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Fifty-third Actuarial Report for State Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007 and
System Plan Year Beginning July 1, 2005

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## Re: Certification of Actuarial Valuation School Retirement System

Ladies and Gentlemen:
This report summarizes the results of the actuarial valuation of the School Retirement System as of July 1, 2005, performed by Buck Consultants, LLC.

The actuarial valuation is based on unaudited financial and member data provided to us by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems and summarized in this report. The benefits considered are those delineated in Nebraska State Statutes, effective as amended July 1, 2005.

All costs, liabilities and other factors under the plan were determined in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and procedures. This report fully and fairly discloses the actuarial position of the plan.

An actuarial experience analysis was completed in parallel with the July 1, 2002, valuation. In our opinion, the assumptions represent reasonable expectations and our best estimate of the anticipated experience under the plan. A summary of the actuarial assumptions used in this actuarial valuation are shown in Exhibit 10.

Based on the results of our actuarial valuation, current statutory contributions are not sufficient to meet the plan's funding policy. The contributions paid by members, school employers, and the State defined by statute currently fall short of the actuarially required contribution, which is equal to the sum of the annual normal cost and the annual payment necessary to amortize any unfunded liabilities over 25 years. For the 2006/2007 fiscal year, an additional contribution in the amount of $\$ 12,847,537$ is necessary to meet the actuarially required contribution.

We are available to answer any questions on the material contained in this report, or to provide explanations to further details as may be appropriate.
Respectively submitted,
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## Summary of Actuarial Report for Contribution Requi rements and Funded Status for Plan Year 2005/ 2006

The main purposes of this report are:

1. To determine the actuarial soundness of the School District and member contributions defined under Nebraska State Statutes to fund the total Formula Annuity, and whether additional contributions are required for the fiscal year ending J une 30, 2007;
2. To review the current funded status of the System; and
3. To compare actual and expected experience under the plan during the plan year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending J une 30, 2005.

The 2005 actuarial valuation is based upon the plan provisions as of July 1, 2005, as described in Exhibit 8. The actuarial methods and assumptions are described in Exhibits 9 and 10.

Highlights from the current valuation:

1. An additional State contribution is required for the 2006/2007 fiscal year to pay the normal cost and amortize any unfunded liabilities for the system. The present value of future Formula Annuity benefits is greater than the sum of the Actuarial Value of Assets and the present values of future member and employer contributions and State appropriations, resulting in a liability of $\$ 502,474,775$ in funding. This is an increase of $\$ 117,722,915$ over last year's liability of \$384,751,860.
2. A loss was experienced on the actuarial value of assets during the 2004/2005 plan year. The annual rate of return on Market Value was $9.8 \%$. The rate of return on Actuarial Value of $4.1 \%$ fell short of the $8.0 \%$ assumed investment return rate by $3.9 \%$, resulting in a decrease to the Actuarial Value by \$199,032,882.
3. The plan experienced a decremental gain over the period, primarily due to less retirements and lower salary increases than expected. The actuarial accrued liability decreased by $\$ 50,429,712$ as a result of decremental experience.
4. The funded status of the system as measured by the ratio of the system assets over the Pension Benefit Obligation (PBO) decreased. The PBO is calculated using the Projected Unit Credit Method, which determines the benefit by using service at the valuation date and projecting salary to assumed termination or retirement. Since the July 1, 2004 actuarial valuation, the funded percentage on Actuarial Value decreased from $93.2 \%$ to $91.4 \%$. This decrease was primarily due to asset losses.

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## Basic Actuarial Valuation Results

The 2005 actuarial valuation results are based upon the plan provisions as of July 1, 2005 as described in Exhibit 8. The key findings of the actuarial valuation are summarized below.

## 1. Funding of Total Formula Annuity

The total actuarially required contribution is equal to the normal cost plus an amortization payment for unfunded liabilities. Unfunded liabilities created due to experience gains or losses, plan changes or assumption changes are amortized over 25 years.

The member contribution rate is $7.25 \%$ of pay through August 31, 2005, 7.98\% from September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006, 7.83\% from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007, and $7.25 \%$ thereafter. The School District's funding of liabilities is equal to $101 \%$ of the employee contribution rate. The State contributes .7\% of covered pay and an annual appropriation of $\$ 5,639,235$, as well as any additional required funding.

The minimum total required contribution rate increased from $16.97 \%$ to $17.95 \%$ of pay from the 2004/2005 plan year to the 2005/2006 plan year. A history of required contribution rates is shown below. For fiscal years 1995/1996 through 2002/2003, this contribution rate is the rate required to cover the excess formula annuity only. For fiscal years 2003/2004 and thereafter, this contribution rate is the rate required to cover the entire formula annuity.

| History of Required Contribution Rates <br> and Additional State Funding |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Additional State <br> Ciscal Year |
| $2006 / 2007$ | $17.95 \%$ | $\$ 12,847,537$ |
| $2005 / 2006$ | $16.97 \%$ | $15,415,949$ |
| $2004 / 2005$ | $15.26 \%$ | 0 |
| $2003 / 2004$ | $13.45 \%$ | 0 |
| $2002 / 2003$ | $11.98 \%$ | 0 |
| $2001 / 2002$ | $9.15 \%$ | 0 |
| $2000 / 2001$ | $11.92 \%$ | 0 |
| $1999 / 2000$ | $5.69 \%$ | 0 |
| $1998 / 1999$ | $8.86 \%$ | 0 |
| $1997 / 1998$ | $13.94 \%$ | 0 |
| $1996 / 1997$ | $14.53 \% *$ | 809,350 |

* Includes a 0.3\% COLA contribution made to the School Employees Retirement System Reserve Fund.


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## 1. Funding of Total Formula Annuity (cont'd)

Based on the 2005 actuarial valuation, the total required contribution rate of $17.95 \%$ is above the actual contribution rate of $16.50 \%$. For the current participant group, the present value of the additional funding needed is $\$ 502,474,775$. This amount is referenced as an actuarial liability on the plan's balance sheet.
2. Asset Values

The total assets of the system as of the current and prior valuation date at both market value and actuarial value, and the rate of return during the period is as follows:

|  | July 1, 2004 | July 1, 2005 | Annual Rate <br> of Return |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) Market value | $\$ 4,918,013,255$ | $\$ 5,393,380,574$ | $9.8 \%$ |
| (b) Actuarial value, an adjusted <br> value intended to reduce the <br> effect of market fluctuations <br> (Exhibit 1B) | $\$ 8,118,011,165$ | $\$ 5,335,197,409$ | $4.1 \%$ |

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## 3. Actuarial Liability/ (Reserve)

The actuarial liability of the total Formula Annuity benefits is the excess of the total benefit obligation (present value of future benefits) over the projected financial resources (sum of (i) the actuarial value of assets and (ii) the present value of future member, employer, State contributions and PPSF Appropriations). If the projected financial resources exceed the total benefit obligation, the system has a Reserve. The actuarial position of the system as of the current and prior valuation dates are as follows:

|  |  | July 1, 2004 | J uly 1, 2005 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) Present value of future benefits | \$ | 6,910,423,098 | \$ | 7,295,325,032 |
| (b) Net actuarial value of assets |  | 5,118,011,165 |  | 5,335,197,409 |
| (c) Present value of future member contributions |  | 654,399,210 |  | 680,421,567 |
| (d) Present value of future employer contributions |  | 660,717,547 |  | 686,996,621 |
| (e) Present value of future State contributions |  | 63,183,372 |  | 64,165,155 |
| (f) Present value of future PPSF contributions |  | 29,359,944 |  | 26,069,505 |
| (g) Actuarial Liability/(Reserve) $[(\mathrm{a})-(\mathrm{b})-(\mathrm{c})-(\mathrm{d})-(\mathrm{e})-(\mathrm{f})]$ | \$ | 384,751,860 | \$ | 502,474,775 |

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## 4. Pension Benefit Obligation (PBO)

The Pension Benefit Obligation represents a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits payable in the future, which incorporates the effects of projected salary increases, based on service earned at the valuation date. The measure is intended to provide information regarding the Plan's funded status on an ongoing-concern basis, progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and comparability to other plans.

| Funded Status | J uly 1, 2004 | J uly 1, 2005 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) Pension Benefit Obligation <br> i) retirees, disabled members and beneficiaries receiving benefits and deferred vested members not yet receiving benefits <br> ii) active members <br> iii) total pension benefit obligation <br> (b) Net assets available for benefits (actuarial value) <br> (c) Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation/(Reserve) <br> (d) Funded percentage on actuarial value of assets $[(b) \div$ (a) (iii)] | $\begin{array}{rr} \$ & \begin{array}{r} 2,407,211,965 \\ \text { \$ } \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{r} 3,086,22,102 \end{array} \\ & \begin{array}{r} 5,118,011,165 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr} \$ & \begin{array}{r} 2,525,904,317 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{l} 3,313,128,480 \\ 5,839,032,797 \\ \\ \end{array} & \begin{array}{r} 5,335,197,409 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |

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## 5. Benefit Accrual Cost

The cost of benefits accruing over an active member's working career can be expressed as a level percentage of compensation or a level dollar amount. This cost represents the true cost of accruing benefits since it is not adjusted for any overfunding or underfunding which may exist on the valuation date. It is determined using the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method and is also called the Normal Cost. The level benefit accrual cost determined during the current and prior valuation dates are as follows:

| Formula Annuity Benefit | July 1, 2004 | July 1, 2005 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| (a) Benefit accrual cost amount | $\$ 140,713,706$ | $\$$ |
| (b)Annual compensation before assumed <br> normal retirement age | $\$ 1,2320,060$ |  |
| (c)Benefit accrual cost rate as a level <br> percentage of compensation [(a) $\div$ (b)] | $11.410 \%$ |  |


| Service Annuity Benefit | J uly 1, 2004 | July 1, 2005 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) Annual Actuarial Contribution Amount Allocated to the Service Annuity <br> (i) NPERS members <br> (ii) Omaha members <br> (iii) Total | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { \$ } & 8,297,357 \\ & \underline{564,281} \\ \text { \$ } & 8,861,638 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|lr} \$ & 12,847,537 * \\ & \underline{643,656} \\ \$ & 13,491,193 \end{array}$ |
| (b) Number of active members before assumed retirement age <br> (i) NPERS members <br> (ii) Omaha members <br> (iii) Total | $\begin{array}{r} 36,020 \\ 6,279 \\ \hline 42,299 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35,709 \\ 6,347 \\ \hline 42,056 \end{array}$ |
| (c) Benefit accrual cost per active member as a level dollar amount <br> (i) NPERS members <br> (ii) Omaha members <br> (iii) Total | \$ 67.23 <br> $\$$ 65.22 <br> $\$$ 66.93 | $\$$ 68.46 <br> $\$$ 72.14 <br> $\$$ 69.02 |

*Lesser of NPERS service annuity cost or total additional required State contribution (see page 5).

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## 6. Forecast of Disbursements

A forecast of the annual benefit disbursements expected over the next thirty years is presented in Exhibit 7. This forecast is based on the same actuarial assumptions with respect to salary increases and decrement rates used to determine the funding requirements. The forecast should be a useful guide in discussing the cash-flow needs of the system with investment managers and in projecting the future financing needs of the system.

## 7. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The required contributions developed in this report are estimates of the amounts necessary to provide ongoing benefits to plan members assuming the system is funded in a systematic manner. These estimates are based upon the actuarial method defined under State Statutes to allocate the total cost of the plan to various years and actuarial assumptions regarding the return on investments, salary rates, employee termination rates, mortality rates and other risk factors.

The actuarial method used to determine the actuarial contribution requirement necessary to fund current and future benefits is the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method. A description of this method can be found in Exhibit 9.

The actuarial assumptions represent the expected long-term experience of the system on an explicit basis for each risk area considered. The experience is reviewed periodically. Where necessary, changes are recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Public Employees Retirement Board. Summaries of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in the current valuation are presented in Exhibits 9 and 10, respectively.

## 8. Changes Since the Last Actuarial Valuation

There have been no changes in the actuarial cost method or assumptions since the last valuation as of July 1, 2004. The following is a summary of Plan changes that have been adopted, effective July 1,2005 :

- LB503 Increase member contribution rates to 7.98\% for the first year (September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006) and $7.83 \%$ for the second year (September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007). Contribution rates return to $7.25 \%$ on September 1, 2007. Employer contribution rates continue at $101 \%$ of the member contribution rates.


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## System Assets

| A. | Summary of Assets | Market Value as <br> of J une 30, 2004 | Market Value as <br> of June 30, 2005 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 1. | Cash and Equivalents | $\$$ | $5,986,012$ |
| 2. | Investments | $4,800,250,174$ | $5,312,437,830$ |
| 3. | Capital Assets | $5,825,234$ | $4,756,152$ |
| 4. | Receivables and Prepaids | $115,291,844$ | $83,385,420$ |
| 5. | Accounts Payable | $(9,340,009)$ | $(10,256,976)$ |
| 6. | Net Assets Considered $\mathbf{[ 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 ]}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 4 , 9 1 8 , 0 1 3 , 2 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 5 , 3 9 3 , 3 8 0 , 5 7 4}$ |


| B. Development of Actuarial Value of Assets | Amount |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2004 | \$ | 5,118,011,165 |
| 2. Unrecognized Return as of July 1, 2004 | \$ | $(199,997,910)$ |
| 3. Contributions <br> (a) Member (includes purchased service) <br> (b) Employer <br> (c) State appropriations* <br> (d) Total $[(a)+(b)+(c)]$ | \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 92,702,063 \\ 90,178,025 \\ 14,858,489 \\ \hline 197,738,577 \end{array}$ |
| 4. Benefit Payments (including transfers to Omaha) | \$ | 191,830,379 |
| 5. Expected Return at $8 \%$ on: <br> (a) Item 1 <br> (b) Item 2 <br> (c) Item 3(d) <br> (d) Item 4 <br> (e) Total $[(\mathrm{a})+(\mathrm{b})+(\mathrm{c})-(\mathrm{d})]$ | \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 409,440,894 \\ (15,999,833) \\ 7,757,380 \\ 6,887,346 \\ \hline 394,311,095 \end{array}$ |
| 6. Actual Return on Market Value for 2004/2005 Plan Year, net of expenses | \$ | 469,459,121 |
| 7. Return to be Spread for 2004/2005 Plan Year [6-5(e)] | \$ | 75,148,026 |

* Net of Omaha appropriations.


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## System Assets



## System Assets

| C. Change in Asset Values During 2004/ 2005 | Actuarial Value | Market Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Total asset value as of July 1, 2004 | \$ 5,118,011,165 | \$ 4,918,013,255 |
| 2. Contributions for 2004/2005 |  |  |
| (a) Member contributions paid during the year | \$ 92,702,063 | \$ 92,702,063 |
| (b) Employer contributions paid during the year | 90,178,025 | 90,178,025 |
| (c) State appropriations for the year* | 17,390,485 | 17,390,485 |
| (d) Contributions for 2004/2005 [(a) + (b) + (c)] | \$ 200,270,573 | \$ 200,270,573 |
| 3. Disbursements for 2004/2005 |  |  |
| (a) Benefit payments** | \$ 191,830,379 | \$ 191,830,379 |
| (b) Expenses and fees | 14,858,074 | 14,858,074 |
| (c) Transferred Omaha appropriation | 2,531,996 | 2,531,996 |
| (d) Disbursements for 2004/2005 [(a) + (b) + (c)] | \$ 209,220,449 | \$ 209,220,449 |
| 4. Investment return for 2004/2005 | \$ 226,136,120 | \$ 484,317,195 |
| 5. Total asset value as of July 1,2005 $[1+2(d)-3(c)+4]$ | \$ 5,335,197,409 | \$ 5,393,380,574 |
| 6. Approximate rate of investment return, net of expenses | 4.1\% | 9.8\% |

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## Actuarial Contribution Requi rement

A. Development of Actuarially Required Funding Rate

J uly 1, 2005

1. Actuarial present value of benefits
(a) Active members
(b) Inactive members
(c) Retired members, disabilities and beneficiaries
(d) Total
2. Present Value of Future Normal Costs
\$ 4,769,420,715
326,869,451
2,199,034,866
\$ 7,295,325,032
1,060,667,202
3. Total Actuarial Accrued Liability [1(d) - 2]
4. Net Actuarial Value of Assets
5. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability [3-4]
6. Annual Contribution to Amortize Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability Bases (see page 6)
(a) Amount
(b) Amount as \% of Pay
7. Annual Normal Cost
(a) Amount
(b) Amount as \% of Pay
8. Total Annual Actuarially Required Contribution
(a) Amount [6(a) +7(a)]
(b) Amount as \% of Pay
\$ $\begin{array}{r}228,392,413 \\ 17.95 \%\end{array}$

## Actuarial Contribution Requi rement



* Weighted average employee contribution rate
** $101 \%$ of employee contribution


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## Actuarial Contribution Requi rement



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## Actuarial (Gain)/ Loss

A. Change in Actuarial Accrued Liability

1. Actual Actuarial Accrued Liability as of July 1, 2004
2. Benefits accrued during the 2004/2005 plan year
3. Benefit payments during the 2004/2005 plan year*
4. Interest at 8\%
5. Expected Actuarial Accrued Liability as of

July 1, 2005 [1 + 2-3 + 4]
6. Decremental (Gain)/Loss by Source
(a) Retirement
\$ $(20,522,060)$
(b) Termination
(c) Disability
(d) Pre-retirement mortality
(e) Post-retirement mortality
(f) Salary
(g) New entrants / Rehires
(h) Data changes/miscellaneous
10,313,115
75,157
$(1,234,524)$
4,386,738
$(43,676,358)$
19,304,045
$(19,075,825)$
(i) Total decremental (gain)/loss
7. Change in Actuarial Assumptions
8. Change in Plan Provisions
9. Actual Actuarial Accrued Liability as of July 1, 2005
$[5+6(i)+7+8]$
\$ 6,285,244,576
\$
$(50,429,712)$

0
\$ 5,868,266,970
140,713,706
191,830,379
468,094,279
$(157,034)$
\$ 6,234,657,830

* Net of transfer to Omaha.


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## Actuarial (Gain)/ Loss

| B. Change in Net Actuarial Value of Assets | Amount |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1. Total Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2004 | \$ 5,118,011,165 |
| 2. Contributions |  |
| (a) Member | \$ 92,702,063 |
| (b) Employer | 90,178,025 |
| (c) State appropriation* | 14,858,489 |
| (d) Total | \$ 197,738,577 |
| 3. Benefit Payments* | \$ 191,830,379 |
| 4. Expected Return at $8 \%$ on: <br> (a) Item 1 | \$ 409,440,894 |
| (b) Item 2(d) | 7,757,380 |
| (c) Item 3 | 6,887,346 |
| (d) Total [(a) + (b) - (c)] | \$ 410,310,928 |
| 5. Expected Total Actuarial Value of Assets at June 30, 2005 $[1+2(e)-3+4(d)]$ | \$ 5,534,230,291 |
| 6. Actual Total Actuarial Value of Assets at June 30, 2005 | 5,335,197,409 |
| 7. Actuarial (Gain)/Loss on Asset Sources [5-6] | \$ 199,032,882 |

* Net of transfers to Omaha.


## C. Total Actuarial (Gain)/ Loss for the 2004/ 2005 plan year $[A(6)(j)+B(7)]$

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## Actuarial Balance Sheet

## A. Financial Resources <br> July 1, 2005

1. Total Actuarial Value of Assets
\$ 5,335,197,409
2. Present Value of Future Contributions
(a) Member
\$ 680,421,567
(b) Employer
(c) State
(d) State PPSF Appropriations 686,996,621
64,165,155
26,069,505
(e) Total

1,457,652,848
3. Actuarial Liability/(Reserve)

502,474,775
4. Total Assets $[1+2(e)+3]$
\$ 7,295,325,032
B. Benefit Obligations

July 1, 2005

1. Present Value of Future Benefits
(a) Active members
\$ 4,754,166,524
(b) Inactive members
326,281,845
(c) Retirees, disabilities and beneficiaries
2,199,005,380
(d) Omaha
(i) active
15,254,191
(ii) deferred vested
587,606
(iii) retired
29,486
(e) Total

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## Accounting Information

## A. Pension Benefit Obligation under the Projected Unit Credit Cost Method


B. Change in Pension Benefit Obligation from July 1, 2004 to J uly 1, 2005

| Pension Benefit Obligation at J uly 1, 2004 | \$ 5,493,439,067 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Increase/(Decrease) during Period |  |  |
| Plan Provision Changes | \$ | 0 |
| Assumption Changes |  | 0 |
| Benefits Accumulated |  | 170,597,450 |
| Benefits Paid* |  | $(191,830,379)$ |
| Interest Cost |  | 446,235,576 |
| Plan Experience |  | $(79,408,917)$ |
| Total Change | \$ | 345,593,730 |
| Pension Benefit Obligation at July 1, 2005 | \$ | 5,839,032,797 |

* Excludes transfer to Omaha.

Exhibits 9 and 10 provide a more detailed summary of the underlying actuarial methods and assumptions used in the calculations of the Pension Benefit Obligation. The benefits valued are those in effect on July 1, 2005 and 2004, respectively, as outlined in Exhibit 8. The determination of the Pension Benefit Obligation has been made in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices.

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## Accounting Information

C. Schedule of Contributions from Employers and other Contributing Entities Disclosure Requirements under GASB No. 25

| Plan Year Ending | Annual Required Contributions* |  |  | Percentage Contributed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | School | State | Total |  |
| June 30, 2005 | \$ 90,178,025 | \$ 29,785,886 | \$ 119,963,911 | 90\% |
| June 30, 2004 | 87,310,577 | 14,154,879 | 101,465,456 | 100\% |
| June 30, 2003 | 84,467,330 | 13,119,888 | 97,587,218 | 100\% |
| June 30, 2002 | 80,288,662 | 12,659,281 | 92,947,943 | 100\% |
| June 30, 2001 | 77,062,544 | 12,225,219 | 89,287,763 | 100\% |
| June 30, 2000 | 69,990,565 | 11,948,451 | 81,939,016 | 100\% |

* Includes funding for the Excess Formula Annuity, the Service Annuity, and supplemental funds. Excludes Omaha appropriations.
D. Actuarial Assumptions, Method and Additional Information under GASB No. 25

| Valuation Date | June 30, 2005 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Actuarial Cost Method | Entry Age |
| Amortization Method | Level dollar amount, closed |
| Equivalent Single Amortization Period | 23 years |
| Asset Valuation Method | 5 year smoothed market |
| Actuarial Assumptions: | $8.0 \%$ |
| $\quad$ Investment rate of return* | $4.5 \%-10.5 \%$ |
| Projected salary increases* | $3.5 \%$ |
| *Includes inflation at | $2.5 \%$ with a floor benefit equal to $75 \%$ |
| Cost-of-living adjustment | purchasing power of original benefit |

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## E. Schedule of Funding Progress under GASB No. 25

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actuarial Value of Assets (a) | Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) <br> (b) | Unfunded Accrued Liabilities (UAL) (b-a) | Funded Ratio (a/ b) | Covered Payroll (c) | UAL as a \% of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June 30, 2005 | \$ 5,335,197,409 | \$ 6,234,657,830 | \$ 899,460,421 | 85.6\% | \$ 1,214,227,197 | 74.1\% |
| June 30, 2004 | 5,118,011,165 | 5,868,266,970 | 750,255,805 | 87.2\% | 1,170,601,127 | 64.1\% |
| June 30, 2003 | 4,952,902,870 | 5,464,572,876 | 511,670,006 | 90.6\% | 1,138,776,241 | 44.9\% |
| June 30, 2002 | 4,799,789,893 | 5,055,867,993 | 256,078,100 | 94.9\% | 1,065,515,857 | 24.0\% |
| June 30, 2001 | 1,486,008,665 | 1,704,201,512 | 218,192,847 | 87.2\% | 995,348,331 | 21.9\% |
| June 30, 2000 | 1,348,542,467 | 1,526,061,507 | 177,519,040 | 88.4\% | 933,339,432 | 19.0\% |

The Schedule of Funding Progress prior to June 30, 2002 excluded liabilities and assets for the Excess Formula Annuity benefit because funding for this benefit was based on the Aggregate Actuarial Cost Method. As of June 30, 2002, per LB 407, the cost method was changed to the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method for the total Formula Annuity, and thus, from June 30, 2002 forward, the Schedule of Funding Progress under GASB No. 25 includes total liabilities and assets for the School Retirement System.

## Nebraska Public Employees Reti rement Systems <br> School System

## Summary of Member Data

| A. | Active Members |  | J uly 1, 2004 |  | J uly 1, 2005 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Number of Active Members |  |  |  |  |
|  | (a) Before assumed retirement age |  | 36,020 |  | 35,709 |
|  | (b) Beyond assumed retirement age |  | 333 |  | 333 |
|  | (c) Total |  | 36,353 |  | 36,042 |
| 2. | Annual Considered Compensation* |  |  |  |  |
|  | (a) Before assumed retirement age | \$ | 1,233,275,898 | \$ | 1,272,033,381 |
|  | (b) Beyond assumed retirement age |  | 4,704,097 |  | 5,210,738 |
|  | (c) Total | \$ | 1,237,979,995 | \$ | 1,277,244,119 |
| 3. | Accumulated Contributions | \$ | 1,106,539,348 | \$ | 1,165,823,295 |
| 4. | Active Member Averages |  |  |  |  |
|  | (a) Age |  | 45.6 |  | 46.0 |
|  | (b) Service |  | 11.7 |  | 12.1 |
|  | (c) Compensation | \$ | 34,054 | \$ | 35,438 |
|  | (d) Accumulated Contributions | \$ | 30,439 | \$ | 32,346 |

B. Inactive Members

1. Number of inactive members (including Omaha)
2. Accumulated member contributions
3. Inactive member averages
(a) Age (vesteds only)
(b) Accumulated member contributions

|  | 15,245 |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\$$ | $146,499,077$ |
|  | $\$$ | $158,715,620$ |
|  | 51.0 |  |
|  | 9,610 | $\$$ |

C. Retired Members and Beneficiaries

1. Number of members
(a) System retirees
(b) Omaha retirees
2. Annual benefits - regular
(a) System retirees
(b) Omaha retirees
(c) Total
3. Annual benefits-supplemental
(a) System retirees
(b) Omaha retirees
(c) Total

|  | 12,730 3 |  | 13,049 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 158,736,647 | \$ | 167,473,811 |
|  | 3,319 |  | 3,319 |
| \$ | 158,739,966 | \$ | 167,477,130 |
| \$ | 17,366,965 | \$ | 21,357,442 |
|  | 0 |  | - |
| \$ | 17,366,965 | \$ | 21,357,442 |

*Prior year pay is increased by the salary scale for each member. Total prior year compensation for 2004 and 2005 was $\$ 1,170,601,127$ and $\$ 1,214,227,197$, respectively.

## Summary of Member Data

D. Distribution of Retired Members and Beneficiaries as of July 1, 2005

| Age <br> Range | Number | Annual Benefit | Average Annual <br> Benefit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $59 \&$ Under | 1,026 | $\$$ | $28,006,044$ |
| $60-64$ | 2,111 | $\$ 6,135,271$ | 27,296 |
| $65-69$ | 2,737 | $45,658,609$ | 21,855 |
| $70-74$ | 2,535 | $32,214,444$ | 16,682 |
| $75-79$ | 1,986 | $19,977,922$ | 12,708 |
| $80-84$ | 1,271 | $10,028,421$ | 10,059 |
| $85-89$ | 818 | $4,556,492$ | 7,890 |
| $90 \&$ Over | 565 | $2,254,050$ | 5,570 |
| Total | 13,049 | $\$$ | $188,831,253$ |

Does not include three Omaha retirees.
E. Member Data Reconciliation

|  | Active Members | I nactive Members |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | With Deferred Benefits | Terminated with Balance | Retired Members and Beneficiaries |  |
| As of July 1, 2004 | 36,353 | 5,301 | 9,944 | 12,733 | 64,331 |
| Changes in status |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) Normal \& early retirements | (430) | 0 | 0 | 430 | 0 |
| b) Became payable | 0 | (132) | (3) | 135 | 0 |
| c) Deaths | (27) | (15) | (38) | (340) | (420) |
| d) Nonvested terminations | $(1,593)$ | 0 | 1,593 | 0 | 0 |
| e) Vested terminations | (838) | 838 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| f) Contribution refunds | (848) | (153) | (592) | 0 | $(1,593)$ |
| g) Beneficiaries in receipt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 115 |
| h) Disability retirements | (15) | (5) | (1) | 21 | 0 |
| i) Return to active service | 426 | (151) | (275) | 0 | 0 |
| j) Expired benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | (60) | (60) |
| k) Data corrections | 0 | 0 | (1) | 0 | (1) |
| Total changes in status | $(3,325)$ | 382 | 683 | 301 | $(1,959)$ |
| New entrants |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) Without prior service | 3,010 | 0 | 521 | 1 | 3,532 |
| b) With prior service | 4 | 88 | 5 | 17 | 114 |
| Total new members | 3,014 | 88 | 526 | 18 | 3,646 |
| Net change | (311) | 470 | 1,209 | 319 | 1,687 |
| As of July 1, 2005 | 36,042 | 5,771* | 11,153 | 13,052* | 66,018 |

*Includes 473 Omaha deferred vested members and 3 Omaha retired members eligible for a service annuity benefit.

## Summary of Member Data

G. Age and Service Distribution of Active Members as of July 1, 2005

| Age Last Birthday |  |  | 0-4 |  | 5-9 |  | 10-14 |  | 15-19 |  | 20-24 |  | 25-29 |  | 30-34 |  | Over 34 |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15-19 | Number |  | 38 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 38 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 322,626 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 322,626 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 8,490 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 8,490 |
| 20-24 | Number |  | 883 |  | 5 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 888 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 19,053,102 | \$ | 123,515 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 19,176,617 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 21,578 | \$ | 24,703 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 21,595 |
| 25-29 | Number |  | 2,173 |  | 759 |  | 2 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 2,934 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 64,320,955 | \$ | 28,387,796 | \$ | 56,789 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 92,765,540 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 29,600 | \$ | 37,402 | \$ | 28,395 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 31,617 |
| 30-34 | Number |  | 1,179 |  | 1,705 |  | 445 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 3,329 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 28,640,530 | \$ | 67,108,298 | \$ | 20,248,340 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 115,997,168 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 24,292 | \$ | 39,360 | \$ | 45,502 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 34,844 |
| 35-39 | Number |  | 1,246 |  | 889 |  | 1,145 |  | 440 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 3,721 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 26,180,206 | \$ | 31,745,186 | \$ | 52,312,097 | \$ | 21,272,964 | \$ | 46,559 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 131,557,012 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 21,011 | \$ | 35,709 | \$ | 45,687 | \$ | 48,348 | \$ | 46,559 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 35,355 |
| 40-44 | Number |  | 1,489 |  | 1,078 |  | 702 |  | 981 |  | 477 |  | 5 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 4,732 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 28,441,522 | \$ | 29,736,537 | \$ | 28,639,498 | \$ | 47,660,598 | \$ | 24,195,889 | \$ | 160,343 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 158,834,387 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 19,101 | \$ | 27,585 | \$ | 40,797 | \$ | 48,584 | \$ | 50,725 | \$ | 32,069 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 33,566 |
| 45-49 | Number |  | 1,309 |  | 1,267 |  | 809 |  | 677 |  | 975 |  | 680 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 5,718 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 25,010,761 | \$ | 33,304,181 | \$ | 28,385,074 | \$ | 29,448,645 | \$ | 48,712,818 | \$ | 36,592,148 | \$ | 43,452 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 201,497,079 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 19,107 | \$ | 26,286 | \$ | 35,087 | \$ | 43,499 | \$ | 49,962 | \$ | 53,812 | \$ | 43,452 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 35,239 |
| 50-54 | Number |  | 943 |  | 910 |  | 875 |  | 906 |  | 679 |  | 1,216 |  | 810 |  | 1 |  | 6,340 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 18,703,121 | \$ | 24,287,742 | \$ | 28,874,169 | \$ | 35,837,208 | \$ | 32,384,045 | \$ | 64,972,550 | \$ | 46,004,956 | \$ | 40,721 | \$ | 251,104,512 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 19,834 | \$ | 26,690 | \$ | 32,999 | \$ | 39,555 | \$ | 47,694 | \$ | 53,431 | \$ | 56,796 | \$ | 40,721 | \$ | 39,606 |
| 55-59 | Number |  | 706 |  | 561 |  | 670 |  | 783 |  | 688 |  | 704 |  | 756 |  | 275 |  | 5,143 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 15,314,193 | \$ | 15,692,472 | \$ | 22,359,878 | \$ | 31,481,217 | \$ | 31,233,233 | \$ | 35,794,242 | \$ | 44,179,425 | \$ | 15,698,902 | \$ | 211,753,562 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 21,691 | \$ | 27,972 | \$ | 33,373 | \$ | 40,206 | \$ | 45,397 | \$ | 50,844 | \$ | 58,438 | \$ | 57,087 | \$ | 41,173 |
| 60-64 | Number |  | 398 |  | 300 |  | 286 |  | 375 |  | 305 |  | 254 |  | 112 |  | 181 |  | 2,211 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 7,572,735 | \$ | 6,910,825 | \$ | 8,086,516 | \$ | 12,288,233 | \$ | 12,109,186 | \$ | 10,515,294 | \$ | 6,336,530 | \$ | 10,703,781 | \$ | 74,523,100 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 19,027 | \$ | 23,036 | \$ | 28,275 | \$ | 32,769 | \$ | 39,702 | \$ | 41,399 | \$ | 56,576 | \$ | 59,137 | \$ | 33,706 |
| 65-69 | Number |  | 360 |  | 202 |  | 120 |  | 112 |  | 84 |  | 58 |  | 18 |  | 34 |  | 988 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 4,358,247 | \$ | 3,209,411 | \$ | 2,699,903 | \$ | 2,860,583 | \$ | 2,118,201 | \$ | 1,762,899 | \$ | 824,421 | \$ | 1,878,851 | \$ | 19,712,516 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 12,106 | \$ | 15,888 | \$ | 22,499 | \$ | 25,541 | \$ | 25,217 | \$ | 30,395 | \$ | 45,801 | \$ | 55,260 | \$ | 19,952 |
| TOTAL | Number |  | 10,724 |  | 7,676 |  | 5,054 |  | 4,274 |  | 3,209 |  | 2,917 |  | 1,697 |  | 491 |  | 36,042 |
|  | Total Salary | \$ | 237,917,998 | \$ | 240,505,963 | \$ | 191,662,264 | \$ | 180,849,448 | \$ | 150,799,931 | \$ | 149,797,476 | \$ | 97,388,784 | \$ | 28,322,255 | \$ | 1,277,244,119 |
|  | Average Salary | \$ | 22,186 | \$ | 31,332 | \$ | 37,923 | \$ | 42,314 | \$ | 46,993 | \$ | 51,353 | \$ | 57,389 | \$ | 57,683 | \$ | 35,438 |

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## Forecast of Expected Disbursements

| Plan Year Ending J une 30 | Active Employees | Retired and Disabled Members and Beneficiaries |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2006 | \$ 17,159,550 | \$ | 188,147,143 | \$ 205,306,693 |
| 2007 | 41,633,537 |  | 190,531,806 | 232,165,343 |
| 2008 | 68,615,714 |  | 192,618,704 | 261,234,418 |
| 2009 | 98,393,523 |  | 194,458,344 | 292,851,867 |
| 2010 | 130,452,222 |  | 196,155,953 | 326,608,175 |
| 2011 | 164,842,409 |  | 197,665,107 | 362,507,516 |
| 2012 | 201,420,275 |  | 198,713,052 | 400,133,327 |
| 2013 | 239,332,434 |  | 199,063,173 | 438,395,607 |
| 2014 | 279,174,281 |  | 198,871,906 | 478,046,187 |
| 2015 | 320,221,267 |  | 198,388,310 | 518,609,577 |
| 2016 | \$ 361,520,883 | \$ | 197,581,925 | \$ 559,102,808 |
| 2017 | 402,826,376 |  | 196,282,370 | 599,108,746 |
| 2018 | 444,705,184 |  | 194,477,398 | 639,182,582 |
| 2019 | 487,172,907 |  | 192,184,949 | 679,357,856 |
| 2020 | 529,869,094 |  | 189,401,856 | 719,270,950 |
| 2021 | 572,607,522 |  | 186,302,194 | 758,909,716 |
| 2022 | 616,038,866 |  | 182,879,441 | 798,918,307 |
| 2023 | 659,986,917 |  | 178,947,839 | 838,934,756 |
| 2024 | 703,319,967 |  | 174,483,463 | 877,803,430 |
| 2025 | 746,324,156 |  | 169,425,862 | 915,750,018 |
| 2026 | \$ 788,528,178 | \$ | 163,798,381 | \$ 952,326,559 |
| 2027 | 830,656,323 |  | 157,665,782 | 988,322,105 |
| 2028 | 871,682,223 |  | 151,000,978 | 1,022,683,201 |
| 2029 | 912,350,020 |  | 143,897,849 | 1,056,247,869 |
| 2030 | 954,656,155 |  | 136,355,704 | 1,091,011,859 |
| 2031 | 994,733,397 |  | 128,502,494 | 1,123,235,891 |
| 2032 | 1,034,645,252 |  | 120,317,238 | 1,154,962,490 |
| 2033 | 1,076,232,197 |  | 111,970,632 | 1,188,202,829 |
| 2034 | 1,112,905,995 |  | 103,431,662 | 1,216,337,657 |
| 2035 | 1,145,669,539 |  | 95,107,088 | 1,240,776,627 |

Note: These amounts exclude distributions for vested inactive members eligible to receive future benefit payments. Benefit amounts for these members have not yet been determined.

# Nebraska Public Employees Reti rement Systems <br> SChOol System 

## Summary of PLAN Provisions

Member

Participation Date

## Definitions

Final average earnings

Fiscal year
Member contributions

Monthly pension benefit

Any person employed by a public school 15 or more hours per week shall be a member of the system. Employees at the date of establishment could have elected not to participate, and those covered under another system do not participate.

Date of becoming a member.

The average of the highest three fiscal years after July 1, 1968 of pensionable pay during the period ending on the earlier of the participant's termination date or retirement date. For employees who become a member on or after July 1, 1996, earnings will be capped at the maximum earnings defined in Code 401(a)(17).

Twelve month period ending June 30 .
As of July 1, 2005, members contribute at a rate equal to $7.25 \%$ of pensionable pay. From September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006, members contribute $7.98 \%$ of pay. From September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007, members contribute $7.83 \%$ of pay. Thereafter, members contribute $7.25 \%$ of pay. The School Districts contribute at a rate equal to $101 \%$ of the members' rate. Such contributions are credited with interest in accordance with State Statutes.

The greater of (1) or (2).
(1) Amount: A monthly benefit equal to the sum of:
(a) A savings annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated contributions, and
(b) A service annuity equal to $\$ 3.50$ per year of service.

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(2) Amount: Members employed by a class I, II, III, IV, or VI School District may receive a formula annuity. The formula annuity is a monthly amount equal to the product of $2.00 \%$ of final average earnings times total years of service for those members who are employed on or after July 1, 2001.

To receive this benefit, retirement must occur after meeting the Rule of 85 requirements (minimum age $55)$ or attaining age 65.

Normal Retirement Date (NRD)

Service

Pensionable pay

## Eligibility for Benefits

| Deferred vested | Termination for reasons other than death or disability <br> retirement after completing five years of service. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Disability retirement | Retirement by reason of disability. |
| Early retirement | Retirement before NRD and on or after both attaining age 60 <br> and completing five years of service, or attaining 35 years of <br> service regardless of age, or attaining age 55 and age plus <br> service equals at least 85 (Rule of 85 ). |
| Normal retirement | Retire on NRD. |

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| Postponed retirement | Retire after NRD. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Pre-retirement spouse benefit | Death prior to retire |
| Monthly Benefits Paid Upon the Following Events |  |

Normal retirement Monthly pension benefit determined as of NRD.
Early retirement Monthly pension benefit determined as of early retirement date, reduced by $3 \%$ for each year that commencement of payment precedes age 65 (member must be age 60 with five years of service). Unreduced benefits are available to members who have attained age 55 and whose age plus service is greater than or equal to 85 . Benefits payable upon retirement prior to age 60 (based on the 35 year service rule) are actuarially reduced from age 65 . The service annuity is a life annuity actuarially reduced before age 65 using $8 \%$ interest and the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, 25\% male, 75\% female.

Postponed retirement Monthly pension benefit determined as of actual retirement date.

Termination with deferred vested benefit

Disability retirement

Death with pre-retirement benefits Survivor portion of $100 \%$ Joint and Survivor Annuity paid to spouse assuming retirement by member at death if the member is age 65 or has 20 years of service at death. If the member has met the 5 -year vesting service requirement, has less than 20 years of service and is under age 65, the spouse may choose between the following two options:
(1) a lump sum equal to the member's contributions with interest plus $101 \%$ of the member's contributions with interest, and
(2) an annuity which equals the survivor portion of the $100 \%$ Joint and Survivor value of the member's accrued benefit, payable immediately, reduced for commencement before age 65 and the $100 \%$ joint and survivor form of payment.

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Forms of payment
Pre-retirement death benefits are payable only as described above.

Monthly pension benefits are paid under the form of payment elected by the retiree at retirement. Payment forms include: life annuity, five year certain and life annuity, $100 \%$ joint and survivor annuity (spouse only), 10-year certain and life annuity, 15 -year certain and life annuity, or a modified cash refund annuity. The normal form of payment for the formula annuity is a 5 -year certain and life annuity.

## Funding Arrangement

Pursuant to LB 407 enacted in 2002, the School Retirement Fund is created. Balances existing on June 30, 2002 in the School Employers Deposit Account, the School Employees Savings Account, the Service Annuity Account, the Annuity Reserve Account, and the School Employees Retirement System Reserve Fund (RSRF) shall be combined and transferred into the School Retirement Fund.

There are four funds established in the State Treasury, which receive monies and pay the expenses and benefits of the retirement system, as follows:

1. School Retirement Fund - receives required deposits of the employers, the State, and employees. Upon retirement, the fund pays all savings annuities, service annuities, and formula annuities.
2. Contingent Account - receives all interest, dividends, and miscellaneous income, pays all regular interest allocated to the other accounts or funds, and meets any deficiencies occurring in the other accounts or funds.
3. Expense Fund - pays all expenses connected with the operation and administration of the system, and receives annual contributions to cover anticipated expenses.
4. Retired Teachers Supplementary Benefits Fund - pays certain supplemental benefits.

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## Summary of Plan Provisions

## State Appropriation

LB 700, passed in 1996, established a separate fund to provide for cost-of-living benefit adjustments to members ceasing employment on or after April 10, 1996. The COLA increases are $0.3 \%$ per year, beginning six years after retirement. This benefit is funded by State contributions. Beginning with the $1996 / 1997$ fiscal year, the funding shall be $81.7873 \%$ of $\$ 6,895,000$ or $\$ 5,639,235$ annually, for each year through the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

## Benefits Reflected in Valuation

All benefits were valued, including future cost-of-living increases as provided for by LB 674 and LB 711.

## Plan Provisions Effective after J uly 1, 2005

No future changes in plan provisions were recognized in determining the GASB 25 funded status and in determining the actuarial soundness of statutory contribution levels.

## Changes in Plan Provisions since Prior Year

There has been one change in plan provisions since the July 1, 2004 valuation. The member contribution rate has increased to 7.98\% from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006, and to 7.83\% from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. Member contributions are $7.25 \%$ thereafter. Employer contributions remain at 101\% of member contributions.

# Nebraska Public Employees Reti rement Systems <br> SCHOOL SYstem 

## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Procedures as ofjuly 1, 2005

## A. ACTUARI AL METHODS

1. Calculation of Normal Cost and Actuarial Accrued Liability: The method used to determine the normal cost and actuarial accrued liability was the Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method described below.

## Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method

Projected pension and preretirement spouse's death benefits were determined for all active members under age 70. Cost factors designed to produce annual costs as a constant percentage of each member's expected compensation in each year from the assumed entry age to the assumed retirement age were applied to the projected benefits to determine the normal cost (the portion of the total cost of the plan allocated to the current year under the method). The normal cost is determined by summing intermediate results for active members under age 70 and determining an average normal cost rate which is then related to the total payroll of active members under age 70. The actuarial assumptions shown in Exhibit 10 were used in determining the projected benefits and cost factors. The actuarial accrued liability for active members (the portion of the total cost of the plan allocated to prior years under the method) was determined as the excess of the actuarial present value of projected benefits over the actuarial present value of future normal costs.

The actuarial accrued liability for retired members and their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits, active members age 70 and over, terminated vested members and disabled members not yet receiving benefits was determined as the actuarial present value of the benefits expected to be paid. No future normal costs are payable for these members.

The actuarial accrued liability under this method at any point in time is the theoretical amount of the fund that would have been accumulated had annual contributions equal to the normal cost been made in prior years (it does not represent the liability for benefits accrued to the valuation date). The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is the excess of the actuarial accrued liability over the actuarial value of plan assets measured on the valuation date. The initial unfunded actuarial accrued liability established July 1, 2002 is amortized with a level dollar payment amount over 25 years. At subsequent valuation dates, amortization bases equal to changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability are established and amortized with a level dollar payment over a 25 -year period. If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is $\$ 0$ or less on the valuation date, all previous amortization bases are considered fully amortized.

Under this method, experience gains or losses, i.e., decreases or increases in accrued liabilities attributable to deviations in experience from the actuarial assumptions, adjust the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

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2. Calculation of the Actuarial Value of Assets: The actuarial value of assets is based on a five-year smoothing method and is determined by spreading the effect of each year's investment return in excess of or below the expected return. The Market Value of assets at the valuation date is reduced by the sum of the following:
(i) $80 \%$ of the return to be spread during the first year preceding the valuation date,
(ii) $60 \%$ of the return to be spread during the second year preceding the valuation date,
(iii) $40 \%$ of the return to be spread during the third year preceding the valuation date, and
(iv) $20 \%$ of the return to be spread during the fourth year preceding the valuation date.

The return to be spread is the difference between (1) the actual investment return on Market Value and (2) the expected return on Actuarial Value. The Actuarial Value is determined using the total assets of the System, and is then allocated on a pro-rata basis to each reserve fund and account using Market Value. Effective July 1, 2000, the expected return on Actuarial Value includes interest on the previous year's unrecognized return.
3. Calculation of Pension Benefit Obligation: The method used to determine the Pension Benefit Obligation was the Projected Unit Credit Actuarial Cost Method without service proration. Under this method, the benefit is based on salary projected to assumed termination or retirement and service as of the valuation date.

## Exhibit 9

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## B. VALUATI ON PROCEDURES

No actuarial liability is included for participants who terminated without being vested prior to the valuation date, except those due a refund of contributions.

The compensation amounts used in the projection of benefits and liabilities for active members were prior plan year compensations increased one year with the salary scale. Compensation for new members with under a year of service were annualized by dividing reported salary by the portion of year worked.

In computing accrued benefits, average compensation was determined by applying the salary scale assumption to most recent compensation to construct any missing salary history.

Projected benefits were limited by the dollar limitation required by the Internal Revenue Code Section 415 as it applies to governmental plans and compensation limited by Section 401(a)(17).

There were approximately 505 active participants with missing dates of birth or gender codes. They were assumed to be age 34 (the average entry age for the group as a whole) and gender codes were randomly assigned in the ratio $75 \%$ female/ $25 \%$ male.

Future monthly benefit amounts are not calculated or available for deferred vested members. The benefit liability for deferred vested members was calculated by loading the accumulated member contribution balances for deferred vested members by $97.6 \%$ to estimate the value of deferred benefit payments.

## Summary of Actuarial Assumptions as of July 1, 2005

## ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

1. Investment Return
2. Inflation
3. Salary Increases

8\% per annum, compounded annually, net of expenses.
$3.5 \%$ per annum, compounded annually.
Rates vary by age.
Sample ages are as follows:

| Age | Rate |
| :---: | :---: |
| 20 | $10.30 \%$ |
| 25 | $9.10 \%$ |
| 30 | $8.00 \%$ |
| 35 | $7.10 \%$ |
| 40 | $6.40 \%$ |
| 45 | $5.80 \%$ |
| 50 | $5.30 \%$ |
| 55 | $5.00 \%$ |
| 60 | $4.70 \%$ |
| $65+$ | $4.50 \%$ |

5.5\% per annum, compounded annually.
$3.5 \%$ per annum on the 401(a)(17) compensation limit and the 415 benefit limit

1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, with two year setback.

1971 Group Annuity Mortality Table, without setback.

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c. Mortality rates under the mortality tables are shown below at sample ages:

|  | Mortality Rate |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sample Age | Healthy Members |  | Disabled Members |  |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females |
|  | $.08 \%$ | $.03 \%$ | $.08 \%$ | $.05 \%$ |
| 40 | .09 | .06 | .16 | .09 |
| 50 | .21 | .12 | .53 | .22 |
| 60 | .63 | .34 | 1.31 | .55 |
| 70 | 1.99 | 1.18 | 3.61 | 1.65 |
| 80 | 5.02 | 3.17 | 8.74 | 5.61 |

d. Life expectancies under the mortality tables are shown below at sample ages:

|  | Life Expectancy (Years) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sample Age | Healthy Members |  | Disabled Members |  |
|  | Males | Females | Males | Females |
|  | 51.7 | 56.2 | 45.6 | 51.0 |
| 40 | 42.1 | 46.4 | 36.0 | 41.3 |
| 50 | 32.5 | 36.8 | 26.9 | 31.8 |
| 60 | 23.5 | 27.4 | 18.8 | 23.5 |
| 70 | 15.7 | 18.9 | 11.9 | 15.3 |
| 80 | 9.4 | 11.6 | 7.0 | 8.9 |

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2. Retirement

Rates vary by age and eligibility for benefits. Rates are as follows:

| Retirement Rates When Eligible <br> for Unreduced Benefits |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Age | Male | Female |
|  |  |  |
| 55 | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| 56 | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| 57 | $22 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| 58 | $25 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| 59 | $28 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| 60 | $35 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| 61 | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| 62 | $40 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| 63 | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| 64 | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| 65 | $35 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| 66 | $25 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| 67 | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| 68 | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| 69 | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| 70 | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |


| Retirement Rates When Eligible <br> for Reduced Benefits |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | Male | Female |
|  |  |  |
| 60 | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| 61 | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| 62 | $18 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| 63 | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| 64 | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

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3. Termination
4. Disability

Rates vary by age and service, and are derived by taking the product of the select multiplier and the ultimate rate. Select multipliers are applied by service and ultimate rates are applied by age. Sample rates are as follows:

| Select Multipliers by Service: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Years of | Multiplier |
| Service | 2.00 |
| $1^{\text {st }}$ | 1.50 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ | 1.25 |
| $3^{\text {rd }}$ | 1.00 |
| $4^{\text {th }}$ or more |  |


| Ultimate Rates by Age |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rate |  |
| Age | Male | Female |
| 25 | $11.4 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ |
| 30 | $9.4 \%$ | $11.7 \%$ |
| 35 | $7.5 \%$ | $9.4 \%$ |
| 40 | $5.7 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ |
| 45 | $4.7 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ |
| 50 | $4.5 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |
| 55 | $5.0 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ |
| 60 | $15.5 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ |

Rates vary by age. Sample rates are as follows:

| Age | Rate |
| :---: | :---: |
| 25 | $.00 \%$ |
| 30 | $.00 \%$ |
| 35 | $.06 \%$ |
| 40 | $.06 \%$ |
| 45 | $.12 \%$ |
| 50 | $.18 \%$ |
| 55 | $.27 \%$ |
| 60 | $.36 \%$ |

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## SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTI ONS AS OFJ ULY 1, 2005

## OTHER ASSUMPTI ONS

1. Form of Payment

> Service annuity - Life annuity Formula annuity - Five year certain and life annuity.
2. Marital Status
a. Percent married
b. Spouse's age
3. Administrative Expense Investment return is assumed to be net of expenses.
4. Commencement age for deferred vested benefit
5. Cost of Living Adjustment

Age 62.

Service annuity - none Formula annuity - 2.5\% per annum, compounded annually, and $3.5 \%$ per annum, compounded annually, after reaching 75\% purchasing power floor benefit.

NOTE: There have been no changes in the actuarial assumptions since the last actuarial valuation of the system as of July 1, 2004.

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## Glossary of Terms

Actuarial Accrued Liability

Actuarial Cost Method<br>Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits

Actuarial Valuation

Actuary

Annual Required Contribution
GASB 25 and GASB 27

Normal Cost

Unfunded Actuarial
Accrued Liability
Vested Benefits

Total accumulated cost to fund pension benefits arising from service in all prior years.

Technique used to assign or allocate, in a systematic and consistent manner, the expected cost of a pension plan for a group of participants to the years of service that give rise to that cost.

Amount which, together with future interest, is expected to be sufficient to pay all future benefits.

Study of probable amounts of future pension benefits and the necessary amount of contributions to fund those benefits.

Person who performs mathematical calculations pertaining to pension and insurance benefits based on specific procedures and assumptions.

Disclosure measure of annual pension cost.
Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement numbers 25 and 27 which specify how the Net Pension Obligation and Annual Required Contribution are to be calculated.

That portion of the actuarial present value of benefits assigned to a particular year in respect to an individual participant or the plan as a whole.

The portion of the actuarial accrued liability not offset by plan assets.

Benefits which are unconditionally guaranteed regardless of employment status.


[^0]:    *Includes Omaha appropriation.
    **Includes transfers to Omaha for service annuities.

