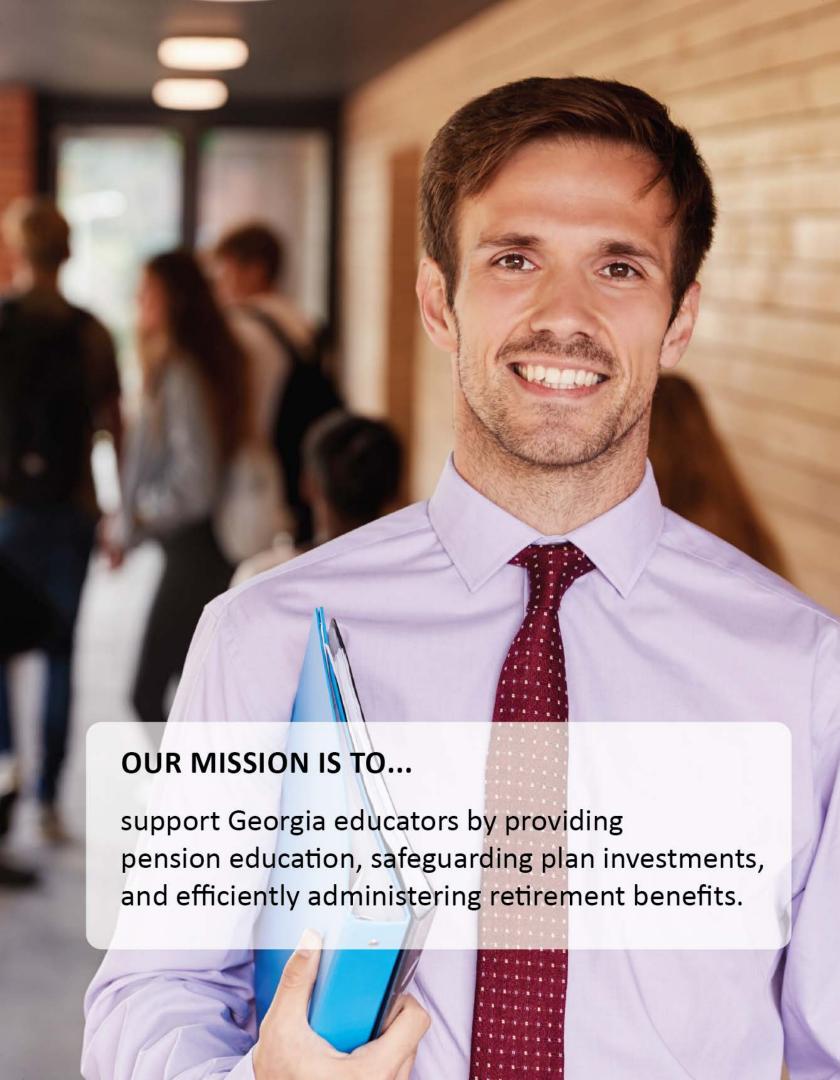


# ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE, 30, 2022





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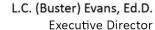
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### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL







September 30, 2022 Board of Trustees Teachers Retirement System of Georgia Atlanta, Georgia

I am pleased to present the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the System. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the System. I trust that you will find this report helpful in understanding your retirement system.

Each fiscal year presents its own set of unique circumstances and 2022 was no exception to the rule. We have witnessed the lingering effects of a pandemic on our educational system and economy, compounded with uncertainty around inflation and supply chain issues. However, our agency continues to meet the needs of our members and, most importantly, to provide a reliable system they can count on. The system has successfully administered pension benefits for nearly nine decades despite great global tensions and swings in the macro environmental factors and is more prepared than ever to navigate uncharted territory.

### **Certificate of Achievement**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. This was the 34th consecutive year that the System has achieved this prestigious award.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

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

### **History and Overview**

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

The System is governed by a ten-member Board of Trustees (the Board) which appoints the Executive Director who is responsible for the administration and operations of the System, which serves 504,156 active and retired members, and 322 employers.

#### **Financial Information**

The management of the System is charged with the responsibility of maintaining a sound system of internal accounting controls. The objectives of such a system are to provide management with

### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorizations, and that they are recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived. Therefore, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements. Even though there are inherent limitations in any system of internal control, the management of the System makes every effort to ensure that through systematic reporting and internal reviews, errors or fraud would be quickly detected and corrected.

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

INVESTMENTS - The System has continued to invest primarily in a mix of liquid, high quality bonds and stocks as it historically has done. This was our 2nd year investing in private markets. Our intention is to build the program in a disciplined manner. These types of investments further diversify the portfolio and allow the System to participate in rising markets, while moderating the risks on the downside. A high quality balanced fund has proven to be a successful strategy in a variety of markets over a long period of time. Both the equity and bond market returns turned negative for the fiscal year resulting in the time-weighted rate of return of (12.8)%, with a (15.1)% return for equities, a 23.7% return on private equity (inception date March 2021), and a (7.4)% return for fixed income. A comparative analysis of rates of return, excluding private equity, is presented on page 51. For additional information and analysis pertaining to investment policies and strategies, asset allocations, and yield, see Management's Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 15 and the Investment Section beginning on page 50. The System addresses the safeguarding of investments by requiring that they be held by agent custodial banks in the name of the System and that deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

As in previous years, maintaining quality was a primary goal and was successfully met. "Conservation of Capital" and "Conservatism" continue to be the guiding principles for investment decisions. The System continued to use a diversified portfolio to accomplish these objectives. When necessary, actions are taken to adjust the assumed annual rate of return on future investments to prepare for market conditions. For this reason, the system reduced its assumed annual rate of return from 7.25% to 6.9% based on industry trends and observations of economic expectations.

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

A useful indicator of the funded status of a retirement system is the relationship between the actuarial value of assets and the actuarial accrued liabilities. The System continues to remain strong as evidenced by the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liabilities. This ratio was 81.3% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The ultimate test of the financial soundness of a retirement system is its ability to pay all promised benefits when due. I am proud to say that through the continued wisdom and the support of Governor Brian Kemp and the Georgia General Assembly, the System has been and will continue to be funded on an actuarially sound basis, thus providing the membership the comfort and security they expect from their retirement system.

#### **Initiatives**

Our ability to innovate has served the System and members well as we continue to improve upon existing process and the training of our staff. The second cohort of our Leadership Development Institute Program (LDIP) was launched to further develop the talent of the System's employees and position them for advancement opportunities. Business acumen training initially designed for Board of Trustees' continuing education has been repurposed and added to our Learning Management System, TRS University, to make these modules available system-wide to our staff. Employees' awareness of how our system manages its investments is equally important. A special internal podcast was produced to exhibit the expertise of our Division of Investment Services and its ability to properly invest the System's assets.

A well-educated and trained staff is imperative for the System's sustainability and now, more than ever, the work environment has become a key factor for the employee. Many companies have been faced with the task of finding the right balance of remote and in-person work along with attracting quality hires in a robust job market. Over 100 employees worked remotely most days this year. While this gives way to efficiency, it can lead to disengagement. Common office days, interactive virtual events, and employee-led initiatives such as the 5K Walk Event and Day Walkers Group has helped to maintain a positive work culture. These events give the employees opportunities to connect and be more creative, and have led to conversations that later produced several upgrades to internal processes.

TRS staff conducted a total of 8,813 member counseling sessions in the Atlanta and Macon offices, in addition to outreach sessions throughout the state. This included virtual options for presentations and counseling sessions; however, face-to-face sessions were still in high demand. The System's accessibility for members has continued to improve with more choices to electronically sign documents, the ability to upload forms, and an increased amount of on-demand content available. Our Facebook, YouTube, and podcasts alone made 112,978 impressions. As a result, Information Technology Division (IT) employees responded to a 35% increase in requests from internal business units' employees requiring technology support assistance. The desire for these types of interactions will only increase over time as technologies continue to advance. Being efficient allows this department to meet the ever increasing

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demand. As an example, the front-facing portion of our website, www.trsga.com, was migrated to Microsoft Azure to improve project management of website updates. The security of the System's assets and sensitive customer data is of utmost importance. Our IT division continues to enhance our systems in an effort to mitigate vulnerabilities and cyber-attacks. Over 1.28 million attacks were blocked and a massive Denial of Service attack was successfully mitigated in late 2021. Our Georgia Technology Authority BitSight security rating increased from 720 to 800, which maintained the System's excellent security rating and kept it in the "Advanced" category for cyber security. We are pleased to report we experienced no security breaches and maintained 100% uptime for line-of-business systems including our Pension Administration Services Solution (PASS) Microsoft Dynamics GP. Over 1,986,486 email spams were blocked with a successful delivery of 363,920 emails through Outlook.

The accessibility of system resources is not only important for our members and employees, but also for our retirees. The second year of our biennium legislative session garnered a considerable amount of attention around retention of active employees and allowances for retired members to return to work on a full-time basis. One particular bill, House Bill 385, was passed which allows, beginning in fiscal year 2023, certain retirees to return to work in a full-time capacity while collecting retirement benefits. Anticipating possible increases in contract submittals from TRS employers, we have continued to improve upon the autoapproval process implemented by our Retirement Services division. As of June 30, 2022, we have processed 84% of submitted contracts by auto-approval, a process that is completed in less than 10 minutes, as opposed to all contract approvals being subject to a manual process that takes several business days.

### Other Information

INDEPENDENT AUDIT - The Board requires an annual audit of the financial statements of the System by independent, certified public accountants. The accounting firm of KPMG LLP was selected by the Board. The independent auditors' report on the statement of fiduciary net position and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position is included in the Financial Section of this report.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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



### YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM

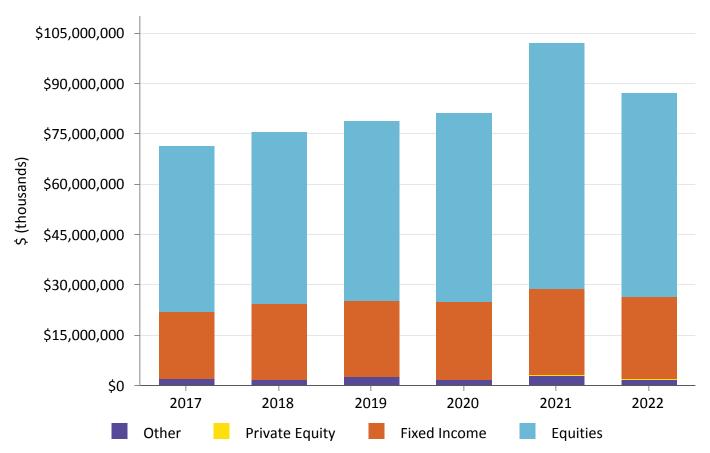


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Financial Highlights (dollars in thousands)	2022	2021	% Change
Member Contributions	\$ 853,376	\$ \$ 817,090	+4.4
Employer and Nonemployer Contributions	\$ 2,696,714	\$ 2,495,527	+8.1
Interest and Dividend Income	\$ 1,840,676	\$ 1,670,772	+10.2
Benefits Paid to Retired Members	\$ 5,692,032	\$ 5,434,414	+4.7
Refunds of Member Contributions	\$ 94,853	\$ 69,166	+37.1
Interest Credited to Member Contributions	\$ 417,314	\$ 401,968	+3.8
Statistical Highlights			
Active Membership	230,344	227,953	+1.0
Members Leaving the System	8,154	6,190	+31.7
Retired Members	144,047	139,813	+3.0
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ 3,293	\$ 3,239	+1.7

### SYSTEM ASSETS



Total System Asset	s at June 30 (d	dollars in thousa	nds)			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Equities	\$49,236,293	\$51,181,613	\$53,433,296	\$56,198,730	\$73,188,525	\$60,694,882
Fixed Income	20,139,422	22,564,510	22,684,318	23,218,154	25,863,109	24,421,017
Private Equity	_	_	_	_	50,450	214,651
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	2,048,417	1,856,129	2,772,805	1,831,024	3,109,708	1,885,266
Total System						
Assets	\$71,424,132	\$75,602,252	\$78,890,419	\$81,247,908	\$102,211,792	\$87,215,816



 $<sup>^{\</sup>left(1\right)}$  Includes cash and equivalents, receivables, net OPEB asset, and capital assets, net.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF & ORGANIZATION**

as of September 30, 2022



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Executive Director



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Chief Investment Officer
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Cooke & Bieler
Fisher Investments
Mondrian Investment Partners Limited
Sands Capital Management
WCM Investment Management

<sup>\*</sup> See page 52 in the Investment Section for a summary of fees paid to Investment Advisors.

### SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

### **Purpose**

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

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

#### **Administration**

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

#### Ex-officio members:

- the State Auditor
- the State Treasurer

### Governor's appointees:

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

#### Board of Regents appointee:

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

### Trustee appointees:

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

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

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

### **Membership**

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

### **Eligibility**

#### **Service Retirement**

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

#### **Disability Retirement**

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

#### The Formula

### **Normal Retirement**

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

#### **Early Retirement**

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

### SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

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#### **Disability Retirement**

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

### Plan A - Maximum Plan of Retirement

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

### Plan B - Optional Plans of Retirement

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

### Option 1

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

#### Option 2

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

#### **Option 2 Pop-Up**

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

### Option 3

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

### **Option 3 Pop-Up**

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

#### Option 4

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

### **Partial Lump-Sum Option Plan**

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

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

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

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

### **Financing the System**

The funds to finance the System come from member contributions, 6.00% of annual salary; employer contributions, 19.81% of annual salary; and investment income.

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**



KPMG LLP Suite 2000, 303 Peachtree Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30308 www.kpmg.com

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System), a component unit of the State of Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the System as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 15-18 and the schedule of changes in employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability, schedule of employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability and related ratios, schedule of employer and nonemployer contributions, schedule of investment returns, schedule of the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability to ERS, schedule of the System's contributions to ERS, schedule of the System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset), the schedule of the System's contributions to required supplementary OPEB plans, and the notes to information on pages 43-48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

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

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

#### **Other Information**

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

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

### Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2022 on our consideration of the System's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Atlanta, Georgia

KPMG LLP

September 30, 2022

(Unaudited)

This section provides a discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) for the year ended June 30, 2022. The discussion and analysis of the System's financial performance is within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

### **Financial Highlights**

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

- At June 30, 2022, the System's assets and deferred outflows
  of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of
  resources by \$87.1 billion (reported as net position) as
  compared to the net position of \$102.1 billion at June 30,
  2021, representing a decrease of \$15.0 billion, or 14.7%.
- Contributions from members increased by \$36.3 million or 4.4% from \$817.1 million in 2021 to \$853.4 million in 2022. Employer and nonemployer contributing entity (Nonemployer) contributions increased by \$201.2 million or 8.1% from \$2.5 billion in 2021 to \$2.7 billion in 2022. The increase in member contributions is primarily due to an increase in the number of active members and higher average member payroll during the year. The increase in employer contributions is primarily due to an increase in the employer contribution rate coupled with an increase in the number of active members and higher average member payroll during the year.
- Pension benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries for the years ended June 30, 2022, and 2021 were \$5.7 billion and \$5.4 billion, respectively, representing an increase of 4.7%. This is due to an increase in the number of retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefit payments and postretirement benefit adjustments.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements include (1) the statement of fiduciary net position, (2) the statement of changes in fiduciary net position, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The System also includes in this report additional information to supplement the financial statements.

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

In addition, the System presents eight required supplementary schedules, which provide historical trend information about the plan. Four of these schedules are presented from the perspective of the System reporting as the plan and include (1) a schedule of changes in employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability; (2) a schedule of employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability

and related ratios; (3) a schedule of employer and nonemployer contributions; and (4) a schedule of investment returns. Four schedules are presented from the perspective of the System reporting as the employer for its employees who participate in either the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS), the State Employees' Assurance Department Retired and Vested Inactive Members Trust Fund (SEAD-OPEB), or the Georgia State Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (State OPEB) and include (1) a schedule of the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability to ERS; (2) a schedule of the System's contributions to ERS; (3) a schedule of the System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset); and (4) a schedule of the System's contributions to OPEB plans.

### The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

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

### The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

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

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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

### **Required Supplementary Information**

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

Schedule of Changes in Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability: This schedule presents historical trend information about the changes in the net pension liability and includes the beginning and ending balances of the total pension liability and the plan's fiduciary net position, the net pension liability, and the effects of certain changes on those items. This trend information will be accumulated to display a 10-year presentation.

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Schedule of Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios: This schedule presents historical trend information about the net pension liability and includes total pension liability, the plan's fiduciary net position, net pension liability, covered payroll, and the ratios of fiduciary net position to total pension liability and net pension liability to covered payroll. This trend information will be accumulated to display a 10-year presentation.

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

Schedule of Investment Returns: This schedule presents historical trend information about the annual money-weighted rate of return on plan investments, net of plan investment expense. This trend information will be accumulated to display a 10-year presentation.

Schedule of the System's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to ERS: This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability for its employees who participate in the ERS plan. This trend information will be accumulated to display a 10-year presentation.

Schedule of the System's Contributions to ERS: This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's contributions for its employees who participate in the ERS plan. This trend information will be accumulated to display a 10-year presentation.

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

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

### **Financial Analysis of the System**

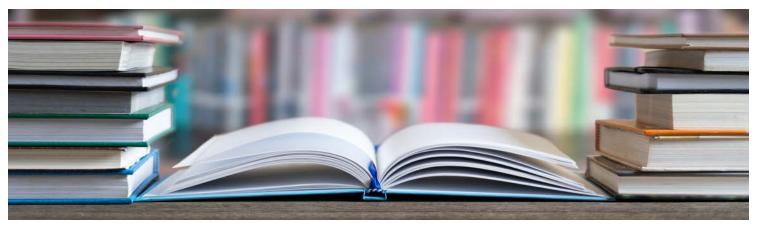
A summary of the System's net position at June 30, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

### Summary of TRS Net Position (dollars in thousands)

	Net position June 30,		Amount	Percentage
	2022	2021	change	change
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents				
and receivables	\$ 1,872,127	3,100,178	(1,228,051)	(39.6)%
Investments	85,330,550	99,102,084	(13,771,534)	(13.9)
Net OPEB asset	6,832	2,892	3,940	136.2
Capital assets, net	6,307	6,638	(331)	(5.0)
Total assets	87,215,816	102,211,792	(14,995,976)	(14.7)
Deferred outflows of resources	14,230	9,559	4,671	48.9
Liabilities:				
Due to brokers and accounts payable	59,337	27,102	32,235	118.9
Net pension liability	17,962	30,500	(12,538)	(41.1)
Net OPEB liability	2,151	8,421	(6,270)	(74.5)
Total liabilities	79,450	66,023	13,427	20.3
Deferred inflows of resources	27,737	8,640	19,097	221.0
Net position	\$ 87,122,859	102,146,688	(15,023,829)	(14.7)

The \$15.0 billion, or 14.7%, decrease in net position from 2021 to 2022 is primarily due to negative equity and bond market returns.

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The following table presents the investment allocation at June 30, 2022 and 2021:

Investment Allocation		
Threather the dation	2022	2021
Asset allocation at June 30 (in percentages):		
Equities:		
Domestic	55.4 %	56.0 %
International	15.7	17.9
Private equity	0.3	0.1
Domestic obligations:		
U.S. treasuries	21.5	19.5
Corporate and other bonds	6.7	5.7
International obligations:		
Corporates	0.4	0.8
Asset allocation at June 30 (dollars in thousands):		
Equities:		
Domestic	\$47,305,329	55,436,661
International	13,389,553	17,751,864
Private equity	214,651	50,450
Domestic obligations:		
U.S. treasuries	18,323,134	19,357,095
Corporate and other bonds	5,725,411	5,669,834
International obligations:		
Corporates	372,472	836,180
	\$85,330,550	99,102,084

The total investment portfolio at June 30, 2022 decreased \$13.8 billion, or 13.9%, from June 30, 2021, which is primarily due to negative equity and bond market returns.

Investment performance is calculated using a time-weighted rate of return using the Daily Valuation Method. The time-weighted rate of return in fiscal year 2022 was (12.8)%, with a (15.1)% return for equities, a 23.7% return on private equity (inception date March 2021), and a (7.4)% return for fixed income. The five-year annualized rate of return at June 30, 2022 was 6.7% with a 8.7% return on equities and a 1.3% return on fixed income.

A money-weighted rate of return is weighted by the amount of dollars in the fund at the beginning and end of the performance period. A money-weighted rate of return is highly influenced by the timing of cash flows into and out of the fund and is a better measure of an entity or person who controls the cash flows into or out of the fund. The nondiscretionary cash flows for the plan, primarily contributions and benefit payments, have a considerable impact on the money-weighted returns of the portfolio. The money-weighted rate of return for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was (15.2)%, compared to 25.1% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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A summary of the changes in the System's net position for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

Changes in TRS Net Position (dollars in thou	sands)			
	Changes in n	Changes in net position		Percentage
	2022	2021	Amount change	change
Additions:				
Employer contributions	\$ 2,691,316	2,490,404	200,912	8.1 %
Nonemployer contributions	5,398	5,123	275	5.4
Member contributions	853,376	817,090	36,286	4.4
Net investment income	(12,770,564)	23,192,761	(35,963,325)	(155.1)
Total additions	(9,220,474)	26,505,378	(35,725,852)	(134.8)
Deductions:				
Benefits payments	5,692,032	5,434,414	257,618	4.7
Refunds	94,853	69,166	25,687	37.1
Administrative expenses, net	16,470	16,668	(198)	(1.2)
Total deductions	5,803,355	5,520,248	283,107	5.1
Net (decrease) increase in net position	\$(15,023,829)	20,985,130	(36,008,959)	(171.6)

### **Additions**

The System accumulates resources needed to fund benefits through contributions and returns on invested funds. Member contributions were higher with an increase of \$36.3 million, or 4.4%, primarily due to an increase in membership salary in 2022 coupled with an increase in active members. Employer contributions were higher with a increase of \$200.9 million, or 8.1%, compared to 2021 primarily due to a increase in the employer contribution rate to 19.81% from 19.06% coupled with an increase in membership salary and active members in 2022. The change in net investment income was primarily due to equity and bond market losses in 2022.

#### **Deductions**

Deductions increased \$283.1 million, or 5.1%, in 2022, primarily because of the \$257.6 million, or 4.7%, increase in benefit payments. Regular pension benefit payments increased due to an increase in the number of retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefit payments from 139,813 in 2021 to 144,047 in 2022, and an increase in postretirement benefits.

### **Requests for Information**

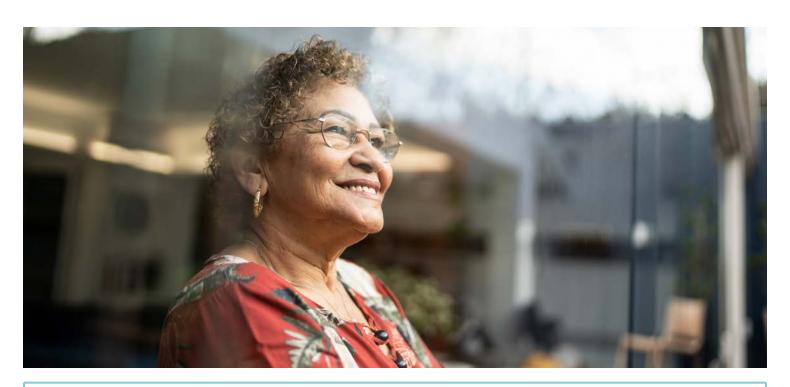
This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the System's finances for all those with interest in the System's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Teachers Retirement System of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

# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2022 (in thousands)



Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,332,751
Receivables:	
Interest and dividends	214,310
Due from brokers for securities sold	15,512
Member and employer contributions	275,773
Securities Lending	32,460
Other	1,321
Total receivables	539,376
Investments - at fair value:	
Equities:	
Domestic	47,305,329
International	13,389,553
Private equity	214,651
Domestic obligations:	
U.S. treasuries	18,323,134
Corporate and other bonds	5,725,411
International obligations:	
Corporates	372,472
Total investments	85,330,550
Net OPEB asset	6,832
Capital assets, net	6,307
Total assets	87,215,816
Deferred Outflows of Resources	14,230
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and other	10,265
Due to brokers for securities purchased	49,072
Net pension liability	17,962
Net OPEB liability	 2,151
Total liabilities	79,450
Deferred Inflows of Resources	27,737
Net Position Restricted for Pensions	\$ 87,122,859
See accompanying notes to financial statements.	

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION For the Year Ended June 30, 2022 (in thousands)



Additions:	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 2,691,316
Nonemployer	5,398
Member	853,376
Investment income (loss):	
Net decrease in fair value of investments	(14,550,380)
Interest, dividends, and other	 1,840,676
Total investment loss	(12,709,704)
Less investment expense	 60,860
Net investment loss	 (12,770,564)
Total additions	 (9,220,474)
Deductions:	
Benefit payments	5,692,032
Refunds of member contributions	94,853
Administrative expenses, net	 16,470
Total deductions	 5,803,355
Net decrease in net position	(15,023,829)
Net Position Restricted for Pensions:	
Beginning of year	 102,146,688
End of year	\$ 87,122,859
See accompanying notes to financial statements	

### 1. Plan Description

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

### **Eligibility and Membership**

All teachers in the state public schools, the University System of Georgia (except those professors and principal administrators electing to participate in an optional retirement plan), and certain other designated employees in educational-related work are eligible for membership. There were 322 employers and 1 nonemployer contributing entity participating in the plan during 2022.

#### **Retirement Benefits**

As of June 30, 2022, participation in the System is as follows:

Inactive members and beneficiaries	
currently receiving benefits	144,047
Inactive members not yet	
receiving benefits, vested	15,281
Inactive members, nonvested	114,484
Active plan members	230,344
Total	504,156

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

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

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

#### **Death and Disability Benefits**

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

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

#### **Contributions**

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

Contributions, as a percentage of covered payroll, required for fiscal year 2022 were based on the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation as follows:

Member	6.00 %
Employer:	
Normal	7.45 %
Unfunded accrued liability	12.36 %
Total	<u>19.81 %</u>

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

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### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Plan Asset Matters

#### **Basis of Accounting**

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

#### **Reporting Entity**

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

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

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

#### Investments

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

The System utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, foreign currency, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is

reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

The System's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established on a cost basis in compliance with Georgia statute. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan. The following was the System's adopted asset allocation policy as of June 30, 2022:

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

Approximately 21.5% of the investments held for pension benefits are invested in debt securities of the U.S. government. The System has no investments in any one organization, other than those issued by the U.S. government, that represent 5% or more of the System's net position restricted for pensions.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was (15.2)%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

#### **Capital Assets**

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

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

### System Employee Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For the plans listed below, for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, net OPEB asset, net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB, and pension and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plans and additions to and deductions from the fiduciary net position have been determined

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

on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value and in some cases NAV as a practical expedient to fair value.

#### Pensions:

• Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS)

### OPEB:

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

#### **Use of Estimates**

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

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

Pronouncements effective for the 2022 financial statements: In June 2017, the GASB issued Statement No. 87, Leases effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 95 which changed the effective date for Statement No. 87 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. The System has evaluated its applicable leases and deemed them immaterial for reporting purposes.

In June 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Costs Incurred before the End of a Construction Period effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 95 which changed the effective date for Statement No. 89 to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period. In addition, this Statement's goal is to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. There are no applicable reporting requirements for the System related to this Statement.

In January 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2020. In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 95 which changed the effective date for Statement No. 92 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting as well as improve the consistency of authoritative literature. The variety of

topics covered include the effective date for Statement No. 87, the reporting of intra-entity transfers, the applicability of certain requirements of Statements No. 73, 74, and 84, and the measurement of liabilities related to asset retirement obligations. There are no applicable reporting requirements for the System related to this Statement.

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates, effective for fiscal years ending after December 31, 2021 for the removal of LIBOR as a benchmark interest rate. The objective of this Statement is to address the accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of LIBOR. There are no applicable reporting requirements for the System related to this Statement.

In June 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The objectives of this Statement are to increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units when a potential component unit does not have a governing board, mitigate the costs associated with the reporting of defined contribution pension plans or other postemployment benefit plans as fiduciary component units, and enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 deferred compensation plans. There are no applicable reporting requirements for the System related to this Statement.

In April 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, effective upon issuance, except for the requirements related to leases, PPP's, and SBITAs that are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 and for the requirements related to financial guarantees and classification and reporting of derivative instruments that are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to improve the consistency of authoritative literature and enhance the comparability in accounting and financial reporting. The variety of topics covered include the requirements related to the extension of the use of LIBOR, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by the pledging governments, clarification of provisions in Statement No. 34, and terminology used in Statement No. 53 and 63. There are no applicable reporting requirements for the System related to this Statement.

### Pronouncements issued, but not yet effective:

In May 2019, the GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations* effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 95 which changed the effective date for Statement No. 91 to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. The objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with commitments extended by issuers, arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and related note

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

disclosures. The System does not anticipate this statement will impact its financial statements and related reporting.

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private* and *Public-Public Partnerships* and *Availability Payment Arrangements* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The objective of this Statement is to improve the comparability of financial statements among governments that enter into public-private and public-public partnership arrangements and availability payment arrangements. The System does not anticipate this pronouncement will impact its financial statements and related reporting.

In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the informational needs of financial statement users by establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements and improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into subscription-based information technology arrangements. The System is in the process of evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

In April 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 for the requirements related to leases, PPP's, and SBITAs, and effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023 for the requirements related to financial guarantees and classification and reporting of derivative instruments. The objective of this Statement is to improve the consistency of authoritative literature and enhance the comparability in accounting and financial reporting. The System is in the process of evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections — an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting for accounting changes and error corrections to have greater consistency in the application. The System is in the process of evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements.

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

### 3. Investment Program

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

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The carrying amount of the System's deposits totaled approximately \$1.3 billion at June 30, 2022, with actual bank balances of approximately \$1.4 billion. The System's cash balances are fully insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, an independent agency of the U.S. government.

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

Short-term securities authorized but not currently used are:

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

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

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### 3. Investment Program, continued

#### Investments

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

- U.S. and foreign government obligations. At June 30, 2022, the System held U.S. Treasury bonds of approximately \$18.3 billion.
- U.S. and foreign corporate obligations. At June 30, 2022, the System held U.S. corporate bonds of approximately \$5.7 billion and international corporate bonds of approximately \$372.5 million.
- Obligations unconditionally guaranteed by agencies of the U.S. government. At June 30, 2022, the System did not hold agency bonds.
- Private placements are authorized under the same general restrictions applicable to corporate bonds. At June 30, 2022, the System did not hold private placements.

Mortgage investments are authorized to the extent that they are secured by first mortgages on improved real property located in the state of Georgia. Equity securities are also authorized (in statutes) for investment as a complement to the System's fixed income portfolio and as a long-term inflation hedge.

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



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### 3. Investment Program, continued

Equity investments are authorized in the following instruments:

- Domestic equities are those securities considered by the O.C.G.A. to be domiciled in the United States. At June 30, 2022, the System held domestic equities of approximately \$47.3 billion.
- International equities, including American Depository Receipts (ADR), are not considered by the O.C.G.A. to be domiciled in the United States. At June 30, 2022, the System held ADRs of approximately \$6.8 billion and international equities of approximately \$6.6 billion.
- Alternative investments are authorized (in statute) to provide portfolio diversification and to enhance the risk-adjusted rate of return for the retirement fund that benefits the members of the System. By statute, the allocation to alternative investments shall not, in the aggregate, exceed 5% of the System's plan assets at any time. Further, in any calendar year, new commitments to alternative investments shall not, in the aggregate, exceed 1.0% of the System's plan assets until the first occurrence that 4.5% of the assets have been invested, at which time there shall be no limit on the percentage of commitments that may be made in any calendar year, subject to compliance with other provisions of the statute. At June 30, 2022, the System held private equity investments of approximately \$214.7 million.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### 3. Investment Program, continued

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

<b>Investments Measured</b>	at Fair	Value	as c	of June	30,	2022
(dollars in thousands)						

(dollars in thousands)							
		oted prices in arkets for identical assets	Significant other observable inputs		Significant unobservable inputs		
Investments by fair value level		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Total
Equities:							
Domestic	\$	47,305,329	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 47,305,329
International		13,315,792		71,978		1,783	13,389,553
Obligations:							
Domestic:							
U.S. treasuries		18,323,134		_		_	18,323,134
Corporate bonds		_		5,725,411		_	5,725,411
International:							
Corporate bonds				372,472			372,472
Total investments by fair value level	\$	78,944,255	\$	6,169,861	\$	1,783	\$ 85,115,899
Investments measured at NAV*							
Private equity funds							214,651
Total investments							\$ 85,330,550

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

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### 3. Investment Program, continued

Unfunded commitments, redemption frequency, and redemption notice period relative to the System's alternative investments for which the System utilized NAV or its equivalent relative to the determination of fair value at June 30, 2022, are as follows (in thousands):

	Investments measured at NAV	Unfunded commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption notice period
Private equity funds	214,651	602,702	Not Eligible	N/A

Investments in privately held limited partnerships are valued using the NAV provided by the general partner as of March 31 of each fiscal year, adjusted by the System for cash flows through June 30. The quarterly values of the partnership investments provided from the general partner are reviewed by the System to determine if any adjustments are necessary. The types of partnership strategies held include growth equity, leveraged buyouts, and co-investment. Investments typically have an approximate life of 8-10 years. These investments are considered illiquid since the nature of these private investments prohibits redemption with the fund; instead, distributions are received from the general partner through liquidation of the underlying assets of the fund. The System currently has no plans to sell any of the investments prior to their liquidation, resulting in these assets being carried at the NAV estimated by the general partner and adjusted for second quarter cash flows by the System.

*Credit Risk:* Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the

System. O.C.G.A. 47-20-84 limits investments to investment grade securities. It is the System's investment policy to require that the bond portfolio be of high quality and chosen with respect to maturity ranges, coupon levels, refunding characteristics, and marketability. The System's policy is to require that new purchases of bonds be restricted to high-grade bonds rated no lower than "A" by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not require disclosure of credit quality. The quality ratings of investments in fixed income securities as described by Standard & Poor's and by Moody's Investors Service, which are nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, at June 30, 2022, are shown in the chart on the following page.

### 3. Investment Program, continued

Quality Ratings of Fixed Income Investments held at	
June 30, 2022 (dollars in thousands)	

Investment type	Standard and Poor's/ Moody's quality rating	June 30, 2022 Fair value
Domestic obligations:		
U.S. treasuries		\$ 18,323,134
Corporates	AAA/Aaa	1,031,310
	AA/Aaa	773,747
	AA/Aa	1,565,045
	AA/A	774,211
	A/A	1,197,310
	A/Baa	383,788
Total domestic corporates		5,725,411
International obligations:		
Corporates	AA/A	372,472
Total international corporates		372,472
Total fixed income investments		\$ 24,421,017

Concentration of Credit Risk: Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. At June 30, 2022, the System did not have debt or equity investments in any one organization, other than those issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies, which represented greater than 5% of total investments.

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

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

### Effective Duration of Fixed Income Assets by Security Type (dollars in thousands)

Fixed income security type	Fair value June 30, 2022	Percentage of all fixed income assets	Effective duration (years)
Domestic obligations:			
U.S. treasuries	\$ 18,323,134	75.0 %	4.8
Corporates	5,725,411	23.5	5.2
International obligations:			
Corporates	372,472	1.5	4.3
Total	\$ 24,421,017	100.0 %	4.9

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### 3. Investment Program, continued

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

risk and protect the investments from negative impact by hedging foreign currency exposures with foreign exchange instruments when market conditions and circumstances are deemed appropriate. Foreign exchange instruments are used to protect the value of noncash investments from currency movements. The System's foreign exchange risk management policy does not quantify limitations on foreign currency-denominated investments. As of June 30, 2022, the System's exposure to foreign currency risk in U.S. Dollars is highlighted in this table:

### International Investment Securities at Fair Value as of June 30, 2022 (dollars in thousands)

Currency	Cash & cash equivalents	Equities	Fixed income	Total
Australian Dollar	\$ -	\$ 229,825	\$ -	\$ 229,825
Brazilian Real	_	85,259	_	85,259
British Pound Sterling	_	558,073	_	558,073
Canadian Dollar	_	182,606	_	182,606
Chilean Peso	_	13,051	_	13,051
Chinese Renminbi Yuan	_	30,637	_	30,637
Colombian Peso	_	4,045	_	4,045
Czech Koruna	_	7,756	_	7,756
Danish Krone	_	71,738	_	71,738
Euro	_	1,421,922	_	1,421,922
Hong Kong Dollar	729	1,224,946	_	1,225,675
Indian Rupee	181	372,852	_	373,033
Hungarian Forint	_	5,637	_	5,637
Indonesian Rupiah	_	27,143	_	27,143
Israeli Shekel	_	15,825	_	15,825
Japanese Yen	_	950,287	_	950,287
Malaysian Ringgit	_	48,230	_	48,230
Mexican Peso	_	37,594	_	37,594
New Taiwan Dollar	_	207,993	_	207,993
New Zealand Dollar	_	4,218	_	4,218
Norwegian Krone	_	11,797	_	11,797
Philippine Peso	7	17,435	_	17,442
Polish Zloty	_	17,349	_	17,349
Qatari Riyal	_	18,508	_	18,508
Singapore Dollar	_	101,894	_	101,894
South African Rand	_	68,725	_	68,725
South Korean Won	_	333,850	_	333,850
Swedish Krona	_	204,830	_	204,830
Swiss Franc	_	194,343	_	194,343
Thai Baht	_	71,978	_	71,978
UAE Dirham		 50,804		50,804
Total holdings subject to foreign				
currency risk	917	6,591,150	_	6,592,067
Investment securities payable in				
U.S. dollars		 6,798,403	372,472	 7,170,875
Total international investments -		10.000		10 =05 5 55
at fair value	\$ 917	\$ 13,389,553	\$ 372,472	\$ 13,762,942

### 4. Securities Lending Program

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

Securities loaned totaled approximately \$10.4 billion at fair value at June 30, 2022. The collateral value was equal to 103.0% of the loaned securities' value at June 30, 2022. The System's lending collateral was held in the System's name by the triparty custodian.

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

### 5. Capital Assets

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

	 lance at 2 30, 2021	Ad	ditions	Dis	posals	 lance at e 30, 2022
Capital assets:						
Land	\$ 4,350	\$	12	\$	(238)	\$ 4,124
Building	2,800		_		_	2,800
Furniture and fixtures	554		_		_	554
Computer equipment	2,582		385		(230)	2,737
Computer software	14,980					 14,980
	 25,266		397		(468)	25,195
Accumulated depreciation for:						
Building	(1,190)		(70)		_	(1,260
Furniture and fixtures	(346)		(66)		_	(412
Computer equipment	(2,112)		(350)		226	(2,236
Computer software	 (14,980)					(14,980
	 (18,628)		(486)		226	 (18,888
Capital assets, net	\$ 6,638	\$	(89)	\$	(242)	\$ 6,307

### 6. Commitments

As of June 30, 2022, the System had committed to fund certain private equity partnerships for a total capital commitment of \$789.5 million. Of this amount, \$602.7 million remained unfunded

and is not recorded on the System's Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

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### 7. Net Pension Liability of Employers and Nonemployer

This table summarizes components of the net pension liability of the participating employers and nonemployer at June 30, 2022:

Components of Net Pension Liability (dollars in thousands)								
Total pension liability	\$	119,594,792						
Plan fiduciary net position		87,122,859						
Employers' and nonemployer's								
net pension liability	\$	32,471,933						
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage		_						
of the total pension liability		72.85 %						

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 rolled forward to June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions:

> 2.50% Inflation

Salary increases 3.00 - 8.75%, including inflation

Investment rate of return 6.90%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Post-retirement benefit increases 1.50% semi-annually

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

mortality rates was assumed using the MP-2019 projection scale generationally. These rates of improvement were reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate.

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



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

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

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

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

## Target Allocation & Estimated Rates of Return by Asset Class

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00 %	0.20 %
Domestic large cap equities	46.30	9.40
Domestic small cap equities	1.20	13.40
International developed market equities	12.30	9.40
International emerging market equities	5.20	11.40
Alternatives	5.00	10.50
Total	100.00 %	
* Net of inflation		

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

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

Employers' and Nonemployer's Net Pension Liability						
(dollars in thousands)						
1% Current 1% Decrease discount rate Increase						
(5.90%) (6.90%) (7.90%)						
\$48,989,393	\$32,471,933	\$18,983,242				

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

Actuarial valuation date: The total pension liability is based upon the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation. An expected total pension liability is determined as of June 30, 2022 using standard roll-forward techniques. The roll-forward calculation adds the annual normal cost (also called service cost), subtracts the actual benefit payments and refunds for the plan year, and then applies the expected investment rate of return for the year.

#### 8. System Employees' Retirement Benefits

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

### General Information about the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

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

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

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

Retirement benefits paid to members are based upon the monthly average of the member's highest 24 consecutive calendar months, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, multiplied by the applicable benefit factor. Annually, postretirement cost-of-living adjustments may also be made to

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

**Contributions:** Member contributions under the Old Plan are 4% of annual compensation, up to \$4,200, plus 6% of annual compensation in excess of \$4,200. Under the Old Plan, the State pays member contributions in excess of 1.25% of annual compensation. Under the Old Plan, these State contributions are included in the members' accounts for refund purposes and are used in the computation of the members' earnable compensation for the purpose of computing retirement benefits. Member contributions under the New Plan and GSEPS are 1.25% of annual compensation. The System's total required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2022 was 24.63% of annual covered payroll for old and new plan members and 21.57% for GSEPS members. The System's contributions to ERS for funding purposes totaled approximately \$4.8 million for the year ended June 30, 2022. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

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

At June 30, 2022, the System reported a liability of approximately \$18.0 million for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the ERS plan. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The System's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on contributions to ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. At June 30, 2021, the System's proportionate share was 0.767947% which is based on contributions, and an increase of 0.044329% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the System recognized pension expense of approximately \$3.4 million. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 67, approximately \$1.8 million of the pension expense is included in investment expense as a reduction of investment income. At June 30, 2022, the System reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the sources shown in the chart on the following page.

#### 8. System Employees' Retirement Benefits, continued

	out	eferred tflows of sources	in	eferred flows of sources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	425	\$	_
Change of assumptions		5,173		_
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		_		16,601
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,257		_
System's contributions subsequent to the measurement date		4,807		_
Total	\$	11,662	\$	16,601

System contributions subsequent to the measurement date of approximately \$4.8 million are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows (dollars in thousands):

Years ended June 30:							
2023	\$	734					
2024		(2,012)					
2025		(4,034)					
2026		(4,434)					

**Actuarial assumptions**: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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

The Mortality rates are as follows:

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

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019.

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

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8. System Employees' Retirement Benefits, continued

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

### Target Allocation & Estimated Rates of Return by Asset Class

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	(1.50)%
Domestic large cap equities	46.40	9.20
Domestic small cap equities	1.10	13.40
International developed market equities	11.70	9.20
International emerging market equities	5.80	10.40
Alternatives	5.00	10.60
Total	100.00%	
*Net of inflation		

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

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

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

	Proportionate Sha Net Pension Liabilit	
1% Decrease	Current discount rate	1% Increase
(6.00%)	(7.00%)	(8.00%)
\$32,914	\$17,962	\$5,316

**Pension plan fiduciary net position**: Detailed information about the ERS plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERS financial report, which is publically available at <a href="https://www.ers.ga.gov/post/annual-financial-reports">www.ers.ga.gov/post/annual-financial-reports</a>.

### 9. System Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits

Plan descriptions and Funding Policy:

### Georgia State Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (State OPEB Fund)

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

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

**Contributions:** As established by the DCH Board, the State OPEB Fund is substantially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis; that is, annual cost of providing benefits will be financed in the same year as claims occur. Contributions to the State OPEB Fund from the System were \$1.1 million for the year ended June 30, 2022. Active employees are not required to contribute to the State OPEB Fund.

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

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

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

**Contributions:** Georgia law provides that employee contributions to the SEAD-OPEB plan shall be in an amount established by the Board of Trustees not to exceed one-half of 1% of the member's earnable compensation. There were no employer contributions required for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

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

At June 30, 2022, the System reported a liability of \$2.2 million for its proportionate share of the State OPEB net liability and an asset of \$6.8 million for its proportionate share of the SEAD-OPEB net asset.

The following schedule details the System's proportionate share of the OPEB amounts for all plans as of June 30, 2022:

# Aggregate OPEB Amounts - All Plans (dollars in thousands) OPEB liabilities \$ 2,151 OPEB assets 6,832

Deferred outflows of resources 2,568

Deferred inflows of resources 11,136

OPEB expense (5,752)

The net OPEB liability and net OPEB asset were measured as of June 30, 2021. The total OPEB liability and OPEB asset were used to calculate the net OPEB liability/asset and were based on actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2020. An expected total OPEB liability and OPEB asset as of June 30, 2021 were determined using standard roll-forward techniques.

The System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for the State OPEB plan was actuarially determined based on employer contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. At June 30, 2021, the System's proportionate share was 0.782645%, which was an increase of 0.034368% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2020. The System's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset for the SEAD-OPEB plan was based on actual member salaries reported to the SEAD-OPEB plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. At June 30, 2021, the System's proportionate share was 1.109326%, which was an increase of 0.091136% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2020.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2022 the System recognized a reduction of OPEB expense of \$4.4 million for the State OPEB plan and a reduction of OPEB expense of \$1.4 million for the SEAD-OPEB plan. Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 74,

approximately \$2.6 million of the State OPEB reduction of expense and \$756.3 thousand of the SEAD-OPEB reduction of OPEB expense is included in investment expense as a reduction of investment income. At June 30, 2022, the System reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB for each plan from the following sources:

SEAD-OPEB plan

State OPEB plan

### Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources (dollars in thousands)

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Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	_	\$	5,792	\$	_	\$	20
Change of assumptions		111		2,268		_		213
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		_		376		_		2,280
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,316		23		_		164
System's contributions subsequent to the measurement date		1,141				_		
Total	\$	2,568	\$	8,459	\$		\$	2,677

System contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$1.1 million for the State OPEB plan are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net State OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows (dollars in thousands):

Years ended June 30:	State OPEB		SEA	D-OPEB
2023	\$	(3,563)	\$	(945)
2024		(1,738)		(573)
2025		(1,187)		(554)
2026		(544)		(605)

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

Actuarial assumptions: The total OPEB liability and OPEB asset as of June 30, 2021 were determined by an actuarial valuation as of

June 30, 2020 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2021:

Actuarial Assumptions		
	State OPEB plan	SEAD-OPEB plan
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00 - 6.75%, including inflation	3.00 - 6.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation	7.00%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Single equivalent interest rate	n/a	n/a
Healthcare cost trend rate:		
Pre-Medicare eligible	6.750%	n/a
Medicare eligible	5.125%	n/a
Ultimate trend rate:		
Pre-Medicare eligible	4.50%	n/a
Medicare eligible	4.50%	n/a
Year of Ultimate trend rate		
Pre-Medicare eligible	2029	n/a
Medicare eligible	2023	n/a

Mortality rates for the State OPEB plan were based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with no adjustments and with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally as follows: For ERS, JRS and LRS members: Post-retirement mortality rates for service retirements were based on the Pub-2010 General Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table (ages set forward one year and adjusted 105% for males and 108% for females) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally. Post-retirement mortality rates for disability retirements were based on the Pub-2010 General Disabled Mortality Table (ages set back three years for males and adjusted 103% for males and 106% for females) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally. Postretirement mortality rates for beneficiaries were based on the Pub-2010 General Contingent Survivor Mortality Table (ages set forward two years and adjusted 106% for males and 108% for females) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally.

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

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

are used for post-retirement mortality assumptions as follows:

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation for the State OPEB and SEAD-OPEB plans were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019.

Projection of State OPEB benefits for financial reporting purposes is based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and includes the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculation.



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

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

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

#### Target Allocation & Estimated Rates of Return by Asset Class

	State	ОРЕВ	SEAD-	ОРЕВ
Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	0.14 %	30.00%	(1.50)%
Domestic large cap equities			46.40	9.20
Equities	70.00	9.20	_	_
Domestic small cap equities	_	_	1.10	13.40
International developed market equities	_	_	11.70	9.20
International emerging market equities	_	_	5.80	10.40
Alternatives		_	5.00	10.60
Total	100.00%		100.00%	
*Net of inflation				

#### Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total State OPEB liability was 7.00%, as compared with last year's discount rate of 7.06%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from members and from the employer will be made at the current level as averaged over the last five years, adjusted for annual projected changes in headcount. Based on those assumptions, the State OPEB fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members.

The discount rate used to measure the total SEAD-OPEB liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and State of Georgia contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members.

The long-term expected rate of return on the State OPEB and SEAD-OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total State OPEB and SEAD-OPEB liability.

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

The following presents the System's proportionate share of the net State OPEB liability and net SEAD-OPEB asset calculated using the discount rate detailed below, as well as what the proportionate share of the net State OPEB liability and net

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

SEAD-OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate (dollars in thousands):

System's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)												
	1% Decrease	Current discount rate	1% Increase									
	(6.00%)	(7.00%)	(8.00%)									
State OPEB	\$3,786	\$2,151	\$739									
	(6.00%)	(7.00%)	(8.00%)									
SEAD-OPEB	(5,373)	(6,832)	(8,023)									

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

	n's Proportionate Share Net State OPEB Liability	
1% Decrease	Current healthcare cost trend rate	1% Increase
\$502	\$2,151	\$4,085

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

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#### **10. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources reported on the Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2022 consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>				
	ERS ension plan	State EB plan	 AD- 3 plan	Total
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 425	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 425
Change of assumptions	5,173	111	_	5,284
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	_	_	_	_
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,257	1,316	_	2,573
System's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,807	1,141	_	5,948
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 11,662	\$ 2,568	\$ 	\$ 14,230

<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>						
	ERS pension plan		State EB plan	_	SEAD- EB plan	Total
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ _	\$	5,792	\$	20	\$ 5,812
Change of assumptions	_		2,268		213	2,481
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	16,601		376		2,280	19,257
Changes in proportion and differences between the System's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	_		23		164	187
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 16,601	\$	8,459	\$	2,677	\$ 27,737

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability:									
Service cost	\$ 1,742,643	\$ 1,734,145	\$ 1,597,714	\$ 1,536,336	\$ 1,484,705	\$ 1,413,080	\$ 1,435,810	\$ 1,386,498	\$ 1,374,556
Interest	7,837,074	7,440,942	7,080,133	6,868,617	6,565,372	6,293,611	5,990,178	5,779,597	5,557,046
Differences between expected and actual experience	(215,975)	1,934,042	368,463	430,272	894,691	573,483	380,526	(165,785)	_
Changes of assumptions	5,026,914	_	1,316,780	2,388,357	_	_	662,047	_	-
Benefit payments	(5,692,032)	(5,434,414)	(5,192,283)	(4,950,465)	(4,699,920)	(4,461,124)	(4,228,819)	(3,996,879)	(3,764,452)
Refunds of member contributions	(94,853)	(69,166)	(76,976)	(76,543)	(76,061)	(76,296)	(79,334)	(80,085)	(87,095)
Net change in total pension liability	8,603,771	5,605,549	5,093,831	6,196,574	4,168,787	3,742,754	4,160,408	2,923,346	3,080,055
Total pension liability - beginning	110,991,021	105,385,472	100,291,641	94,095,067	89,926,280	86,183,526	82,023,118	79,099,772	76,019,717
Total pension liability - ending (a)	119,594,792	110,991,021	105,385,472	100,291,641	94,095,067	89,926,280	86,183,526	82,023,118	79,099,772
Plan fiduciary net position:									
Contributions - employer	2,691,316	2,490,404	2,733,089	2,560,989	2,014,308	1,648,669	1,572,624	1,399,668	1,264,546
Contributions - nonemployer	5,398	5,123	5,729	5,414	4,416	6,175	7,908	7,038	6,417
Contributions - member	853,376	817,090	800,864	759,474	745,574	716,233	685,626	661,835	640,120
Net investment income	(12,770,564)	23,192,761	4,119,609	4,972,419	6,247,155	7,971,677	810,574	2,384,145	9,826,743
Benefit payments	(5,692,032)	(5,434,414)	(5,192,283)	(4,950,465)	(4,699,920)	(4,461,124)	(4,228,819)	(3,996,879)	(3,764,452)
Refunds of member contributions	(94,853)	(69,166)	(76,976)	(76,543)	(76,061)	(76,296)	(79,334)	(80,085)	(87,095)
Administrative expense	(16,470)	(16,668)	(17,411)	(15,276)	(15,865)	(16,773)	(15,279)	(14,996)	(15,025)
Other <sup>1</sup>					(27,654)			(27,706)	
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(15,023,829)	20,985,130	2,372,621	3,256,012	4,191,953	5,788,561	(1,246,700)	333,020	7,871,254
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	102,146,688	81,161,558	78,788,937	75,532,925	71,340,972	65,552,411	66,799,111	66,466,091	58,594,837
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	87,122,859	102,146,688	81,161,558	78,788,937	75,532,925	71,340,972	65,552,411	66,799,111	66,466,091
Net pension liability-ending (a)-(b)	\$32,471,933	\$ 8,844,333	\$24,223,914	\$21,502,704	\$18,562,142	\$18,585,308	\$ 20,631,115	\$15,224,007	\$12,633,681

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

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability	\$ 119,594,792	\$ 110,991,021	\$ 105,385,472	\$ 100,291,641	\$ 94,095,067	\$ 89,926,280	\$ 86,183,526	\$ 82,023,118	\$ 79,099,772
Plan fiduciary net position	87,122,859	102,146,688	81,161,558	78,788,937	75,532,925	71,340,972	65,552,411	66,799,111	66,466,091
Employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability	\$ 32,471,933	\$ 8,844,333	\$ 24,223,914	\$ 21,502,704	\$ 18,562,142	\$ 18,585,308	\$ 20,631,115	\$ 15,224,007	\$ 12,633,681
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	72.85 %	92.03 %	77.01 %	78.56 %	80.27 %	79.33 %	5 76.06 %	81.44 %	84.03 %
Covered payroll	\$ 13,612,892	\$ 13,093,006	\$ 12,955,620	\$ 12,279,440	\$ 12,009,066	\$ 11,596,664	\$ 11,075,907	\$ 10,697,384	\$ 10,349,862
Employers' and nonemployer's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	238.54 %	67.55 %	186.98 %	175.11 %	154.57 %	160.26 %	6 186.27 %	142.32 %	122.07 %

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

### Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Contributions (dollars in thousands)

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	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Actuarially determined employer and nonemployer contribution	\$2,696,714	\$2,495,527	\$2,738,818	\$2,566,403	\$2,018,724	\$1,654,844	\$1,580,532	\$1,406,706	\$1,270,963	\$1,180,469
Contributions in relation to actuarially determined contribution	2,696,714	2,495,527	2,738,818	2,566,403	2,018,724	1,654,844	1,580,532	1,406,706	1,270,963	1,180,469
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ —	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ —	\$ -	\$ _
Covered payroll	\$13,612,892	\$13,093,006	\$12,955,620	\$12,279,440	\$12,009,066	\$11,596,664	\$11,075,907	\$10,697,384	\$10,349,862	\$10,345,916
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	19.81 %	19.06 %	21.14 %	20.90 %	16.81 %	14.27 %	14.27 %	13.15 %	12.28 %	11.41 %

#### Schedule of Investment Returns

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Annual money-weighted rate of									
return, net of investment expense	(15.18)%	25.08 %	2.91 %	4.08 %	5.05 %	7.62 %	(2.92)%	(0.45)%	12.17 %

Note: Schedule is intended to show information 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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

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

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

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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

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

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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

	_	2022	_	2021		2020	 2019	_	2018
State OPEB plan									
System's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)		0.782645 %		0.748277 %		0.714338 %	0.691645 %		0.698345 %
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$	2,151	\$	8,421	\$	8,867	\$ 18,091	\$	28,452
System's covered payroll		22,732		22,052		21,061	20,599		19,895
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability									
(asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll		9.46 %		38.19 %		42.10 %	87.82 %		143.01 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability		87.58 %		59.71 %		56.57 %	31.48 %		17.34 %
SEAD-OPEB plan									
System's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)		1.109326 %		1.018190 %		0.939985 %	0.865387 %		0.837498 %
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$	(6,832)	\$	(2,892)	\$	(2,658)	\$ (2,342)	\$	(2,177)
System's covered payroll		11,996		12,080		11,996	12,056		12,196
System's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability									
(asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll		56.95 %		23.94 %		22.16 %	19.43 %		17.85 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)		164.76 %		129.20 %		129.73 %	129.46 %		130.17 %
Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years	will l	be displayed a	s th	iey become av	/aila	able.			

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

For the Year Ended June 30 (Unaudited), continued



Schedule of the System's	<b>Contributions to</b>	OPEB Plans (dollars in
thousands)		

	 2022	 2021	2020	2019	2018
State OPEB plan					
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,126	\$ 3,820	\$ 3,449
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 1,141	 1,187	 1,126	 3,820	 3,449
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ <u> </u>
System's covered payroll	\$ 24,223	\$ 22,732	\$ 22,052	\$ 21,061	\$ 20,599
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	4.71 %	5.22 %	5.11 %	18.14 %	16.74 %
SEAD-OPEB plan					
Contractually required contribution <sup>1</sup>	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 	 	 	_	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 
System's covered payroll	\$ 12,198	\$ 11,996	\$ 12,080	\$ 11,996	\$ 12,056
	- %	- %	- %	- %	- %

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mbox{Employer}$  contributions are not currently required for the SEAD-OPEB plan.

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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

### NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

une 30, 2022 (Unaudited)



## Required Supplementary Information for the System as the Plan

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

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

#### Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Contributions

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

#### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

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

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

Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions: The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer and nonemployer contributions are calculated as of June 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2022 employer contributions are based on June 30, 2019 valuation).

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

Valuation date: June 30, 2019

Actuarial cost method: Entry age

Amortization method: Level percent of pay, closed

Remaining amortization 24.9 years

period:

Asset valuation method: Five-year smoothed fair

Inflation rate: 2.50%

Salary increases: 3.00 to 8.75%, including

inflation

Investment rate of return: 7.25%, net of pension plan

investment expense, including

1.50% semi-annually

inflation

Post-retirement benefit

increases:

### NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2022 (Unaudited), continued

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

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

This schedule presents historical trend information about the System's proportionate share of the net pension liability for its employees who participate in the ERS plan. GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented in 2015. Information related to previous years is not available; therefore, trend information will be accumulated going forward to display a 10-year presentation.

#### Schedule of the System's Contributions to ERS

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#### **Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions**

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

Changes of assumptions: On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal, and salary increases. Subsequent to the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation, the ERS Board adopted a new funding policy. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, based on the ERS Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date, and remained unchanged for June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 measurement dates. On December 17, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System based on the Experience study prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. This also included a change to the long-term assumed investment rate of return to 7.00%.

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

#### **Changes in Benefit Terms and Assumptions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Changes of assumptions

On December 17, 2015, the Board of Trustees adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the Plan. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. Subsequent to the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation, the ERS Board adopted a new funding policy. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, based on the SEAD Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date, and remained unchanged for June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 measurement dates. On December 17, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System based on the Experience study prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. This also included a change to the long-term assumed investment rate of return to 7.00%.

Schedule of Administrative Expenses (dollars in thousands)	
Personal services:	
Salaries and fringes	\$ 10,593
Retirement contributions	1,090
Health insurance	697
FICA	767
Miscellaneous	132
Total personal services	13,279
Communications:	
Postage	204
Publications and printing	153
Telecommunications	152
Travel	75
Total communications	584
Professional services:	
Computer services	1,486
Actuarial services	94
Audit fees	221
Legal services	40
Medical services	66
Total professional services	1,907
Management Expenses:	
Building maintenance	617
Total management expenses	617
Other services and charges:	
Repairs and maintenance	11
Supplies and materials	194
Depreciation expense	486
Miscellaneous	234
Total other services and charges	925
Total administrative expenses	17,312
Less reimbursement by other state retirement systems for services rendered on their behalf	842
Net administrative expenses	\$ 16,470

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Schedule of Investment Expenses (dol	lars in thousands)
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Investment advisory and custodial fees Miscellaneous	\$ 48,281 12,579
Total investment expenses	\$ 60,860

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

### NVESTMENT OVERVIEW

U.S. real GDP turned negative in the second half of the fiscal year as inflation moved toward record levels. The Federal Reserve began aggressively raising rates and reducing its bond holdings this past year to offset this pressure. The net result was an unusual return paradigm, with both equity and bond returns turning negative for the fiscal year. U.S. equities were down about 11% last year, while foreign equities were down over 19%. Broad domestic bond indexes were down over 8%.

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

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

Following 12.2% real GDP growth last year, the growth rate fell to 1.6% this year, attributable to negative real growth for the second half of the fiscal year. This turn in growth coincided with a spike in inflation, with a reported CPI of 9.1% for June, the largest 12month increase since November 1981. Nominal GDP growth was 9.3%. Quarterly real GDP growth volatility remains unusually high and dates back to COVID-19-related shutdowns. Globally, foreign economies are as weak as, if not weaker than, the U.S. This was particularly the case in China, where global weakness and its zero-COVID-19 policy significantly slowed its economy. Other sources of weakness included the war between Russia and Ukraine and the growing likelihood of a recession in Europe.

Studies undertaken to evaluate the investment returns of pension funds over very long-time horizons indicate that the asset allocation decision has the largest impact on the fund's returns. Although the returns for the various asset categories vary from year to year, over the long term, equities typically outperform fixed income and cash by a very wide margin. For example, the ten-year returns for equities was 10.7%, while for bonds it was 1.5%. For that reason, the System has generally maintained significant equity exposure, with the remainder of the fund invested in fixed income securities designed to generate income and preserve capital.

Returns for one, three, five, ten, twenty, and thirty-year periods are presented in this section. Longer periods allow for a more valid evaluation of returns, both in absolute terms and relative to an asset class index, by reducing emphasis on the short-term volatility of markets. The Daily Valuation Method, a timeweighted rate of return, was used to calculate returns in a manner consistent with the CFA Institute's objectives as stated in its publication, "Global Investment Performance Standards Handbook," third edition.

The S&P 500 had a return of (10.6%). The S&P MidCap 400 and the S&P SmallCap 500 indexes had returns of (14.6%) and (16.8%), respectively. While negative for the fiscal year, the long-term returns for these indexes are impressive, with all three reporting ten-year annualized performance of over 10%. Growth stocks underperformed value stocks for the year, a reversal from recent trends. On a sector basis, consumer staples, energy and utilities all had a positive return for the year.

International markets were similarly weak. The MSCI EAFE Index had a return of (17.8%) and the Emerging Markets Index had a return of (25.2%). Nearly all countries recorded a negative return over the past year. Japan was the largest negative contributor to the MSCI EAFE index, while China was the largest drag on the Emerging Markets Index performance. The U.S. dollar was particularly strong last year, with the representative United States Dollar Index reporting a 13.3% increase.

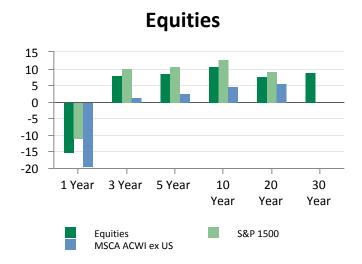
Fixed income yields moved meaningfully higher last year as central banks reversed course to focus on inflation. For example, the Federal Reserve began raising rates in March, with the Federal Funds Rate target range moving from 0-0.25% to 1.5-1.75%. These moves caused negative returns on bonds, with yields on the 1year, 10-year, and 30-year Treasuries increasing by 2.6%, 1.5%, and 1.06%, respectively. The 10-year Treasury had a return of (11.0%) for the year, while the 30-year Treasury had a return of (19.1%).

We look at two fixed-income indexes to measure the bond market's performance. The Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Index had a return of (10.9%). It is a broad index containing corporate and government-sponsored bonds as well as Treasuries. The FTSE Gov/Corp AAA/AA had a return of (8.8%). It is also a broad index containing higher-rated corporate bonds as well as Treasuries and Government securities.

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

Prepared by the Division of Investment Services

### RATES OF RETURN



	Equities	S&P 1500	MSCA ACWI ex US
1 Year	(15.12)%	(11.02)%	(19.42)%
3 Year	7.96	10.29	1.35
5 Year	8.69	10.92	2.50
10 Year	10.72	12.79	4.83
20 Year	7.89	9.17	5.78
30 Year	8.91		

	Fixed Income					
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-12	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
		Bloo	d Income mberg US G onth T Bills	iovernmen	t/Credit	

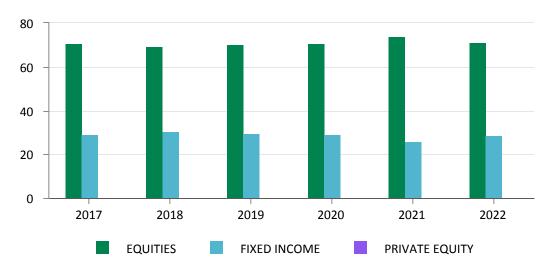
	Fixed Income	Bloomberg US Government/ Credit	1 Month T Bills
1 Year	(7.35)%	(10.85)%	0.15%
3 Year	(0.04)	(0.77)	0.53
5 Year	1.25	1.05	1.02
10 Year	1.51	1.67	0.57
20 Year	3.63	3.71	1.12
30 Year	5.31	4.91	2.15

<b>Total Portfolio</b>						
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	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
		Tot	al Portfolio		СРІ	

	Total Portfolio	СРІ
1 Year	(12.78)%	9.00%
3 Year	5.91	4.97
5 Year	6.69	3.88
10 Year	8.05	2.60
20 Year	6.87	2.52
30 Year	7.92	2.52

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

### **Investment Allocation**



Investment Sun	nmary					
Asset Allocation at June 30	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Equities	70.9%	69.4%	70.2%	70.8%	73.8%	71.1%
Fixed Income	29.1%	30.6%	29.8%	29.2%	26.1%	28.6%
Private Equity	-%	-%	-%	-%	0.1%	0.3%
Asset Allocation at June 30 (in millions)						
Equities	\$ 49,237	\$ 51,182	\$ 53,433	\$ 56,199	\$ 73,189	\$ 60,695
Fixed Income	20,139	22,564	22,685	23,218	25,863	24,421
Private Equity	_	_	_	_	50	215
Total Investments	\$ 69,376	\$ 73,746	\$ 76,118	\$ 79,417	\$ 99,102	\$ 85,331

Schedule of Fees and Comm For the Year Ended June 30, 2022	issions (do	ollars in thousands)
Investment Advisors' Fees:		
U.S. Equity	\$	16,813
International Equity		28,344
Investment Commissions:		
U.S. Equity		3,085
International Equity		7,212
SEC & Foreign Transaction Fees:		2,908
Miscellaneous*:		15,703
Total Fees and Commissions	\$	74,065
*Amount included in total investment expenses shown o	n page 49.	

## PORTFOLIO DETAIL STATISTICS

Shares	Company	Fa	ir Value
14,868,970	Apple Inc.	\$	2,032,8
7,149,932	Microsoft Corp.		1,836,3
591,985	Alphabet Inc.		1,292,2
9,420,720	Amazon.Com Inc.		1,000,5
1,072,696	UnitedHealth Group Inc.		550,9
769,980	Tesla Inc.		518,5
1,644,953	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.		449,1
2,507,620	Johnson & Johnson		445,1
2,244,630	Visa Inc.		441,9
7,990,863	Pfizer Inc.		418,9
4,399,599	Merck & Co. Inc.		401,1
1,435,736	The Home Depot Inc.		393,7
2,424,664	Nvidia Corp.		367,5
2,256,636	Meta Platforms, Inc.		363,8
4,447,428	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.		363,5
7,143,488	Verizon Communications Inc.		362,5
5,704,500	Coca Cola Co		358,8
2,117,855	PepsiCo, Inc.		352,9
703,042	Broadcom Inc.		341,5
2,900,839	JPMorgan Chase & Co.		326,6
Total of 20 Largest Equi	ty Holdings	\$	12,619,1
Total Equity Holdings		<u></u>	60,694,8

Description	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Par Value	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury Note	11/15/24	2.25	1,297,000	\$ 1,275,0
U.S. Treasury Note	12/15/24	1	1,120,000	1,066,58
U.S. Treasury Note	11/15/30	0.875	1,200,000	1,013,20
U.S. Treasury Note	5/31/24	2.5	1,000,000	990,98
U.S. Treasury Note	3/31/25	2.625	920,000	910,62
U.S. Treasury Note	1/31/25	2.5	860,000	848,7
U.S. Treasury Note	3/31/28	1.25	900,000	813,09
U.S. Treasury Note	8/31/25	2.75	810,000	802,7
U.S. Treasury Note	2/15/28	2.75	600,000	589,52
U.S. Treasury Bond	2/15/39	3.5	482,000	 503,5
Total of 10 Largest Fixed-Income Holdings				\$ 8,814,0

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

### **ACTUARY'S CERTIFICATION LETTER**



May 11, 2022

Board of Trustees Teachers Retirement System of Georgia Suite 100, Two Northside 75 Atlanta, GA 30318

#### Members of the Board:

Section 47-3-23 of the law governing the operation of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia provides that the actuary shall make annual valuations of the contingent assets and liabilities of the Retirement System on the basis of regular interest and the tables last adopted by the Board of Trustees. We have submitted the report giving the results of the actuarial valuation of the System prepared as of June 30, 2021. The report indicates that annual employer contributions at the rate of 19.98% of compensation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 are sufficient to support the benefits of the System. Our firm, as actuary, is responsible for all of the actuarial trend data in the financial section of the annual report and the supporting schedules in the actuarial section of the annual report.

The Actuarial Standards Board has revised the Actuarial Standard of Practice Number 4 (ASOP 4), Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Costs or Contributions, which will be effective for the System beginning with the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation. There are a number of changes incorporated in ASOP 4 which will bear on the actuarial methods utilized in the System's funding policy. In this valuation, we recommend changes to the current funding policy along with changes to the economic assumptions both to reduce potential future contribution volatility, as well as to prepare for the upcoming funding policy changes related to ASOP 4. Therefore, in this valuation, we recommend the assumed annual rate of return on investments decrease from 7.25% to 6.90%, and the payroll growth assumption decrease from 3.00% to 2.50%. In addition, we recommend the Board funding policy define a new transitional unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) amortization base as of this valuation and reduce the amortization period for the transitional base to a period not to exceed 23 years and reduce the amortization period for future incremental UAAL bases from 30 years to 25 years.

In addition, the asset smoothing method has been modified for the June 30, 2021 valuation, in order to mitigate the impact of the assumption and methodology changes mentioned above, and to take advantage of the annual return on fair value of assets of 29.2% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The amount of the substantial asset gain recognized this year was an amount such that the total UAAL was the same as if no assumptions or methods had been changed. The remaining unrecognized asset gain will be spread equally over the four-year period following this valuation.

In our opinion, the valuation is complete and accurate, and the incorporated methodology and assumptions are reasonable as a basis for the valuation. The valuation takes into account the effect of all amendments to the System enacted through the 2021 Session of the General Assembly. In preparing the valuation, the actuary relied on data provided by the System. While not verifying data at the source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonableness.

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

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

### **ACTUARY'S CERTIFICATION LETTER**

continued

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

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

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

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

In order to prepare the results in this report we have utilized appropriate actuarial models that were developed for this purpose. These models use assumptions about future contingent events along with recognized actuarial approaches to develop the needed results.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

John J. Garrett, ASA, FCA, MAAA Principal and Consulting Actuary Cathy Turcot

Principal and Managing Director

Edward J. Koebel, EA, FCA, MAAA

Edward J. Worbel

Chief Executive Officer

### SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS & METHODS

The laws governing the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (the System) provide that an actuary perform an annual valuation of the contingent assets and liabilities of the System and perform at least once every five years an actuarial investigation of the mortality, service, and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries of the System. The latest actuarial valuation of the System, prepared as of June 30, 2021, was made on the basis of the funding policy adopted by the Board on May 11, 2022 and the 5-year experience study adopted by the Board on May 13, 2020, with the exception of the investment rate of return and payroll growth assumption adopted May 11, 2022 and the salary increases assumptions adopted by the Board on May 15, 2019. The Board is responsible for maintaining this funding policy. A summary of plan provisions can be found in the Introductory Section beginning on page 11, and a plan description can be found in the Financial Section beginning on page 21.

The more pertinent facts and significant assumptions underlying the computations included in the June 30, 2021 valuation are as follows:

#### a) Actuarial Method Used

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

#### b) Investment Rate of Return

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

#### c) Salary Increases

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

#### d) Death, Disability and Withdrawal Rates

Death, disability and withdrawal rates for active employees and service retirement tables are based upon the System's historical experience. The death-after-retirement rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Headcount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally is used for death after service retirement and beneficiaries. The rates of improvement have been reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. The Pub-2010 Teachers Mortality Table fro Disabled Retirees (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 Projection scale applied generationally is used for death after disability retirement. The rates of improvement have been reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. Adopted May 13, 2020.

#### e) Asset Valuation Method

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

#### f) Service Retirement Benefit

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

#### g) Actuarially Determined Unfunded Accrued Liability

In accordance with the funding policy, a new transitional UAAL amortization base was defined as of June 30, 2021. The present value of this UAAL, based on unaudited data provided the actuary by the System, was approximately \$21.7 billion. The transitional base will be amortized over a period not to exceed 23 years. The amortization period for future incremental UAAL bases was reduced from 30 years to 25 years. Adopted May 11, 2022.

### SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS & METHODS

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#### h) Required Contributions (% of compensation)

Contributions required by the annual actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, to be made for the year ended June 30, 2024:

(1) Member 6.00 %
(2) Employer:

Normal 8.66 %

Unfunded Accrued Liability 11.32 %

Total 19.98 %

Servi	ce	Reti	irem	ent
Adopte	d Mo	ay 13,	2020	

Adopted May 13, 2020				
	M	ale	Fen	nale
Age	< 30 years of service	≥ 30 years <sup>1</sup> of service	< 30 years of service	≥ 30 years <sup>2</sup> of service
50	3.00%	52.00%	2.75%	50.00%
55	5.00	37.00	5.75	35.00
60	20.00	34.00	25.00	40.00
61	18.00	30.00	25.00	40.00
62	25.00	35.00	25.00	43.00
63	22.00	28.00	25.00	43.00
64	22.00	28.00	24.00	43.00
65	27.00	27.00	32.00	32.00
66	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
67	30.00	30.00	32.00	32.00
68	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
69	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
70	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00

 $<sup>^{\</sup>left(1\right)}$  An additional 10% are assumed to retire at 30 years of service for ages between 50 and 64.

 $<sup>^{(2)}</sup>$  An additional 15% are assumed to retire at 30 years of service for ages between 50 and 61.

### SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS & METHODS

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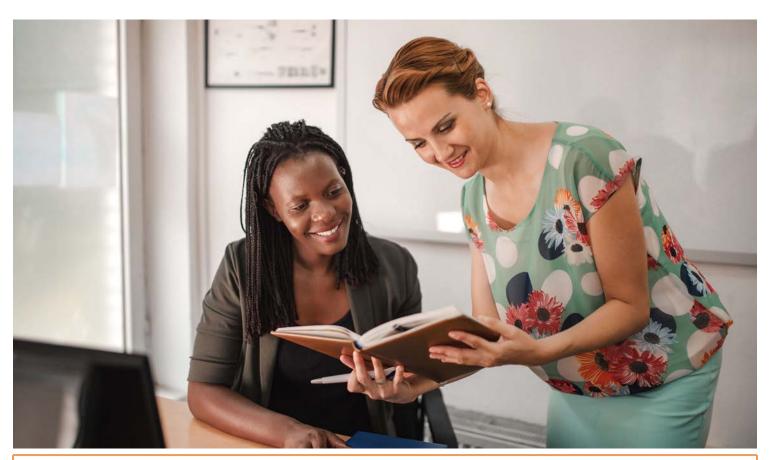
## Separation Before Service Retirement Adopted May 13, 2020

**Annual Rate of** 

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

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

### ACTUARIAL VALUATION DATA



### **Active Members**

Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Participating Employers	Members	Annual Payroll <sup>(2)</sup> (000's)	Average Pay	% Increase
2012	404	213,648	\$ 10,036,023	\$ 46,975	0.5%
2013	401	209,854	9,924,682	47,293	0.7
2014	405	209,828	9,993,686	47,628	0.7
2015	414	213,990	10,347,332	48,354	1.5
2016	416	218,193	10,783,277	49,421	2.2
2017	419	222,902	11,333,997	50,847	2.9
2018	422	226,039	11,704,334	51,780	1.8
2019	426	226,366	11,882,828	52,494	1.4
2020	430	231,032	12,737,375	55,133	5.0
2021	434	227,926	12,728,936	55,847	1.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Fiscal year refers to the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30 of that year and determines the funding necessary for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date. An actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 is currently in process and was not available for this analysis.

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



### **Retirees and Beneficiaries**

	Added	l to Roll	Removed	from Roll	Roll-End of Year			
Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Number	Annual Allowances (000's)	Number	Annual Allowances (000's)	Number	Annual Allowances (000's)	% Increase in Annual Allowances	Average Annual Allowances
2012	7,055	298,471	1,915	55,565	97,317	3,345,513	7.8%	34,377
2013	7,937	322,853	1,983	59,453	103,271	3,608,913	7.9	34,946
2014	7,078	291,066	2,195	68,324	108,154	3,831,655	6.2	35,428
2015	7,207	306,751	2,237	72,818	113,124	4,065,588	6.1	35,939
2016	7,225	312,063	2,392	80,359	117,957	4,297,292	5.7	36,431
2017	7,189	318,594	2,459	84,596	122,687	4,531,290	5.4	36,934
2018	7,345	341,242	2,732	98,829	127,300	4,773,703	5.3	37,500
2019	7,247	347,533	2,727	100,233	131,820	5,021,003	5.2	38,090
2020	6,894	346,319	3,036	114,317	135,678	5,253,005	4.6	38,717
2021	7,915	391,351	3,728	144,560	139,865	5,499,796	4.7	39,322

<sup>(1)</sup> Fiscal year refers to the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30 of that year and determines the funding necessary for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date. An actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 is currently in process and was not available for this analysis.



### Solvency Test (dollars in thousands)

#### Aggregate Actuarial Accrued Liabilities For

Fiscal	(1) Active Member	(2) Retirees and	(3) Active Members (Employer- Financed	Actuarial Value of	Accri	Portion of ued Liabili red by Ass	ties
Year <sup>1</sup>	Contributions	Beneficiaries	Portion)	Assets	(1)	(2)	(3)
2012	\$7,242,569	\$39,759,145	\$21,346,964	\$56,262,332	100.0 %	100.0 %	43.4 %
2013	7,480,767	43,152,402	21,587,696	58,594,837	100.0	100.0	36.9
2014	7,815,630	45,841,742	22,114,745	62,061,722	100.0	100.0	38.0
2015	8,153,958	50,251,964	24,385,088	65,514,119	100.0	100.0	29.1
2016	8,522,267	55,186,998	28,012,510	68,161,710	100.0	100.0	15.9
2017	8,936,010	57,659,259	29,385,762	71,212,660	100.0	100.0	15.7
2018	9,350,031	58,993,494	28,561,728	75,024,364	100.0	100.0	23.4
2019	9,791,208	61,856,920	30,191,271	78,126,922	100.0	100.0	21.5
2020	10,320,195	64,144,338	32,724,242	81,632,571	100.0	100.0	21.9
2021	10,787,139	68,862,439	36,053,989	94,048,970	100.0	100.0	39.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Fiscal year refers to the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30 of that year and determines the funding necessary for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date. An actuarial valuation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 is currently in process and was not available for this analysis.

### Member & Employer Contribution Rates

Fiscal Year	Member	Employer
2014	6.00%	12.28%
2015	6.00	13.15
2016	6.00	14.27
2017	6.00	14.27
2018	6.00	16.81
2019	6.00	20.90
2020	6.00	21.14
2021	6.00	19.06
2022	6.00	19.81
2023	6.00	19.98



### Schedule of Funding Progress (dollars in thousands)

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Plan Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) -Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (Funding Excess) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Annual Covered Payroll <sup>(1)</sup> (c)	UAAL (Funding Excess) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
6/30/12	\$ 56,262,332	\$ 68,348,678	\$ 12,086,346	82.3%	\$10,036,023	120.4%
6/30/13	58,594,837	72,220,865	13,626,028	81.1	9,924,682	137.3
6/30/14	62,061,722	75,772,117	13,710,395	81.9	9,993,686	137.2
6/30/15	65,514,119	82,791,010	17,276,891	79.1	10,347,332	167.0
6/30/16	68,161,710	91,721,775	23,560,065	74.3	10,783,277	218.5
6/30/17	71,212,660	95,981,031	24,768,371	74.2	11,333,997	218.5
6/30/18	75,024,364	96,905,253	21,880,889	77.4	11,704,334	186.9
6/30/19	78,126,922	101,839,399	23,712,477	76.7	11,882,828	199.6
6/30/20	81,632,571	107,188,775	25,556,204	76.2	12,737,375	200.6
6/30/21	94,048,970	115,703,567	21,654,597	81.3	12,728,936	170.1

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

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



#### Analysis of Financial Experience (dollars in millions)

### Analysis of the Change in Unfunded Accrued Liability Increase (Decrease) During the Years Ended June 30,

Item	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Interest Added to Previous										
Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 1,852.8	\$ 1,719.2	\$ 1,586.4	\$ 1,733.8	\$ 1,649.2	\$ 1,300.9	\$ 1,077.6	\$ 1,084.6	\$ 977.8	\$ 846.2
Accrued Liability Contribution	(1,681.3)	(2,027.0)	(1,834.2)	(1,261.0)	(929.4)	(985.4)	(796.1)	(662.0)	(604.7)	(443.5)
Experience:										
Valuation Asset Growth <sup>(1)</sup>	(8,785.7)	348.2	558.1	(925.3)	(539.2)	150.9	(677.3)	(836.1)	1,241.1	1,855.1
Pensioners' Mortality	(112.5)	(26.4)	53.9	(32.4)	40.5	(13.4)	37.7	35.3	52.7	51.6
Turnover and Retirements	347.8	153.1	147.8	266.2	246.9	209.2	335.9	119.6	378.2	319.1
New Entrants	152.2	285.7	151.3	161.2	172.7	153.1	138.9	115.3	96.2	101.2
Salary Increases	(740.3)	1,066.8	(213.2)	(103.6)	327.9	72.3	(227.6)	(624.9)	(715.2)	(709.9)
Interest Smoothing	_	_	_	(2,744.0)	121.6	5,286.1	2,861.2	739.8	915.9	(627.0)
Change in Member										
Contribution Rate	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Assumption and Method Changes <sup>(2)</sup>	4,913.9	_	1,204.2	(133.4)	_	_	688.3	_	(926.7)	_
Miscellaneous	151.5	324.1	177.3	151.0	118.1	109.5	127.9	112.8	124.4	142.6
Total Increase	\$ (3,901.6)	\$ 1,843.7	\$ 1,831.6	\$ (2,887.5)	\$ 1,208.3	\$ 6,283.2	\$ 3,566.5	\$ 84.4	\$ 1,539.7	\$ 1,535.4

<sup>(1)</sup> Valuation Asset Growth

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

- 2013 Reflects change to asset smoothing methodology where the final actuarial value of assets used for the current valuation was set to the fair value of assets as of June 30, 2013. Five-year smoothing of investment gains and losses will commence in subsequent years.
- 2015 The assumed rates of withdrawal, disability, retirement, and mortality and the assumed rates of salary increase have been revised to more closely reflect the actual and anticipated experience of the System. In addition, assumptions related to percent married, unused sick leave, and termination benefits were also revised.
- 2018 Reflects elimination of the interest smoothing methodology and the reductions in the long-term discount rate and the inflation assumption.
- 2019 The assumed rates of withdrawal, disability, retirement, mortality, and the assumed rates of salary increase and administrative expenses have been revised to more closely reflect the actual and anticipated experience of the System.
- 2021 Reflects a reduction in the assumed annual rate of return on investments from 7.25% to 6.90%.

 $<sup>^{(2)}</sup>$  Assumption and Method Changes

### STATISTICAL SECTION OVERVIEW & FINANCIAL TRENDS



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

#### **Operating Information**

The schedules presented on pages 66 through 72 contain benefits, service, and employer data to help the reader understand how the System's financial report relates to the services of the System and the activities it performs.

#### **Financial Trends**

The schedules presented on pages 64 through 65 contain trend information to help the reader understand how the System's financial position has changed over time.

Additions by Source (dollars in thousands)									
Fiscal Year		Member Contributions		Employer and Nonemployer Contributions	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Total Additions to (Deductions from) Fiduciary Net Position			
2013	\$	640,745	\$	1,180,469	\$ 6,938,349	\$ 8,759,563			
2014		640,120		1,270,963	9,826,743	11,737,826			
2015		661,835		1,406,706	2,384,145	4,452,686			
2016		685,626		1,580,532	810,574	3,076,732			
2017		716,233		1,654,844	7,971,677	10,342,754			
2018		745,574		2,018,724	6,247,155	9,011,453			
2019		759,474		2,566,403	4,972,419	8,298,296			
2020		800,864		2,738,818	4,119,609	7,659,291			
2021		817,090		2,495,527	23,192,761	26,505,378			
2022		853,376		2,696,714	(12,770,564)	(9,220,474)			
Contributions were	made i	n accordance with act	tuaria	lly determined contrib	oution requirements				

### STATISTICAL SECTION OVERVIEW & FINANCIAL TRENDS

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### Deductions by Type (dollars in thousands)

#### **Benefit Payments**

Fiscal Year	Service	Partial Lump-Sum Option	Disability	Survivor Benefits	Supplemental Payments <sup>(1)</sup>	Lump-Sum Death Settlement	Total Benefit Payments	Net Administrative Expenses	Refunds	Total Deductions From Fiduciary Net Position
2013	\$3,353,295	\$42,259	\$91,727	\$58,234	\$633	\$2,001	\$3,548,149	\$22,584	\$81,142	\$3,651,875
2014	3,569,374	33,148	98,145	61,203	508	2,074	3,764,452	15,025	87,095	3,866,572
2015	3,791,526	34,494	103,483	64,911	379	2,086	3,996,879	14,996	80,085	4,091,960
2016	4,015,786	33,929	109,669	67,013	312	2,110	4,228,819	15,279	79,334	4,323,432
2017	4,241,760	31,839	114,813	70,179	297	2,236	4,461,124	16,773	76,296	4,554,193
2018	4,473,928	32,100	118,567	73,385	250	1,690	4,699,920	15,865	76,061	4,791,846
2019	4,714,549	32,714	124,071	76,912	204	2,015	4,950,465	15,276	76,543	5,042,284
2020	4,951,973	28,420	128,984	80,529	181	2,196	5,192,283	17,411	76,976	5,286,670
2021	5,182,724	34,084	131,500	83,773	152	2,181	5,434,414	16,668	69,166	5,520,248
2022	5,437,097	29,896	134,799	88,105	113	2,022	5,692,032	16,470	94,853	5,803,355

<sup>(1)</sup> Supplemental payments to retirees who belong to a local retirement system.

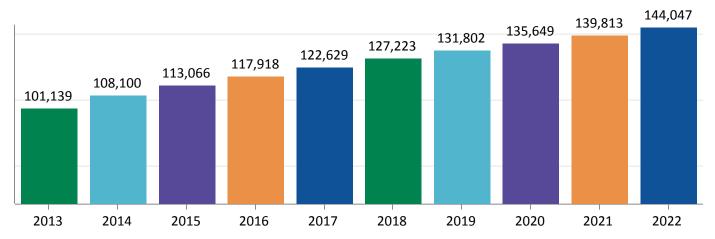
### Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (dollars in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Total Additions to (Deductions from) duciary Net Position	Total Deductions from Fiduciary Net Position	Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	
2013	\$ 8,759,563	\$ 3,651,875	\$ 5,107,688	
2014	11,737,826	3,866,572	7,871,254	
2015	4,452,686	4,091,960	360,726	
2016	3,076,732	4,323,432	(1,246,700)	
2017	10,342,754	4,554,193	5,788,561	
2018	9,011,453	4,791,846	4,219,607	
2019	8,298,296	5,042,284	3,256,012	
2020	7,659,291	5,286,670	2,372,621	
2021	26,505,378	5,520,248	20,985,130	
2022	(9,220,474)	5,803,355	(15,023,829)	

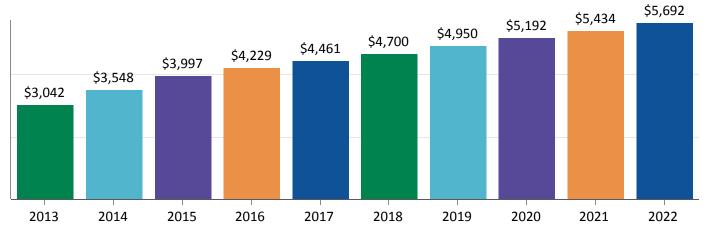
### OPERATING INFORMATION

#### **Benefit Payment Statistics**

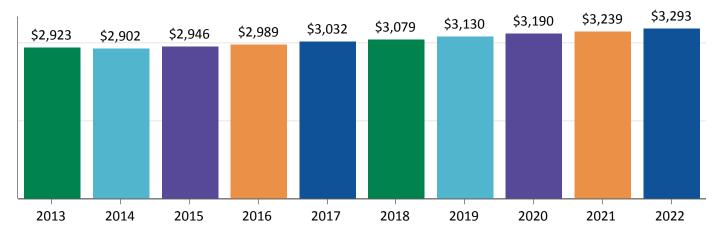
#### **Number of Retirees**



### **Annual Benefit (dollars in millions)**

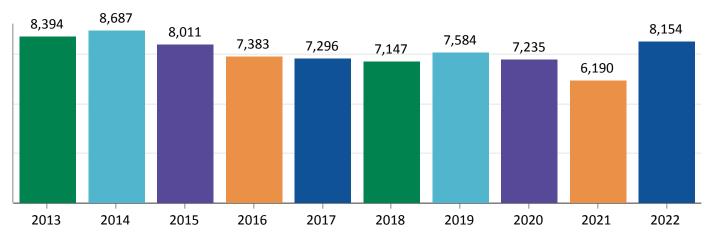


### **Average Monthly Benefit**



#### **Member Withdrawal Statistics**





### **Annual Withdrawal (dollars in millions)**



#### **Average Withdrawal**



### Average Monthly Benefit Payments for New Retirees

	Years Credited Service								
Effective Retirement Dates for Fiscal Years Ended June 30,	10 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30	Over 30	Total			
2013									
Average monthly benefit	\$881.25	\$1,465.23	\$1,979.00	\$2,626.66	\$3,642.94	\$2,335.21			
Average final average salary	\$3,720.18	\$4,200.63	\$4,506.44	\$5,060.19	\$5,811.25	\$4,821.63			
Number of retirees	1,721	1,107	1,279	1,060	2,762	7,929			
2014									
Average monthly benefit	\$877.35	\$1,410.94	\$1,902.93	\$2,515.64	\$3,556.03	\$2,152.62			
Average final average salary	\$3,801.40	\$4,136.09	\$4,454.29	\$4,962.86	\$5,868.78	\$4,736.63			
Number of retirees	1,744	1,066	1,169	994	2,099	7,072			
2015									
Average monthly benefit	\$897.66	\$1,416.36	\$2,008.34	\$2,566.87	\$3,573.41	\$2,217.71			
Average final average salary	\$3,818.45	\$4,161.17	\$4,635.36	\$5,007.10	\$5,900.24	\$4,812.42			
Number of retirees	1,659	1,119	1,164	1,035	2,190	7,167			
2016									
Average monthly benefit	\$883.07	\$1,447.47	\$1,979.68	\$2,582.75	\$3,496.30	\$2,207.94			
Average final average salary	\$3,786.36	\$4,215.09	\$4,558.19	\$5,046.61	\$5,796.47	\$4,786.10			
Number of retirees	1,695	1,094	1,130	1,001	2,297	7,217			
2017									
Average monthly benefit	\$870.72	\$1,455.45	\$1,997.91	\$2,588.80	\$3,535.59	\$2,220.50			
Average final average salary	\$3,778.31	\$4,230.72	\$4,657.44	\$5,139.34	\$5,877.02	\$4,839.84			
Number of retirees	1,692	1,120	1,089	973	2,300	7,174			
2018									
Average monthly benefit	\$880.97	\$1,503.44	\$2,106.91	\$2,703.58	\$3,625.69	\$2,331.31			
Average final average salary	\$3,789.48	\$4,388.19	\$4,882.12	\$5,295.62	\$6,009.09	\$4,997.10			
Number of retirees	1,609	1,184	1,090	967	2,471	7,321			
2019									
Average monthly benefit	\$932.13	\$1,504.91	\$2,051.21	\$2,709.96	\$3,638.98	\$2,330.77			
Average final average salary	\$3,964.41	\$4,434.82	\$4,826.46	\$5,401.88	\$6,125.55	\$5,080.38			
Number of retirees	1,537	1,206	1,188	909	2,395	7,235			
2020									
Average monthly benefit	\$948.76	\$1,535.47	\$2,086.78	\$2,702.45	\$3,692.62	\$2,371.48			
Average final average salary	\$3,980.66	\$4,512.99	\$4,875.02	\$5,322.40	\$6,140.51	\$5,107.67			
Number of retirees	1,443	1,168	1,127	822	2,330	6,890			
2021									
Average monthly benefit	\$959.48	\$1,590.49	\$2,170.32	\$2,821.35	\$3,851.38	\$2,472.46			
Average final average salary	\$4,001.19	\$4,523.33	\$5,031.91	\$5,608.36	\$6,295.60	\$5,233.87			
Number of retirees	1,642	1,263	1,280	1,055	2,623	7,863			
2022									
Average monthly benefit	\$1,013.12	\$1,600.94	\$2,214.83	\$2,938.15	\$3,987.82	\$2,573.00			
Average final average salary	\$4,193.53	\$4,704.75	\$5,123.28	\$5,736.34	\$6,598.17	\$5,450.90			
Number of retirees	1,426	1,274	1,397	1,167	2,500	7,764			



### Retired Members by Type of Benefit

		Type of Retirement (1)				Option Selected (2)						
Amount of Monthly Benefit	Number of Retirees	А	В	С	D	Max	Opt-1	Opt-2	Opt-3	Opt-4	Opt-2 Pop-Up	Opt-3 Pop-Up
1 - 500	4,848	3,996	342	501	9	2,586	136	1,150	297	158	407	114
500 - 1000	15,064	13,168	1,047	847	2	8,976	573	2,673	632	166	1,547	497
1000 - 1500	16,008	14,284	974	748	2	9,234	592	2,760	744	105	1,882	691
1500 - 2000	12,728	11,396	789	543	_	7,043	497	2,166	647	94	1,609	672
2000 - 2500	10,994	9,949	633	412	_	5,913	434	1,835	601	98	1,405	708
2500 - 3000	10,371	9,557	548	265	1	5,432	441	1,560	582	112	1,485	759
3000 - 3500	11,049	10,370	489	190	_	5,647	500	1,641	611	122	1,725	803
3500 - 4000	11,826	11,354	336	136	_	6,500	554	1,482	602	186	1,640	862
4000 - 4500	11,754	11,455	201	98	_	6,850	561	1,273	541	176	1,520	833
4500 - 5000	10,745	10,592	97	56	_	6,724	579	976	509	164	1,121	672
5000 - 5500	8,329	8,239	43	47	_	5,372	475	745	388	119	748	482
5500 - 6000	5,793	5,733	24	36	_	3,771	305	522	280	100	499	316
6000 - 6500	3,818	3,791	9	18	_	2,432	218	383	192	78	296	219
6500 - 7000	2,758	2,730	12	16	_	1,674	166	322	164	60	215	157
7000 - 7500	2,006	1,994	2	10	_	1,216	102	245	127	47	161	108
7500 - 8000	1,464	1,451	1	12	_	865	94	184	92	33	109	87
8000 - 8500	1,075	1,063	2	10	_	624	60	164	79	31	61	56
8500 - 9000	797	788	2	7	_	454	41	113	59	24	65	41
9000 - 9500	630	625	1	4	_	345	45	90	51	24	38	37
9500 - 10000	425	414	3	8	_	222	21	74	39	14	31	24
Over 10000	1,565	1,553	1	11	_	652	59	367	177	83	127	100
TOTALS	144,047	134,502	5,556	3,975	14	82,532	6,453	20,725	7,414	1,994	16,691	8,238

<sup>(1)</sup> Type of Retirement

- A Service
- B Disability
- C Survivor Benefit
- D Supplemental payments to retirees who belonged to a local retirement system.
- (2) Refer to Summary of Plan Provisions, beginning on page 11 for descriptions of Options.

#### **Retirement Payments by County of Residence During Fiscal Year 2022**

, and the same same same same	FY22 Total				FY22 Total	
	Number of			Number of	Gross Pay	
County	Retirees	(in thousands)	County	Retirees	(in thousands)	
Appling	372	\$ 14,276	Dade	141	\$ 4,758	
Atkinson	103	4,101	Dawson	346	14,110	
Bacon	199	7,353	Decatur	385	14,508	
Baker	53	2,002	DeKalb	6,889	309,190	
Baldwin	862	31,761	Dodge	341	12,035	
Banks	221	7,571	Dooly	160	6,017	
Barrow	890	31,047	Dougherty	1,645	66,038	
Bartow	1,249	45,707	Douglas	1,089	40,253	
Ben Hill	292	10,375	Early	249	9,521	
Berrien	286	9,898	Echols	50	1,613	
Bibb	2,010	74,899	Effingham	702	21,644	
Bleckley	320	11,241	Elbert	358	11,807	
Brantley	211	6,964	Emanuel	449	16,801	
Brooks	270	9,245	Evans	174	6,053	
Bryan	424	14,099	Fannin	476	18,349	
Bulloch	1,648	62,643	Fayette	2,190	91,427	
Burke	369	11,784	Floyd	1,690	67,803	
Butts	298	11,211	Forsyth	1,942	76,066	
Calhoun	112	3,956	Franklin	438	16,530	
Camden	540	19,293	Fulton	7,059	318,349	
Candler	213	7,192	Gilmer	550	21,634	
Carroll	2,098	78,755	Glascock	36	1,022	
Catoosa	698	23,596	Glynn	1,630	67,512	
Charlton	113	4,497	Gordon	686	24,994	
Chatham	3,376	126,809	Grady	371	14,236	
Chattahoochee	36	1,507	Greene	380	17,016	
Chattooga	357	12,803	Gwinnett	6,420	241,253	
Cherokee	3,089	119,102	Habersham	742	28,094	
Clarke	3,560	159,026	Hall	2,765	113,645	
Clay	56	2,257	Hancock	187	6,538	
Clayton	1,597	57,893	Haralson	437	15,050	
Clinch	111	4,684	Harris	723	27,735	
Cobb	7,237	284,400	Hart	487	19,845	
Coffee	621	22,880	Heard	145	4,588	
Colquitt	717	26,403	Henry	2,204	85,279	
Columbia	2,721	104,862	Houston	1,967	72,210	
Cook	271	9,859	Irwin	180	6,823	
Coweta	1,856	72,831	Jackson	1,331	49,480	
Crawford	200	6,911	Jasper	240	9,080	
Crisp	366	14,182	Jeff Davis	184	7,164	

		FY22 Total		FY22 Total			
	Number of Gross Pay		Number of		Gross Pay		
County	Retirees	(in thousands)	County	Retirees	(in thousands)		
Jefferson	262	\$ 9,640	Richmond	3,331	\$ 116,581		
Jenkins	156	5,480	Rockdale	1,027	39,942		
Johnson	150	5,483	Schley	76	2,374		
Jones	433	16,574	Screven	290	10,467		
Lamar	312	11,586	Seminole	170	6,249		
Lanier	111	3,978	Spalding	1,046	39,517		
Laurens	870	33,603	Stephens	441	17,068		
Lee	471	17,331	Stewart	83	3,186		
Liberty	434	13,868	Sumter	598	23,802		
Lincoln	207	8,451	Talbot	111	3,451		
Long	89	2,683	Taliaferro	20	731		
Lowndes	1,878	68,407	Tattnall	256	8,950		
Lumpkin	644	24,046	Taylor	148	5,583		
Macon	180	6,183	Telfair	183	7,043		
Madison	944	29,866	Terrell	141	5,176		
Marion	111	3,498	Thomas	798	31,773		
McDuffie	362	13,513	Tift	937	36,345		
McIntosh	216	8,097	Toombs	409	15,164		
Meriwether	299	10,730	Towns	312	12,518		
Miller	114	4,223	Treutlen	131	4,479		
Mitchell	294	10,278	Troup	949	35,906		
Monroe	476	17,793	Turner	172	5,993		
Montgomery	190	7,156	Twiggs	97	3,135		
Morgan	495	20,556	Union	494	19,634		
Murray	443	17,054	Upson	457	16,538		
Muscogee	2,632	100,310	Walker	682	24,446		
Newton	1,053	38,456	Walton	1,381	52,034		
Oconee	1,686	76,247	Ware	582	22,258		
Oglethorpe	541	17,875	Warren	79	2,928		
Paulding	1,297	43,731	Washington	319	12,282		
Peach	539	21,371	Wayne	477	16,332		
Pickens	776	31,118	Webster	40	1,417		
Pierce	327	11,700	Wheeler	112	4,628		
Pike	371	13,453	White	603	22,680		
Polk	552	21,728	Whitfield	1,108	44,580		
Pulaski	173	6,744	Wilcox	158	6,494		
Putnam	492	19,488	Wilkes	199	7,133		
Quitman	29	888	Wilkinson	155	5,080		
Rabun	368	16,248	Worth	316	11,053		
Randolph	128	4,710	Outside GA	19,134	706,993		
			Total Benefit P	ayments	\$ 5,692,032		

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### **Principal Participating Employers**

		2022 2013			3	
	Covered		Percentage of	Covered		Percentage of
Employers	Employees	Rank	<b>Total System</b>	<b>Employees</b>	Rank	<b>Total System</b>
State of Georgia	36,250	1	15.74 %	_	_	<b>–</b> %
Gwinnett County Schools	17,832	2	7.74 %	15,400	1	7.38 %
Cobb County Schools	11,591	3	5.03 %	10,867	2	5.21 %
Dekalb County Schools	10,615	4	4.61 %	9,551	4	4.58 %
Fulton County Schools	9,709	5	4.21 %	9,609	3	4.61 %
Atlanta Public Schools	5,550	6	2.41 %	5,289	6	2.53 %
Clayton County Schools	5,317	7	2.31 %	4,810	7	2.31 %
Forsyth County Schools	4,701	8	2.04 %	_	_	<b>-</b> %
Chatham County Schools	4,538	9	1.97 %	4,156	8	1.99 %
Henry County Schools	4,344	10	1.89 %	3,847	9	1.84 %
Muscogee County School District	_	_	_	3,750	10	1.80 %
University of Georgia	*	_	*	7,326	5	3.51 %
Top 10	110,447		47.95 %	74,605		35.76 %
Total	230,344		100.00 %	208,616		100.00 %

<sup>\*</sup> Amount is included in State of Georgia totals

Note: GASB Statement No. 67 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 and required legally separate employers within the same financial reporting entity to be treated as a single employer for reporting purposes. Therefore, information presented for fiscal years prior to implementation is not comparable with information presented for fiscal years after implementation.

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#### **Reporting Entities**

#### **Universities and Colleges**

Georgia College & State University

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Brantley County

Albany State University Bremen City

Atlanta Metropolitan State College Brooks County

Augusta University Bryan County

Clayton College & State University

College of Coastal Georgia

Bulloch County

Columbus State University

Burke County

Cooperative Extension ServiceButts CountyDalton State CollegeCalhoun CityEast Georgia State CollegeCalhoun County

Fort Valley State University

Georgia Southwestern State University

Camden County

Candler County

Georgia Gwinnett College Carrollton City Schools

**Carroll County** 

Georgia Highlands College Cartersville City
Georgia Institute of Technology Catoosa County
Georgia Military College Charlton County

Georgia Southern University

Chatham County

Georgia State University Chattahoochee County
Gordon College Chattooga County

Kennesaw State University Cherokee County

Middle Georgia State College
Chickamauga City
Savannah State University
Clarke County
South Georgia State College
Clay County
The University of Georgia
Clayton County
University of North Georgia
Clinch County

University of West Georgia Cobb County
Valdosta State University Coffee County

Boards of Education Columbia County

Commerce City

Appling County

Atkinson County

Coweta County

Crawford County

Atlanta Public Crawford County

Bacon County Crisp County

Baker County

Baldwin County

Dalton City

Banks County

Dawson County

Barrow County

Bartow County

Decatur City

Decatur County

Decatur County

DeKalb County

Berrien County
Bibb County
Dooly County

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**Douglas County Dublin City Early County Echols County Effingham County Elbert County Emanuel County Evans County Fannin County Fayette County** Floyd County Forsyth County Franklin County **Fulton County** Gainesville City Gilmer County **Glascock County** Glynn County **Gordon County Grady County Greene County Griffin-Spalding County Gwinnett County Habersham County** Hall County **Hancock County Haralson County** Harris County **Hart County Heard County Henry County Houston County Irwin County Jackson County** 

Lincoln County Long County **Lowndes County Lumpkin County Macon County Madison County** Marietta City Marion County McDuffie County McIntosh County Meriwether County Miller County Mitchell County Monroe County **Montgomery County** Morgan County Murray County Muscogee County **Newton County Oconee County** Oglethorpe County **Paulding County Peach County** Pelham City **Pickens County** Pierce County Pike County **Polk School District** Pulaski County **Putnam County Quitman County** Rabun County Randolph County Richmond County **Rockdale County** Rome City **Schley County** Screven County Seminole County Social Circle City Stephens County **Stewart County Sumter County** 

**Talbot County** 

Taliaferro County

**Tattnall County** 

**Jasper County Jeff Davis County** 

Jefferson City

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**Taylor County** 

**Telfair County** 

**Terrell County** 

**Thomas County** 

Thomaston-Upson County

Thomasville City

Tift County

**Toombs County** 

**Towns County** 

**Treutlen County** 

**Trion City** 

**Troup County** 

**Turner County** 

**Twiggs County** 

Union County

Valdosta City

Vidalia City

Walker County

Walton County

Ware County

Warren County

**Washington County** 

Wayne County

**Webster County** 

Wheeler County

White County

Whitfield County

Wilcox County

Wilkes County

Wilkinson County

Worth County

**Public Libraries** 

Athens Regional Library

Augusta Richmond County Library

Azalea Regional Library

Barnesville-Lamar County Library

**Bartow County Library** 

Bartram Trail Regional Library

**Brooks County Library** 

Catoosa County Library

Cherokee Regional Library

Chestatee Regional Library

Clayton County Regional Library

Coastal Plains Regional Library

**Cobb County Public Library** 

Conyers-Rockdale Library System

Coweta Public Library

**DeKalb County Public Library** 

DeSoto Trail Regional Library

**Dougherty County Public Library** 

**Elbert County Library** 

Flint River Regional Library

Forsyth County Public Library

Gwinnett County Public Library

Hall County Library

Hart County Library

Henry County Library

**Houston County Public Library** 

Jefferson County Library System

Kinchafoonee Regional Library

Lake Blackshear Regional Library

Lee County Library

Lincoln County Library

Live Oak Public Libraries

Middle Georgia Regional Library

Moultrie-Colquitt County Library

Mountain Regional Library

Northeast Georgia Regional Library

**Newton County Library** 

Northwest Georgia Regional Library

Ocmulgee Regional Library

Oconee Regional Library

Ohoopee Regional Library

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Okefenokee Regional Library

Peach Public Library

Piedmont Regional Library

Pine Mountain Regional Library

Roddenbery Memorial Library

Sara Hightower Regional Library

Satilla Regional Library

Screven-Jenkins Regional Library

Sequoyah Regional Library

South Georgia Regional Library

Southwest Georgia Regional Library

Statesboro Regional Library

Thomas County Public Library

Three Rivers Regional Library

Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library

Twin Lakes Library System

Warren County Public Library

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West Georgia Regional Library Worth County Library System

#### **Technical Colleges**

Albany Technical Institute Athens Technical College Atlanta Technical College Augusta Technical Institute

Central Georgia Technical College Chattahoochee Technical College Coastal Pines Technical College Columbus Technical Institute

Georgia Northwestern Technical College Georgia Piedmont Technical College

**Gwinnett Technical College** Lanier Technical College

North Georgia Technical Institute Oconee Fall Line Technical College

Ogeechee Technical College Savannah Technical College South Georgia Technical College Southeastern Technical College Southern Crescent Technical College Southern Regional Technical College West Georgia Technical College

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

#### **Regional Educational Service Agencies**

Chattahoochee Flint RESA

Coastal Plains RESA

Central Savannah River Area RESA

First District RESA Griffin RESA

Heart of Georgia RESA

Metro RESA

Middle Georgia RESA North Georgia RESA Northeast Georgia RESA Northwest Georgia RESA

Oconee RESA Okefenokee RESA Pioneer RESA

Southwest Georgia RESA West Georgia RESA

#### **Charter Schools**

Academy for Classical Education, Inc.

Atlanta Smart Academy

Amana Academy

Atlanta Classical Academy Atlanta Heights Charter School

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School, Inc.

Atlanta Unbound Academy

**Baconton Community Charter School** 

**Brighten Academy** 

**Brookhaven Innovation Academy** 

Centennial Academy

**Charles Drew Charter School** 

Charter Conservatory for Liberal Arts and Technology

Chattahoochee Hills Charter School, Inc.

Cherokee Charter Academy

Cirrus Academy

Coastal Plains Education Center

Coweta Charter Academy

DeKalb Academy of Technology and Environment

**DeKalb Path Academy** 

**DeKalb Preparatory Academy** 

**Delta Steam Academy Dubois Integrity Academy Ethos Classical Charter School** 

Foothills Education Charter High School Fulton Academy of Science and Technology

Fulton Leadership Academy

**Furlow Charter School** 

Genesis Innovation Academy for Boys Genesis Innovation Academy for Girls

Georgia Connections Academy

Georgia Cyber Academy

Georgia Fugees Academy Charter School, Inc. Georgia High School for Accelerated Learning

Georgia Magnet Charter School

Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics Harriet Tubman School of Science and Technology International Academy of Smyrna Charter School

International Charter Academy of Georgia International Charter School of Atlanta

International Community School Ivy Preparatory Academy for Girls Kipp Metro Atlanta Collaborative

Leadership Preparatory Academy Charter School

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Liberty Technical Charter School

Main Street Academy

Mountain Education Center Inc.

Museum School of Avondale

New Life Academy of Excellence Inc.

North Metro Academy of Performing Arts

Northwest Classical Academy Odyssey Charter School Pataula Charter Academy

Purpose Built Schools of Atlanta

Resurgence Hall

Rise Prep Charter School Savannah Classical Academy

Sail Charter School

Scintilla Charter Academy Seven Pillars Career Academy SLAM Academy of Atlanta

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Spring Creek Charter Academy Tapestry Public Charter School

The Globe Academy
The Kindezi School

Utopian Academy for the Arts

Utopian Academy for the Arts Elem School

Wesley International Academy
Westside Atlanta Charter School

Yi Hwang Academy of Language Excellence

**State Agencies** 

**Board of Regents** 

Department of Administrative Service

Department of Agriculture

Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disability

**Department of Community Health** 

Department of Corrections
Department of Human Services
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Public Health
Department of Public Safety

Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Georgia Building Authority
Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Georgia Department of Community Supervision

Georgia Department of Defense

Georgia Department of Driver Services

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Georgia Department of Economic Development

Georgia Department of Education

Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

Georgia Department of Labor Georgia Department of Law Georgia Department of Revenue

Georgia Department of Transportation

Georgia Financing and Investment Commission

Georgia General Assembly

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council
Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Georgia Student Finance Commission Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Office of Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

Secretary of State

State Board of Workers Compensation

State Road Toll and Authority

Technical College System of Georgia

Other

Cherokee County Board of Health

Clayton Center Community Service Board

**DeKalb County DFACS** 

Department of Family and Children Services Region IX

DFACS Region X
DFACS Region XI
DFACS Region XII
Douglas County DFACS
East Central Health District

**Effingham County Tax Commissioner Office** 

Floyd County DFACS

Georgia Department Public Health South Health District

Glynn County Health Dept
Gwinnett County DFCS
Hart Count Board of Health
Northwest Georgia Public Health

Richmond County DFACS

Tift County Board of Health

Ware County Health Department

Whitfield County DFACS

