# **TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS**

Actuarial Valuation Report As of August 31, 2019







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### Subject: Actuary's Certification of the Actuarial Valuation as of August 31, 2019

We certify that the information included herein and contained in the 2019 Actuarial Valuation Report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) as of August 31, 2019. This report was prepared at the request of the Board and is intended for use by the TRS staff and those designated or approved by the Board. This report may be provided to parties other than TRS staff only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board.

All calculations have been made in conformity with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. In our opinion, the results presented comply with the requirements of the Texas statutes and, where applicable, the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, and the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The undersigned are independent actuaries. Mr. Siblik and Mr. Newton are Enrolled Actuaries, members of the American Academy of Actuaries and are qualified to give a Statement of Opinion. All are experienced in performing valuations for large public retirement systems.

#### ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS

The primary purpose of the valuation report is to determine the adequacy of the statutory contribution rates through measuring the resulting funding period, to describe the current financial condition of the System, and to analyze changes in the System's condition. In addition, the report provides various summaries of the data. This report may not be appropriate for other purposes. The information required by the System in connection with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 67 (GASB No. 67) will be provided under separate cover.

Valuations are prepared annually, as of August 31 of each year, the last day of the System's plan and fiscal year.

#### FINANCING OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN

The employee, employer, and State contribution rates are established by Law that, over time, are intended to remain level as a percent of payroll and provide assets to cover benefits when due. The

actuarially determined employer contribution rates determined in this actuarial valuation are intended to provide for the normal cost plus the level percentage of payroll required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Please see Appendix 2 for more discussion of these determinations.

### PROGRESS TOWARD REALIZATION OF FINANCING OBJECTIVE

The actuarial accrued liability, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL), and the calculation of the resulting funding period illustrate the progress toward the realization of financing objectives. Based on this actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2019, the System's under-funded status has increased to \$49.5 billion as of August 31, 2019 compared to \$46.2 billion as of August 31, 2018. The primary reason for the increase was the interest on the UAAL being greater than the contributions towards the UAAL. This shortfall was \$1.5 billion for the fiscal year. This means that the UAAL would have increased \$1.5 billion even if all assumptions were met and shows why it was imperative that contribution rates were increased prospectively as that rate of growth would have continued.

In addition, the anticipated impact of salary increases provided by the 2019 Legislature represents \$1.4 billion of the change. The remainder of the increase was primarily from an actuarial loss generated on the actuarial value of assets from the fiscal year market return being less than the assumed 7.25%.

This valuation shows a normal cost equal to 11.65% of pay plus 0.11% of pay to cover the annual cost of administrative expenses. The 2019 Legislature increased contribution rates for the State, employers, and the members in a phase-in schedule that will end in Fiscal Year 2025. The State's base rate of 6.80% in Fiscal Year 2019 will increase to 7.50% in Fiscal Year 2020 and phase-in to 8.25% by Fiscal Year 2024. In addition, covered employers whose employees are not participating in Social Security began contributing 1.50% of salary (capped at the minimum salary schedule) in Fiscal Year 2015. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2020, all public education employers will pay this supplemental payment and the amount will gradually increase from 1.60% in Fiscal Year 2021 to 2.00% in Fiscal Year 2025. These supplemental contributions are assumed to be approximately 1.25% of total payroll at the end of the phase-in. Combined, these contributions are ultimately assumed to approximate 9.50% of total payroll. The member contribution rate will increase from the current 7.70% to 8.00% in Fiscal Year 2022 and ultimately 8.25% in Fiscal Year 2024. In addition to these contributions, there are contributions made on behalf of members who are receiving a pension but who have also returned to work. These contributions are assumed to be approximately 0.05% of total payroll. As a result, for FY2025 and thereafter, the System is expected to receive a total contribution rate of 17.80% of pay. All funding calculations in this report assume the rate will remain at that level thereafter.

If payroll grows as expected (3.0% per year), the contributions provided by this contribution rate pattern are sufficient to amortize the current unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities of the System over a period of 29 years based on the smoothed asset value as of the valuation date. Therefore, the financing objectives of the System are expected to be met (assuming all assumptions are realized).

The actuarial valuation report as of August 31, 2019 reveals that the funded ratio (the ratio of actuarial assets to actuarial accrued liability) is 76.4%. The funded status is one of many metrics used to show trends and develop future expectations about the health of the System. The funded status measure itself is not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligations or assessing the need for or the amount of future contributions since it does not reflect normal cost contributions, the timing of amortization payments, or future experience other than expected.

The System earned less than the prior year's assumed rate of return during fiscal year 2019 (5.0% on market value compared to an assumed 7.25%). Even though the System was deferring investment gains from the prior year, the System experienced an actuarial loss on assets this year because the current year's shortfall was greater than the prior year's excess that was being deferred. After netting these two numbers against each other, the System recognized 20% of the remaining shortfall in an actuarial loss and is now deferring an investment shortfall of \$2.255 billion and the funded status using the market value of assets is 75.3%. If there are no significant investment excesses or other actuarial gains over the next several years, the funded status of the System would be expected to decrease towards this number. This \$2.255 billion in net deferred shortfall compares to the last valuation when the System was deferring a gain of \$0.5 billion.

Based on the actuarial (smoothed) value of assets, the number of years needed to amortize the UAAL will decrease annually if all assumptions are met. Please note that this annual decrease in the funding period will only occur if the currently scheduled contribution levels remain in place over the funding period. Any decrease in the contribution rates will result in higher funding periods.

Due to the current funding policy which utilizes level percentage of payroll amortization, the amortization payments will not be sufficient to cover all of the interest charges on the UAAL until the funding period reaches approximately 20 years. Table 11a provides a 10 year projection of various valuation results, including the UAAL, and that projection shows the UAAL is expected to increase to \$55.6 billion in 2028. Extending the projection further would show the UAAL is fully amortized 20 years after that (assuming all assumptions are exactly met including a 7.25% annual return on assets).

Please note these expectations are based on the current benefit provisions, assumptions, contribution rates and a level active population. Any additional benefit enhancements (ad hoc Cost of Living Adjustments or "COLAs") granted without additional funding would increase the ultimate UAAL and extend the funding period before the funding status begins to improve. Thus, we continue to advise against any future benefit enhancements without additional sources of funding that cover the cost of the enhancement.

#### **PLAN PROVISIONS**

The plan provisions used in the actuarial valuation are described in Appendix 1 of the valuation report. Except as noted below, there have been no changes to the ongoing benefit provisions of the System since the prior valuation. The 2019 Legislature provided a one-time appropriation to the System in

August of 2019 to provide for a one time supplemental payment to retirees. The appropriation and resulting increased benefit payment have both been reflected fully in this valuation, meaning there are not residual liabilities or credits. In addition, the 2019 Legislature increased the member contribution rates to be paid into the System beginning in Fiscal Year 2022. The member rate will increase from the current 7.70% to 8.00% in Fiscal Year 2022 and increase again in Fiscal Year 2024 to 8.25% of pay, where it is expected to remain.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF PENSION INFORMATION**

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2014, the System began reporting financial information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67. The disclosure information for GASB No. 67 is provided in a separate report and is not contained herein.

This report should not be relied on for any purpose other than the purpose described above. Determinations of the financial results associated with the benefits described in this report in a manner other than the intended purpose may produce significantly different results.

#### ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

HB 3 in the 2019 Legislative session created a new mechanism for salary increases to be provided from the State. It is our understanding that approximately \$825 million was budgeted to provide salary increases to teachers, librarians, counselors, and nurses with at least 5 years of service. To estimate the impact in this valuation, we have assumed the \$825 million would be provided uniformly to all members in the data with the applicable position codes and at least 5 years of service. In addition, we have assumed aggregate covered payroll for Fiscal Year 2020 would be \$825 million more than the typical 3% annual growth from actual Fiscal Year 2019 payroll. Finally, we have assumed half of the \$825 million would be eligible for the supplemental contribution from employers. All assumptions are then assumed to continue thereafter without adjustment. This increased the UAAL in this valuation by approximately \$1.4 billion and increased the funding period by 1 year.

The actual data collected as of August 31, 2020 will provide the actual amount and distribution of the salary increases, as well as the actual increase in aggregate payroll and the portion eligible for supplemental contributions, meaning the 2020 valuation will provide more clarity on the actual impact from the HB 3 as the school districts do have discretion on how the actual increases are distributed. In addition, the true ultimate cost of the increases will not be fully known until the valuations for the following years are completed as it is possible that future salary decisions by employers are impacted by this one large decision. We believe it is possible that overall salary increases for the next few valuation cycles could be dampened compared to current assumptions and thus believe the proposed approach to projecting the impact is more likely to overestimate the impact than underestimate, but given the lack of detail from how local employers will distribute the increases and how it may impact future decisions, we believe the methods used in this valuation are appropriate and reasonable.

The actuarial methods and assumptions have been selected by the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas based upon our analysis and recommendations. These assumptions and methods are detailed in Appendix 2 of the valuation report. The Board of Trustees has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions used for the plan. Except for the assumption about potential impact from the salary increases provided by 2019 Legislature to be effective September 1, 2019, the actuarial methods and assumptions are primarily based on a study of actual experience for the period ending August 31, 2017 and adopted on July 27, 2018. Please see our experience study report dated July 27, 2018 for more information on the rationale for the current assumptions. In our opinion, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in this funding valuation meet the parameters set by the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board for such purposes.

The results of the actuarial valuation are dependent on the actuarial assumptions used. Actual results can and almost certainly will differ, as actual experience deviates from the assumptions.

Even seemingly minor changes in the assumptions can materially change the liabilities, calculated contribution rates and funding periods. To illustrate this point, on page 7 of this report we have shown illustrative results based on future investment experience deviating from the assumptions. Based on the scope of this engagement, we have not performed analysis on the potential range of future measurements based on other factors. The actuarial calculations are intended to provide information for rational decision making.

In our opinion, the actuarial assumptions used are appropriate for purposes of the valuation and are internally consistent and reasonably related to the experience of the System and to reasonable expectations.

#### Data

Member data for retired, active and inactive members was supplied as of August 31, 2019 by the TRS staff. The staff also supplied asset information as of August 31, 2019. While GRS did not audit this data, we did apply a number of tests to the data and concluded that it was reasonable and consistent with the prior year's data. It is also our understanding that TRS's auditor has attested to this information. GRS is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by TRS.

The following schedules in the Actuarial Section of the TRS CAFR were prepared by GRS:

- Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits
- Schedule of Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls
- Schedule of Funding Progress
- Post-Retirement Mortality
- Rates of Retirement
- Probability of Decrement due to Withdrawal
- Active Mortality

All other schedules shown in the actuarial section were prepared by TRS staff based upon our work. For further information please see the full actuarial valuation report.

This document and the PowerPoint presentation of the actuarial valuation results presented to the TRS Board in December 2019 comprise the full actuarial report.

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**SECTION A** 

DISCUSSION

### **Executive Summary**

The actuarial valuation of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) as of August 31, 2019 indicates that the System's UAAL has increased from \$46.2 billion in 2018 to \$49.5 billion in 2019. There was a significant increase in the unfunded liabilities of the System due to the contributions received not covering the interest on the UAAL and from the salary increases provided in HB 3.

That being said, the financial outlook of the System is significantly improved from last year. SB 12 provides a six year phase-in to higher contribution rates that are currently projected to fully amortize the UAAL over the next 29 years. The key results of this valuation as of August 31, 2019 may be summarized as follows.

ltem	2019	2018
Membership		
Number of		
- Active members <sup>#</sup>	884,540	872,999
- Service retirees	405,236	391,927
- Disabled retirees	11,994	11,914
- Beneficiaries	17,196	16,617
- Inactive, vested	108,768	105,000
- Inactive, nonvested	<u>201,948</u>	<u>193,498</u>
- Total	1,629,682	1,591,955
Projected Payroll for Contributions	\$ 47.414 billion	\$ 44.956 billion
Statutory contribution rates (of payroll)		
Combined State/Employers *	8.44%	7.71%
• Member	7.70%	7.70%
Actuarial Information		
Normal cost %	11.65%	11.58%
<ul> <li>Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)</li> </ul>	\$ 49.486 billion	\$ 46.165 billion
UAAL as % of pay	104.4%	102.7%
Funded ratio	76.4%	76.9%
<ul> <li>Funding period (years)</li> </ul>	29	87
<ul> <li>Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) (See description of ADEC in Appendix 2)**</li> </ul>	9.33%	9.48%

- # Includes members in Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)
- \* For Fiscal Year 2020, in addition to the 7.50% statutory payroll contribution rate for the State/Employers, public education employers will contribute 1.50% of the minimum salary schedule. Combined, it is expected that these contributions will be approximately 8.44% of total payroll. Not included in the 8.44%, the System also receives contributions on behalf of retired members who have returned to work which yields an approximate additional 0.05%.
- \*\* Aggregate contribution rate for State and local employers.



# **Executive Summary (Continued)**

Item	2019		2018
Assets			
Market value	\$ 157.978 billion	\$	154.569 billion
Actuarial value	160.233 billion		154.051 billion
Estimated yield on market value	5.0%		7.7%
Estimated yield on actuarial value	6.9%		8.1%
Ratio of actuarial to market value	101.4%		99.7%
Employee contributions, including service purchases	\$ 3,525.1 million	\$	3,402.3 million
State contributions	2,356.5 million		1,743.5 million
Employer contributions	1,761.8 million		1,671.3 million
<ul> <li>Benefit, refund, and expense payments</li> </ul>	12,583.3 million		11,378.9 million
Net external cash flow	(4,944.2) million		(4,466.4) million
Gains/(losses)			
Asset experience	\$ (563.8) million	\$	172.7 million
<ul> <li>Assumption changes/Legislative changes</li> </ul>	(1,996.8) million	(	10,591.9) million
Liability experience	200.3 million		95.3 million
• Total	\$ (2,360.3) million	\$	10,323.9) million
Actuarial Information based on Market Value of Assets			
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	\$ 51.741 billion	\$	45.647 billion
<ul> <li>UAAL as % of pay</li> </ul>	109.1%	ſ	45.047 5111011
Funded ratio	75.3%		77.2%
<ul> <li>Funding period (years)</li> </ul>	32		80
<ul> <li>Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC)</li> </ul>	9.61%		9.41%

	UAAL	
Item	(\$ Millions)	<b>Funding Period</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. 2018 Valuation	\$46,165	87
2. Restated 2018 Valuation with Legislative changes (if applicable)	\$47,472	30
3. Expected 2019 UAAL using expected contributions	\$49,166	29
4. Expected 2019 UAAL using actual contributions	\$49,123	29
5. 2019 UAAL using expected assets and actual liabilities	\$48,923	29
<ol><li>2019 UAAL recognizing past deferred asset gains/(losses)</li></ol>	\$48,750	29
7. 2019 UAAL using actual assets and liabilities, expected payroll	\$49,486	30
8. 2019 UAAL using actual payroll	\$49,486	29

\* The funding period for this entry uses the expected UAAL and expected payroll.

Expected payroll is the prior year's valuation payroll, increased by the 3.0% payroll growth rate.



### Introduction

The valuation of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) as of August 31, 2019, reflects the following contribution rates for Fiscal Year 2020: (a) a member contribution rate of 7.70%, and (b) a State/Employer combined contribution rate approximating 8.44%, and (c) an additional amount on behalf of rehired retirees that equates to approximately 0.05% of payroll. The amounts are projected to increase based on the following schedule:

			Effective			Total Blended
Fiscal	Base	Supplemental	Employer	Member	Rehired	Contribution Rate as a
Year	Rate	Rate	Rate*	Rate	Retirees	% of Total Payroll
2020	7.50%	1.50%	8.44%	7.70%	0.05%	16.19%
2021	7.50%	1.60%	8.50%	7.70%	0.05%	16.25%
2022	7.75%	1.70%	8.81%	8.00%	0.05%	16.86%
2023	8.00%	1.80%	9.12%	8.00%	0.05%	17.17%
2024	8.25%	1.90%	9.44%	8.25%	0.05%	17.74%
2025	8.25%	2.00%	9.50%	8.25%	0.05%	17.80%

\* It is assumed that 62.4% of total payroll will be eligible for the supplemental contribution. Please see Table 3b from more detail on this estimate.

For purposes of determining the funding period, it was assumed that the Fiscal Year 2025 contribution rates (both member and State/employer) would remain in place indefinitely.

In preparing this valuation, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) has relied on employee data and asset information provided by the staff of the Teacher Retirement System. While not verifying the data at their source, GRS has performed such tests for consistency and reasonableness as has been deemed necessary to be satisfied with the appropriateness of using the data supplied.

Section A contains an executive summary of the most significant valuation results. The basic results of the valuation are covered on pages 5 - 6. Page 7 discusses the sensitivity of the funded status to future investment performance. Page 9 provides analysis and discussion of changes in assets. Page 10 summarizes the findings of the valuation while Section B provides the tables supporting the report.

With the exception of the change to future member contribution rates, there have been no changes in the ongoing benefit provisions of TRS since the prior valuation. Please see Appendix 1 of this report for a summary of the major benefit provisions of the System.

As noted previously, aside from the impact from salary increases from HB 3, the actuarial assumptions have not changed since the prior report. These were adopted in conjunction with an experience study for the period ending August 31, 2017. The actuarial assumptions were adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 27, 2018 and were effective with the August 31, 2018 valuation. For a detailed description of the actuarial assumptions and methods please see Appendix 2 of this report.



### **Funded Status of the System**

Table 3a details the normal cost of the Retirement System by its various components. This normal cost is developed based on the valuation method known as the entry-age-normal actuarial cost method. The normal cost to pay for the benefits earned under the Retirement System is 11.65% of pay, this amount being inclusive of the amount contributed by the employees. In addition, to the cost of benefits an addition is made to the normal cost to cover annual administrative expenses. It is estimated that administrative expense will be approximately 0.11% of payroll. Thus, for Fiscal Year 2020 the total normal cost is 11.76% of pay and the net employer normal cost is 4.06% of pay based on the Fiscal Year 2020 member contribution rate of 7.70%.

The funding period is defined as the expected number of years until the UAAL is anticipated to be completely eliminated. This value will take into account all currently known information, including current assumptions, current funding policies, and any anticipated changes to normal cost based on the benefits for future members. This funding period for the System is determined under the entry-age-normal actuarial cost method based on a level percentage of pay. The key points of this method are as follows:

- 1. The "normal cost" for the System is deemed to be equal to the average cost of benefits for active members at each valuation date.
- 2. The "actuarial accrued liability" for benefits payable in the future to present active members is calculated as the present value of benefits payable in the future to present active members less the present value of future normal costs.
- 3. Funding of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) is a function of the rate of future growth in total covered payroll, the contributions established in state statute, and the trend in the normal cost over time.

Table 5a develops the funding period under the above approach not only for the current valuation, but also for the valuation as of August 31, 2018. From an actuarial perspective, the contribution rate in excess of the System's normal cost should be sufficient to amortize the UAAL over a reasonable period of time. Based on the future increases in the member and employer contribution rates, the contributions in excess of the System's normal cost is sufficient to amortize the System's UAAL over a period of 29.0 years (assuming all actuarial assumptions are exactly met). While statutorily this is considered a reasonable period of time, the UAAL will not begin to decline until the period reaches 20 years and thus we strongly recommend emphasis changing to focus on a 20 year period versus the historically used 30 year period.

Table 2 provides an overall summary of key actuarial data for the 2019 valuation, with comparative data for 2018. This information is summarized from the other tables, which supply more detail. This provides in one convenient place key comparative valuation results.



# Funded Status of the System (Continued)

In determining the number of years that will be required to amortize the UAAL, an assumption is made concerning future growth of the payroll of the System. Our current assumption is 3.00% per year. There is no provision for membership growth in the payroll growth assumption.

As shown in Item B6 of Table 5a and using the assumed rate of increase in covered payroll of 3.00%, the period to fund the UAAL is 29 years. The funding periods using alternative payroll growth assumptions are also shown. An analysis of the change in the UAAL and the funding period since the 2018 valuation is shown on Table 10.

Table 10 traces the changes in the UAAL and the funding period from the valuation as of August 31, 2018, to August 31, 2019. Item 2 shows the impact from HB 3 and SB12. Item 4 of Table 10 shows the funding status if there had been no actuarial gains or losses in the areas of assets, liabilities, and reflecting the actual State contributions for the 2018/2019 plan year. The UAAL would have increased during the year to \$49.2 billion. Item 5 of Table 10 illustrates that the overall liability gain decreased the UAAL to \$48.9 billion and that the prior years' investment experience, as shown in Item 6, was expected to decrease the UAAL to \$48.8 billion. However, Item 7 shows that the current year's investment experience offset the prior years' impact and increased the UAAL to \$49.5 billion. Item 8 shows the impact on the funding period of the covered compensation growing at a faster rate than assumed, which decreased the funding period from 30 years to 29 years.

The actuarial value of assets is developed in Table 4. It should be noted that the intent of the actuarial asset valuation method is to smooth out year-to-year fluctuations in market rates of return. The current asset method determines the expected actuarial value of assets and then recognizes at least 20% of the difference between that expected actuarial value of assets and the actual market value of assets. As shown in Item 8 of Table 4, if the current year's difference between expected and actual investment income is of the opposite sign from the remaining deferred excesses/(shortfalls), then this year's difference is directly offset against any prior year bases of the opposite sign (starting with the oldest base and working forward). Any remaining bases are then recognized over the remaining number of years. This is intended to ensure the smoothed value of assets will converge towards the market value in a reasonable and finite amount of time. This year's shortfall in investment income of \$3,337 million was partially offset with the prior years' remaining investment gains, with \$2,819 million remaining. After recognizing 20% of this amount (\$564 million) in this year's actuarial assets, \$2,255 million in deferred investment losses remain to be recognized in future valuations. The actuarial value of assets is \$160.2 billion as shown in Item 9 of Table 4.



## Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions

The determination of the accrued liability and an actuarially determined contribution (or funding period) requires the use of assumptions regarding future economic and demographic experience. Risk measures, as illustrated in this report, are intended to aid in the understanding of the effects of future experience differing from the assumptions used in the course of the actuarial valuation. Risk measures may also help with illustrating the potential volatility in the accrued liability and an actuarially determined contribution (or funding period) that result from the differences between actual experience and the actuarial assumptions.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements 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 due to changing conditions; 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. The scope of an actuarial valuation does not include an analysis of the potential range of such future measurements.

Examples of risk that may reasonably be anticipated to significantly affect the plan's future financial condition include:

- 1. Investment risk actual investment returns may differ from the expected returns;
- Asset/Liability mismatch changes in asset values may not match changes in liabilities, thereby altering the gap between the accrued liability and assets and consequently altering the funded status and contribution requirements;
- Contribution risk actual contributions may differ from expected future contributions. For example, actual contributions may not be made in accordance with the plan's funding policy or material changes may occur in the anticipated number of covered employees, covered payroll, or other relevant contribution base;
- 4. Salary and Payroll risk actual salaries and total payroll may differ from expected, resulting in actual future accrued liability and contributions differing from expected;
- 5. Longevity risk members may live longer or shorter than expected and receive pensions for a period of time other than assumed;
- 6. Other demographic risks members may terminate, retire or become disabled at times or with benefits other than assumed resulting in actual future accrued liability and contributions differing from expected.

The effects of certain trends in experience can generally be anticipated. For example if the investment return since the most recent actuarial valuation is less (or more) than the assumed rate, the cost of the plan can be expected to increase (or decrease). Likewise if longevity is improving (or worsening), increases (or decreases) in cost can be anticipated.



# Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions (Continued)

Please see Appendix 2 for a description of the actuarially determined employer contribution (ADEC) rate shown in this report.

### PLAN MATURITY MEASURES

Risks facing a pension plan evolve over time. A young plan with virtually no investments and paying few benefits may experience little investment risk. An older plan with a large number of members in pay status and a significant trust may be much more exposed to investment risk. Several generally accepted plan maturity measures are described below. Please see Tables 11b and 12 which show the current year and a 20-year history of some of these measurements for TRS.

### **RATIO OF MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS TO PAYROLL**

The relationship between assets and payroll is a useful indicator of the potential volatility of contributions. For example, if the market value of assets is 2.0 times the payroll, a return on assets 5% different than assumed would equal 10% of payroll. A higher/lower or increasing/decreasing level of this maturity measure generally indicates a higher/lower or increasing/decreasing volatility in plan sponsor contributions as a percentage of payroll.

### RATIO OF ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY TO PAYROLL

The relationship between actuarial accrued liability and payroll is a useful indicator of the potential volatility of contributions for a fully funded plan. A funding policy that targets a funded ratio of 100% is expected to result in the ratio of assets to payroll and the ratio of liability to payroll converging over time.

The ratio of liability to payroll may also be used as a measure of sensitivity of the liability itself. For example, if the actuarial accrued liability is 2.5 times the payroll (5 to 2 ratio), a change in liability 2% other than assumed would equal 5% of payroll. A higher/lower or increasing/decreasing level of this maturity measure generally indicates a higher/lower or increasing/decreasing volatility in liability (and also plan sponsor contributions) as a percentage of payroll.

### **RATIO OF ACTIVES TO RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES**

A young plan with many active members and few retirees will have a high ratio of active to retirees. A mature open plan may have close to the same number of actives to retirees resulting in a ratio near 1.0. A super-mature or closed plan may have significantly more retirees than actives resulting in a ratio below 1.0.

### RATIO OF NET CASH FLOW TO MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS

A positive net cash flow means contributions exceed benefits and expenses. A negative cash flow means existing funds are being used to make payments. A certain amount of negative net cash flow is generally expected to occur when benefits are prefunded through a qualified trust. Large negative net cash flows as a percent of assets may indicate a super-mature plan or a need for additional contributions.



# Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions (Continued)

### ADDITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Additional assessment may include scenario tests, sensitivity tests, stochastic modeling, stress tests, and a comparison of the present value of accrued benefits at low-risk discount rates with the actuarial accrued liability. While a robust measurement of additional risk assessment is outside the scope of the annual actuarial valuation, we have provided some sensitivity analysis on the investment return assumption in the following section.

### SENSITIVITY TO INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Table 11b provides several additional risk metrics that can help relate the size of the investment risk to the System, the Sponsor, and the membership. As shown on Table 11b, the assets are currently 3.4 times as large as the covered payroll (source of funding). Based on this ratio, assuming a 10% decrease in the asset levels that is never recovered by future gains would increase the 30-year contribution requirement by 1.97% of payroll (from the current 9.33% employer ADEC to 11.30%) and decrease the funded ratio by 7.6% (from 76.4% to 68.8%). Table 11b also shows how these metrics have changed over time. As a System matures and/or achieves higher funded ratios, these risk metrics will actually show proportionately higher investment risk.

The following exhibit projects the actuarial status of the System as of August 31, 2019 based on varying actual investment returns over the next few years. All other assumptions are assumed to be met, including the continuation of the new statutory member and employer contribution rates.

	Based on an Annual		Based on an Annual 7.25%		Based on an Annual 10.25%	
	4.25% Actua	l Investment	Actual Invest	ctual Investment Return		stment Return
	Return o	n Market	on M	on Market		/larket
			Funded Rati	o Measured By	:	
	Actuarial	Market	Actuarial	Market	Actuarial	
August	Value of	Value of	Value of	Value of	Value of	Market Value
31,	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets	of Assets
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2019	76.4%	75.3%	76.4%	75.3%	76.4%	75.3%
2020	76.0%	73.4%	76.4%	75.6%	76.9%	77.7%
2021	75.2%	71.6%	76.5%	75.9%	77.9%	80.3%
2022	74.1%	69.9%	76.7%	76.3%	79.5%	83.2%
2023	72.5%	68.2%	76.9%	76.8%	81.7%	86.2%
2024	70.9%	66.6%	77.5%	77.5%	84.5%	89.6%



# Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions (Continued)

The future liability is calculated by rolling forward the liabilities as of August 31, 2019, taking into account interest and benefit payments for the year, including mortality incidence and anticipated cost of living increases (none in this case). The 7.25% scenario above coincides with the actuarial investment return assumption of 7.25%. The 4.25% and 10.25% scenarios were selected because there is statistically a high probability of the return for a five-year period being within +/- 3% of the expected return.

The scenarios above are for illustration purposes only and are in no way to be used as expected investment performance. They assume no other deviations from the expected assumptions taken into consideration besides the asset performance. Careful consideration of this projection should be taken into account before any benefit enhancement is adopted. Note that under the 7.25% return scenario, the funded ratio based on actuarial assets and market assets will have converged by FY2023 and are both expected to trend upward.



### **GASB Disclosure**

The System prepares its financial accounting and disclosure information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67.

We provide a separate accounting report with the required disclosures under this accounting standard.



### **Change in Assets During the Year**

This section provides an analysis of the change in the Plan Net Assets during the year and an estimate of the yield on mean assets of the total System. Table 8a shows a rearrangement of some of the tables included in the annual financial statements of the System. Table 8b shows the estimated yield on a market value basis and on the actuarial asset valuation method.

To determine estimated yield on "mean assets", the traditional insurance company formula for yield rates is used. The estimated yield is derived by dividing the appropriate income by the corresponding mean assets. This is a "dollar weighted" rate of return, and will differ slightly from the "time weighted" return shown in the System's CAFR.

As indicated by Item A4 of Table 8b, the estimated yield on mean market value is 5.0%, following a 7.7% return in 2018. The actuarial asset yield (Item B4) is 6.9%, compared to 8.1% in 2018, and compared to the current 7.25% assumption rate. This difference in the estimated yield on market value and actuarial value illustrates the smoothing effect of the asset valuation method.

As mentioned earlier in the report, the investment results on an actuarial value basis are unfavorable for the 2018/2019 plan year. On an actuarial value basis the System is below its 7.25% assumption rate by 0.3%. As a result, the System had an actuarial investment loss of \$0.6 billion. It should also be noted that the asset valuation method is still deferring \$2.3 billion in unrecognized net losses into future years. Absent future positive investment experience, these deferred losses will be recognized over future actuarial valuations.



### **Summary and Closing Comments**

The new contribution rates adopted by the 2019 Legislature have improved the financial security of the Teacher Retirement System as of August 31, 2019. Based on current assumptions being met and the new contribution rates, the System has a funding period of 29 years.

However, the UAAL is anticipated to grow in nominal dollars for approximately another decade as the contribution rates are phased-in and the funding period declines. Expectations should be centered around the fact that the UAAL is expected to grow and the funded ratio is expected to remain rather flat during this time.

Should the system continue to find itself with a funding period under 30 years entering the 2021 Legislative session, it is important to remember that while the negotiation process by the Legislature included an ad hoc Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) paid to retirees in September of 2013 and a supplemental payment to retirees in 2019, in both cases the legislation also included either a substantial increase in contribution rates or an appropriation to cover the increases in liability. This should be the model used in any future year that a COLA is considered. In past negotiations, there were times that COLAs and retroactive benefit enhancements were granted without additional funding sources and that eventually deteriorated the financial health of the System.



**SECTION B** 

**ACTUARIAL TABLES** 

### **ACTUARIAL TABLES**

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### ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE BENEFITS

	August 31,			
		2019		2018
		(1)		(2)
A. Present Value of Benefits Presently Being Paid:				
1. Service retirement benefits	Ś	101,448,968,265	\$	97,778,733,445
2. Disability retirement benefits	'	1,289,682,794	'	1,262,559,579
3. Death benefits		959,742,481		945,102,660
4. Present survivor benefits		306,369,380		294,529,850
5. Total present value of benefits presently being paid	\$	104,004,762,920	\$	100,280,925,534
B. Present Value of Benefits Payable In the Future To Present Active Members:				
1. Service retirement benefits	Ś	124,636,617,005	Ś	117,752,030,618
2. Disability retirement benefits	Ŧ	2,794,848,963	Ŧ	2,473,609,365
3. Termination benefits		12,528,081,082		11,614,967,251
4. Death and survivor benefits		2,380,100,956		2,253,693,291
5. Total active member liabilities	\$	142,339,648,006	\$	134,094,300,525
C. Present Value of Benefits Payable In the Future To Present Inactive Members:				
1. Inactive vested participants	\$	5,035,114,478	\$	4,931,520,979
2. Refunds of contributions to inactive nonvested members		549,266,564		501,473,614
3. Future survivor benefits payable on behalf of present annuitants		1,697,553,914		1,630,036,961
4. Total inactive liabilities	\$	7,281,934,956	\$	7,063,031,554
D. Total Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits:	\$	253,626,345,882	\$	241,438,257,613



### Table 2

#### SUMMARY OF COST ITEMS

	Valuation as of August 31, 2019		Valuation as of Augu	st 31, 2018
		Cost as %		Cost as %
	Cost Item	of Pay	Cost Item	of Pay
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Participants				
a. Active contributing members				
1. Not in DROP	884,522		872,978	
2. In DROP	18		21	
b. Active subtotal	884,540		872,999	
c. Inactive members w/deferred benefits	108,768		105,000	
d. Retired members and beneficiaries	434,426		420,458	
e. Subtotal, members	1,427,734		1,398,457	
f. Inactive nonvested members				
due refunds	201,948		193,498	
g. Total membership	1,629,682		1,591,955	
2. Average for Active Members				
a. Average age	44.8		44.7	
b. Average years of service	10.4		10.4	
c. Average pay	\$ 49,495		\$ 48,232	
3. Present Value of Future Pay	\$ 393,907,273,168		\$ 371,828,092,034	
4. Normal Cost Rate				
a. Gross normal cost	11.65%		11.58%	
b. Less employee contribution rate	(7.70%)		(7.70%)	
c. Administrative Expenses	0.11%		0.11%	
d. State normal cost	4.06%		3.99%	
5. Present Value of Future Benefits				
a. Retired members - in pay or deferred	\$ 104,004,762,920		\$ 100,280,925,534	
b. Retired members - future survivor				
benefits	1,697,553,914		1,630,036,961	
c. Vested inactive members	5,035,114,478		4,931,520,979	
d. Active members	142,339,648,006		134,094,300,525	
e. Inactive nonvested members	549,266,564		501,473,614	
f. Total	\$ 253,626,345,882	534.9%	\$ 241,438,257,613	537.1%
6. Present Value of Future Normal Costs				
(employee plus employer)	\$ 43,906,658,835	92.6%	\$ 41,221,951,786	91.7%
7. Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 209,719,687,047	442.3%	\$ 200,216,305,827	445.4%
8. Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 160,233,295,324	337.9%	\$ 154,050,930,573	342.7%
9. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 49,486,391,723	104.4%	\$ 46,165,375,254	102.7%
10. Projected Payroll for Contributions	\$ 47,414,036,595		\$ 44,955,797,311	
11. Employer Contribution Rate *	8.44%		7.71%	
12. Funding Period	29 years		87 years	
13. Estimated Yield on Actuarial Assets	6.9%		8.1%	
14. Funded Ratio - Smoothed Basis	76.4%		76.9%	
15. Actuarially Determined Employer				
Contribution (ADEC)**	9.33%		9.48%	

\* For fiscal year 2020, the base contribution rate is set at 7.50% of pay. In addition, public eductions employers will contribute 1.50% of the minimum salary schedule. Combined, it is expected that these sources of contributions will be approximately 8.44% of total payroll. Additional contributions, approximately 0.05% of pay, are received for retired members who have returned to work.

\*\* See description of ADEC in Appendix 2



# Table 3a

#### ANALYSIS OF NORMAL COST BY COMPONENT

Benefit Component	8/31/2019 Cost as % of Pay	8/31/2018 Cost as % of Pay
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Normal Cost		
a. Retirement Benefits	8.32%	8.39%
b. Disability Benefits	0.33%	0.32%
c. Death Benefits (including survivor benefits)	0.26%	0.26%
d. Termination benefits	2.74%	2.61%
e. Total	11.65%	11.58%
2. Employee Contribution Rate for Next Fiscal Year	(7.70%)	(7.70%)
3. Administrative Expenses	0.11%	0.11%
4. State Normal Cost (Item 1e - Item 2+ Item 3)	4.06%	3.99%



### Table 3b

#### ESTIMATION OF COVERED PAYROLL AND EFFECTIVE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES

	8/31/2019
1. Calculation of Covered Payroll	
a. Normal Member Contributions	\$3,482,869,726
b. Member Contribution Rate for Fiscal Year	7.70%
c. Estimated Covered Payroll For Fiscal Year	\$45,232,074,364
1a \ 1b	
d. Projected Covered Payroll for Next Fiscal Year	46,589,036,595
1c increased by one year's payroll growth	
e. \$825 milliion from HB 3	825,000,000
f. Projected FY20 Payroll (1d + 1e)	\$47,414,036,595
2. Supplemental Employer Contribution Rate	
a. Non-OASDI Employer Contributions for Fiscal Year	408,015,906
b. Contribution Rate for Fiscal Year	1.50%
c. Estimated Eligible Payroll for Fiscal Year	27,201,060,400
2a \ 2b	
d. Projected Eligible Payroll for Next Fiscal Year	28,017,092,212
2c increased by one year's payroll growth	
e. Addition of Remaining Public Education Employers	1,164,725,915
Assumed to be 2.5% of Total Payroll (1d)	
f. 50% of Increase from HB 3	412,500,000
g. Total Projected Eligible Payroll	\$29,594,318,127
2d + 2e + 2f	
h. Contribution Rate for FY20	1.50%
f. Effective Supplemental Employer Contributions	0.94%
(2g * 2h) / 1f	
3. a. Retiree Return to Work Contribution Surcharge	24,702,812
b. 3a\1c	0.05%

#### 4. a. Projection of Payrolls and Contribution Rates

	Total	Base		Supplemental		Effective
Fiscal	Projected	Contribution	Supplemental	Contribution	Total Projected	Contribution
Year	Payroll	Rate	Eligile Payroll	Rate	Contributions	Rate
					2*3+4*5	6/2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2020	\$47,414	7.50%	\$29,594	1.50%	\$4,000	8.44%
2021	48,836	7.50%	30,482	1.60%	4,150	8.50%
2022	50,302	7.75%	31,397	1.70%	4,432	8.81%
2023	51,811	8.00%	32,339	1.80%	4,727	9.12%
2024	53 <i>,</i> 365	8.25%	33,309	1.90%	5,035	9.44%
2025	54,966	8.25%	34,308	2.00%	5,221	9.50%
¢ in millione						

\$ in millions

Assumes all payrolls grow at 3% after FY2020



### Table 4

#### DEVELOPMENT OF ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

		Year Ending August 31, 201		
1.	Actuarial value of assets at beginning of year	\$	154,050,930,573	
2.	Net new investments			
	a. Contributions	\$	7,643,366,923	
	b. Benefits and refunds paid	\$	(11,850,725,576)	
	c. Administrative Expenses	\$	(60,485,645)	
	d. Subtotal	\$	(4,267,844,298)	
3.	Assumed investment return rate for fiscal year		7.25%	
4.	Assumed investment return for fiscal year (Item 1 + Item 2 / 2) x Item 3	\$	11,013,983,111	
5.	Expected Actuarial Value at end of year (1+ 2 + 4)	\$	160,797,069,386	
6.	Market value of assets at end of year	\$	157,978,199,075	
7.	Excess/(Shortfall) (6 - 5)	\$	(2,818,870,311)	

8. Development of amounts to be recognized as of August 31, 2019:

Fis	cal	Remaiı	ning Deferrals of								
Ye	ar	Exces	s (Shortfall) of	0	ffsetting of		Net Deferrals	Years	Re	cognized for	Remaining after
Er	nd	Inves	tment Income	Ga	ins/(Losses)		Remaining	Remaining	th	is valuation	 this valuation
			(1)		(2)		(3) = (1) + (2)	(4)	(	5) = (3) / (4)	(6) = (3) - (5)
20	15	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	1	\$	0	\$ 0
20	16		0		0		0	2		0	0
20	17		517,971,260		(517,971,260)		0	3		0	0
20	18		0		0		0	4		0	0
20	19		(3,336,841,571)		517,971,260	_	(2,818,870,311)	5		(563,774,062)	 (2,255,096,249)
То	tal	\$	(2,818,870,311)	\$	0	\$	(2,818,870,311)		\$	(563,774,062)	\$ (2,255,096,249)
9. Actuaria	al val	ue of pla	an net assets, end	of yea	ar						\$ 160,233,295,324
10. Asset g	ain (I	oss) for	year (Item 9 - Iten	n 5)							\$ (563,774,062)
11. Asset g	ain (I	oss) as %	6 of actual actuaria	al asse	ts						(0.35%)
12. Ratio of	factu	arial val	ue to market valu	e							101.4%

Notes: Remaining deferrals in Column (1) for prior years are from last year's report column (6). The number in the current year is the difference between the remaining deferrals for prior years and the total Excess/(Shortfall) return shown in Item 7. Column 2 is a direct offset of the current year's excess/(shortfall) return against prior years' excess/(shortfall) of the opposite type.



#### DEVELOPMENT OF YEARS TO FUND THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY

			As	of August 31, 2019	As	of August 31, 2018
				(1)		(2)
A.	Bas	ic Data				
	1.	Projected Payroll for Contributions	\$	47,414,036,595	\$	44,955,797,311
	2.	Present value of future pay	\$	393,907,273,168	\$	371,828,092,034
	3.	Normal cost rate of benefits				
		a. Total normal cost rate		11.65%		11.58%
		b. Less employee contribution rate		(7.70%)		(7.70%)
		c. Administrative Expenses		0.11%		0.11%
		d. State normal cost rate		4.06%		3.99%
	4.	State/employer contribution rate for funding				
		unfunded actuarial accrued liability				
		a. Total State/employer contribution rate*		8.44%		7.71%
		b. Credit for Return to Work contributions		0.05%		0.05%
		c. Less State normal cost rate		(4.06%)		(3.99%)
		d. Contribution rate available		4.43%		3.77%
	5.	Actuarial accrued liability for present active member	orc	4.4576		5.7770
	5.					
		a. Present value of benefits payable in the future	ć	142 220 640 006	ć	
		to present members	\$	142,339,648,006	\$	134,094,300,525
		b. Less present value of future normal costs	-	(43,906,658,835)		(41,221,951,786)
_	-	c. Actuarial accrued liability	\$	98,432,989,171	\$	92,872,348,739
В.		velopment of Funding Period				
	1.	Normal cost				
		a. Employee normal cost (Item A3b x Item A1)	\$	3,650,880,818	\$	3,461,596,393
		<li>b. State normal cost (Item A3d x Item A1)</li>	<u> </u>	1,925,009,886	<u> </u>	1,793,736,313
		c. Total normal cost	\$	5,575,890,704	\$	5,255,332,706
	2.	Total actuarial accrued liability				
		a. Present value of benefits presently being paid	\$	104,004,762,920	\$	100,280,925,534
		b. Actuarial accrued liability for present active		98,432,989,171		92,872,348,739
		members (Item A5c)				
		c. Present value of benefits for inactive members	\$	7,281,934,956	\$	7,063,031,554
		d. Total	\$	209,719,687,047	\$	200,216,305,827
	3.	Current actuarial assets		160,233,295,324		154,050,930,573
	4.	Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)				
		(Item B2d - Item B3)	\$	49,486,391,723	\$	46,165,375,254
	5.	Amount of State contribution available to fund				
		unfunded actuarial accrued liability				
		(Item A4d x Item A1)	\$	2,100,441,821	\$	1,694,833,559
	6.	Years to fund unfunded actuarial accrued liability		29 years		87 years
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
		Rate of Increase in Covered Payroll				
		0.00%		Never		Never
		2.30%		35.0		Never
		3.00%		29.0		87.0
		3.50%		29.0		55.0
	7	4.00%		25.0		45.0
	7.	Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution Rate (Normal cost + amortization of UAAL)**	(ADE(			0.400/
		(NOTHAL COST + AMOLIZATION OF UAAL)***		9.33%		9.48%

\* Beginning in fiscal year 2015, covered employers whose employees are not participating in Social Security will begin contributing 1.50% of pay. Combined it is expected that these contributions will be approximately 7.71% of total payroll.

\*\* See description of ADEC in Appendix 2\*\*



## Table 5b

#### DETAILED DEVELOPMENT OF YEARS TO FUND THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY

As of Aug 31,	Payroll For Next FY	Contribution as % of Payroll	Normal Cost and Admin as % of Payroll	Net Amortization [c - d] * b	UAAL BOY	Interest	Net Principal Contribution e - g	Funding Period
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
2019	\$47,414	16.19%	11.76%	\$2,103	\$49,486	\$3,513	(\$1,410)	29
2020	48,836	16.25%	11.68%	2,232	50,897	3,611	(1,379)	28
2021	50,302	16.86%	11.63%	2,630	52,276	3,696	(1,066)	27
2022	51,811	17.17%	11.59%	2,894	53,342	3,764	(871)	26
2023	53,365	17.74%	11.54%	3,308	54,213	3,813	(505)	25
2024	54,966	17.80%	11.50%	3,463	54,717	3,844	(381)	24
2025	56,615	17.80%	11.46%	3,589	55,098	3,867	(278)	23
2026	58,313	17.80%	11.42%	3,719	55,375	3,882	(164)	22
2027	60,063	17.80%	11.39%	3,852	55,539	3,889	(38)	21
2028	61,865	17.80%	11.35%	3,989	55,577	3,887	102	20
2029	63,721	17.80%	11.32%	4,130	55,475	3,875	255	19
2030	65,632	17.80%	11.29%	4,275	55,220	3,851	423	18
2031	67,601	17.80%	11.26%	4,424	54,796	3,815	608	17
2032	69,629	17.80%	11.23%	4,577	54,188	3,766	811	16
2033	71,718	17.80%	11.20%	4,734	53,377	3,701	1,033	15
2034	73,870	17.80%	11.17%	4,896	52,344	3,621	1,275	14
2035	76,086	17.80%	11.15%	5,062	51,069	3,522	1,540	13
2036	78,368	17.80%	11.12%	5,232	49,529	3,405	1,828	12
2037	80,719	17.80%	11.10%	5,407	47,702	3,266	2,141	11
2038	83,141	17.80%	11.08%	5,587	45,560	3,104	2,483	10
2039	85,635	17.80%	11.06%	5,771	43,078	2,918	2,853	9
2040	88,204	17.80%	11.04%	5,960	40,224	2,704	3,256	8
2041	90,850	17.80%	11.03%	6,154	36,968	2,461	3,693	7
2042	93,576	17.80%	11.01%	6,352	33,276	2,186	4,166	6
2043	96,383	17.80%	11.00%	6,556	29,110	1,877	4,679	5
2044	99,274	17.80%	10.99%	6,763	24,431	1,530	5,233	4
2045	102,253	17.80%	10.98%	6,976	19,198	1,143	5,833	3
2046	105,320	17.80%	10.97%	7,193	13,365	713	6,481	2
2047	108,480	17.80%	10.96%	7,416	6,884	235	7,181	1
2048	111,734	17.80%	10.96%	7,644	(297)	(294)	7,938	0



### Table 6

#### **GROWTH OF COVERED PAYROLL AND ACTIVE MEMBERS**

	Total Annualiz	ed Salaries		Active Mem	bers		Average	Salary
Year Ending August 31,	Amount in \$ Millions	Percent Increase	Number	Percent Increase	Compound Increase Between Year Indicated and 08-31-2019	Average Salary	Percent Increase	Compound Increase Between Year Indicated and 08-31-2019
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1999	\$ 19,529	6.6%	736,058	4.3%	0.9%	\$ 26,533	2.1%	3.2%
2000	21,920	12.2%	766,906	4.2%	0.8%	28,583	7.7%	2.9%
2001	23,365	6.6%	797,339	4.0%	0.6%	29,303	2.5%	3.0%
2002	24,818	6.2%	745,923	(6.4%)	1.0%	33,272	13.5%	2.4%
2003	25,756	3.8%	754,715	1.2%	1.0%	34,127	2.6%	2.4%
2004	25,485	(1.1%)	729,411	(3.4%)	1.3%	34,939	2.4%	2.3%
2005	25,957	1.9%	715,495	(1.9%)	1.5%	36,278	3.8%	2.2%
2006	28,397	9.4%	761,658	6.5%	1.2%	37,284	2.8%	2.2%
2007	31,114	9.6%	777,789	2.1%	1.1%	40,003	7.3%	1.8%
2008	33,238	6.8%	801,455	3.0%	0.9%	41,472	3.7%	1.6%
2009	35,097	5.6%	817,537	2.0%	0.8%	42,930	3.5%	1.4%
2010	36,629	4.4%	834,060	2.0%	0.7%	43,916	2.3%	1.3%
2011	36,797	0.5%	828,919	(0.6%)	0.8%	44,392	1.1%	1.4%
2012	36,310	(1.3%)	815,155	(1.7%)	1.2%	44,543	0.3%	1.5%
2013	37,104	2.2%	831,302	2.0%	1.0%	44,634	0.2%	1.7%
2014	39,195	5.6%	857,342	3.1%	0.6%	45,717	2.4%	1.6%
2015	37,122	(5.3%)	828,851	(3.3%)	1.6%	44,787	(2.0%)	2.5%
2016	39,281	5.8%	847,631	2.3%	1.4%	46,343	3.5%	2.2%
2017	40,904	4.1%	864,233	2.0%	1.2%	47,330	2.1%	2.3%
2018	42,105	2.9%	872,978	1.0%	1.3%	48,232	1.9%	2.6%
2019	43,779	4.0%	884,522	1.3%		49,495	2.6%	

Note: Beginning August 31, 2002, the definition of active member was changed.

Beginning August 31, 2005, the method of determining new entrant errors was changed.

Beginning August 31, 2015, the definition of active member was changed.



### Table 7

#### RELATIVE SIZE OF UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY

						Relative to Total A	ctuarial Liabilities
	Unfunded	Relative to Pro	ojected Payroll	Relative to Actuar	rial Value of Assets	(Present Value o	f Future Benefits)
	Actuarial					Actuarial	Percent of
Year Ending	Accrued Liability	Projected Payrol	l Percent of	Assets in	Percent of	Liabilities in	Actuarial
August 31,	in \$ Millions	In \$ Millions	Projected Payroll	\$ Millions	Assets	\$ Millions	Liabilities
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
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1971	\$ 1,632	\$ 1,758	92.8%	\$ 1,726	94.6%	\$ 5,100	32.0%
1972	1,720	1,904	90.5%	1,937	88.8%	5,551	31.0%
1973	1,633	2,079	78.5%	2,171	75.2%	5,733	28.5%
1974	1,739	2,246	77.4%	2,394	72.6%	6,207	28.0%
1975	1,998	2,583	77.4%	2,764	72.3%	7,143	28.0%
1976	2,445	2,875	85.0%	3,103	78.8%	8,067	30.3%
1977	2,879	3,246	88.7%	3,531	81.5%	9,626	29.9%
1978	2,422	3 <i>,</i> 636	66.6%	4,016	60.3%	9,858	24.6%
1979	3,322	3,928	84.6%	4,529	73.3%	12,336	26.9%
1980	2,785	4,378	63.6%	5,342	52.1%	12,181	22.9%
1981	3,300	4,970	66.4%	6,386	51.7%	13,890	23.8%
1982	3,864	5,616	68.8%	7,373	52.4%	16,135	23.9%
1983	4,549	6 <i>,</i> 378	71.3%	8,586	53.0%	20,277	22.4%
1984	4,849	6,652	72.9%	9,851	49.2%	22,456	21.6%
1985	6,474	7,547	85.8%	12,096	53.5%	29,618	21.9%
1986	5,365	8,237	65.1%	14,939	35.9%	32,273	16.6%
1987	4,096	8,646	47.4%	18,055	22.7%	34,801	11.8%
1988	3,890	9,166	42.4%	20,096	19.4%	37,332	10.4%
1989	3,489	9,764	35.7%	23,302	15.0%	41,084	8.5%
1990	3,343	10,446	32.0%	26,111	12.8%	45,685	7.3%
1991	3,429	11,181	30.7%	28,860	11.9%	49,515	6.9%
1992	3,441	11,959	28.8%	31,201	11.0%	53,123	6.5%
1993	3,440	13,391	25.7%	35,179	9.8%	59,210	5.8%
1994	825	14,167	5.8%	38,843	2.1%	58,351	1.4%



# Table 7 (Continued)

#### RELATIVE SIZE OF UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY

							ctuarial Liabilities
	Unfunded	Relative to Pro	jected Payroll	Relative to Actuar	ial Value of Assets	(Present Value o	f Future Benefits)
	Actuarial					Actuarial	Percent of
•	Accrued Liability			Assets in	Percent of	Liabilities in	Actuarial
August 31,	in \$ Millions		Projected Payroll	\$ Millions	Assets	\$ Millions	Liabilities
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1995	1,956	\$ 14,888	13.1%	\$ 43,442	4.5%	\$ 65,259	3.0%
1996	1,813	15,983	11.3%	47,487	3.8%	68,948	2.6%
1997	146	17,044	0.9%	53,760	0.3%	74,677	0.2%
1998	(2,463)	18,325	-13.4%	60,357	-4.1%	79,603	-3.1%
1999	(2,190)	19,529	-11.2%	69,435	-3.2%	91,563	-2.4%
2000	(5,446)	21,920	-24.8%	79,328	-6.9%	100,414	-5.4%
2001	(2,135)	23,365	-9.1%	86,352	-2.5%	113,663	-1.9%
2002	3,287	24,818	13.2%	86,035	3.8%	118,100	2.8%
2003	5,230	25,756	20.3%	89,033	5.9%	123,677	4.2%
2004	7,953	25,485	31.2%	88,784	9.0%	121,267	6.6%
2005	13,196	25,957	50.8%	89,299	14.8%	124,556	10.6%
2006	13,694	28,397	48.2%	94,218	14.5%	131,906	10.4%
2007	12,545	31,114	40.3%	103,419	12.1%	142,190	8.8%
2008	11,523	33,238	34.7%	110,233	10.5%	150,999	7.6%
2009	21,646	35,097	61.7%	106,384	20.3%	158,899	13.6%
2010	22,899	36,629	62.5%	111,293	20.6%	166,445	13.8%
2011	24,062	36,797	65.4%	115,253	20.9%	173,204	13.9%
2012	26,101	36,310	73.6%	118,326	22.1%	177,901	14.7%
2013	28,936	37,104	79.3%	121,730	23.8%	184,332	15.7%
2014	31,638	38,522	82.1%	128,398	24.6%	195 <i>,</i> 893	16.2%
2015	32,968	39,620	83.2%	133,485	24.7%	197,662	16.7%
2016	35,453	42,376	83.7%	138,786	25.5%	207,411	17.1%
2017	35,471	43,164	82.2%	146,282	24.2%	216,125	16.4%
2018	46,165	44,956	102.7%	154,051	30.0%	241,438	19.1%
2019	49,486	47,414	104.4%	160,233	30.9%	253,626	19.5%



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# Table 8a

#### CHANGE IN PLAN NET ASSETS

			Year Ending	Year Ending
		A	August 31, 2019	 August 31, 2018
			(1)	(2)
١.	Revenue for the Year			
	A. Contribution and fees			
	1. Member contributions	\$	3,482,869,726	\$ 3,360,773,197
	2. State contributions - State of Texas		1,764,160,095	1,739,732,380
	3. State contributions - 415 Excess Plan		3,482,228	3,722,472
	4. State contributions - Employers		1,761,821,902	1,671,257,303
	5. Supplemental Appropriation - Non-Employer Contributing Entity		588,827,787	-
	6. Purchase of Service Credit-Refundable		19,942,841	18,361,492
	7. Purchase of Service Credit-Non-Refundable		22,262,344	 23,176,879
	8. Total	\$	7,643,366,923	\$ 6,817,023,723
	B. Income			
	1. Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$	7,825,646,595	\$ 11,381,105,086
	2. Income from Securities Lending		519,726,609	379,683,903
	3. Investment expenses		(676,344,330)	 (517,975,332)
	4. Total		7,669,028,874	11,242,813,657
	C. Other Adjustments	\$	3,844,018	\$ 8,108,248
	D. Total Revenue	\$	15,316,239,815	\$ 18,067,945,628
١١.	Expenditures for the Year			
	A. Refund of Contributions	\$	486,460,902	\$ 422,335,740
	B. Benefit Payments	\$	11,364,264,674	\$ 10,278,160,798
	C. Expenses	\$	60,485,645	\$ 64,926,169
	D. Other	\$	(4,268,648)	\$ 95,543,208
	E. Total Expenditures	\$	11,906,942,573	\$ 10,860,965,915
111	. <u>Net Increase in Plan Net Assets (Item I.D Item II.E.)</u>	\$	3,409,297,242	\$ 7,206,979,713



## Table 8b

#### **ESTIMATION OF YIELDS**

	Year Ending	Year Ending
Item	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2018
(1)	(2)	(3)
A. Market value yield		
1. Beginning of year net market assets	\$ 154,568,901,833	\$ 147,361,922,120
2. Investment income (net of investment expenses)	7,672,872,892	11,250,921,905
3. End of year market assets	157,978,199,075	154,568,901,833
4. Estimated market value yield	5.03%	7.7%
B. Actuarial value yield		
1. Beginning of year actuarial assets	\$ 154,050,930,573	\$ 146,282,044,842
2. Investment income	10,450,209,049	11,717,284,715
3. End of year actuarial assets	160,233,295,324	154,050,930,573
4. Estimated actuarial value yield	6.9%	8.1%



### Table 9

#### GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR

	Item	A	Year Ending Jugust 31, 2019	A	Year Ending Jgust 31, 2018
	(1)		(2)		(3)
A.	CALCULATION OF TOTAL GAIN OR LOSS				
	1. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL),				
	a. Previous year, before Assumption changes	\$	46,165,375,254	\$ 3	35,470,751,873
	b. Previous year, after Assumption changes		46,165,375,254		35,470,751,873
	2. Normal cost for the year		5,340,565,041		4,444,917,212
	3. Contributions for the year*		(7,643,366,923)		(6,817,023,723)
	4. Interest at 7.25%**				
	a. On UAAL	\$	3,346,989,706	\$	2,837,660,150
	b. On normal cost		193,595,483		177,796,688
	c. On contributions		(277,072,051)		(272,680,949)
	d. Total	\$	3,263,513,138	\$	2,742,775,889
	5. Expected UAAL (Sum of Items A1 through A4)		47,126,086,510		35,841,421,251
	6. Actual UAAL		49,486,391,723		46,165,375,254
	7. Gain/(loss) for the year (Item A5 - Item A6)	\$	(2,360,305,213)	\$ (	10,323,954,003)
В.	SOURCE OF GAINS AND LOSSES				
	1. Asset gain/(loss) for the year (Table 4)	\$	(563,774,062)	\$	172,657,087
	2. Asset gain/(loss) as a % of actuarial assets		(0.35%)		0.11%
	3. Total actuarial accrued liability gain/(loss) for				
	year (Item A7 - Item B1)		(1,796,531,151)	(	10,496,611,090
	4. Analysis of actuarial accrued liability gain/(loss)				
	<ul> <li>Assumption/Legislative changes***</li> </ul>		(1,996,824,392)	(	10,591,879,970)
	b. Liability experience		200,293,241		95,268,880
	c. Total	\$	(1,796,531,151)	\$ (	10,496,611,090
	5. Experience liability gain/(loss) as % of total				
	actuarial accrued liability (Item B4b as % of				
	total actuarial accrued liability)		0.10%		0.05%

\*2019 contributions include special appropriation for supplemental payment \*\*Interest rate for 2018 was 8.00%

\*\*\*2019 includes impact of HB3 and distribution of supplemental payment



#### ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN FUNDING PERIOD

	UAAL	Normal Cost	Total Contribution	Funding	Change in Funding
Basis	(\$ Millions)	Rate	Rate	Period	Period
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. 2018 Valuation	46,165	11.69%	15.46%	87.0	-
2. Restated 2018 Valuation with Legislative changes (if applicable)	47,472	11.80%	17.80%	30.0	(57.0)
3. Expected 2019 UAAL using expected contributions	49,166	11.72%	17.80%	29.0	(1.0)
4. Expected 2019 UAAL using actual contributions	49,123	11.72%	17.80%	29.0	-
5. 2019 UAAL using expected assets and actual liabilities	48,923	11.76%	17.80%	29.0	-
6. 2019 UAAL recognizing past deferred asset gains/(losses)	48,750	11.76%	17.80%	29.0	-
7. 2019 UAAL using actual assets and liabilities, expected payroll	49,486	11.76%	17.80%	30.0	1.0
8. 2019 UAAL using actual payroll	49,486	11.76%	17.80%	29.0	(1.0)

Notes:

Row 3 This row reflects the impact of HB3 and SB12 from the 2019 Legislative Session. The contribution rate is the long term blended rate from all sources.

Row 3 The funding period for this entry uses the expected UAAL and expected payroll. The expected payroll is the prior year's valuation payroll rolled forward at the prior year 3.0% payroll growth rate assumption.

Row 4 This entry uses actual contributions based on actual payroll during FY2019.

Row 5 This entry uses expected assets and payroll growth, while incorporating the actual liabilities as of August 31, 2019.

Row 6 This entry recognizes deferred investment gains/(losses) as of August 31, 2018 from prior valuations.

Row 7 This entry includes the current year investment results.

Row 8 This entry incorporates known assets, liabilities, and payroll growth. The overall payroll growth does not affect the liabilities of the plan, but instead affects the calculation of the funding period because the payroll is the denominator in the calculation of the amortization payment. Higher than expected payroll growth leads to a decrease in the required amortization payment as a percentage of payroll.



### Table 11a

#### NEAR TERM OUTLOOK

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												Benefit	
Valuation	Unfunded			Acti	uarial		Projected					Payments,	
as of	Actuarial Accrued			Val	ue of	For Fiscal	Payroll for		Employer		Employee	Refunds, and	Net External
August	Liability (UAAL, in	Funded	Funding	Asset	s (AVA,	year Ending	Contributions	Blended	Contributions	Member	Contributions	Admin	Cash Flow
31,	Millions)	Ratio	Period	in Mi	illions)	August 31,	(in Millions)	ER Rate	(in Millions)	Rate	(in Millions)	Expenses	(in Millions)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
2019	\$ 49,486	76.4%	29	\$ 1	160,233	2020	\$ 47,414	8.49%	\$ 4,025	7.70%	\$ 3,651	\$ 11,962	\$ (4,286)
2020	50,897	76.7%	28	1	167,412	2021	48,836	8.55%	4,176	7.70%	3,760	12,031	(4,095)
2021	52,276	77.0%	27	1	175,308	2022	50,302	8.86%	4,457	8.00%	4,024	12,643	(4,163)
2022	53,342	77.5%	26	1	183,707	2023	51,811	9.17%	4,751	8.00%	4,145	13,277	(4,381)
2023	54,213	78.0%	25	1	192,489	2024	53,365	9.49%	5,064	8.25%	4,403	13,933	(4,466)
2024	54,717	78.7%	24	2	201,819	2025	54,966	9.55%	5,249	8.25%	4,535	14,609	(4,825)
2025	55,098	79.3%	23	2	211,454	2026	56,615	9.55%	5,407	8.25%	4,671	15,311	(5,234)
2026	55,375	80.0%	22	2	221,364	2027	58,313	9.55%	5,569	8.25%	4,811	16,038	(5,658)
2027	55,539	80.7%	21	2	231,553	2028	60,063	9.55%	5,736	8.25%	4,955	16,791	(6,100)
2028	55,577	81.3%	20	2	242,023	2029	61,865	9.55%	5,908	8.25%	5,104	17,570	(6,558)
2029	55,475	82.0%	19	2	252,778	2030	63,721	9.55%	6,085	8.25%	5,257	18,371	(7,029)

Assumes statutory member and State contribution rates.

Assumes 7.25% investment return on actuarial value of assets each year.

Assumes all other assumptions exactly met and a level active population.

Employer Rate includes 0.05% for Retiree Return to Work Surcharges



### Table 11b

#### HISTORY OF RISK METRICS

		Actuarial	Annual	AVA as	AAL as	Increase		Decrease
Valuation	Actuarial	Accrued	Projected	% of Projected	% of Projected	in ADEC*		in Funded Ratio
As of	Value of Assets	Liability (AAL)	Payroll	Payroll	Payroll	if Assets	Funded	if Assets
August 31,	(in Millions)	(in Millions)	(in Millions)	(2) / (4)	(3) / (4)	Decrease 10%	Ratio	Decrease 10%
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(8)
2019	\$ 160,233	\$ 209,720	\$ 47,414	338%	442%	1.97%	76.4%	7.6%
2018	154,051	200,216	44,956	343%	445%	2.00%	76.9%	7.7%
2017	146,282	181,753	43,164	339%	421%	2.27%	80.5%	8.0%
2016	138,786	174,239	42,376	328%	411%	2.19%	79.7%	8.0%
2015	133,485	166,453	39,620	337%	420%	2.25%	80.2%	8.0%
2014	128,398	160,036	38,522	333%	415%	2.23%	80.2%	8.0%
2013	121,730	150,666	37,104	328%	406%	2.19%	80.8%	8.1%
2012	118,326	144,427	36,310	326%	398%	2.18%	81.9%	8.2%
2011	115,253	139,315	36,797	313%	379%	2.09%	82.7%	8.3%
2010	111,293	134,191	36,629	304%	366%	2.03%	82.9%	8.3%
2009	106,384	128,029	35,097	303%	365%	2.03%	83.1%	8.3%
2008	110,233	121,757	33,238	332%	366%	2.22%	90.5%	9.1%
2007	103,419	115,964	31,114	332%	373%	2.22%	89.2%	8.9%
2006	94,218	107,911	28,397	332%	380%	2.22%	87.3%	8.7%
2005	89,299	102,495	25,957	344%	395%	2.30%	87.1%	8.7%
2004	88,784	96,737	25,485	348%	380%	2.33%	91.8%	9.2%
2003	89,033	94,263	25,756	346%	366%	2.31%	94.5%	9.4%
2002	86,035	89,322	24,818	347%	360%	2.32%	96.3%	9.6%
2001	86,352	84,217	23,365	370%	360%	2.47%	102.5%	10.3%
2000	79,328	73,882	21,920	362%	337%	2.42%	107.4%	10.7%
1999	69,435	67,245	19,529	356%	344%	2.38%	103.3%	10.3%

\*Assumes 30-year funding period

Note: Amount in \$ millions.

Actuarial assumptions were modified effective 2004, 2008, 2011, 2015 and 2018.



#### **HISTORY OF CASH FLOW**

			Expenditures Du	iring the Year				
Year Ending <u>August 31,</u> (1)	Contributions for the Year <sup>1</sup> (2)	Benefit <u>Payments</u> (3)	Refund of <u>Contributions</u> (4)	Expenses <sup>2</sup> (5)	<u></u> (6)	External Cash Flow for the <u>Year<sup>3</sup></u> (7)	Market Value of Assets (8)	External Cash Flow as Percent of Market Value (9)
1999 2000 2001 2002 2003	\$ 2,334,197,510 2,569,218,427 2,712,395,592 2,920,429,953 3,094,280,741	<pre>\$ (2,639,947,187)     (3,360,116,181)     (3,667,711,511)     (4,366,038,505)     (4,753,849,401)</pre>	<pre>\$ (206,354,473)   (214,999,991)   (214,434,792)   (186,421,065)   (186,082,670)</pre>	\$ (29,146,859) (31,133,307) (32,641,273) (37,518,541) (38,030,992)	\$ (2,875,448,519) (3,606,249,479) (3,914,787,576) (4,589,978,111) (4,977,963,063)	<pre>\$ (541,251,009) (1,037,031,052) (1,202,391,984) (1,669,548,158) (1,883,682,322)</pre>	\$ 79,910,553,792 89,987,158,209 79,428,239,521 71,695,802,361 77,633,002,461	(0.7%) (1.2%) (1.5%) (2.3%) (2.4%)
2004	3,156,205,813	(5,486,849,698)	(220,396,709)	(41,092,036)	(5,748,338,443)	(2,592,132,630)	84,202,981,707	(3.1%)
2005	3,208,090,642	(5,387,605,428)	(243,382,014)	(42,488,318)	(5,673,475,760)	(2,465,385,118)	93,707,816,093	(2.6%)
2006	3,454,514,897	(5,582,306,639)	(265,487,479)	(45,543,800)	(5,893,337,918)	(2,438,823,021)	100,238,963,187	(2.4%)
2007	3,703,755,952	(5,807,036,778)	(277,932,219)	(48,444,678)	(6,133,413,675)	(2,429,657,723)	112,128,799,849	(2.2%)
2008	4,142,958,389	(6,454,687,449)	(275,482,331)	(55,452,812)	(6,785,622,592)	(2,642,664,203)	104,910,497,545	(2.5%)
2009	4,352,908,188	(6,343,563,704)	(266,695,076)	(97,300,965)	(6,707,559,745)	(2,354,651,557)	88,652,971,682	(2.7%)
2010	4,587,520,751	(6,669,304,862)	(265,186,589)	(141,911,262)	(7,076,402,713)	(2,488,881,962)	95,688,405,009	(2.6%)
2011	4,704,016,139	(7,175,255,376)	(399,040,901)	(275,521,878)	(7,849,818,155)	(3,145,802,016)	107,420,786,893	(2.9%)
2012	4,391,331,052	(7,726,105,535)	(452,217,315)	(249,825,059)	(8,428,147,909)	(4,036,816,857)	111,449,887,034	(3.6%)
2013	4,682,290,371	(8,077,729,314)	(466,805,558)	(282,545,932)	(8,827,080,804)	(4,144,790,433)	117,388,143,859	(3.5%)
2014	5,036,110,456	(8,550,916,357)	(490,764,166)	(292,157,107)	(9,333,837,630)	(4,297,727,174)	132,779,243,085	(3.2%)
2015	5,616,774,652	(8,937,328,045)	(475,400,534)	(333,858,664)	(9,746,587,243)	(4,129,812,591)	128,538,706,212	(3.2%)
2016	6,164,030,328	(9,382,696,877)	(462,273,069)	(355,033,407)	(10,200,003,353)	(4,035,973,025)	134,008,637,473	(3.0%)
2017	6,608,895,283	(9,778,784,310)	(513,742,959)	(405,454,172)	(10,697,981,441)	(4,089,086,158)	147,361,922,120	(2.8%)
2018	6,817,023,723	(10,278,160,798)	(422,335,740)	(582,901,501)	(11,283,398,039)	(4,466,374,316)	154,568,901,833	(2.9%)
2019	7,643,366,923	(11,364,264,674)	(486,460,902)	(736,829,975)	(12,587,555,551)	(4,944,188,628)	157,978,199,075	(3.1%)

<sup>1</sup> Column (2) includes employee and employer contributions, as well as any service purchase or account reinstatement receipts during the year.

<sup>2</sup> Column (5) includes both administrative and investment expenses.

 $^{3}$  Column (7) = Column (2) + Column (6)



#### HISTORY OF CONTRIBUTION RATES

	Actuarially Determined Employer	Aggregate Employer		Member	Total Contribution
	Contribution	Contribution	Percentage	Contribution	Rate
Fiscal Year	Rate	Rate	Contributed	Rate	(3) + (5)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1980/81		8.500%		6.650%	15.150%
1981/82		8.500%		6.650%	15.150%
1982/83		8.500%		6.650%	15.150%
1983/84		7.100%		6.000%	13.100%
1984/85		7.100%		6.000%	13.100%
1985/86		8.000%		6.400%	14.400%
1986/87		8.000%		6.400%	14.400%
1987/88		7.200%		6.400%	13.600%
1988/89		7.200%		6.400%	13.600%
1989/90		7.650%		6.400%	14.050%
1990/91		7.650%		6.400%	14.050%
1991/92		7.310%		6.400%	13.710%
1992/93		7.310%		6.400%	13.710%
1993/94		7.310%		6.400%	13.710%
1994/95		7.310%		6.400%	13.710%
1995/96		6.000%		6.400%	12.400%
1996/97	6.00%	6.000%	100%	6.400%	12.400%
1997/98	6.00%	6.000%	100%	6.400%	12.400%
1998/99	4.12%	6.000%	146%	6.400%	12.400%
1999/00	4.92%	6.000%	122%	6.400%	12.400%
2000/01	4.12%	6.000%	146%	6.400%	12.400%
2001/02	5.70%	6.000%	105%	6.400%	12.400%
2002/03	7.15%	6.000%	84%	6.400%	12.400%
2003/04	7.39%	6.000%	81%	6.400%	12.400%
2004/05	7.31%	6.000%	82%	6.400%	12.400%
2005/06	7.19%	6.000%	83%	6.400%	12.400%
2006/07	7.02%	6.000%	85%	6.400%	12.400%
2007/08	6.47%	6.580%	102%	6.400%	12.980%
2008/09	6.10%	6.580%	108%	6.400%	12.980%
2009/10	7.72%	6.644%	86%	6.400%	13.044%
2010/11	7.77%	6.644%	86%	6.400%	13.044%
2011/12	8.13%	6.000%	74%	6.400%	12.400%
2012/13	8.62%	6.400%	74%	6.400%	12.800%
2013/14	8.67%	6.800%	78%	6.400%	13.200%
2014/15	8.25%	7.700%	93%	6.700%	14.400%
2015/16	7.92%	7.700%	97%	7.200%	14.900%
2016/17	7.94%	7.700%	97%	7.700%	15.400%
2017/18	7.85%	7.710%	98%	7.700%	15.410%
2018/19	9.48%	7.710%	81%	7.700%	15.410%
2019/20	9.33%	8.440%	90%	7.700%	16.140%

Note: Aggregate employer contribution rate and total contribution rate for fiscal year 2019/2020 is estimated.



### Table 14a

#### SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Valuation As of <u>August 31,</u> (1)	Actuarial Value of Assets (in Millions) (2)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (in Millions) (3)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (3) - (2) (in Millions) (4)	Funding Ratio Assets as % of AAL (2) / (3) (5)	Projected Payroll (in Millions) (6)	UAAL as a % of Projected Payroll (4) / (6) (7)
2019	\$ 160,233	\$ 209,720	\$ 49,486	76.4%	\$ 47,414	104.4%
2018	154,051	200,216	46,165	76.9%	44,956	102.7%
2017	146,282	181,753	35,471	80.5%	43,164	82.2%
2016	138,786	174,239	35,453	79.7%	42,376	83.7%
2015	133,485	166,453	32,968	80.2%	39,620	83.2%
2014	128,398	160,036	31,638	80.2%	38,522	82.1%
2013	121,730	150,666	28,936	80.8%	37,104	78.0%
2012	118,326	144,427	26,101	81.9%	36,310	71.9%
2011	115,253	139,315	24,062	82.7%	36,797	65.4%
2010	111,293	134,191	22,899	82.9%	36,629	62.5%
2009	106,384	128,029	21,646	83.1%	35,097	61.7%
2008	110,233	121,757	11,523	90.5%	33,238	34.7%
2007	103,419	115,964	12,545	89.2%	31,114	40.3%
2006	94,218	107,911	13,694	87.3%	28,397	48.2%
2005	89,299	102,495	13,196	87.1%	25,957	50.8%
2004	88,784	96,737	7,953	91.8%	25,485	31.2%
2003	89,033	94,263	5,230	94.5%	25,756	20.3%
2002	86,035	89,322	3,287	96.3%	24,818	13.2%
2001	86,352	84,217	(2,135)	102.5%	23,365	(9.1%)
2000	79,328	73,882	(5,446)	107.4%	21,920	(24.8%)
1999	69,435	67,245	(2,190)	103.3%	19,529	(11.2%)
1998	60,357	57,893	(2,463)	104.3%	18,325	(13.4%)
1997	53,760	53,906	146	99.7%	17,044	0.9%
1996	47,487	49,300	1,813	96.3%	15,983	11.3%
1995	43,442	45,398	1,956	95.7%	14,888	13.1%
1994	38,843	39,668	825	97.9%	14,167	5.8%

Note: Actuarial assumptions were modified in 2004, 2008, 2011, 2015 and 2018.



### Table 14b

#### SOLVENCY TEST (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

									Portion of Aggr	egate Accrued Lia	bilities Covered
		Aggregate	e Actua	rial Accrued Li	abiliti	es For	_		ts		
		Active and			Ac	Active Members					Active
Valuation		Inactive		Retirees		State			Active	Retirees	Members
As of		Member		and		Financed		Valuation	Member	and	State Financed
August 31,	C	Contributions	E	Beneficiaries		Portion		Assets	Contributions	Beneficiaries	Portion
(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
2009	\$	23,914	\$	55,484	\$	48,632	\$	106,384	100%	100%	55.5%
2010		27,559		58,476		48,156		111,293	100%	100%	52.5%
2011		28,911		63 <i>,</i> 470		46,934		115,253	100%	100%	48.7%
2012		30,006		68,449		45,972		118,326	100%	100%	43.2%
2013		31,365		73,841		45,460		121,730	100%	100%	36.3%
2014		33,028		78,431		48,576		128,398	100%	100%	34.9%
2015		33,856		82,535		50,062		133,485	100%	100%	34.1%
2016		34,803		86,986		52,451		138,786	100%	100%	32.4%
2017		36,513		90,573		54,667		146,282	100%	100%	35.1%
2018		37,834		101,911		60,472		154,051	100%	100%	23.7%
2019		39,212		105,702		64,806		160,233	100%	100%	23.6%



### Table 15a

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION - ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERS

		August 31,	
	2019	2018	2017
	(1)	(2)	(3)
A. Number			
1. Active Members			
a. Total active members	884,522	872,978	864,233
b. Average age	44.8	44.7	44.6
c. Average service	10.4	10.4	10.3
2. Inactive Vested Members			
a. Male members	23,008	21,958	20,106
b. Female members	85,760	83,042	78,004
c. Total inactive vested members	108,768	105,000	98,110
3. Inactive Nonvested Members	201,948	193,498	174,918
B. Annualized Salaries			
1. Active members			
a. Total active members	\$ 43,779,273,456	\$ 42,105,171,176	\$ 40,904,273,685
b. Average annual salary	49,495	48,232	47,330
C. Accumulated Members Contributions			
1. Total Active Members	34,961,484,288	33,753,182,032	32,447,572,128
2. Inactive Vested Members			
a. Male members	\$ 782,996,880	\$ 748,467,482	\$ 679,273,859
b. Female members	2,918,541,915	2,830,596,440	2,635,336,621
c. Total inactive vested members	\$ 3,701,538,795	\$ 3,579,063,922	\$ 3,314,610,480
3. Inactive Nonvested Members	\$ 549,266,564	\$ 501,473,614	\$ 444,096,753
D. Active Members in DROP (not included in above totals)			
1. Number	18	21	28



## Table 15b

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION - RETIRED MEMBERS

		August 31,	
	2019	2018	2017
	(1)	(2)	(3)
E. Persons Receiving Benefits			
1. Number			
a. Life annuities	405,236	391,927	379,765
b. Annuities certain	2,107	2,103	2,108
c. Disability annuities - less than 10 years of service	153	183	202
d. Disability annuities - 10 or more years of service	11,841	11,731	11,600 ^
e. Incomplete data records	0	0	0
f. Survivor annuities			
1) Currently in pay	14,181	13,600	13,160
2) Deferred	908	914	933
3) Total	15,089	14,514	14,093
g. Total persons receiving benefits	434,426	420,458	407,768
2. Annual Annuities			
a. Life annuities *	\$ 10,193,576,361	\$ 9,774,145,253	\$ 9,387,309,784
b. Annuities certain *	28,871,177	29,104,400	28,457,471
c. Disability annuities - less than 10 years of service	275,400	329,400	363,600
d. Disability annuities - 10 or more years of service	170,546,959	167,215,756	163,985,308 ^
e. Survivor annuities			
1) Currently in pay	42,661,950	40,929,149	39,614,276
2) Deferred	2,714,060	2,732,060	2,788,460
3) Total	45,376,010	43,661,209	42,402,736
f. Total persons receiving benefits	\$ 10,438,645,907	\$ 10,014,456,018	\$ 9,622,518,899
g. Average monthly annuities			
1) Life annuities *	\$ 2,096	\$ 2,078	\$ 2,060
2) Annuities certain *	1,142	1,153	1,125
3) Disability annuities - 10 or more years of service	1,200	1,188	1,178

\* Annual and average life annuity amounts represent values after Partial Lump Sum Option Elections.

 Prior to 2017 disabled retirees only included those receiving a standard annuity. Beginning in 2017 disabled retirees include all benefit options.



#### STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS

		August 31, 2019	August 31, 2018
Α.	ASSETS	(1)	(2)
	1. Current Assets		
	a. Cash and short term investments		
	<ol> <li>Cash on hand and State Treasury</li> </ol>	\$ 1,002,424,505	\$ 454,416,760
	2) Short term investments	5,806,805,988	5,345,619,565
	b. Accounts Receivable		
	1) Member contributions	16,688,544	18,088,683
	2) School districts	568,139,173	365,101,424
	3) Employees Retirement System	2,236,438	2,041,387
	4) State	5,971	0
	5) Sale of investments	2,165,471,676	724,326,292
	6) Interest and dividends	257,264,417	257,453,245
	7) Other	103,493	157,376
	c. Prepaid assets	2,010,812	565,170
	d. Total current assets	9,821,151,017	7,167,769,902
	2. Long Term Investments		* •• •• •• •• ••
	a. Fixed income	\$ 24,173,126,105	\$ 23,020,637,600
	b. Alternative assets	73,221,865,922	65,103,640,143
	c. Equities	43,357,913,826	48,187,952,545
	d. Pooled investments	12,322,129,864	13,041,675,296
	e. Invested securities lending collateral	18,832,476,273	20,335,310,295
	f. Total long term investments	\$171,907,511,990	\$169,689,215,879
	3. Other Assets	4 40 400 540	÷
	a Non-depreciable assets	\$ 49,123,513	\$ 65,969,044
	b. Building and equipment after depreciation	22,372,685	19,499,098
	c. Deferred assets	28,118,303	2,436,007
	d. Total other assets	\$ 99,614,501	\$ 87,904,149
	4. Total Assets	\$181,828,277,508	\$176,944,889,930
В.	LIABILITIES		
D.	1. Current Liabilities		
	a. Accounts payable	\$ 626,398,971	\$ 25,718,014
	b. Benefits payable	109,861,304	120,464,638
	c. Due to Employees Retirement System	10,920,557	8,108,482
	d. Due to State's General Revenue Fund	37,444,975	63,997,185
	e. Investments purchased payable	3,956,610,354	1,726,935,210
	f. Other Liabilties	96,668,073	92,016,969
	g. Securities lending collateral	18,821,814,504	20,320,455,707
	h. Total current liabilities	\$ 23,659,718,738	
	2. Deferred Credits	190,359,695	18,291,892
	3. Total Liabilities and Deferred credits	23,850,078,433	
C.	NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST	\$157,978,199,075	\$154,568,901,833
D.	ASSET ALLOCATION FOR CASH & LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	5	
	1. Cash	3.8%	3.2%
	2. Fixed Income	13.5%	13.0%
	3. Alternative Assets	41.0%	37.1%
	4. Equities	24.3%	27.5%
	5. Pooled investments	6.9%	7.4%
	6. Invested securities lending collateral	<u>10.5%</u>	<u>11.6%</u>
	7. Total	100.0%	99.8%



#### DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS BY AGE AND BY YEARS OF SERVICE AS OF 08/31/2019

	Years of Credited Service												
	0	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	Total
Attained	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &	Count &
Age	<u>Avg. Comp.</u>	<u>Avg. Comp.</u>	Avg. Comp.	Avg. Comp.	<u>Avg. Comp.</u>	Avg. Comp.	<u>Avg. Comp.</u>	Avg. Comp.	<u>Avg. Comp.</u>	<u>Avg. Comp.</u>	Avg. Comp.	Avg. Comp.	<u>Avg. Comp.</u>
Under 25		12,330	4,795	1,415	533	213							19,286
		\$27 <i>,</i> 873	\$32 <i>,</i> 343	\$26 <i>,</i> 490	\$24,723	\$25,565							\$28 <i>,</i> 770
25-29		18,913	18,198	15,772	12,324	16,079	77						81,363
		\$33,641	\$41,724	\$45,011	\$46 <i>,</i> 843	\$47,977	\$38,881						\$42 <i>,</i> 490
30-34		13,214	11,651	10,791	10,869	46,510	9,973	85					103,093
		\$33,295	\$40,585	\$44,302	\$46,919	\$52,118	\$54,999	\$51,026					\$47,314
35-39		11,251	9,746	8,653	8,401	33,428	37,712	8,106	112				117,409
		\$32,668	\$40,094	\$43,360	\$46,269	\$51,332	\$58,268	\$60,125	\$52,278				\$50,497
40-44		8,763	7,968	7,179	6,910	25,986	26,657	27,650	6,570	74			117,757
40 44		\$32,093	\$39,005	\$42,683	\$44,740	\$49,723	\$57,050	\$63,532	\$64,940	\$58,102			\$52,719
45 40					c 020						104		124 502
45-49		7,577 \$31,434	6,847 \$39,096	6,255 \$41,082	6,026 \$44,271	23,985 \$47,775	23,713 \$53,805	21,509 \$60,160	23,108 \$67,220	5,379 \$68,528	\$56,663		124,503 \$53,598
													. ,
50-54		6,052	5,280	4,919	4,760	18,815	20,593	18,059	16,191	16,422	3,137	70	114,298
		\$30,442	\$37,020	\$40,852	\$41,775	\$44,789	\$49,702	\$54 <i>,</i> 898	\$60,975	\$70,428	\$69,904	\$58,005	\$52,532
55-59		4,637	4,360	3,928	3,844	15,298	16,941	16,825	14,955	9,630	7,345	1,756	99,519
		\$29 <i>,</i> 070	\$36 <i>,</i> 050	\$37,777	\$39 <i>,</i> 681	\$43,066	\$47,442	\$51,262	\$54,654	\$62 <i>,</i> 826	\$72,401	\$72,374	\$50,233
60-64		2,956	2,611	2,646	2,495	10,407	11,357	11,911	9,821	6,801	3,592	3,096	67 <i>,</i> 693
		\$27,837	\$34,773	\$37 <i>,</i> 684	\$39,648	\$42,012	\$46 <i>,</i> 806	\$50,349	\$52 <i>,</i> 016	\$56,656	\$65,239	\$75,493	\$48,815
65 +		1,978	1,718	1,559	1,626	6,883	7,086	5,978	4,683	3,740	2,252	2,098	39,601
		\$22,285	\$28,257	\$31,014	\$32,320	\$37,123	\$43,788	\$49,535	\$50,301	\$53,185	\$58,785	\$71,213	\$44,739
Total		87,671	73,174	63,117	57,788	197,604	154,109	110,123	75,440	42,046	16,430	7,020	884,522
		\$27,473	\$36,808	\$41,573	\$44,209	\$48,296	\$53,304	\$57,137	\$60,138	\$64,661	\$68,393	\$73,259	\$49,495

Note: Table includes contributing members but excludes members in DROP.



#### DISTRIBUTION OF LIFE ANNUITIES BY AGE

Age	Number	A	nnual Annuities	Monthly Average Annuity		
(1)	(2)		(3)		(4)	
Up to 35	453	\$	6,382,481	\$	1,174	
35-40	374		5,391,308		1,201	
40-44	526		8,074,206		1,279	
45-49	781		11,683,195		1,247	
50-54	4,487		158,409,697		2,942	
55-59	23,656		834,047,772		2,938	
60-64	57,645		1,784,768,701		2,580	
65-69	95,080		2,491,069,946		2,183	
70-74	90,500		2,134,107,172		1,965	
75-79	60,697		1,291,573,478		1,773	
80-84	37,755		770,314,116		1,700	
85-89	21,854		460,309,084		1,755	
90-94	8,964		188,508,550		1,752	
95-99	2,166		42,855,238		1,649	
100 & up	298		6,081,417		1,701	
TOTAL	405,236	\$	10,193,576,361	\$	2,096	



#### DISTRIBUTION OF DISABLED ANNUITIES BY AGE

Age	Number	Anı	Annual Annuities		hly Average nnuity
(1)	(2)		(3)		(4)
Up to 35	2	\$	28,880	\$	1,203
35-40	36		434,873		1,007
40-44	135		1,978,578		1,221
45-49	455		7,828,356		1,434
50-54	1,007		18,122,442		1,500
55-59	1,860		29,811,413		1,336
60-64	2,504		35,177,190		1,171
65-69	2,259		29,527,868		1,089
70-74	1,558		18,847,652		1,008
75-79	879		11,031,692		1,046
80-84	571		8,170,026		1,192
85-89	413		6,940,886		1,401
90-94	135		2,248,904		1,388
95 -99	25		373,146		1,244
100 & up	2		25,053		1,044
TOTAL	11,841	\$	170,546,959	\$	1,200



#### RETIREES, BENEFICIARIES, AND DISABLED PARTICIPANTS ADDED TO AND REMOVED FROM ROLLS

	Ad	ded t	to Rolls	Removed from Rolls		Rol	Rolls-End of Year		_		
Valuation August 31,	Number		Annual Allowances	Number		Annual Allowances	Number		Annual Allowances	% Increase in Annual Allowances	Average Annual Allowances
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)	_	(7)	(8)	(9)
2004	30,288	\$	640,407,566	7,138	\$	108,483,938	240,627	\$	4,913,278,428	12.1%	\$ 20,419
2005	15,153		292,452,315	7,271		127,291,874	248,509		5,078,438,869	3.4%	20,436
2006	15,810		324,292,542	7,175		120,623,840	257,144		5,282,107,571	4.0%	20,541
2007	15,861		336,348,640	7,698		131,295,705	265,307		5,487,160,506	3.9%	20,682
2008	17,727		391,920,863	7,806		135,160,090	275,228		5,743,921,279	4.7%	20,870
2009	17,326		392,452,923	7,940		136,537,511	284,614		5,999,836,691	4.5%	21,081
2010	20,076		473,512,423	8,199		142,187,645	296,491		6,331,161,469	5.5%	21,354
2011	24,688		620,038,676	8,499		147,985,004	312,680		6,803,215,141	7.5%	21,758
2012	27,915		697,134,389	8,848		155,597,838	331,747		7,344,751,692	8.0%	22,140
2013	25,825		743,998,946	9,344		165,231,795	348,228		7,923,518,843	7.9%	22,754
2014	24,429		573,876,713	9,475		174,915,127	363,182		8,322,480,429	5.0%	22,915
2015	25,134		604,436,264	10,578		191,966,951	377,738		8,734,949,742	5.0%	23,124
2016	27,018		673,313,552	10,842		195,097,916	393,914		9,213,165,378	5.5%	23,389
2017	24,739		613,145,920	10,885		203,792,399	407,768		9,622,518,899	4.4%	23,598
2018	24,317		611,173,964	11,627		219,236,845	420,458		10,014,456,018	4.1%	23,818
2019	25,420		642,167,173	11,452		217,977,284	434,426		10,438,645,907	4.2%	24,029



**APPENDIX 1** 

SUMMARY OF BENEFIT PROVISIONS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

### **APPENDIX 1**

### Summary of Benefit Provisions of the Retirement System As of August 31, 2019

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas makes retirement, disability, and death and survivor benefits to all employees of the public school system of Texas. The major provisions of the System may be summarized as follows:

### A. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

### 1. <u>Grandfather Criteria</u>:

To be grandfathered, you must have met at least one of the following requirements as a member on or before August 31, 2005: (i) at least 50 years old, or (ii) age and years of service credit equal at least 70, or (iii) have at least 25 years of service credit.

### 2. <u>Normal Retirement</u>:

- (a) end of month following age 65 and 5 years of creditable service,
- (b) (i) For members hired on or before August 31, 2007: end of month following attainment of "Rule of 80"
  - (ii) For members hired after August 31, 2007 and who are vested as of August 31, 2014: end of month following attainment of "Rule of 80" with minimum age of 60.
  - (iii) For members who are not vested as of August 31, 2014: end of month following attainment of "Rule of 80" with minimum age of 62.

### Standard Annuity:

The product of 2.3% of the member's average compensation multiplied by years of creditable service. The average compensation is calculated as the average of the highest five annual salaries (based on creditable compensation). Members who as of August 31, 2005, were either age 50, had 25 years of service, or whose age plus service totaled 70 have their standard annuity calculated using the average of their highest three annual salaries.

### Normal Retirement Benefits:

Greater of standard annuity, or \$150 per month.

- 3. <u>Early Retirement</u>:
  - (a) after age 55 with 5 or more years of creditable service, or
  - (b) after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age.
  - (c) For members hired after August 31, 2007, end of month following attainment of "Rule of 80".



#### Early Retirement Benefits:

- (a) If a member was hired prior to September 1, 2007, has more than 30 years of service but does not meet the Rule of 80, and has maintained continuous membership until retirement, the early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit earned to the date of retirement, reduced by 2% for each point the member is less than age 50.
- (b) If a member is grandfathered the early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit earned to the date of retirement, reduced according to the following table:

Years of						
Service	55	56	57	58	59	60
20	90%	92%	94%	96%	98%	100%
21	92%	94%	96%	98%	100%	100%
22	94%	96%	98%	100%	100%	100%
23	96%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%
24	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
25	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
26	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
27	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
28	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
29	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
30 or more	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

#### AGE AT DATE OF RETIREMENT

- (c) If the member was hired after August 31, 2007 and is vested as of August 31, 2014 and the member has met the "Rule of 80" or has 30 years of service the benefit is reduced 5% per year from age 60.
- (d) If the member is not vested as of August 31, 2014 and the member has met the "Rule of 80" or has 30 years of service the benefit is reduced 5% per year from age 62.
- (e) If the member does not meet any of the conditions (a) (d) above, the early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit earned to the date of retirement, reduced according to the following table:

	AGE AT DATE OF RETIREMENT									
55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
43%	46%	50%	55%	59%	64%	70%	76%	84%	91%	100%



#### 4. Normal Form of Benefit:

Straight life annuity payable monthly with benefits commencing at end of month following retirement with the last payment payable on behalf of the annuitant in the month of death.

#### 5. Optional Forms:

**Option 1** - Joint and 100% survivor, benefit reverts to normal form following the death of the joint annuitant.

**Option 2** - Joint and 50% contingent survivor, benefit reverts to normal form following the death of the joint annuitant.

Option 3 - 5 years certain and life.

Option 4 - 10 years certain and life.

**Option 5** - Joint and 75% contingent survivor, benefit reverts to normal form following the death of the joint annuitant.

- 6. Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP):
  - (a). Eligibility:
    - 1) Must be an active contributing member.
    - 2) Must be eligible for a standard service retirement annuity that is not reduced for retirement at an early age.
    - 3) Must have at least 25 years of creditable service.
    - 4) Must have entered the DROP program before January 1, 2006.
  - (b). Program Summary:
    - 1) Participation begins the 1st of the month following the member's application and TRS approval of the application. Participation may begin in any month.
    - Participation may range from a minimum of one year to a maximum of five years, in 12-month increments. The member elects the period of participation at the outset.
    - 3) The amount of the member's standard annuity is established as of the date of participation in the DROP. This amount is also used in determining the monthly deposit to the DROP account. A member will not accumulate further retirement annuity benefits during DROP participation, i.e., no further credit will be achieved from years of service or compensation changes.



- 4) Any special service credit that a member wishes to purchase must be paid in full prior to DROP participation.
- 5) A separate DROP account will be established for each participating member. Each month, an amount equal to 60 percent of the calculated standard annuity will be deposited into the account. At retirement, the account plus interest at the rate of five percent per annum will be distributed.
- 6) Member and employer contributions continue during DROP participation. Contributions are not deposited into the member's DROP account and will not be refunded.
- 7) Three events terminate participation death, retirement or expiration of the participation period.
- 8) Upon retirement, participating members will receive their retirement annuity plus the balance in their DROP account including interest. DROP balances may be paid by TRS in a lump sum or on a time payout selected by the member.

### 7. Partial Lump-Sum Option Program:

Members eligible for unreduced retirement and either (1) grandfathered or (2) meeting the Rule of 90, and not participating in the DROP program, may select a partial lump-sum distribution not to exceed an amount equal to 36 months of a standard service retirement annuity. When this option is selected, the member's annuity will be actuarially reduced to reflect that distribution and will be computed so that no actuarial loss results to TRS.

The percentage shown in the following table will be applied to reduce the standard annuity when the partial lump-sum option is elected.



٨٩٥	12 Months	centage of Standard Anr 24 Months	36 Months
Age 45	<u>92.49</u>	84.97	77.46
46	92.45	84.90	77.34
47	92.41	84.81	77.22
48	92.36	84.72	77.09
49	92.31	84.63	76.94
50	92.26	84.53	76.79
51	92.21	84.42	76.63
52	92.15	84.30	76.45
53	92.09	84.17	76.26
54	92.02	84.04	76.06
55	91.95	83.89	75.84
56	91.87	83.74	75.60
57	91.78	83.57	75.35
58	91.69	83.39	75.08
59	91.59	83.19	74.78
60	91.49	82.97	74.46
61	91.37	82.74	74.10
62	91.24	82.48	73.72
63	91.10	82.20	73.30
64	90.95	81.90	72.84
65	90.78	81.57	72.35
66	90.61	81.21	71.82
67	90.41	80.83	71.24
68	90.20	80.41	70.61
69	89.97	79.95	69.92
70	89.73	79.45	69.18
71	89.46	78.91	68.37
72	89.16	78.32	67.48
73	88.84	77.68	66.52
74	88.49	76.97	65.46
75	88.10	76.20	64.31
76	87.68	75.36	63.04
77	87.22	74.43	61.65
78	86.71	73.42	60.13
79	86.15	72.30	58.45
80	85.53	71.06	56.60
81	84.85	69.70	54.55
82	84.10	68.19	52.29
83	83.26	66.52	49.78
84	82.33	64.66	46.99
85	81.30	62.59	43.89
86	80.14	60.28	40.42
87	79.09	58.19	37.28
88	78.00	56.00	34.00
89	76.81	53.62	30.43
90	75.52	51.04	26.56
90	74.13	48.26	20.30
91	74.13	40.20	22.39



#### 8. <u>Minimum Annuity Payments</u>:

Total annuity payments shall in no case be less than the member's accumulated contributions at retirement. Upon the death of a retiree, the excess, if any, of accumulated contributions over total annuity payments received prior to death will be paid to the beneficiary.

#### B. DISABILITY BENEFITS

- 1. Less than 10 years of creditable service: \$150.00 per month for the shorter of:
  - (a) disability, or
  - (b) number of months of creditable service as of date of disability retirement.
- 2. <u>At least 10 years of creditable service</u>: the greater of accrued retirement income or \$6.50 per month per year of creditable service, payable for duration of disability; disability presumed continuous if it continues past age 60. The minimum disability payment made on behalf of a member will be no less than \$150.00 per month.

### C. DEATH BENEFITS

- 1. <u>Eligibility</u>: applicable if death occurs:
  - (a) in service,
  - (b)while absent from service for good cause,
  - (c) while not in service but eligible to retire,
  - (d)while not in service but would be eligible to retire without additional service before April 15 of the sixth school year after last creditable year of service, or
  - (e) while receiving a disability benefit, but only eligible for 2f, below.
- 2. <u>Benefit</u>: any one of the following, at the option of the beneficiary:
  - (a) a lump sum (not to exceed \$80,000) equal to two times the rate of pay for the last year of service,
  - (b) a lump sum (not to exceed \$80,000) equal to two times annual pay for the year preceding last year of service,
  - (c) 60 monthly payments of accrued standard annuity,
  - (d) a life annuity payable under Option 1 as if the member had retired on the last day of the month preceding death,
  - (e) a refund of accumulated contributions, or



(f) the survivor benefits, if eligible.

<u>Note</u>: Items (c) and (d) available only if member has at least 5 years of creditable service.

3. <u>Benefit if Absent from Service Without Good Cause</u>: return of accumulated contributions.

#### D. SURVIVOR BENEFITS

- 1. <u>Benefits</u>: (a) or (b) at the election of the beneficiary:
  - (a) lump sum payment of \$10,000, or
  - (b) lump sum payment of \$2,500 plus one of the following, if the designated beneficiary is eligible:
    - (i) if a spouse or dependent parent, \$250 per month commencing at age 65,
    - (ii) if a spouse with children under age 18, \$350 per month until youngest child reaches 18, then \$250 per month commencing at spouse's age 65, or
    - (iii) if dependent children, \$350 per month as long as at least two dependent children under 18, reducing to \$250 per month when there is only one child under 18.

If benefits are payable under (i) or (ii) above and eligible spouse or dependent dies, payments will revert in accordance with (iii) above.

- 2. <u>Eligibility</u>:
  - (a) all employees eligible for a death benefit other than refund of accumulated contributions,
  - (b) any retired member, in addition to any benefit provided by his or her option of payment, or
  - (c) any disabled participant, in lieu of other death benefits (Item C2).

### E. VESTING OF BENEFITS

- 1. <u>Vesting</u>: a member is fully vested after 5 years of creditable service.
- 2. <u>Benefits upon Vesting</u>: a fully vested member is entitled to the following:
  - (a) upon becoming inactive, not required to withdraw accumulated contributions within seven years,
  - (b) may apply at age 65 for normal retirement benefit equal to accrued standard annuity, or



(c) may apply for any other retirement benefits for which he or she is eligible upon satisfying age requirement (if applicable) if he or she satisfied the corresponding service requirement at time of last termination; benefit is based on his or her full accrued standard annuity.

#### F. MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

7.70% of compensation per year for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, 8.00% for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, and 8.25% for Fiscal Years on and after 2024.

#### G. STATE CONTRIBUTIONS

State will contribute 7.50% of member compensation for FY2020 and FY2021, 7.75% for FY2022, 8.00% for FY2023, and 8.25% for FY2024 and each year thereafter. Public education employers will contribute 1.50% of pay (capped at the minimum salary schedule) in FY2020, increasing by 0.1% per year from FY2022 to FY2025 and remaining at 2.00% thereafter. Combined it is expected that these contributions will be approximately 9.50% of total payroll beginning in FY2025.

#### H. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 1991 STATE LEGISLATURE

- 1. The minimum retirement benefit increased from \$75 to \$100 per month.
- 2. The disability death benefit changed to the same as a service retirement death benefit.
- 3. An ad hoc cost of living increase was approved for members who retired prior to May 1, 1989. The increase does not apply to a survivor benefit or to a disability benefit for a member who had less than 10 years of service at the time of retirement or death. The amount of the increase is five-tenths of one percent of each full six-month period between the latest effective date of retirement (or date of death) and August 1, 1991. The increase begins August 1991.
- I. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 1993 STATE LEGISLATURE
  - 1. Increase in survivor benefit by \$50 per month.
  - 2. Retroactive minimum benefit of \$6.50 per year of service for members retired as of November 1, 1991.
  - 3. An ad hoc cost of living increase approximating a 25% CPI catch-up. The actual percentage increase varies by year of retirement and has a minimum increase of 5%. The increase begins with the January, 1994 annuity check and covers all benefit recipients who began receiving benefits before August 31, 1991, except that it does not apply to survivor benefits or to a disability benefit for a member who had less than 10 years of service at the time of retirement or death.
  - 4. ERS/TRS transfer provisions.



- (a) Service credit transfers allowed if the participant is a member of both ERS and TRS and has at least three years of service credit in the System from which the member is retiring.
- (b) A member may reinstate or purchase service credit in the other System prior to making the transfer if that member has at least three years of service credit in the current System.
- (c) TRS and ERS will jointly set rules for the assumptions used in computing asset transfer amounts. The transfer of funds between ERS and TRS takes place at the time of actual retirement.

### J. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 1995 STATE LEGISLATURE

- 1. Unreduced benefits at retirement were expanded to include participants age 50 or older with 30 or more years of service.
- 2. Annuitants' benefits increased in an amount equal to the greater of:
  - (a) A recalculation of benefits based on
    - (i) January 1, 1995 law with all intervening ad hoc increases, plus
    - (ii) A CPI catch-up increase.
  - (b) A recalculation of benefits for retirees who retired before September 1, 1993, based on a 2% multiplier and a minimum annual salary of a classroom teacher or full-time librarian as described by the Education Code. This annual salary is currently \$17,000 based on current Education Code.
- 3. Treat all Option 1 and Option 2 benefits as including the pop-up feature.
- 4. The annuity payment in the month of death is payable on behalf of the annuitant.
- 5. The disability benefit payable when a member has less than ten years of service increased from \$50 per month to \$150 per month for both current and future disabled members. The minimum disability payment made on behalf of a member with ten or more years of service shall be no less than \$150 per month.
- 6. The benefit increase reserve account in TRS was eliminated, resulting in the liability for all annuity benefits being included within the retired reserve account.
- 7. The maximum two-times-pay death benefit payable on behalf of a member would increase from \$60,000 to \$80,000.
- K. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 1997 STATE LEGISLATURE
  - 1. Driver's education pay is added to plan compensation for the determination of a member's best 3-year average compensation.



- 2. Disabled participants are allowed to select a Joint and Survivor annuity option after commencement of disability benefits, if they become married after date of disability.
- 3. Retirees are allowed to change the designated beneficiary for pension benefits payable after their death under certain conditions.
- 4. Adoption of "Rule of 80" criteria for unreduced standard retirement annuity (i.e., sum of member's age & credited service is greater than or equal to 80).
- 5. Elimination of \$6.50 per month per year of service minimum standard retirement annuity benefit.
- 6. Addition of \$50.00 to the minimum survivor benefit.
- 7. Creation of a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP), described in Item A6 above.
- 8. A CPI catch-up ad hoc cost-of-living increase for retired members.
- L. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 1999 STATE LEGISLATURE
  - 1. Increased multiplier from 2.0% to 2.2% effective September 1, 1999, and an equivalent 10% increase for all retirees.
  - 2. A CPI catch-up ad hoc cost-of-living increase for retired members.
  - 3. Established a partial lump-sum option at time of retirement.
  - 4. DROP participant enrolled on or before August 31, 1999, have a one-year window from September 1, 1999 to revoke DROP participation.
  - 5. For members entering DROP on or after September 1, 1999, the monthly DROP deposit will be reduced from 79% to 60% of the standard annuity.
  - 4. Provides a lump-sum death benefit of \$160,000 for an active member employed by a school district who dies due to a physical assault during the performance of their regular duties.
  - 5. Allows a return to teaching after being retired at least 12 months without a reduction in the retirement benefit under certain circumstances.

### M. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 2001 STATE LEGISLATURE

- 1. Increased multiplier from 2.2% to 2.3% effective September 1, 2001, and an equivalent 4.5% increase for all retirees.
- 2. A 6% ad hoc increase for retired members.
- 3. Increase in survivor benefits of \$50 per month.



- 4. Allows a return to work as a bus driver with no reduction in the monthly benefit if retired with an unreduced benefit.
- 5. Permits purchase of up to 3 years of "air time" if the member has at least 7 years of actual membership service. Purchase price is the full actuarial cost of the purchased service.

### N. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 2003 STATE LEGISLATURE

- 1. For employees hired on or after September 1, 2003, a 90-day waiting period is required for participation in TRS. Members may have the option to purchase this service. This provision is set to expire on September 1, 2005.
- 2. Limits the collection of overpayments to the three years prior to the overpayment discovery, except in cases of fraud or knowledge by the participant that the payments were incorrect.
- 3. Repealed the requirement that in order to reinstate service withdrawn after August 31, 2003, for the purposes of ERS/TRS transfer, the member must belong to the system from which the service is purchased.
- 4. Retirees who are employed by a third-party entity are considered to be employees of the school for return to work purposes unless the retiree does not perform duties or provide services in behalf of the school
- 5. Retirees may work as a substitute and on a half-time basis during a single calendar month as long as the total days worked do not exceed the number of days for one-half time employment for that month.
- O. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 2005 STATE LEGISLATURE
  - 1. Final average salary at retirement will be determined by the highest five years (instead of three years) of salary, subsidized early retirement will be eliminated, and partial lump sum option eligibility will require a combined age plus years of creditable service that equals at least 90 ("Rule of 90").
  - Future members (those who establish TRS membership on or after September 1, 2007) will have the following eligibility requirements to qualify for an unreduced annuity at retirement: (i) age 65 with 5 years of service, or (ii) age 60 with at least 5 years of service and meets the Rule of 80 (combined age and years of service equal at least 80).
  - 3. Employers will be required to pay a monthly surcharge to the pension fund for each retiree working in a TRS-covered position and reported to TRS.
  - 4. The Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) is being discontinued for new participation effective December 31, 2005.



#### P. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 2007 STATE LEGISLATURE

- 1. The State contribution rate was increased to 6.58% for fiscal year 2008. In addition, the new law requires the State contribution rate to be at least equal to the member contribution rate.
- 2. The Legislature authorized TRS to make a one-time payment (13<sup>th</sup> check) in January 2008, if the August 31, 2007 actuarial valuation showed that the funding period would be less than 31 years with the payment. The payment is equal to the lesser of the member's December monthly payment or \$2,400. To be eligible a retiree must have retired on or before December 31, 2006.

#### Q. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 2009 STATE LEGISLATURE

The Legislature included funding for a one-time supplemental payment of \$500 million for current retirees. This appropriation was contingent upon a ruling by the Attorney General's office that such a payment is permissible under State law. The Attorney General determined this payment was not permissible, and therefore the additional appropriation will be contributed to the Trust as additional contributions, increasing the State contribution rate to an effective 6.644% for the biennium.

- R. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 2013 STATE LEGISLATURE
  - 1. The normal retirement eligibility for members who are not vested as of August 31, 2014 to the "Rule of 80" with minimum age 62 (was minimum age of 60).
  - 2. For members who are not vested as of August 31, 2014, their early retirement benefit will be reduced from age 62 (was 60) if they meet the Rule of 80" but are not eligible for normal retirement.
  - 3. The Legislature granted an ad hoc COLA for members in payment status since August 31, 2004. The payment is equal to the lesser of \$100 or 3% of their monthly payment.
  - 4. The member contribution rate will increase to 6.70% in fiscal year 2015, 7.20% in fiscal year 2016, and 7.70% for fiscal years on and after 2017.
  - 5. The State's contribution rate increased to 6.80% in fiscal year 2014.
  - 6. Covered employers whose employees are not participating in Social Security whose positions are subject to the state statutory minimum salary schedule will begin contributing 1.50% of pay in fiscal year 2015.
- S. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES MADE BY THE 2019 STATE LEGISLATURE
  - 1. The Legislature authorized TRS to make a one-time payment (13<sup>th</sup> check) and provided a lump sum appropriation to cover the additional liability. The payment was equal to the lesser of the member's monthly payment or \$2,000.



- 2. SB 12 increased the member contribution rate from 7.77% to 8.00%% in fiscal year 2022 and 8.25% in fiscal year 2024.
- 3. SB 12 increased the base contribution rate from 6.80% to 7.50% in fiscal year 2020, 7.75% in fiscal year 2022, 8.00% in fiscal year 2023, and 8.25% in fiscal year 2024.
- 4. SB 12 increased the employers who contribute the supplemental contribution from covered employers whose employees are not participating in Social Security to all public education employers. It also put in a schedule of increasing the 1.50% of pay to 2.00% by fiscal year 2025.
- 5. HB 3 created a mechanism for the State to provide additional salary increases to certain member groups. It was communicated that \$825 million was budgeted for this mechanism in Fiscal Year 2020.



**APPENDIX 2** 

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

### APPENDIX 2 Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (Adopted July 27, 2018)

The following assumptions were developed and recommended based on an experience study performed in 2018. All of the assumptions are based on a combination of anticipated future experience and market observations. We believe all of the assumptions are reasonable and appropriate for this measurement. Please see our report dated July 27, 2018 for more discussion about the selection of these assumptions.

### **ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**

- 1. <u>Investment Return Rate</u> 7.25% per annum, compounded annually, composed of an assumed 2.30% inflation rate and a 4.95% real rate of return, net of investment expenses
- 2. Mortality, Withdrawal, Disability Retirement, and Service Retirement Rates:

Rates and scales developed in the actuarial investigation as of August 31, 2017, with values at specimen ages shown in the tables below:

a. Active Mortality: RP-2014 Employee Mortality Tables for male and female multiplied by 90%, with full generational projection assuming immediate convergence of rates in the mortality projection scale MP-2018, 2D for male and female. Below are the samples rates for 2018 and 2048.

	2018 Morta	lity Rates		2048 Morta	lity Rates
Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female
20	0.000351	0.000140	20	0.000260	0.000104
30	0.000391	0.000188	30	0.000289	0.000139
40	0.000543	0.000342	40	0.000402	0.000253
50	0.001458	0.000953	50	0.001078	0.000705
60	0.004053	0.002111	60	0.002998	0.001562
70	0.011977	0.005454	70	0.008860	0.004035
80	0.033554	0.015890	80	0.024820	0.011754
90	0.119209	0.089535	90	0.090069	0.067649



b. Rates of Termination (net of applying rehire assumption)

Years of		
Service	Male	Female
1	0.155507	0.162296
2	0.124963	0.133070
3	0.100839	0.111030
4	0.075417	0.087064
5	0.065169	0.077625
6	0.057971	0.068467
7	0.049227	0.056290
8	0.043267	0.048891
9	0.038586	0.043639
10	0.035246	0.039995

### **Probability of Decrement Due to Termination**

The following table is used for all years after the first ten years of employment.

	from Normal Retirement							
Years			Years					
from			from					
NR	Male	Female	NR	Male	Female			
1	0.012969	0.012300	17	0.026491	0.030497			
2	0.015445	0.015360	18	0.026876	0.031061			
3	0.017108	0.017491	19	0.027245	0.031604			
4	0.018394	0.019181	20	0.027599	0.032128			
5	0.019459	0.020603	21	0.027941	0.032634			
6	0.020374	0.021843	22	0.028270	0.033125			
7	0.021181	0.022949	23	0.028589	0.033600			
8	0.021907	0.023952	24	0.028897	0.034061			
9	0.022567	0.024874	25	0.029196	0.034510			
10	0.023174	0.025728	26	0.029486	0.034947			
11	0.023738	0.026526	27	0.029768	0.035372			
12	0.024264	0.027276	28	0.030042	0.035787			
13	0.024759	0.027985	29	0.030309	0.036191			
14	0.025226	0.028658	30	0.030570	0.036587			
15	0.025668	0.029298	31	0.030823	0.036973			
16	0.026089	0.029911	32	0.031071	0.037351			

#### Probability of Decrement Due to Termination Based on Years from Normal Retirement



### c. Rates of Disability Retirement

The disability retirement rates for members once they reach the Rule of 80 but not eligible for unreduced retirement are adjusted by an additional 1%.

	For Serv	ice >= 10	For Service < 10		
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	
20	0.000147	0.000262	0.000018	0.000028	
30	0.000147	0.000262	0.000018	0.000028	
40	0.000344	0.000446	0.000043	0.000047	
50	0.001594	0.001726	0.000199	0.000182	
60	0.002804	0.002616	0.000351	0.000275	

### Probability of Decrement Due to Disability

### d. Rates of Retirement

Age	Normal Retirement		Age	Early Re	tirement
	Male	Female		Male	Female
50	0.1300	0.1400	45	0.0100	0.0100
51	0.1300	0.1400	46	0.0100	0.0100
52	0.1300	0.1400	47	0.0100	0.0100
53	0.1300	0.1400	48	0.0100	0.0100
54	0.1300	0.1400	49	0.0100	0.0100
55	0.1300	0.1500	50	0.0100	0.0100
56	0.1400	0.1600	51	0.0100	0.0100
57	0.1500	0.1700	52	0.0100	0.0100
58	0.1600	0.1800	53	0.0100	0.0100
59	0.1700	0.1900	54	0.0100	0.0100
60	0.1800	0.2000	55	0.0100	0.0100
61	0.1900	0.2100	56	0.0100	0.0100
62	0.2000	0.2200	57	0.0100	0.0100
63	0.2100	0.2300	58	0.0100	0.0100
64	0.2200	0.2400	59	0.0100	0.0100
65	0.2500	0.2500	60	0.0100	0.0200
66	0.2500	0.2500	61	0.0200	0.0200
67	0.2500	0.2500	62	0.0400	0.0400
68	0.2500	0.2500	63	0.0500	0.0500
69	0.2500	0.2500	64	0.0500	0.0500
70-74	0.2500	0.2500	65	0.0500	0.0500
75	1.0000	1.0000			



Rates for members younger than age 65 will be reduced by 15% to reflect anticipated behavior changes stemming from the modifications to TRS CARE in the 2017 legislature. 5% will be added to the rate at age 65 for members who reach normal retirement age prior to age 65.

For members hired after August 31, 2007 and who are vested as of August 31, 2014, the retirement rates for members once they reach unreduced retirement eligibility at age 60 are increased 10% for each year the member is beyond the Rule of 80 (i.e. if the member reached the Rule of 80 at age 58 then the probability of retirement at age 60 is 120% of the rate shown above).

For members hired after August 31, 2007 and who are not vested as of August 31, 2014, or, for members hired after August 31, 2014, the retirement rates for members once they reach unreduced retirement eligibility at age 62 are increased 10% for each year the member is beyond the Rule of 80 (i.e. if the member reached the Rule of 80 at age 58 then the probability of retirement at age 62 is 140% of the rate shown above).

Members who participated in DROP but are still active employees are assumed to retire immediately.



### 3. Rates of Salary Increase

Inflation rate of 2.30%, plus productivity component of 0.75%, plus step-rate/promotional component as shown:

Years of Service	Merit, Promotion, Longevity	. <u>-</u>	General		Total	
1	6.00	%	3.05	%	9.05	%
2	2.50		3.05		5.55	
3	1.90		3.05		4.95	
4	1.50		3.05		4.55	
5	1.40		3.05		4.45	
6	1.20		3.05		4.25	
7	1.10		3.05		4.15	
8	1.00		3.05		4.05	
9	1.00		3.05		4.05	
10	1.00		3.05		4.05	
11	0.90		3.05		3.95	
12	0.90		3.05		3.95	
13	0.80		3.05		3.85	
14	0.70		3.05		3.75	
15	0.60		3.05		3.65	
16	0.50		3.05		3.55	
17	0.50		3.05		3.55	
18	0.40		3.05		3.45	
19	0.30		3.05		3.35	
20	0.30		3.05		3.35	
21	0.20		3.05		3.25	
22	0.20		3.05		3.25	
23	0.10		3.05		3.15	
24	0.10		3.05		3.15	
25 & up	0.00		3.05		3.05	



4. <u>Post-retirement Mortality</u>: The 2018 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables, with full generational projection assuming immediate convergence of rates in the mortality projection scale MP-2018, 2D for male and female, used for service retirement annuitants, beneficiaries and survivors. These tables are developed based on the experience in the actuarial investigation as of August 31, 2017. Below are the samples rates for 2018 and 2048.

	2018 Morta	ality Rates		2048 Morta	ality Rates
Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female
40	0.000615	0.000388	40	0.000455	0.000287
50	0.001652	0.001080	50	0.001222	0.000799
60	0.004651	0.002668	60	0.003440	0.001974
70	0.014356	0.008969	70	0.010619	0.006634
80	0.046716	0.032270	80	0.034556	0.023870
90	0.152340	0.116359	90	0.115101	0.087915
100	0.490265	0.422361	100	0.404369	0.348362
110	0.496658	0.496658	110	0.466303	0.466303
120	1.000000	1.000000	120	1.000000	1.000000

For disabled retirees, a three-year set forward of the above tables are used, with minimum mortality rates of 0.0200 for female and 0.0400 for male, respectively.

	2018 Mortality Rates			2048 Mortality Rates	
Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female
40	0.040000	0.020000	40	0.040000	0.020000
50	0.040000	0.020000	50	0.040000	0.020000
60	0.040000	0.020000	60	0.040000	0.020000
70	0.040000	0.020000	70	0.040000	0.020000
80	0.066557	0.047384	80	0.049232	0.035050
90	0.217371	0.171112	90	0.166740	0.131256
100	0.492192	0.492192	100	0.422199	0.422199
110	0.498452	0.498452	110	0.485168	0.485168
120	1.000000	1.000000	120	1.000000	1.000000



#### HANDLING OF ACTIVE DATA WITH MISSING INFORMATION:

There are records provided by TRS that have missing gender and/or missing date of births. These records are handled as follows:

- 1. 80% of records with missing gender are assumed to be female. The overall male/female ratio of the active membership is used to set this assumption.
- 2. Records with missing dates of birth are assigned a date of birth that produces an entry age equal to the average entry age for the overall active population, based on the member's actual service.

#### ASSUMPTION FOR DROP PARTICIPATION

Current active members are not eligible to participate in DROP, therefore no new DROP members are assumed.

#### **BENEFIT ELECTION OF VESTED TERMINATING MEMBERS:**

In determining the liabilities developed for future terminating vested members, it is assumed that the member elects either a refund or a deferred vested benefit, whichever is more valuable. The deferred benefit is assumed to commence at the earliest age the member is eligible for unreduced retirement.

#### **ELECTION RATES FOR ACTIVE MEMBER DEATH BENEFITS:**

If the member was eligible for retirement at the time of death, it is assumed that the beneficiary will elect the option 1 death benefit. Otherwise, it is assumed the value of the member's lump sum cash value will be the greater of two times their account balance or the minimum of \$80,000 or two times their salary at the time of death.

#### **DECREMENT TIMING:**

Retirement is assumed to occur at the end of the year. Termination from service is assumed to occur at the beginning of the year. All other decrements are assumed to occur mid-year.

#### **BENEFIT ELECTION OPTIONS:**

It is assumed that future healthy retirees will select the normal form of payment. For disabled members, 80% are assumed to select the normal form of payment and 20% to select the 100% joint and survivor option.

#### **MARRIAGE ASSUMPTION:**

While not implicitly used in the valuation, 100% of active members are assumed to be married when setting other benefit election and eligibility assumptions.



#### **SPOUSAL AGE DIFFERENCE:**

Husbands are assumed to be three years older than their wives.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF WHO ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS:**

Members who contributed during the just-completed plan year and earned a year of service but did not retire before August 31<sup>st</sup> are considered active.

#### **ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS:**

- A. The actuarial value of assets is equal to the market value of assets less a five-year phase-in of the excess/(shortfall) between expected investment return and actual income. The actual calculation is based on the difference between actual market value and the expected actuarial value of assets each year, and recognizes the cumulative excess return (or shortfall) over a minimum rate of 20% per year. Each year a base is set up to reflect this difference. If the current year's base is of opposite sign to the deferred bases then it is offset dollar for dollar against the deferred bases. Any remaining bases are then recognized over the remaining period for the base (5 less the number of years between the bases year and the valuation year). This is intended to ensure the smoothed value of assets will converge towards the market value in a reasonable amount of time.
- B. Expected earnings are determined using the assumed investment return rate and the beginning of year actuarial value of assets (adjusted for receipts and disbursements during the year). Beginning in fiscal year 2016, the returns are computed net of investment expenses.

#### PAYROLL GROWTH FOR FUNDING OF UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY:

Total payroll is expected to grow at 3.00% per year. The total general wage increase assumption of 3.00% is made up of an inflation rate of 2.30% plus a 0.70% real wage growth. This value is also used to increase the wages for each annual cohort of new entrants in an open group projection based on the current demographics and the current assumptions.



#### **ACTUARIAL COST METHOD:**

The actuarial valuation is used to determine the adequacy of the State contribution rate (established by Legislative appropriation) and employer contribution rate (established by statute) and to describe the current financial condition of TRS.

The actuarial valuation uses the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the first step is to determine the contribution rate (level as a percentage of pay) required to provide the benefits to each member, or the normal cost rate. The normal cost rate consists of two pieces: (i) the member's contribution rate, and (ii) the remaining portion of the normal cost rate which is the employer's normal cost rate. The total normal cost rate is based on the benefits payable to each individual active member.

The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) is the liability for future benefits which is in excess of (i) the actuarial value of assets, and (ii) the present value of future normal costs. The employer contribution provided in excess of the employer normal cost is applied to amortize the UAAL.

The funding period is calculated as the number of years required to fully amortize the UAAL, and is calculated with the use of an open group projection that takes into account: (a) future market earnings, net of investment-related expenses, will equal 7.25% per year, (b) there will be no changes in assumptions, (c) the number of active members will remain unchanged, (d) active members who leave employment will be replaced by new entrants each year, and (e) State and employer contributions will remain the same percentage of payroll.

The Entry Age actuarial cost method is an "immediate gain" method (i.e., experience gains and losses are separately identified as part of the UAAL). However, they are amortized over the same period applied to all other components of the UAAL.

#### **PROJECTED PAYROLL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:**

The aggregate projected payroll for the fiscal year following the valuation date is calculated by increasing the actual payroll paid during the previous fiscal year by the payroll growth rate. For the increase from fiscal year 2019 to fiscal year 2020, an additional \$825 million was added to the projected payroll for HB 3.

#### USE OF CELLED DATA:

For valuation purposes, every record in the census is valued individually.

For legislative purposes, the active valuation data is celled by benefit tier, gender, years of service, month and year of birth. The individual cell is valued using the sum of the salary and account balances of the members in the cell. Every year we test this approach against using the individual records and the results are consistently less than 0.02% different in total present value of benefits.



#### **ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION (ADEC)**

The ADEC is determined as the level percentage of payroll that is will cover the System's normal cost and amortize the System's unfunded liabilities over the same funding period as disclosed in this report for the fixed rate contributions (29 years as of August 31, 2019). However, if the fixed rate contributions produce a funding period in excess of 30 years then a 30-year amortization period is used.

#### New Entrant Profile

For the purposes of determining the funding period, an open group projection is used which replaces on a one-to-one basis each active member who leaves employment with an average new hire. The average new hire is determined based on a new entrant profile, which is created from the valuation data by determining the entry age and entry pay for anyone with eight or less years of service as of the valuation date, with salaries normalized to the valuation date.

A summary of the new entrant profile is shown in the table below, with 25.9% of the population being male. The salaries below would be applicable for the year preceding the valuation date. Future cohorts of new hires have starting salaries that are assumed to grow at the General Wage Inflation of 3.00% over the salaries of the previous year.

New Entrant Profile					
Entry Age	# of Employees	Average Salary			
15-19	482	\$17,745			
20-24	40,276	40,069			
25-29	84,875	42,960			
30-34	56,659	42,054			
35-39	46,851	40,920			
40-44	40,753	39,603			
45-49	33,330	38,119			
50-54	26,040	36,518			
55-59	19,144	35,301			
60-64	9,260	33,714			
65-69	1,814	28,431			
Total	359,484	40,178			

#### CHANGES SINCE THE PRIOR VALUATION:

HB 3 in the 2019 Legislative session created a new mechanism for salary increases to be provided from the State. It is our understanding that approximately \$825 million was budgeted to provide salary increases to teachers, librarians, counselors, and nurses with at least 5 years of service. To estimate the impact in this valuation, we have assumed the \$825 million would be provided uniformly to all members in the data with the applicable position codes and at least 5 years of service. This averages to a \$2,700 increase for members impacted. In addition, we have assumed aggregate covered payroll for Fiscal Year 2020 would be \$825 million more than the typical 3% annual growth from actual Fiscal Year 2019 payroll. Finally, we have assumed half of the \$825 million would be eligible for the supplemental contribution from employers. All assumptions are then assumed to continue thereafter without adjustment. This



increased the UAAL in this valuation by approximately \$1.4 billion and increased the funding period by 1 year.

The actual data collected as of August 31, 2020 will provide the actual amount and distribution of the salary increases, as well as the actual increase in aggregate payroll and the portion eligible for supplemental contributions, meaning the 2020 valuation will provide much clarity on the actual impact from the HB 3 as the school districts do have discretion on how the actual increases are distributed. In addition, the true ultimate cost of the increases will not be fully known until the valuations for the following years are completed as it is possible that future salary decisions by employers are impacted by this one large decision. We believe it is possible that overall salary increases for the next few valuation cycles could be dampened compared to current assumptions and thus believe the proposed approach to projecting the impact is more likely to overestimate the impact than underestimate, but given the lack of detail from how local employers will distribute the increases and how it may impact future decisions, we believe the methods used in this valuation are appropriate and reasonable.



GLOSSARY

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### **Definition of Actuarial Terms**

H.B. 2206 as passed by the 1979 Legislature requires that any actuarial study of a public retirement system include "a complete definition of each actuarial term used in the study". In our report we have attempted to avoid the use of a multitude of complex actuarial terminology, but we realize that different users of our reports may have differing opinions as to what constitutes an "actuarial term". Accordingly, in keeping with the intent and the spirit of the law, we offer the following definitions of several terms contained in this report which might be considered actuarial in nature. Any qualified user of our report who believes that additional terms should be included is invited to communicate such terms either directly to us or through the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

- 1. Actuarial Accrued Liability for benefits payable in the future to present members, it will equal the present value of benefits payable in the future to them less the present value of future normal costs.
- 2. Actuarial Assumptions assumptions as to future experience under the System. Current actuarial assumptions are detailed in Appendix 2 of the current annual valuation report. Assumptions include future fund earning rates, rates of future salary increases, and rates of death (both before and after retirement), disability, retirement, and withdrawal as well as overall payroll growth. Effective August 31, 1985, select and ultimate assumptions were adopted for retirement and withdrawal rates and the salary scale.
- 3. Actuarial Gain or Actuarial Loss a measure of the difference between actual experience and assumed experience of the System. Through the actuarial assumptions, rates of decrements, rates of salary increases, and rates of fund earnings have been forecasted. To the extent that actual experience differs from that assumed, actuarial liabilities emerge which may be the same as forecasted, or they may be larger or smaller than projected. Actuarial gains are due to favorable experience, e.g., the System's assets earn more than projected, salaries do not increase as fast as assumed, members retire later than assumed, etc. Favorable experience means actual results produce actuarial liabilities not as large as projected by the actuarial assumptions. On the other hand, actuarial losses are the result of unfavorable experience, i.e., actual results that produce actuarial liabilities which are larger than projected. Actuarial gains will shorten the time required for funding of the actuarial balance sheet deficiency while actuarial losses will lengthen the funding period.
- 4. Actuarial Liabilities the actuarially determined present value of future benefits to be provided by the System. There are separate actuarially determined present values for retired members and non-retired members (either active or inactive). When applied to active members, it takes into account benefits which will be earned through future service and future salary increases.
- 5. Actuarial Value of Assets the value of present System assets for valuation purposes. Prior to August 31, 1985, this value was the same as the book value of assets. Beginning August 31, 1985, through August 31, 1993, this value was calculated under the "market over book adjusted asset valuation method." Beginning August 31, 1993, this value is calculated under a five-year phase-in of the excess (shortfall) between expected and actual income return on the market value of assets.



# **Glossary (Continued)**

- 6. Actuarially Determined values which have been determined utilizing the principles of actuarial science. An actuarially determined value is derived by application of the appropriate actuarial assumptions to specified values determined by provisions of the law.
- 7. Decrements those types of activities by members of the System which cause them no longer to be members, i.e., death, retirement, disability, and withdrawal. It is a general term referring to any or all of these membership terminating events.
- 8. Defined Benefits in a retirement plan, benefits which are defined by a specific formula applied to specific member compensation and/or specific years of service. The amount of the benefit is not a function of contributions or actual earnings on those contributions.
- *9. Defined Contributions* in a retirement plan, periodic contributions to the plan which are defined as a specific percent of compensation.
- 10. Experience Study a periodic review and analysis of the actual experience of the System which may lead to a revision of one or more actuarial assumptions. Actual rates of decrement and salary increases are compared to the actuarially assumed values and modified as deemed appropriate by the Actuary.
- 11. Funding Period the number of years in the future that will be required to fund (i.e., pay off or eliminate) the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, based on the actuarial assumptions and assuming no future actuarial gains or losses.
- *Future Benefits* benefits specified in the law which will become payable at some time in the future when the member satisfies the requirement to receive such benefits.
- *13. Future Contributions* contributions to be made by the member or the State in the future, as required by the law.
- 14. Normal Cost the actuarial cost to fund the benefits provided by the System were the funding to begin at date of hire. It is expressed as a percent of pay and is equal to the present value at hire of all possible benefits of the System divided by the present value of anticipated future compensation to be received by the new member. In the aggregate, it must be less than the total future contribution to the System if the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is to be amortized. Otherwise there must be a funding surplus sufficient in size to offset any contribution rate shortfall.
- 15. Present Value the actuarially determined lump sum value as of the valuation date of a series of payments to be made in the future, where the lump sum value is equal to the sum of the discounted value of each future payment. The discounted value of each payment is the product of (a) the amount of the payment, (b) the probability that the payment will be made (based on the current actuarial assumptions as to future experience), and (c) the time value of money (based on the current assumed interest rate).
- 16. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability that portion of the actuarial accrued liability (including the present value of benefits presently being paid to retired members) that exceeds the value of current actuarial assets. A funding surplus exists if the actuarial accrued liability is less than the actuarial assets.

