73.2%	75.9%
Fixed Income	29.8%	29.2%	26.1%	28.6%	26.3%	23.4%
Private Equity	—%	—%	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%
Real Estate	—%	—%	—%	—%	—%	—%

Asset Allocation at June 30 (in millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Equities	\$ 53,433	\$ 56,199	\$ 73,189	\$ 60,695	\$ 68,387	\$ 77,640
Fixed Income	22,685	23,218	25,863	24,421	24,550	23,885
Private Equity	—	—	50	215	450	743
Real Estate	—	—	—	—	—	8
Total Investments	\$ 76,118	\$ 79,417	\$ 99,102	\$ 85,331	\$ 93,387	\$ 102,276

Schedule of Fees and Commissions (dollars in thousands)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Investment Advisors' Fees:

U.S. Equity	\$ 18,388
International Equity	24,381

Investment Commissions:

U.S. Equity	3,544
International Equity	10,958

SEC & Foreign Transaction Fees:

Miscellaneous*:	48,086
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Total Fees and Commissions	\$ 108,363
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*Amount included in total investment expenses shown on page 50.

PORTFOLIO DETAIL STATISTICS

Twenty Largest Equity Holdings (dollars in thousands)*

Shares	Company	Fair Value
6,690,932	Microsoft Corp.	\$ 2,990,512
22,805,760	Nvidia Corp.	2,817,424
12,275,120	Apple Inc.	2,585,386
9,871,720	Alphabet Inc.	1,803,326
9,055,590	Amazon.Com Inc.	1,749,993
2,094,556	Meta Platforms Inc.	1,056,117
391,572	Broadcom Inc.	628,681
3,540,048	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.	615,296
1,447,623	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	588,893
638,096	Eli Lilly and Company	577,719
493,430	ASML Holding NV	504,646
2,464,189	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	498,407
965,606	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	491,744
4,242,307	Exxon Mobil Corporation	488,374
1,796,740	Visa Inc.	471,590
2,217,650	Tesla Inc.	438,829
1,255,786	The Home Depot Inc.	432,292
2,341,971	AbbVie Inc.	401,695
2,543,872	Chevron Corporation	397,912
2,712,722	Novo Nordisk A/S	392,043
Total of 20 Largest Equity Holdings		<u>\$ 19,930,879</u>
Total Equity Holdings		<u>\$ 77,640,031</u>

Ten Largest Fixed-Income Holdings*

Description	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Par Value (in thousands)	Fair Value (in thousands)
U.S. Treasury Note	8/15/2033	3.875	2,017,000	\$ 1,940,417
U.S. Treasury Note	5/15/2033	3.375	1,908,000	1,768,254
U.S. Treasury Note	12/15/2024	1.000	1,120,000	1,098,442
U.S. Treasury Note	11/15/2030	0.875	1,200,000	970,641
U.S. Treasury Note	3/31/2025	2.625	920,000	902,678
U.S. Treasury Note	1/31/2025	2.500	860,000	846,176
U.S. Treasury Note	3/31/2028	1.250	900,000	801,527
U.S. Treasury Note	2/15/2034	4.000	820,000	795,913
U.S. Treasury Note	8/31/2025	2.750	810,000	789,022
U.S. Treasury Note	2/15/2028	2.750	600,000	565,711
Total of 10 Largest Fixed-Income Holdings				<u>\$ 10,478,781</u>
Total Fixed-Income Holdings				<u>\$ 23,884,722</u>

* A complete listing is available upon written request, subject to restrictions of O. C. G. A. Section 47-1-14.



May 15, 2024

Board of Trustees
Teachers Retirement System of Georgia
Suite 100, Two Northside 75
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Members of the Board:

Section 47-3-23 of the law governing the operation of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia provides that the actuary shall make annual valuations of the contingent assets and liabilities of the Retirement System on the basis of regular interest and the tables last adopted by the Board of Trustees. We have submitted the report giving the results of the actuarial valuation of the System prepared as of June 30, 2023. The report indicates that annual employer contributions at the rate of 21.91% of compensation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 are sufficient to support the benefits of the System. Our firm, as actuary, is responsible for all of the actuarial trend data in the financial section of the annual report and the supporting schedules in the actuarial section of the annual report.

In our opinion, the valuation is complete and accurate, and the incorporated methodology and assumptions are reasonable as a basis for the valuation. The valuation takes into account the effect of all amendments to the System enacted through the 2023 Session of the General Assembly. In preparing the valuation, the actuary relied on data provided by the System. While not verifying data at the source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonableness.

The System is funded on an actuarial reserve basis. The actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Board are both individually and, in the aggregate, reasonably related to the experience under the System and to reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the System. The assumptions and methods used for funding and financial reporting purposes meet the parameters set by Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs). The funding objective of the plan is that contribution rates over time will remain level as a percent of payroll. The valuation method used is the entry age normal cost method. The normal contribution rate to cover current cost has been determined as a level percent of payroll. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability, which is amortized as a level percent of payroll in accordance with the funding policy adopted by the Board.

The Plan and the employers are required to comply with the financial reporting requirements of GASB Statements No. 67 and 68. The necessary disclosure information is provided in separate supplemental reports.

We have provided the following information and supporting schedules for the Actuarial Section of the Annual Comprehensive Annual Report:

- Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods
- Schedule of Active Members
- Schedule of Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls
- Schedule of Funding Progress
- Analysis of Financial Experience

The System is being funded in conformity with the minimum funding standard set forth in Code Section 47-20-10 of the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. In our opinion, the System is operating on an actuarially sound basis. Assuming that contributions to the System are made by the employer from year to year in the future at the rates recommended on the basis of the successive actuarial valuations, the continued sufficiency of the retirement fund to provide the benefits called for under the System may be reasonably anticipated.

ACTUARY'S CERTIFICATION LETTER

continued

In order to prepare the results in this report, we have utilized actuarial models that were developed to measure liabilities and develop actuarial costs. These models include tools that we have produced and tested, along with commercially available valuation software that we have reviewed to confirm the appropriateness and accuracy of the output. In utilizing these models, we develop and use input parameters and assumptions about future contingent events along with recognized actuarial approaches to develop the needed results.

Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

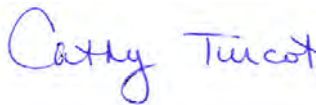
The actuarial computations presented in this report are for purposes of determining the recommended funding amounts for the System. Use of these computations for purposes other than meeting these requirements may not be appropriate.

This is to certify that John Garrett and Ed Koebel are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and have experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems, that the valuation was prepared in accordance with principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries in accordance with accepted actuarial procedures, based on the current provisions of the retirement system and on actuarial assumptions that are internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the System.

Sincerely yours,



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SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS & METHODS

The laws governing the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) provide that an actuary perform an annual valuation of the contingent assets and liabilities of the System and perform at least once every five years an actuarial investigation of the mortality, service, and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries of the System. The latest actuarial valuation of the System, prepared as of June 30, 2023, was made on the basis of the funding policy adopted by the Board on May 11, 2022 and the 5-year experience study adopted by the Board on May 13, 2020, with the exception of the investment rate of return and payroll growth assumption adopted May 11, 2022 and the salary increases assumptions adopted by the Board on May 15, 2019. The Board is responsible for maintaining this funding policy. A summary of plan provisions can be found in the Introductory Section beginning on page 11, and a plan description can be found in the Financial Section beginning on page 21.

The more pertinent facts and significant assumptions underlying the computations included in the June 30, 2023 valuation are as follows:

a) Actuarial Method Used

The actuarial cost method used for funding purposes is the Entry Age Normal method, which is the same cost method used for financial reporting purposes. The Entry Age Normal method is the most commonly used funding method among public retirement plans. This cost method allocates the cost of benefits over each member's expected career as a level percentage of their expected salary and demonstrates the highest degree of stability in the calculation of a plan's normal cost over time. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability. Adopted November 20, 2013.

b) Investment Rate of Return

The assumed investment rate of return is 6.90% compounded annually, which consists of a 4.40% assumed real rate of return and a 2.50% assumed annual rate of inflation. This long-term expected rate of return is used to determine the total pension liability for financial reporting purposes. Adopted May 11, 2022.

c) Salary Increases

Salaries are expected to increase 3.00% to 8.75% annually depending upon the members' years of creditable service. The salary increase includes a 0.50% assumed real rate of wage inflation and a 2.50% assumed annual rate of inflation. Adopted May 15, 2019.

d) Death, Disability and Withdrawal Rates

Death, disability and withdrawal rates for active employees and service retirement tables are based upon the System's historical experience. The death-after-retirement rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Headcount Weighted

Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally is used for death after service retirement and beneficiaries. The rates of improvement have been reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. The Pub-2010 Teachers Mortality Table for Disabled Retirees (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally is used for death after disability retirement. The rates of improvement have been reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. Adopted May 13, 2020.

e) Asset Valuation Method

The actuarial value of assets recognizes a portion of the difference between the fair value of the assets and the expected fair value of assets, based on the assumed valuation rate of return. In accordance with the funding policy, the asset smoothing methodology was modified for the June 30, 2021 valuation in order to mitigate the impact of the assumption and methodology changes mentioned in this summary. The amount of asset gain recognized this year was an amount such that the total unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was the same as if no assumptions or methods had been changed. The remaining unrecognized gain will be spread equally over the subsequent 4-year period. The actuarial value of assets in subsequent valuations will be determined by recognizing the annual differences between actual and expected market value of assets equally over a 5-year period. Adopted May 11, 2022. The actuarial value of assets is limited to a range between 75% and 125% of fair value. Adopted July 27, 2011.

f) Service Retirement Benefit

The service benefit (pension) paid to members is an annuity that is owed to them at retirement that will provide a total annual pension equal to 2% of the member's average compensation over the two consecutive years of membership service producing the highest such average, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. It is also assumed that certain cost-of-living adjustments will be made in future years.

g) Actuarially Determined Unfunded Accrued Liability

In accordance with the funding policy, a new transitional UAAL amortization base was defined as of June 30, 2021. The present value of this UAAL, based on unaudited data provided the actuary by the System, was approximately \$21.7 billion as of June 30, 2021. In each subsequent valuation, all benefit changes, assumption and method changes, and experience gains and/or losses that have occurred since the previous valuation will determine a New Incremental UAAL. Each New Incremental UAAL will be amortized as a level percent of payroll over a closed 25 year period from the date it is established. Adopted May 11, 2022.

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS & METHODS

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h) Required Contributions (% of compensation)

Contributions required by the annual actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, to be made for the year ended June 30, 2026:

(1) Member	<u>6.00 %</u>
(2) Employer:	
Normal	8.62 %
Unfunded Accrued Liability	<u>13.29 %</u>
Total	<u>21.91 %</u>

Service Retirement

Adopted May 13, 2020

Age	Male		Female	
	< 30 years of service	≥ 30 years ¹ of service	< 30 years of service	≥ 30 years ² of service
50	3.00%	52.00%	2.75%	50.00%
55	5.00	37.00	5.75	35.00
60	20.00	34.00	25.00	40.00
61	18.00	30.00	25.00	40.00
62	25.00	35.00	25.00	43.00
63	22.00	28.00	25.00	43.00
64	22.00	28.00	24.00	43.00
65	27.00	27.00	32.00	32.00
66	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
67	30.00	30.00	32.00	32.00
68	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
69	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
70	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00

⁽¹⁾ An additional 10% are assumed to retire at 30 years of service for ages between 50 and 64.

⁽²⁾ An additional 15% are assumed to retire at 30 years of service for ages between 50 and 61.



Separation Before Service Retirement

Adopted May 13, 2020

Age	Death ¹	Disability	Annual Rate of		
			Withdrawal Years of Service		
			0-4 Yrs	5-9 Yrs	10+ Yrs.
			Male		
20	0.0375%	—%	27.00%	—%	—%
25	0.0336	—	17.00	13.00	—
30	0.0437	—	14.00	6.50	6.00
35	0.0549	0.0165	14.00	6.25	3.50
40	0.0714	0.0275	13.00	6.25	2.75
45	0.1087	0.0720	13.00	6.00	2.50
50	0.1799	0.1360	11.25	5.75	2.75
55	0.2828	0.2400	11.75	5.50	3.25
60	0.4441	—	12.00	6.00	—
64	0.6475	—	15.00	7.50	—
			Female		
20	0.0139%	—%	28.00%	—%	—%
25	0.0148	—	13.50	12.00	—
30	0.0235	—	13.50	7.00	6.00
35	0.0345	0.0152	13.00	7.00	4.00
40	0.0493	0.0312	12.00	6.50	3.00
45	0.0728	0.0650	10.75	6.00	2.50
50	0.1107	0.1400	10.75	5.50	3.00
55	0.1687	0.3400	10.75	5.00	3.00
60	0.2554	—	11.50	5.50	—
64	0.3665	—	15.00	7.50	—

⁽¹⁾ The Pub-2010 Teachers Headcount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table with ages set forward one year and adjusted 106% is used for death prior to retirement. Future improvement in mortality rates is assumed using the MP-2019 projection scale generationally. These rates of improvement have been reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. The proposed rates shown above are based on a projection to 2015. Actual mortality rates would be projected generationally.



Active Members

Fiscal Year ⁽¹⁾	Number of Participating Employers	Members	Annual Payroll ⁽²⁾ (000's)	Average Pay	% Increase
2014	405	209,828	\$ 9,993,686	\$ 47,628	0.7%
2015	414	213,990	10,347,332	48,354	1.5
2016	416	218,193	10,783,277	49,421	2.2
2017	419	222,902	11,333,997	50,847	2.9
2018	422	226,039	11,704,334	51,780	1.8
2019	426	226,366	11,882,828	52,494	1.4
2020	430	231,032	12,737,375	55,133	5.0
2021	434	227,926	12,728,936	55,847	1.3
2022	434	230,326	13,224,129	57,415	2.8
2023	440	235,920	14,306,169	60,640	5.6

⁽¹⁾ Fiscal year refers to the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30 of that year and determines the funding necessary for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date. An actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is currently in process and was not available for this analysis.

⁽²⁾ The annual payroll shown in the schedule of active member valuation data is the annual compensation of the active members at the date of the valuation. The covered payroll reported in the financial section represents the payroll during the fiscal year upon which employer contributions were made.



Retirees and Beneficiaries

Fiscal Year ⁽¹⁾	Added to Roll		Removed from Roll		Roll-End of Year		% Increase in Annual Allowances	Average Annual Allowances
	Number	Annual Allowances (000's)	Number	Annual Allowances (000's)	Number	Annual Allowances (000's)		
2014	7,078	291,066	2,195	68,324	108,154	3,831,655	6.2%	35,428
2015	7,207	306,751	2,237	72,818	113,124	4,065,588	6.1	35,939
2016	7,225	312,063	2,392	80,359	117,957	4,297,292	5.7	36,431
2017	7,189	318,594	2,459	84,596	122,687	4,531,290	5.4	36,934
2018	7,345	341,242	2,732	98,829	127,300	4,773,703	5.3	37,500
2019	7,247	347,533	2,727	100,233	131,820	5,021,003	5.2	38,090
2020	6,894	346,319	3,036	114,317	135,678	5,253,005	4.6	38,717
2021	7,915	391,351	3,728	144,560	139,865	5,499,796	4.7	39,322
2022	7,762	403,232	3,584	142,734	144,043	5,760,294	4.7	39,990
2023	7,375	404,322	3,317	137,638	148,101	6,026,978	4.6	40,695

⁽¹⁾ Fiscal year refers to the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30 of that year and determines the funding necessary for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date. An actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is currently in process and was not available for this analysis.

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Solvency Test (dollars in thousands)

Fiscal Year ¹	Aggregate Actuarial Accrued Liabilities For			Actuarial Value of Assets	Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Assets		
	(1) Active Member Contributions	(2) Retirees and Beneficiaries	(3) Active Members (Employer-Financed Portion)		(1)	(2)	(3)
2014	\$7,815,630	\$45,841,742	\$22,114,745	\$62,061,722	100.0 %	100.0 %	38.0 %
2015	8,153,958	50,251,964	24,385,088	65,514,119	100.0	100.0	29.1
2016	8,522,267	55,186,998	28,012,510	68,161,710	100.0	100.0	15.9
2017	8,936,010	57,659,259	29,385,762	71,212,660	100.0	100.0	15.7
2018	9,350,031	58,993,494	28,561,728	75,024,364	100.0	100.0	23.4
2019	9,791,208	61,856,920	30,191,271	78,126,922	100.0	100.0	21.5
2020	10,320,195	64,144,338	32,724,242	81,632,571	100.0	100.0	21.9
2021	10,787,139	68,862,439	36,053,989	94,048,970	100.0	100.0	39.9
2022	11,241,201	71,651,571	37,597,783	96,867,918	100.0	100.0	37.2
2023	11,806,674	74,384,034	40,775,158	99,312,538	100.0	100.0	32.2

¹Fiscal year refers to the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30 of that year and determines the funding necessary for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date. An actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is currently in process and was not available for this analysis.

Member & Employer Contribution Rates

Fiscal Year	Member	Employer
2016	6.00%	14.27%
2017	6.00	14.27
2018	6.00	16.81
2019	6.00	20.90
2020	6.00	21.14
2021	6.00	19.06
2022	6.00	19.81
2023	6.00	19.98
2024	6.00	19.98
2025	6.00	20.78



Schedule of Funding Progress (dollars in thousands)

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Plan Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) -Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (Funding Excess) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Annual Covered Payroll ⁽¹⁾ (c)	UAAL (Funding Excess) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
6/30/14	\$ 62,061,722	\$ 75,772,117	\$ 13,710,395	81.9%	\$ 9,993,686	137.2%
6/30/15	65,514,119	82,791,010	17,276,891	79.1	10,347,332	167.0
6/30/16	68,161,710	91,721,775	23,560,065	74.3	10,783,277	218.5
6/30/17	71,212,660	95,981,031	24,768,371	74.2	11,333,997	218.5
6/30/18	75,024,364	96,905,253	21,880,889	77.4	11,704,334	186.9
6/30/19 ⁽²⁾	78,126,922	101,839,399	23,712,477	76.7	11,882,828	199.6
6/30/20	81,632,571	107,188,775	25,556,204	76.2	12,737,375	200.6
6/30/21 ⁽²⁾	94,048,970	115,703,567	21,654,597	81.3	12,728,936	170.1
6/30/22	96,867,918	120,490,555	23,622,637	80.4	13,224,129	178.6
6/30/23	99,312,538	126,965,866	27,653,328	78.2	14,306,169	193.3

⁽¹⁾ The annual covered payroll shown in the schedule of funding progress valuation data is the annual compensation of the active members at the date of the valuation. The covered payroll reported in the financial section represents the payroll during the fiscal year upon which employer contributions were made.

⁽²⁾ Reflects change in assumptions.

This data, except for annual covered payroll, was provided by the System's actuary.

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Analysis of Financial Experience (dollars in millions)

Item	Analysis of the Change in Unfunded Accrued Liability Increase (Decrease) During the Years Ended June 30,									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Interest Added to Previous										
Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 1,630.0	\$ 1,494.2	\$ 1,852.8	\$ 1,719.2	\$ 1,586.4	\$ 1,733.8	\$ 1,649.2	\$ 1,300.9	\$ 1,077.6	\$ 1,084.6
Accrued Liability Contribution	(1,982.5)	(1,761.3)	(1,681.3)	(2,027.0)	(1,834.2)	(1,261.0)	(929.4)	(985.4)	(796.1)	(662.0)
Experience:										
Valuation Asset Growth ⁽¹⁾	1,932.9	1,339.4	(8,785.7)	348.2	558.1	(925.3)	(539.2)	150.9	(677.3)	(836.1)
Pensioners' Mortality	106.1	(40.1)	(112.5)	(26.4)	53.9	(32.4)	40.5	(13.4)	37.7	35.3
Turnover and Retirements	135.7	118.9	347.8	153.1	147.8	266.2	246.9	209.2	335.9	119.6
New Entrants	239.8	213.7	152.2	285.7	151.3	161.2	172.7	153.1	138.9	115.3
Salary Increases	1,768.4	451.8	(740.3)	1,066.8	(213.2)	(103.6)	327.9	72.3	(227.6)	(624.9)
Interest Smoothing	—	—	—	—	—	(2,744.0)	121.6	5,286.1	2,861.2	739.8
Change in Member										
Contribution Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assumption and Method Changes ⁽²⁾	—	—	4,913.9	—	1,204.2	(133.4)	—	—	688.3	—
Miscellaneous	200.3	151.4	151.5	324.1	177.3	151.0	118.1	109.5	127.9	112.8
Total Increase	\$ 4,030.7	\$ 1,968.0	\$ (3,901.6)	\$ 1,843.7	\$ 1,831.6	\$ (2,887.5)	\$ 1,208.3	\$ 6,283.2	\$ 3,566.5	\$ 84.4

⁽¹⁾ Valuation Asset Growth

2021 - Includes the immediate recognition of the amount necessary to offset the impact of the reduction in the assumed annual rate of return on investments.

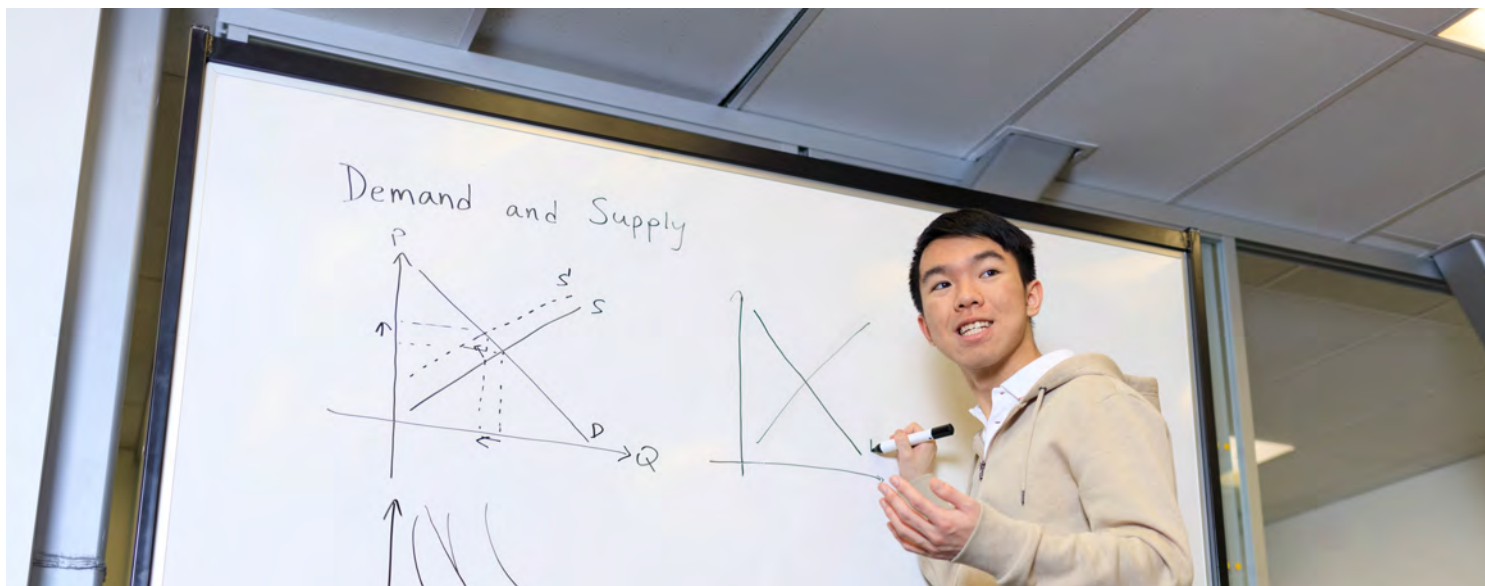
⁽²⁾ Assumption and Method Changes

2015 - The assumed rates of withdrawal, disability, retirement, and mortality and the assumed rates of salary increase have been revised to more closely reflect the actual and anticipated experience of the System. In addition, assumptions related to percent married, unused sick leave, and termination benefits were also revised.

2018 - Reflects elimination of the interest smoothing methodology and the reductions in the long-term discount rate and the inflation assumption.

2019 - The assumed rates of withdrawal, disability, retirement, mortality, and the assumed rates of salary increase and administrative expenses have been revised to more closely reflect the actual and anticipated experience of the System.

2021 - Reflects a reduction in the assumed annual rate of return on investments from 7.25% to 6.90%.



The statistical section presents additional information to provide financial statement users with added historical perspective, context, and detail to assist in using the information in the financial statements, notes to financial statements, and required supplementary information to understand and assess the System’s financial condition.

Operating Information

The schedules presented on pages 67 through 73 contain benefits, service, and employer data to help the reader understand how the System’s financial report relates to the services of the System and the activities it performs.

Financial Trends

The schedules presented on pages 65 through 66 contain trend information to help the reader understand how the System’s financial position has changed over time.

Additions by Source (dollars in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Member Contributions	Employer and Nonemployer Contributions	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Total Additions to (Deductions from) Fiduciary Net Position
2015	\$ 661,835	\$ 1,406,706	\$ 2,384,145	\$ 4,452,686
2016	685,626	1,580,532	810,574	3,076,732
2017	716,233	1,654,844	7,971,677	10,342,754
2018	745,574	2,018,724	6,247,155	9,011,453
2019	759,474	2,566,403	4,972,419	8,298,296
2020	800,864	2,738,818	4,119,609	7,659,291
2021	817,090	2,495,527	23,192,761	26,505,378
2022	853,376	2,696,714	(12,770,564)	(9,220,474)
2023	911,542	2,929,096	10,097,823	13,938,461
2024	968,016	3,127,483	13,434,751	17,530,250

Contributions were made in accordance with actuarially determined contribution requirements.

STATISTICAL SECTION OVERVIEW & FINANCIAL TRENDS

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Deductions by Type (dollars in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Benefit Payments							Net Administrative Expenses	Refunds	Total Deductions From Fiduciary Net Position
	Service	Partial Lump-Sum Option	Disability	Survivor Benefits	Supplemental Payments ⁽¹⁾	Lump-Sum Death Settlement	Total Benefit Payments			
2015	\$3,791,526	\$34,494	\$103,483	\$64,911	\$379	\$2,086	\$3,996,879	\$14,996	\$80,085	\$4,091,960
2016	4,015,786	33,929	109,669	67,013	312	2,110	4,228,819	15,279	79,334	4,323,432
2017	4,241,760	31,839	114,813	70,179	297	2,236	4,461,124	16,773	76,296	4,554,193
2018	4,473,928	32,100	118,567	73,385	250	1,690	4,699,920	15,865	76,061	4,791,846
2019	4,714,549	32,714	124,071	76,912	204	2,015	4,950,465	15,276	76,543	5,042,284
2020	4,951,973	28,420	128,984	80,529	181	2,196	5,192,283	17,411	76,976	5,286,670
2021	5,182,724	34,084	131,500	83,773	152	2,181	5,434,414	16,668	69,166	5,520,248
2022	5,437,097	29,896	134,799	88,105	113	2,022	5,692,032	16,470	94,853	5,803,355
2023	5,691,568	32,042	138,837	91,547	87	3,299	5,957,380	23,285	89,460	6,070,125
2024	5,944,213	41,305	141,579	94,970	65	2,198	6,224,330	24,481	98,633	6,347,444

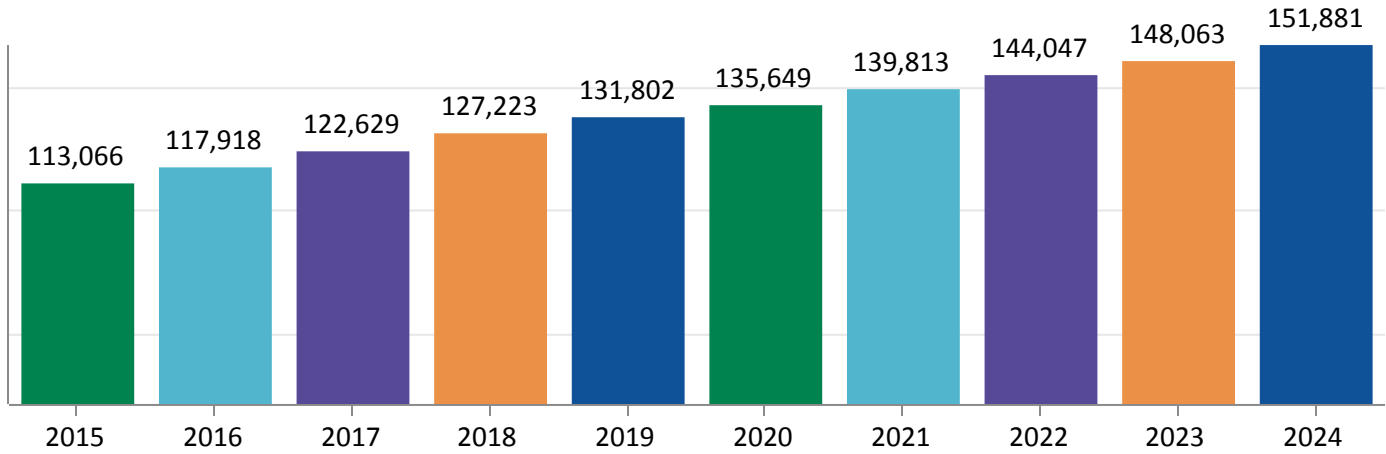
⁽¹⁾ Supplemental payments to retirees who belong to a local retirement system.

Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (dollars in thousands)

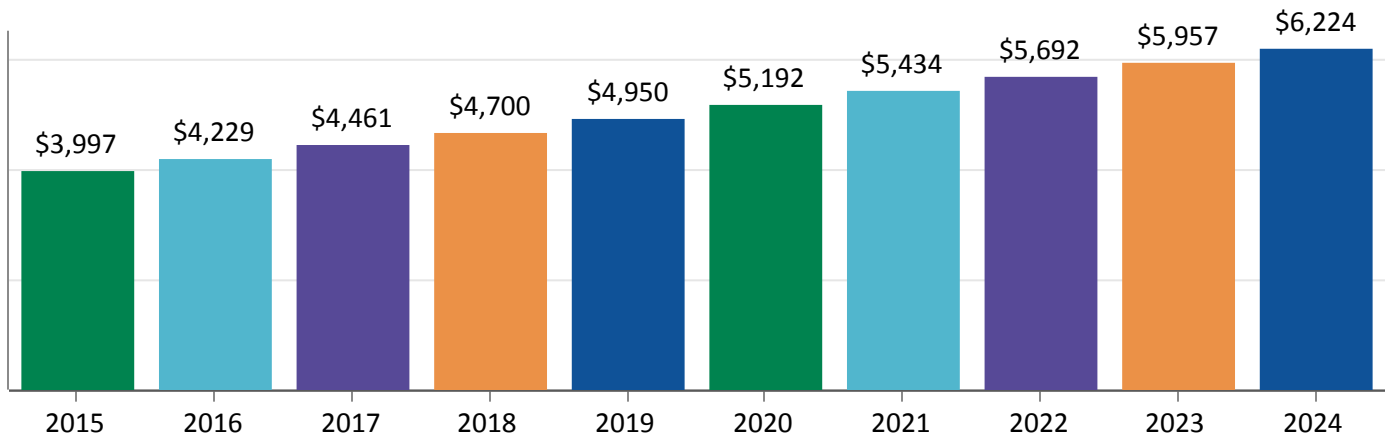
Fiscal Year	Total Additions to (Deductions from) Fiduciary Net Position	Total Deductions from Fiduciary Net Position	Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
2015	\$ 4,452,686	\$ 4,091,960	\$ 360,726
2016	3,076,732	4,323,432	(1,246,700)
2017	10,342,754	4,554,193	5,788,561
2018	9,011,453	4,791,846	4,219,607
2019	8,298,296	5,042,284	3,256,012
2020	7,659,291	5,286,670	2,372,621
2021	26,505,378	5,520,248	20,985,130
2022	(9,220,474)	5,803,355	(15,023,829)
2023	13,938,461	6,070,125	7,868,336
2024	17,530,250	6,347,444	11,182,806

Benefit Payment Statistics

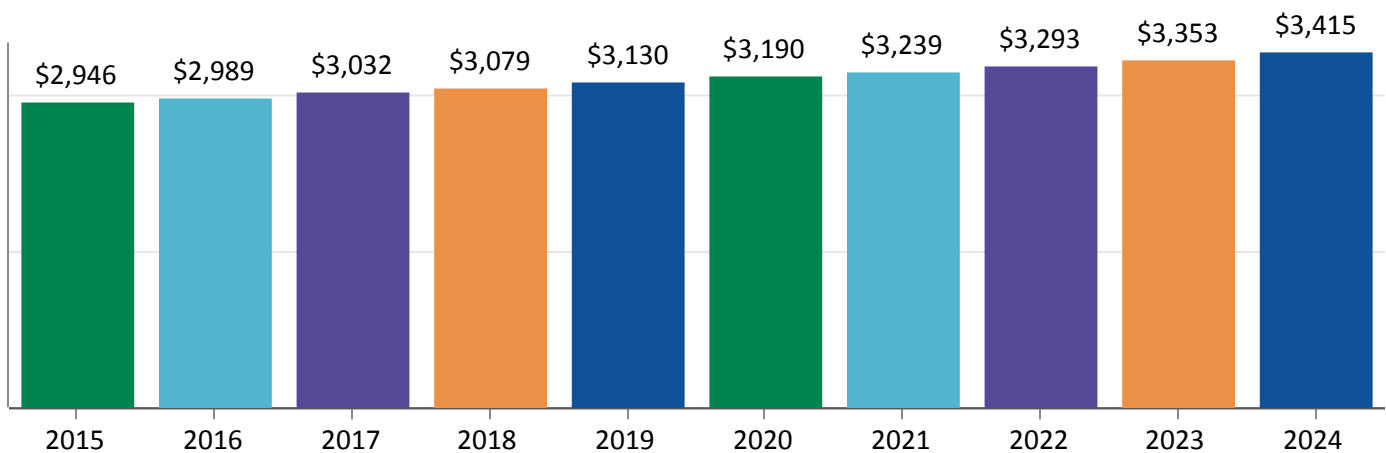
Number of Retirees



Annual Benefit (dollars in millions)



Average Monthly Benefit

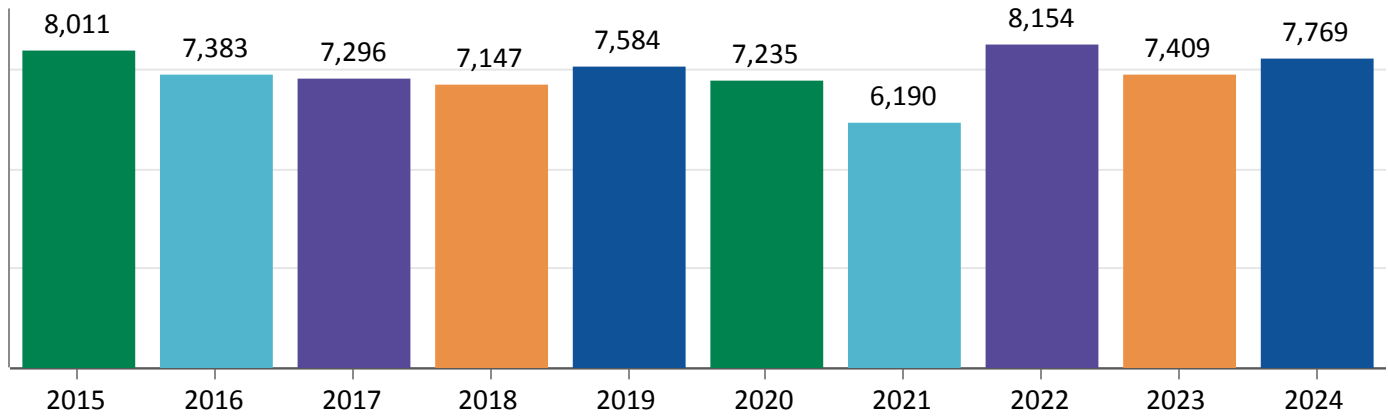


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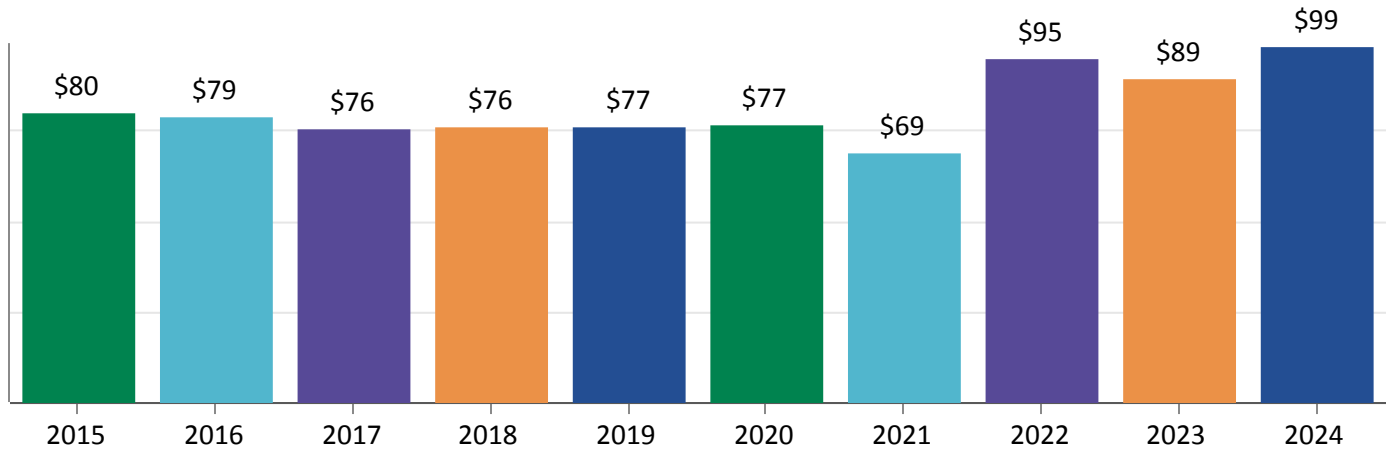
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Member Withdrawal Statistics

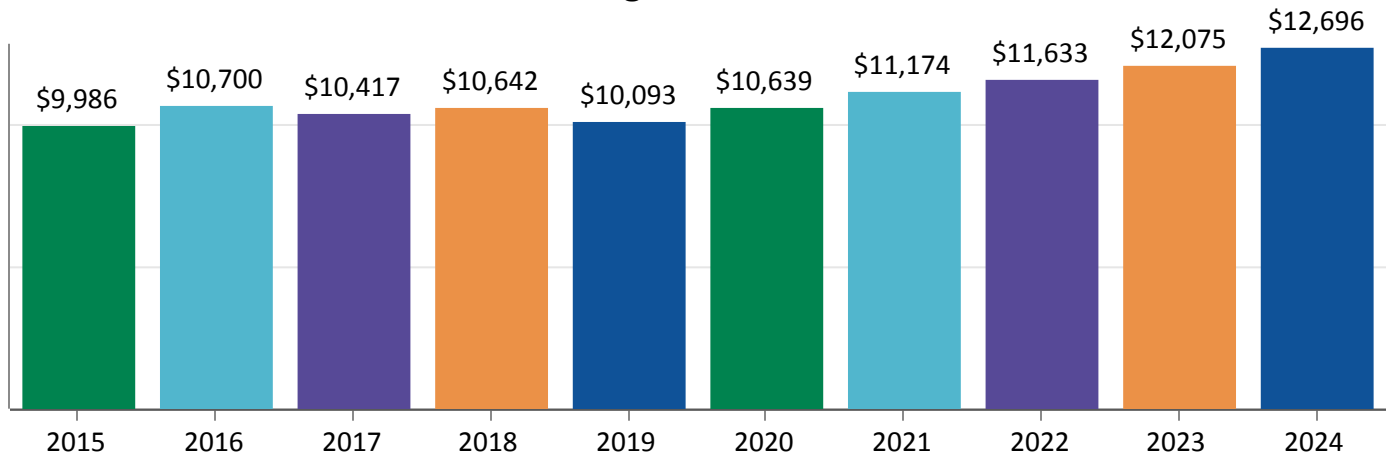
Number of Members



Annual Withdrawal (dollars in millions)



Average Withdrawal



Average Monthly Benefit Payments for New Retirees

Effective Retirement Dates for Fiscal Years Ended June 30,	Years Credited Service					Total
	10 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30	Over 30	
2015						
Average monthly benefit	\$897.66	\$1,416.36	\$2,008.34	\$2,566.87	\$3,573.41	\$2,217.71
Average final average salary	\$3,818.45	\$4,161.17	\$4,635.36	\$5,007.10	\$5,900.24	\$4,812.42
Number of retirees	1,659	1,119	1,164	1,035	2,190	7,167
2016						
Average monthly benefit	\$883.07	\$1,447.47	\$1,979.68	\$2,582.75	\$3,496.30	\$2,207.94
Average final average salary	\$3,786.36	\$4,215.09	\$4,558.19	\$5,046.61	\$5,796.47	\$4,786.10
Number of retirees	1,695	1,094	1,130	1,001	2,297	7,217
2017						
Average monthly benefit	\$870.72	\$1,455.45	\$1,997.91	\$2,588.80	\$3,535.59	\$2,220.50
Average final average salary	\$3,778.31	\$4,230.72	\$4,657.44	\$5,139.34	\$5,877.02	\$4,839.84
Number of retirees	1,692	1,120	1,089	973	2,300	7,174
2018						
Average monthly benefit	\$880.97	\$1,503.44	\$2,106.91	\$2,703.58	\$3,625.69	\$2,331.31
Average final average salary	\$3,789.48	\$4,388.19	\$4,882.12	\$5,295.62	\$6,009.09	\$4,997.10
Number of retirees	1,609	1,184	1,090	967	2,471	7,321
2019						
Average monthly benefit	\$932.13	\$1,504.91	\$2,051.21	\$2,709.96	\$3,638.98	\$2,330.77
Average final average salary	\$3,964.41	\$4,434.82	\$4,826.46	\$5,401.88	\$6,125.55	\$5,080.38
Number of retirees	1,537	1,206	1,188	909	2,395	7,235
2020						
Average monthly benefit	\$948.76	\$1,535.47	\$2,086.78	\$2,702.45	\$3,692.62	\$2,371.48
Average final average salary	\$3,980.66	\$4,512.99	\$4,875.02	\$5,322.40	\$6,140.51	\$5,107.67
Number of retirees	1,443	1,168	1,127	822	2,330	6,890
2021						
Average monthly benefit	\$959.48	\$1,590.49	\$2,170.32	\$2,821.35	\$3,851.38	\$2,472.46
Average final average salary	\$4,001.19	\$4,523.33	\$5,031.91	\$5,608.36	\$6,295.60	\$5,233.87
Number of retirees	1,642	1,263	1,280	1,055	2,623	7,863
2022						
Average monthly benefit	\$1,013.12	\$1,600.94	\$2,214.83	\$2,938.15	\$3,987.82	\$2,573.00
Average final average salary	\$4,193.53	\$4,704.75	\$5,123.28	\$5,736.34	\$6,598.17	\$5,450.90
Number of retirees	1,426	1,274	1,397	1,167	2,500	7,764
2023						
Average monthly benefit	\$1,001.01	\$1,717.28	\$2,248.91	\$3,016.78	\$4,023.10	\$2,613.58
Average final average salary	\$4,199.50	\$5,030.74	\$5,273.58	\$5,962.86	\$6,667.95	\$5,584.89
Number of retirees	1,388	1,231	1,251	1,120	2,374	7,364
2024						
Average monthly benefit	\$1,028.33	\$1,665.77	\$2,297.29	\$3,135.31	\$4,128.71	\$2,724.54
Average final average salary	\$4,354.33	\$4,882.77	\$5,375.79	\$6,272.49	\$7,018.06	\$5,811.88
Number of retirees	1,371	1,237	1,250	1,033	2,667	7,558

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Retired Members by Type of Benefit

Amount of Monthly Benefit	Number of Retirees	Type of Retirement ⁽¹⁾				Option Selected ⁽²⁾							
		A	B	C	D	Max	Opt-1	Opt-2	Opt-3	Opt-4	Opt-2 Pop-Up	Opt-3 Pop-Up	
1 - 500	4,666	3,878	298	485	5	2,428	130	1,123	316	157	401	111	
500 - 1000	15,062	13,224	995	842	1	8,833	536	2,778	655	181	1,586	493	
1000 - 1500	16,467	14,797	930	739	1	9,357	615	2,926	784	109	1,964	712	
1500 - 2000	13,478	12,102	798	578	—	7,461	515	2,292	659	94	1,789	668	
2000 - 2500	11,527	10,461	649	417	—	6,082	473	1,968	626	88	1,539	751	
2500 - 3000	10,690	9,859	525	306	—	5,536	438	1,714	594	95	1,554	759	
3000 - 3500	11,061	10,365	491	204	1	5,561	469	1,746	606	121	1,761	797	
3500 - 4000	11,893	11,352	385	156	—	6,151	545	1,654	635	195	1,853	860	
4000 - 4500	11,878	11,530	234	114	—	6,633	541	1,447	582	163	1,684	828	
4500 - 5000	11,073	10,887	123	63	—	6,585	587	1,141	506	172	1,316	766	
5000 - 5500	9,283	9,181	62	40	—	5,816	479	864	435	142	955	592	
5500 - 6000	6,910	6,826	34	50	—	4,386	400	660	315	101	654	394	
6000 - 6500	4,829	4,793	13	23	—	3,146	242	438	247	85	402	269	
6500 - 7000	3,258	3,238	6	14	—	2,059	180	341	169	77	255	177	
7000 - 7500	2,410	2,387	8	15	—	1,421	138	291	143	48	223	146	
7500 - 8000	1,788	1,778	2	8	—	1,085	94	222	103	42	146	96	
8000 - 8500	1,324	1,309	1	14	—	772	82	183	81	27	99	80	
8500 - 9000	947	939	1	7	—	542	55	144	70	29	57	50	
9000 - 9500	748	739	2	7	—	420	33	113	56	24	64	38	
9500 - 10000	588	582	1	5	—	320	43	85	44	21	44	31	
Over 10000	2,001	1,980	4	17	—	890	81	455	209	90	155	121	
TOTALS	151,881	142,207	5,562	4,104	8	85,484	6,676	22,585	7,835	2,061	18,501	8,739	

⁽¹⁾ Type of Retirement

A - Service

B - Disability

C - Survivor Benefit

D - Supplemental payments to retirees who belonged to a local retirement system.

⁽²⁾ Refer to Summary of Plan Provisions, beginning on page 11 for descriptions of Options.

Retirement Payments by County of Residence During Fiscal Year 2024

County	Number of Retirees	FY24 Total Gross Pay (in thousands)	County	Number of Retirees	FY24 Total Gross Pay (in thousands)
Appling	380	\$ 15,317	Dade	158	\$ 5,683
Atkinson	109	4,456	Dawson	402	16,961
Bacon	207	8,080	Decatur	408	15,144
Baker	54	2,099	DeKalb	7,100	330,776
Baldwin	897	34,381	Dodge	365	13,575
Banks	240	8,695	Dooly	166	6,581
Barrow	970	35,621	Dougherty	1,667	68,682
Bartow	1,347	51,148	Douglas	1,143	42,869
Ben Hill	300	11,262	Early	247	9,843
Berrien	303	11,299	Echols	51	1,644
Bibb	2,086	80,839	Effingham	762	26,120
Bleckley	337	12,047	Elbert	385	13,453
Brantley	230	7,912	Emanuel	479	18,597
Brooks	276	10,046	Evans	182	6,516
Bryan	480	16,853	Fannin	494	19,971
Bulloch	1,733	67,791	Fayette	2,320	101,854
Burke	371	12,341	Floyd	1,772	73,341
Butts	330	12,867	Forsyth	2,023	82,142
Calhoun	115	4,275	Franklin	474	18,520
Camden	595	22,119	Fulton	7,196	334,409
Candler	214	7,640	Gilmer	573	23,605
Carroll	2,261	87,354	Glascok	38	1,121
Catoosa	741	26,870	Glynn	1,658	71,058
Charlton	121	4,663	Gordon	729	27,172
Chatham	3,446	136,635	Grady	374	14,967
Chattahoochee	32	1,274	Greene	404	19,023
Chattooga	368	13,753	Gwinnett	6,631	259,394
Cherokee	3,378	135,511	Habersham	802	31,599
Clarke	3,610	168,960	Hall	2,987	125,583
Clay	49	1,873	Hancock	190	6,985
Clayton	1,605	60,934	Haralson	471	17,114
Clinch	124	5,430	Harris	785	31,154
Cobb	7,585	311,512	Hart	522	22,071
Coffee	656	25,204	Heard	150	5,148
Colquitt	753	29,088	Henry	2,377	94,155
Columbia	2,948	118,862	Houston	2,128	82,554
Cook	281	10,068	Irwin	181	7,374
Coweta	2,028	81,883	Jackson	1,582	61,543
Crawford	195	7,206	Jasper	277	10,788
Crisp	363	14,770	Jeff Davis	205	8,035

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County	FY24 Total		County	FY24 Total	
	Number of Retirees	Gross Pay (in thousands)		Number of Retirees	Gross Pay (in thousands)
Jefferson	281	\$ 10,881	Richmond	3,335	\$ 120,573
Jenkins	168	5,991	Rockdale	1,050	42,821
Johnson	162	6,372	Schley	76	2,552
Jones	452	17,664	Screven	306	11,299
Lamar	331	12,712	Seminole	172	6,953
Lanier	114	4,209	Spalding	1,083	44,613
Laurens	894	36,180	Stephens	466	18,227
Lee	485	18,968	Stewart	82	3,323
Liberty	486	16,343	Sumter	606	24,992
Lincoln	209	9,100	Talbot	107	3,577
Long	97	3,217	Taliaferro	21	770
Lowndes	1,991	76,341	Tattnall	277	9,699
Lumpkin	692	26,698	Taylor	157	5,862
Macon	184	6,452	Telfair	207	7,884
Madison	987	32,785	Terrell	148	5,585
Marion	121	3,847	Thomas	846	34,278
McDuffie	381	14,674	Tift	975	38,125
McIntosh	222	8,914	Toombs	437	16,166
Meriwether	309	11,873	Towns	327	13,438
Miller	115	4,321	Treutlen	132	4,796
Mitchell	303	11,109	Troup	1,006	39,034
Monroe	489	19,645	Turner	183	6,638
Montgomery	206	8,069	Twiggs	102	3,419
Morgan	525	22,749	Union	530	21,533
Murray	461	18,925	Upson	488	17,922
Muscogee	2,695	106,319	Walker	728	26,713
Newton	1,113	41,710	Walton	1,534	60,239
Oconee	1,767	83,007	Ware	596	23,173
Oglethorpe	553	19,204	Warren	83	3,015
Paulding	1,387	49,038	Washington	332	12,907
Peach	561	23,267	Wayne	506	18,435
Pickens	820	33,715	Webster	38	1,489
Pierce	357	13,401	Wheeler	112	4,940
Pike	403	15,407	White	638	25,248
Polk	592	24,107	Whitfield	1,207	49,741
Pulaski	176	7,118	Wilcox	156	6,867
Putnam	535	22,094	Wilkes	218	8,486
Quitman	29	936	Wilkinson	167	5,859
Rabun	391	17,360	Worth	322	11,771
Randolph	125	5,142	Outside GA	20,734	785,437
Total Benefit Payments				\$	6,224,330



Principal Participating Employers

Employers	2024			2015		
	Covered Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total System	Covered Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total System
State of Georgia	38,134	1	15.85 %	32,578	1	15.22 %
Gwinnett County Schools	20,002	2	8.31 %	16,270	2	7.60 %
Cobb County Schools	11,810	3	4.91 %	11,191	3	5.23 %
Dekalb County Schools	10,651	4	4.43 %	10,129	4	4.73 %
Fulton County Schools	10,125	5	4.21 %	9,646	5	4.51 %
Atlanta Public Schools	5,945	6	2.47 %	5,227	6	2.44 %
Clayton County Schools	5,625	7	2.34 %	5,010	7	2.34 %
Forsyth County Schools	5,147	8	2.14 %	—	—	— %
Chatham County Schools	4,634	9	1.93 %	4,321	8	2.02 %
Henry County Schools	4,494	10	1.87 %	3,995	9	1.87 %
Cherokee County Schools	—	—	— %	3,621	10	1.69 %
Top 10	116,567		48.46 %	101,988		47.65 %
Total	240,562		100.00 %	214,015		100.00 %

Reporting Entities

Universities and Colleges

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Albany State University
Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Augusta University
Clayton College & State University
College of Coastal Georgia
Columbus State University
Cooperative Extension Service
Dalton State College
East Georgia State College
Fort Valley State University
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia College & State University
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Highlands College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Military College
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gordon College
Kennesaw State University
Middle Georgia State College
Savannah State University
South Georgia State College
The University of Georgia
University of North Georgia
University of West Georgia
Valdosta State University

Boards of Education

Appling County
Atkinson County
Atlanta Public
Bacon County
Baker County
Baldwin County
Banks County
Barrow County
Bartow County
Ben Hill County
Berrien County
Bibb County
Bleckley County

Brantley County
Bremen City
Brooks County
Bryan County
Buford City
Bulloch County
Burke County
Butts County
Calhoun City
Calhoun County
Camden County
Candler County
Carroll County
Carrollton City Schools
Cartersville City
Catoosa County
Charlton County
Chatham County
Chattahoochee County
Chattooga County
Cherokee County
Chickamauga City
Clarke County
Clay County
Clayton County
Clinch County
Cobb County
Coffee County
Colquitt County
Columbia County
Commerce City
Cook County
Coweta County
Crawford County
Crisp County
Dade County
Dalton City
Dawson County
Decatur City
Decatur County
DeKalb County
Dodge County
Dooly County
Dougherty County

Douglas County	Lincoln County
Dublin City	Long County
Early County	Lowndes County
Echols County	Lumpkin County
Effingham County	Macon County
Elbert County	Madison County
Emanuel County	Marietta City
Evans County	Marion County
Fannin County	McDuffie County
Fayette County	McIntosh County
Floyd County	Meriwether County
Forsyth County	Miller County
Franklin County	Mitchell County
Fulton County	Monroe County
Gainesville City	Montgomery County
Gilmer County	Morgan County
Glascocock County	Murray County
Glynn County	Muscogee County
Gordon County	Newton County
Grady County	Oconee County
Greene County	Oglethorpe County
Griffin-Spalding County	Paulding County
Gwinnett County	Peach County
Habersham County	Pelham City
Hall County	Pickens County
Hancock County	Pierce County
Haralson County	Pike County
Harris County	Polk School District
Hart County	Pulaski County
Heard County	Putnam County
Henry County	Quitman County
Houston County	Rabun County
Irwin County	Randolph County
Jackson County	Richmond County
Jasper County	Rockdale County
Jeff Davis County	Rome City
Jefferson City	Schley County
Jefferson County	Screven County
Jenkins County	Seminole County
Johnson County	Social Circle City
Jones County	Stephens County
Lamar County	Stewart County
Lanier County	Sumter County
Laurens County	Talbot County
Lee County	Taliaferro County
Liberty County	Tattnall County

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Wayne County
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Whitfield County
Wilcox County
Wilkes County
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Worth County

Public Libraries

Athens Regional Library
Augusta Richmond County Library
Azalea Regional Library
Barnesville-Lamar County Library
Bartow County Library
Bartram Trail Regional Library
Brooks County Library
Catoosa County Library
Cherokee Regional Library
Chestatee Regional Library
Clayton County Regional Library
Coastal Plains Regional Library

Cobb County Public Library
Conyers-Rockdale Library System
Coweta Public Library
DeKalb County Public Library
DeSoto Trail Regional Library
Dougherty County Public Library
Elbert County Library
Flint River Regional Library
Forsyth County Public Library
Gwinnett County Public Library
Hall County Library
Hart County Library
Henry County Library
Houston County Public Library
Jefferson County Library System
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Lake Blackshear Regional Library
Lee County Library
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Live Oak Public Libraries
Middle Georgia Regional Library
Moultrie-Colquitt County Library
Mountain Regional Library
Newton County Library
Northeast Georgia Regional Library
Northwest Georgia Regional Library
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Oconee Regional Library
Ochopee Regional Library
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Peach Public Library
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Warren County Public Library
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Technical Colleges

Albany Technical Institute
 Athens Technical College
 Atlanta Technical College
 Augusta Technical Institute
 Central Georgia Technical College
 Chattahoochee Technical College
 Coastal Pines Technical College
 Columbus Technical Institute
 Georgia Northwestern Technical College
 Georgia Piedmont Technical College
 Gwinnett Technical College
 Lanier Technical College
 North Georgia Technical Institute
 Oconee Fall Line Technical College
 Ogeechee Technical College
 Savannah Technical College
 South Georgia Technical College
 Southeastern Technical College
 Southern Crescent Technical College
 Southern Regional Technical College
 West Georgia Technical College
 Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

Regional Educational Service Agencies

Chattahoochee Flint RESA
 Coastal Plains RESA
 Central Savannah River Area RESA
 First District RESA
 Griffin RESA
 Heart of Georgia RESA
 Metro RESA
 Middle Georgia RESA
 North Georgia RESA
 Northeast Georgia RESA
 Northwest Georgia RESA
 Oconee RESA
 Okefenokee RESA
 Pioneer RESA
 Southwest Georgia RESA
 West Georgia RESA

Charter Schools

Academy for Classical Education, Inc.
 Atlanta Smart Academy
 Amana Academy
 Atlanta Classical Academy
 Atlanta Heights Charter School
 Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School, Inc.
 Atlanta Unbound Academy
 Baconton Community Charter School
 Brighten Academy
 Brookhaven Innovation Academy
 Centennial Academy
 Charles Drew Charter School
 Charter Conservatory for Liberal Arts and Technology
 Chattahoochee Hills Charter School, Inc.
 Cherokee Charter Academy
 Cirrus Academy
 Coastal Plains Education Center
 Coweta Charter Academy
 DeKalb Academy of Technology and Environment
 DeKalb Brilliance Academy
 DeKalb Path Academy
 DeKalb Preparatory Academy
 Delta Steam Academy
 Destinations Career Academy of Georgia
 Dubois Integrity Academy
 Ethos Classical Charter School
 Foothills Education Charter High School
 Fulton Academy of Science and Technology
 Fulton Leadership Academy
 Furlow Charter School
 Genesis Innovation Academy for Boys
 Genesis Innovation Academy for Girls
 Georgia Connections Academy
 Georgia Cyber Academy
 Georgia Fugees Academy Charter School, Inc.
 Georgia High School for Accelerated Learning
 Georgia Magnet Charter School
 Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics
 International Academy of Smyrna Charter School
 International Charter Academy of Georgia
 International Charter School of Atlanta
 International Community School
 Ivy Preparatory Academy for Girls
 Kipp Metro Atlanta Collaborative

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Museum School of Avondale
New Life Academy of Excellence Inc.
Northwest Classical Academy
Odyssey Charter School
Pataula Charter Academy
Peace Academy Charter
Purpose Built Schools of Atlanta
Resurgence Hall
Rise Prep Charter School
Sail Charter School
Sankofa Montessori Charter School
Savannah Classical Academy
Scintilla Charter Academy
Seven Pillars Career Academy
SLAM Academy of Atlanta
Southwest Georgia STEM Charter
Spring Creek Charter Academy
Tapestry Public Charter School
The Anchor School
The Globe Academy
The Kindezi School
Utopian Academy for the Arts
Utopian Academy for the Arts Elem School
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Yi Hwang Academy of Language Excellence
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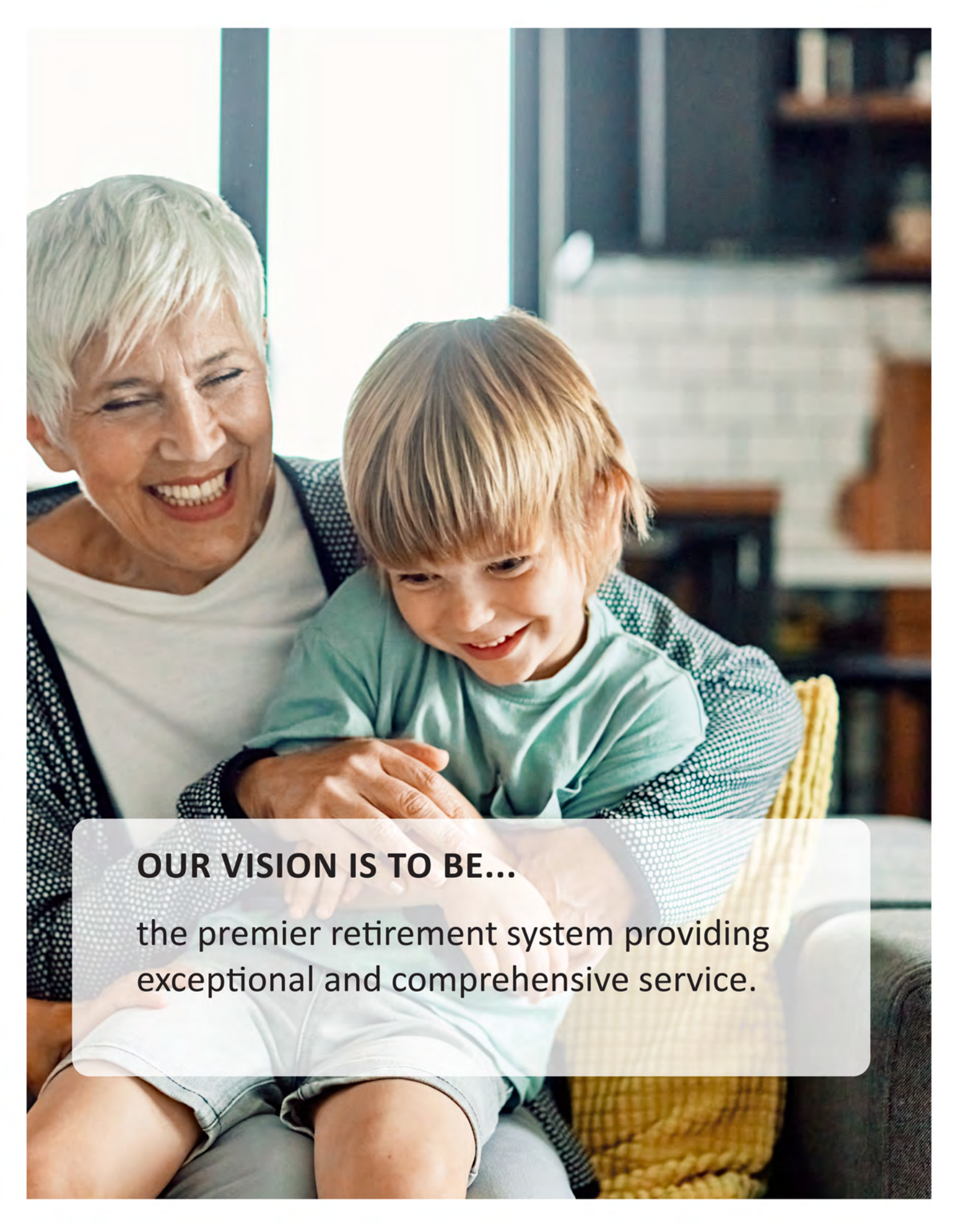
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Georgia Department of Law
Georgia Department of Revenue
Georgia Department of Transportation
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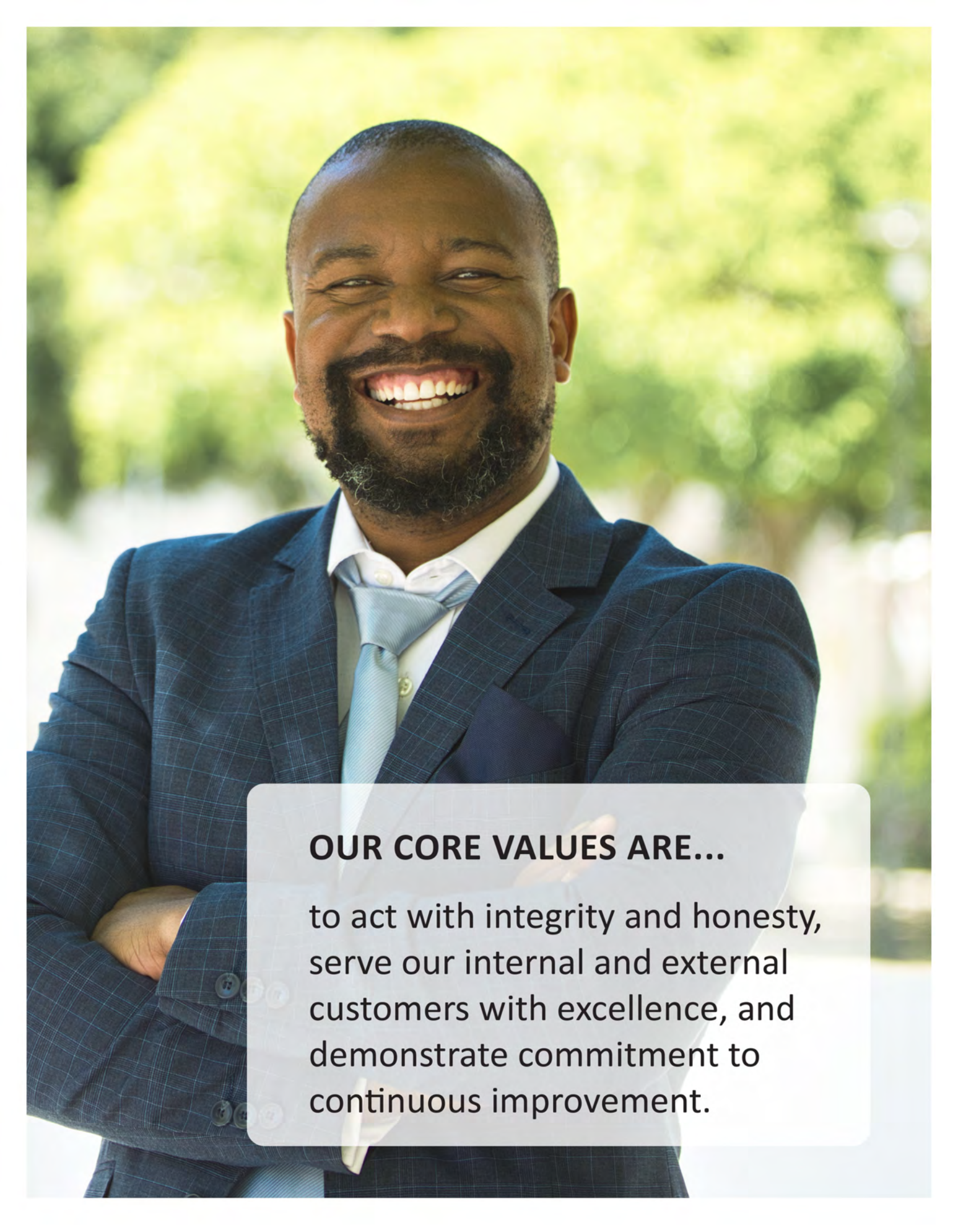
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Whitfield County DFACS



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A photograph of a Black man with a beard, smiling broadly, wearing a blue checkered suit jacket, a white shirt, and a light blue tie. He has his arms crossed. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green trees.

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to act with integrity and honesty, serve our internal and external customers with excellence, and demonstrate commitment to continuous improvement.

A photograph of a woman and a young boy, both wearing white lab coats, smiling and looking at a tablet. The woman is on the left, and the boy is on the right, wearing glasses. The background is a blurred laboratory setting.

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