



# CITY OF AUSTIN POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

## 2019 Annual Report

*"To serve the APRS membership and protect the retirement benefits  
for the past, present and future members of the System"*

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# INTRODUCTORY SECTION

## Letter to Members

Dear Members,

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Austin Police Retirement System are pleased to present the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

The annual report is intended to provide complete and reliable information regarding the financial performance of the System and measure the responsible stewardship of the System's assets.

The annual report is divided into the following sections:

- The Introductory Section provides basic information about the organization.
- The Financial Section includes an investment overview provided by the System's consultants, the independent auditor's report, Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), basic financial statements, notes to the basic financial statements and required supplemental information.
- The Actuarial Section contains the consulting actuary's Certification Letter and the full actuarial valuation report.
- The Historical Information & Benefits Sections contain highlights of historical benefit changes, a comparative statement of membership over the last two years and the membership benefit guide.

Montemayor Britton Bender PC, the System's independent auditor, issued an unqualified opinion on the System's financial statements. The report indicates that the financial statements are in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board rulings and that the System's financial condition and operations are fairly presented. It is the best report an independent auditor may issue.

The 2019 actuarial valuation was performed by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS). The Actuarial Valuation Report indicates that the funding ratio (assets compared to liabilities) is 58.4 percent, and the funding period to amortize liabilities is Never.

The System's management staff is responsible for maintaining internal controls. These controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the assets are protected and that financial transactions are executed in accordance with Board policy and federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Additionally, the controls provide assurance regarding Management's responsibility to the System and facilitate the timely preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

As always, the Board of Trustees and staff welcome your comments. We appreciate your support and the opportunity to serve you. Trustees and staff are dedicated to maintaining the System's financial strength through diversification of fund assets and sound management of the System.

Sincerely,



Tyler Link, Chairman  
Board of Trustees



Pattie Featherston  
Executive Director



Public Pension Coordinating Council

***Recognition Award for Administration  
2019***

Presented to

***City of Austin Police Retirement System***

In recognition of meeting professional standards for  
plan administration as  
set forth in the Public Pension Standards.

*Presented by the Public Pension Coordinating Council, a confederation of*

National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)  
National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS)  
National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan H. Winkle".

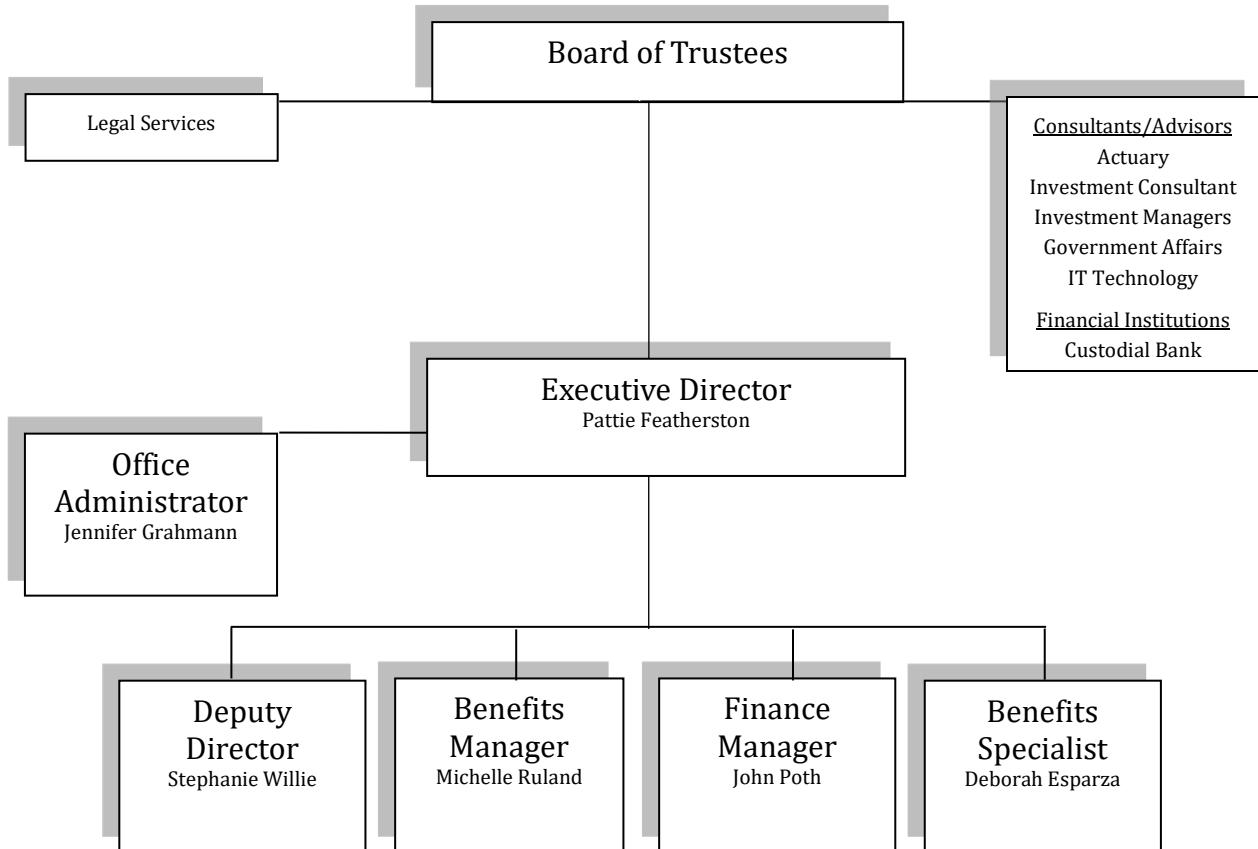
Alan H. Winkle  
Program Administrator

## Board of Trustees

<b>Police Member</b>	Det. Tyler Link, Chair
<b>Retired Police Member</b>	Ret. Sgt. Keith Harrison, Vice Chair
<b>Police Member</b>	Sgt. Scott Askew
<b>Police Member</b>	Sgt. Michael Cowden
<b>Police Member</b>	Sgt. Thomas Hugonnett
<b>Police Member</b>	Cpl. Nicholas Moore
<b>City Member</b>	City Council Member Kathie Tovo
<b>City Member</b>	City Deputy CFO Ed Van Eenoo
<b>City Member</b>	City Treasurer Belinda Weaver
<b>Citizen Member</b>	Mr. Chesley Wood
<b>Retired Police Member</b>	Ret. Lt. Carl Zimmerman

Board composition reflects Trustees as of the date of publication.

## Organizational Chart





## Key Professional Service Providers

### **Custodian Bank**

The Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois

### **Investment Consultant & Performance Evaluator**

AndCo Consulting, Orlando, Florida

### **Actuary**

Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, Dallas, Texas

### **Auditor**

Montemayor Britton Bender PC, Austin, Texas

### **Legal Counsel**

Chuck Campbell, Jackson Walker, L.L.C., Austin, Texas

## Investment Managers

### Domestic Equity

Kennedy Capital Management, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri  
Northern Trust Securities, Inc., Chicago, Illinois  
Nuance Investments, LLC, Kansas City, Missouri  
Robert W Baird & Co. Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### International Equity

Dreihaus International Securities, LLC, Chicago, Illinois  
Lee Munder Capital Group, LLC, Boston, Massachusetts  
Thompson Siegel & Walmsley, LLC, Richmond, Virginia

### Other Equity

Excelsior Investors, LTD, Dallas, Texas  
Franklin Park Associates, LLC, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania  
WR Huff Energy Fund, LP, Morristown, New Jersey  
Sail Capital Partners, LLC, Irvine, California

### U.S./Non-U.S. Fixed Income

Orleans Capital, Mandeville, Louisiana  
Franklin Templeton Global CIT, Miami, Florida

### Other Fixed Income (Private Lending)

Benefit Street Partners, LLC (Providence Debt Fund III), New York, New York  
Capital Point Advisors, LP (Capital Point Partners), Houston, Texas  
CSFC Management Co., LLC (Franchise Equity Capital Partners), New York, New York  
LBC Credit Partners, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### Multi Asset Class

Double Eagle Capital Management, Irving, Texas  
BlackRock, Inc. New York, New York

**Real Estate**

AEW Capital Management, LP., Boston, Massachusetts  
Apollo Global Management (India Property Fund), LLC, New York, New York  
ARES Management, LLC (VEF Advisors), Los Angeles, California  
Avison & Young, LLC (Gainesville Property), Atlanta, Georgia  
Brookfield Asset Management, New York, New York  
Edison Investments, Inc., Wichita, Kansas  
GreenOak Real Estate Advisors, LP, New York, New York  
Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., (Prime Property Fund), New York, New York  
Rocksprings Capital (JM Texas Land Funds), Houston, Texas

**Timber**

BTG Pactual Timberland Group, Atlanta, Georgia  
Timberland Investment Resources (Capital Timberland Investments), Atlanta, Georgia  
Domain Capital Group (Domain Timber Advisors), Atlanta, Georgia

# FINANCIAL SECTION

## Investment Overview

Prepared by: AndCo Consulting, Investment Consultant to the Board

The equity market downturn in the fourth quarter of 2018 set up equities for a dramatic recovery in 2019 amidst an environment of central bank accommodation and easing trade tensions between the United States (U.S.) and China. In 2019, investors saw the current economic expansion become the longest in U.S. history with the strength in employment and consumer spending offsetting business uncertainty around capital spending. For the year U.S. equities gained 31.5% as measured by the S&P 500 while foreign developed markets gained 22.0% and emerging markets equities gained 18%. Much of the fuel for the equity rally came from the halt of interest rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve early in 2019 and were further supported by rate cuts late in the year along with the progress made on trade negotiations. In the environment of falling interest rates the U.S. bond market performed well, gaining 8.7% as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index.

U.S. stocks continued their outperformance in 2019 with large cap growth stocks leading markets higher. Overall, stocks had their best annual return since 2013 and ended the year near all-time highs. The growth leadership in the market came from the technology sector in the U.S. which gained 49.6% for the year and was powered by strong earnings and stock price performance in names like Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, and Facebook. Industrial stocks also performed well, gaining 30.0%, on hopes of renewed global trade after having been hit hard in the fourth quarter sell off of 2018. Gains were truly broad based in the U.S. market with the Energy's 10.6% return the only sector return below 20% for the year. Small caps broadly underperformed large caps for the year as investors tended to bid up the large cap names that will likely benefit from a more stabilized environment for global trade. Within small caps though, technology was again the driving force for performance, up 42.7% with healthcare and industrials both close behind at 29.4% and 29.9% gains, respectively for the year.

Non-U.S. equities saw gains in 2019 but not quite enough to match the strength of performance in the U.S. markets. Developed markets, measured by the MSCI EAFE, gained 22.0% for the year while emerging markets equities, measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, gained 18.4%. The U.S. dollar weakened slightly against foreign currencies to act as a small tailwind to international equity performance for the year. One of the prime reasons for the ongoing outperformance of U.S. equities versus non-U.S. equities lies in the construction of foreign stock indices which tend to have their largest weights in financial services, industrials, and consumer stocks while U.S. benchmarks have the largest weightings in the consumer and technology areas. Over the past five years investors have

seen these sectors lead returns in global markets and this leadership has favored performance for U.S. indices.

The bond market saw increased volatility in the yield curve with the Federal Reserve halting its interest rate increases in the first quarter and then moving to cut rates three times during 2019. Late in the summer the yield curve experienced a short-lived inversion due to concerns over breakdowns in trade negotiations with China. As fears subsided and progress was made, bond investors enjoyed the tailwind of falling interest rates and rising bond prices throughout 2019. Both investment grade corporate bonds and below investment grade bonds delivered substantial returns to investors through 2019.

Amidst the backdrop of strong market returns, The Austin Police Retirement System (APRS) investment portfolio returned 20.9% net (21.23% gross) for the full year of 2019. The portfolio generated a net gain on investment of \$139.3 million which brought the total portfolio value to \$857.8 million at year end.

The Equity allocation, which represents 62.9% of the total fund, was the main driver of portfolio returns as equities gained 29.8% for the year. U.S. equities (47.5% of the total fund) generated a gain of 31.2%, while the international equity allocation (15.4% of the total fund) generated a gain of 20.9%. Active management was additive to portfolio performance within U.S. equities while active managers underperformed within the international equity allocation. The U.S. equity allocation continues to be strongly biased to the use of passive management with passive or index investments representing 58.3% of the U.S. allocation.

The Fixed Income allocation (13.1% of the Fund) posted a return of 3.8% which significantly underperformed the 7.9% return of the broad U.S. bond market for the year. The APRS portfolio's U.S. bond manager and private credit managers generated strong gains and performance for the year, while global bonds generated a small loss of -0.9% to drive the underperformance of fixed income for 2019. Given the low return outlook for fixed income the System's allocation to the asset class remains low.

The Real Estate allocation (12.3% of the Fund) generated a gain of 5.1% provided mostly from its open-end core commingled fund investments. These fund investments are largely tied to the performance of high-quality office, industrial, apartment, and retail assets located in major markets in the U.S. Legacy real estate investments provided mixed results while newer investments in private real estate funds are still early in their life cycles. The Timber allocation (2.4% of the Fund) posted a small gain of 0.1% in 2019 and that portfolio continues to be reduced through property sales. The Private Equity allocation (3.6% of the Fund) gained significantly in 2019 due to the mark up of shale oil related investments.

Hedge Fund/Multi Asset allocation (4.4% of the Fund) gained 13.2% for the year. Multi asset investment gains were driven by dividend paying global equities as well as the strength of global credit markets in 2019.

While 2019 was an excellent year for the portfolio in terms of investment returns, the market in 2020 has experienced a significant market decline due to the impact of COVID-19. Global financial markets sold off significantly in March after setting new equity market highs in February of 2020. Decisive action from global governments to both support markets and control the spread of the virus led to the broad markets recovering the majority of those losses but likely will not prove to be enough to produce outsized returns for the portfolio in 2020.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to investing for the long haul using a well-diversified mix of investments among various asset classes managed by professional money managers who have demonstrated their professionalism over time, with a goal of generating a return that equals or exceeds the actuarial return assumption.



Montemayor Britton Bender PC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees  
City of Austin Police Retirement System

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of City of Austin Police Retirement System (System), which comprise the statements of fiduciary net position as of 31 December 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Plan management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the System's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of the System as of 31 December 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial status for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and supplemental schedules on pages 16–22 and 52–53 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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, and historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Montgomery Britton Bender PC

10 August 2020  
Austin, Texas

## Management Discussion and Analysis

This section of the City of Austin Police Retirement System's (the System) financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the System's financial performance during calendar years 2019 and 2018. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with our financial statements that follow.

### Financial Highlights

- Fiduciary net assets held in trust by the System increased by \$139.3 million in 2019, and decreased by \$51.0 million in 2018. The increase in 2019 was primarily due to positive market and economic indicators increasing net investment income. The decrease in 2018 was primarily due to negative market and economic indicators at year end.
- Contributions increased in 2019 by \$1.35 million and decreased in 2018 by \$1.65 million. The increase in 2019 is primarily due to an increase in membership and service credit purchases. The decrease in 2018 was primarily due to a decrease in service credit purchases.
- The amount of benefits paid to retired members and beneficiaries, including refunds to terminating employees, increased by \$2.34 million in 2019 and increased by \$7.43 million in 2018. The increases in 2019 and 2018 are due to an increase in retirements and refunds.
- The System's rate of return on investments for the year ended December 31, 2019 was 21.23 percent gross of fees and 20.92 percent net of fees, on a time-weighted basis, as compared to -5.95 percent gross of fees and -6.18 percent net of fees for the year ended December 31, 2018.
- The funding objective of the System is to meet long-term benefit obligations through contributions and investment income. As of December 31, 2019, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, the System's funded ratio of actuarial assets as a percentage of actuarial liabilities is 58.4 percent, as compared to 58.1 percent at December 31, 2018.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Systems' financial statements, which are comprised of the following:

- **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position** - presents the Systems' assets and liabilities and the resulting Net Position for pension benefits. This statement reflects a year-end snapshot of the Plan's assets at fair market value, along with cash and short-term investments, receivables and other assets and liabilities.

See independent auditor's report.

- **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position** - provides a view of the current year additions to and deductions from the plan. These two statements report the system's Net Position, the difference between assets and liabilities, which is one way to measure the Systems' financial position.
- **Notes to the Financial Statements** - provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

Collectively, this information presents the Fiduciary Net Position as of the end of each of the last three years, and summarizes the changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the year.

**Summary of Fiduciary Net Position  
December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Receivables	\$2,291,153	\$2,022,287	\$1,363,953
Investments <sup>1</sup>	855,587,670	716,410,042	771,506,987
Fixed assets, net	743,538	660,211	726,034
Other <sup>2</sup>	2,363,604	2,305,996	7,665
Total assets	\$860,985,965	\$721,398,536	\$773,604,639
 <u>Liabilities</u>			
Total Liabilities	3,146,736	2,878,895	4,129,896
Fiduciary net position for pension benefits	\$857,839,229	\$718,519,641	\$769,474,743

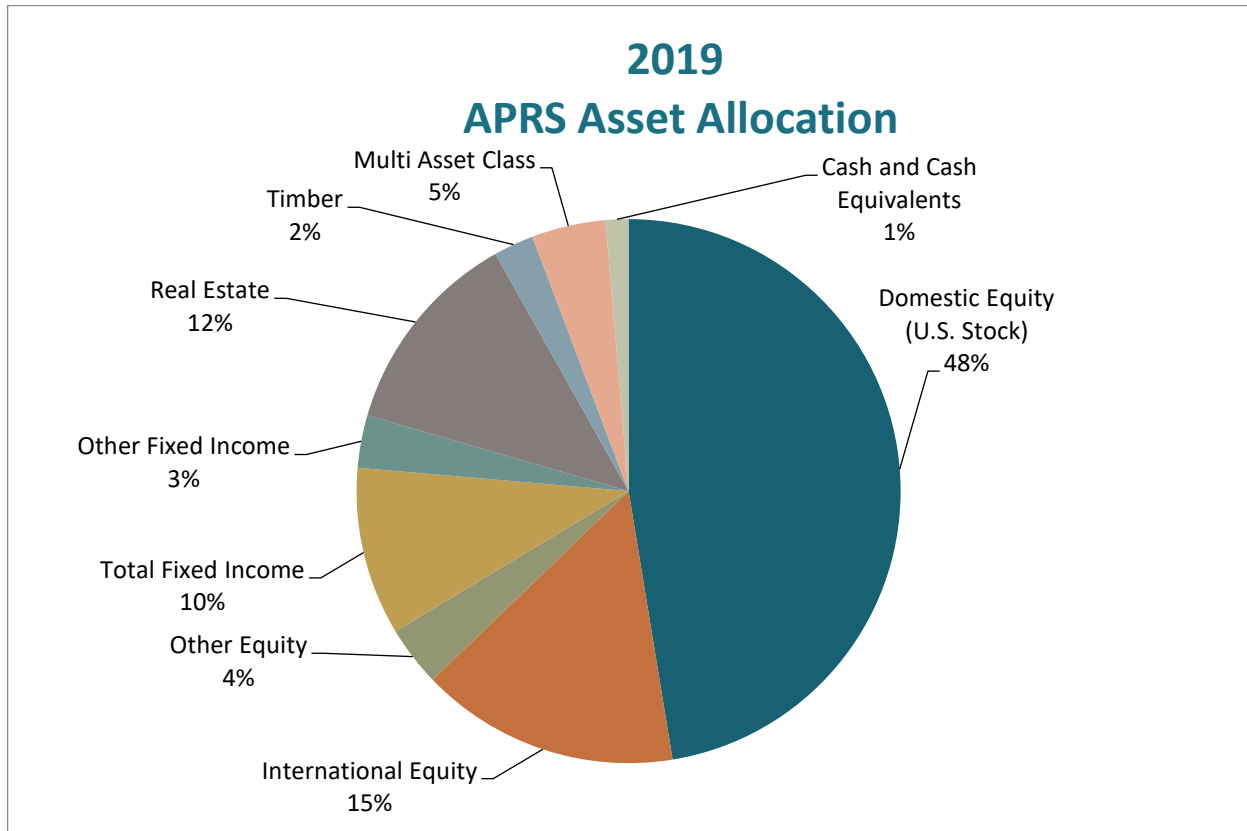
<sup>1</sup> Assets at custodian bank

<sup>2</sup> Includes cash assets in local operating banks

The total Fiduciary Net Position increased by \$139.3 million, or 19.4 percent, to \$857.8 million at the end of 2019, compared to \$718.5 million at the end of 2018 which was a decrease of \$51.0 million, or 7.1 percent from the prior year. The increase of \$139.3 million in 2019 is primarily the result of stronger economic growth indicators, and stronger labor market at the end of 2019.

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Below is a chart of the System's asset allocation percentages for the year ending December 31, 2019:

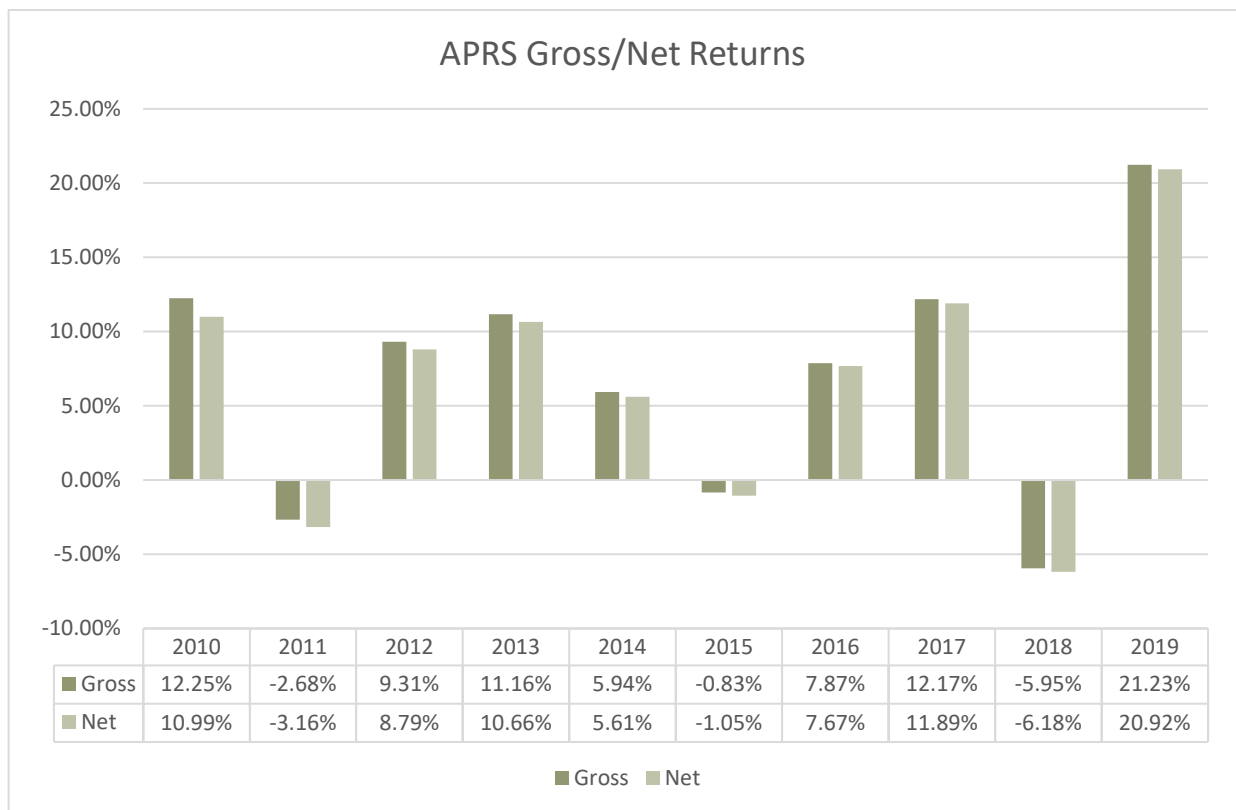


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**Investment Returns and Assumptions.** The Systems’ rate of return in 2019 is 20.92 percent net of expenses. The following chart exhibits the short- and long-term gains and losses.

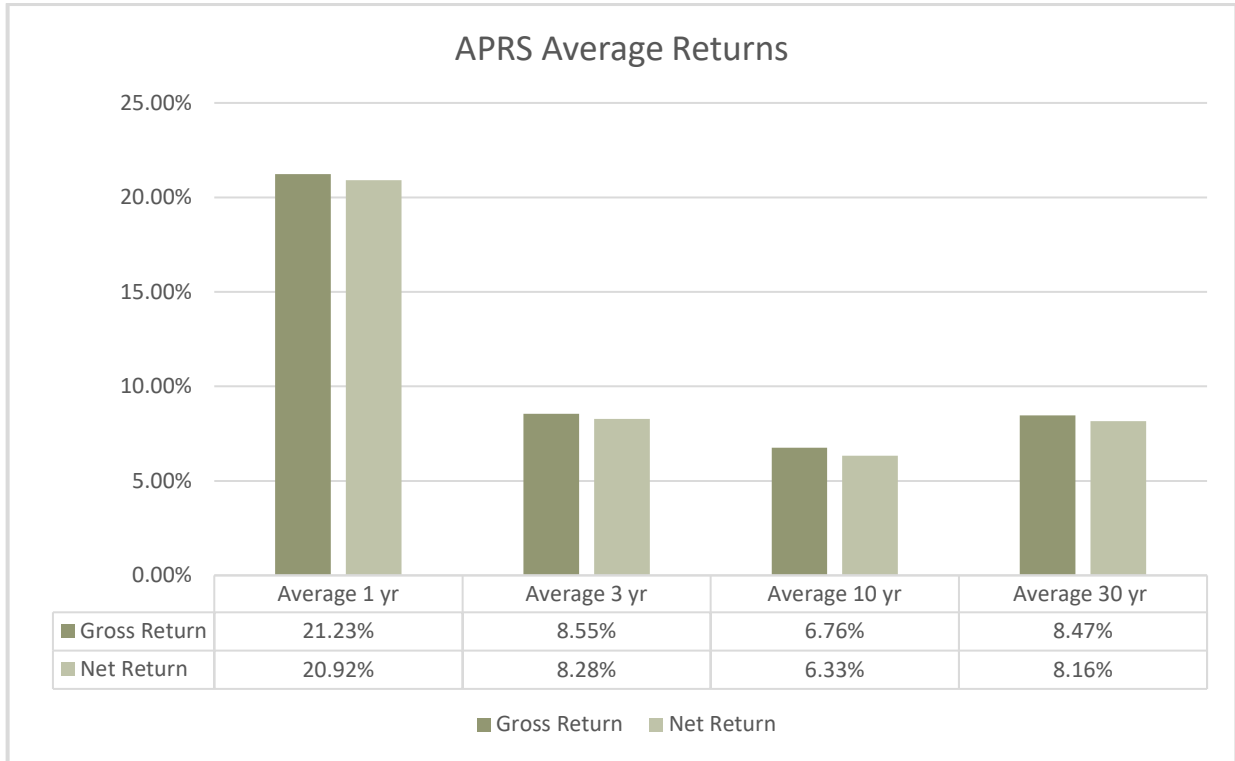
Note: Historical returns for 2000-2015 have been adjusted from previous annual reports to align with the calculations of the current investment consultant using time-weighted annualized returns.

## 10 Fiscal Year Returns



See independent auditor’s report.

**Annualized Rolling Gross & Net Investment Returns**



See independent auditor's report.

## Summary of Changes in Fiduciary Net Positions

### Years Ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017

**Additions.** Funds to pay benefits are accumulated through contributions and returns on invested funds.

<b><u>Additions</u></b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Contributions <sup>1</sup>	\$59,196,462	\$57,847,631	\$59,493,168
Investment income	149,824,566	(41,734,039)	83,133,910
Investment expense	(1,881,591)	(1,832,986)	(1,819,122)
Net investment income	147,942,975	(43,567,025)	81,914,788
Other income	219,732	168,308	157,214
Total additions	\$207,359,169	\$14,448,914	\$141,565,170
<b><u>Deductions</u></b>			
Benefit payments & contributions refunded <sup>2</sup>	\$66,319,031	\$63,982,824	\$56,548,004
General and administrative expenses	1,720,550	1,421,192	1,562,685
Total deductions	\$68,039,581	\$65,404,016	\$58,110,689
Net increase/decrease	\$139,319,588	\$(50,955,102)	\$83,454,481
Fiduciary Net position beginning of year	\$718,519,641	\$769,474,743	\$686,020,262
Fiduciary Net position end of year	\$857,839,229	\$718,519,641	\$769,474,743

<sup>1</sup> Includes COA Contributions, Member Contributions, Contributions Applied to Death Benefit Fund, Contributions Applied to Proportional Retirement, Service Credit Purchases and APRS & Staff Contributions

<sup>2</sup> Includes Retirement Annuities, PROP, DROP, Death Benefit and Refund payments

Member and City of Austin contributions for 2019 and 2018 totaled \$59.2 million and \$57.8 million, respectively. The 2019 contributions represent an increase of \$1.4 million, or 2.3 percent, above 2018. The 2018 contributions represent a decrease of \$1.7 million, or 2.8 percent, below 2017. The 2017 contributions represent an increase of \$3.4 million, or 6.0 percent, above 2016.

The total rate of return for the System's investment portfolio in 2019 (net of investment expenses) was 20.92 percent as compared to -6.18 percent for 2018 on a time-weighted basis.

See independent auditor's report.

**Deductions.** The expenses paid by the System encompass benefit payments and administrative costs. Benefit payments, comprising the vast majority of the System's expenses, include payments to retirees, beneficiaries and alternate payees, as well as refunds of member contributions. Administrative expenses support the direct operations of the System, and include employee salaries and benefits, rent, utilities, and office expenses.

In 2019, benefits paid to retirees, beneficiaries and alternate payees plus contribution refunds to terminating members were \$66.3 million, an increase of \$2.3 million over the \$63.9 million paid in 2018. The total number of retirees, beneficiaries and alternate payees increased to 950 in 2019 compared to 906 in 2018.

Refunds to terminating employees in 2019 decreased by 65 percent to \$1.05 million compared to \$3.02 million in 2018. General and administrative expenses increased to 1.72 million in 2019 up from \$1.42 million in 2018. The increase is primarily for legal expenses related to contracting with new investment managers, and a change in the office rent expense calculation.

The System's directly billed investment manager fees were \$1.88 million in 2019, and have remained approximately the same since 2017.

**Overall Analysis.** As of December 31, 2019, the System's Fiduciary Net Position increased by \$139.3 million from the prior year. Over the three-year period ending December 31, 2019 the System's Fiduciary Net Position has increased by \$88.4 million.

**Request for Information.** This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances of the City of Austin Police Retirement System for all parties with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Executive Director, City of Austin Police Retirement System, 2520 South IH-35 Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78704.



## Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

December 31, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS <sup>1</sup>	2019	2018
Investments, at fair value:		
Domestic Equity (U.S. Stock)	\$406,776,063	\$331,901,591
International Equity	132,025,395	100,707,860
Other Equity	30,737,953	14,873,133
U.S./Non-U.S. Fixed Income	85,687,474	81,895,563
Other Fixed Income (Private Lending)	26,832,618	30,654,229
Real Estate	106,036,511	70,397,549
Timber	20,454,830	20,973,997
Multi Asset Class	37,782,947	62,306,919
Cash & Cash Equivalents <sup>2</sup>	11,617,483	5,005,197
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>857,951,274</b>	<b>718,716,038</b>
Interest and dividends receivable	710,242	599,058
City of Austin retirement contributions receivable	961,941	865,913
City of Austin death benefit contributions receivable	5,597	5,127
Member contributions receivable	598,952	539,212
Proportionate retirement program contributions receivable	14,421	12,977
Fixed assets, net	743,538	660,211
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>860,985,965</b>	<b>721,398,536</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Less Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,146,736	2,878,895
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,146,736</b>	<b>2,878,895</b>
<b>FIDUCIARY NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$857,839,229</b>	<b>\$718,519,641</b>

<sup>1</sup> Assets at custodial bank

<sup>2</sup> Includes cash assets at local operating banks

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement presentation.

## Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

December 31, 2019 and 2018

<b>ADDITIONS TO PLAN NET POSITION:</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Contributions:</b>		
City of Austin Retirement Contributions	\$35,155,347	\$34,399,844
City of Austin Contributions applied to the Death Benefit Fund	206,333	228,017
City of Austin Contributions applied to Proportional Ret. Prog.	527,583	512,692
Member (Police) Contributions	21,878,335	21,398,236
Service Credit Purchases	1,261,530	1,141,907
APRS Employer Contributions	103,937	103,689
APRS Employee Contributions	63,397	63,246
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>59,196,462</b>	<b>57,847,631</b>
<b>Investment income:</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments	135,342,455	(52,537,911)
Interest and dividends	14,482,112	10,803,872
Rental and other income	219,732	168,308
<b>Total investment gain (loss) before expenses</b>	<b>150,044,299</b>	<b>(41,565,731)</b>
<b>Investment expenses:</b>	<b>(1,881,591)</b>	<b>(1,832,986)</b>
<b>Net gain (loss) from investments</b>	<b>148,162,708</b>	<b>(43,398,717)</b>
<b>Total additions (deletions) to Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>207,359,170</b>	<b>14,448,914</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM FIDUCIARY NET POSITION:</b>		
Retirement benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	65,155,555	60,885,286
Death benefit payments	115,616	82,500
Contributions refunded to terminating employees	1,047,860	3,015,038
General and administrative expenses	1,720,551	1,421,192
<b>Total deductions from Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>68,039,582</b>	<b>65,404,016</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION</b>	<b>139,319,588</b>	<b>(50,955,102)</b>
<b>Beginning fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>718,519,641</b>	<b>769,474,743</b>
<b>ENDING FIDUCIARY NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$857,839,229</b>	<b>\$718,519,641</b>

<sup>1</sup> Retirement Annuities, PROP and DROP

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement presentation.

## Notes to Financial Statements

### Note 1: Organization and System Description

The Board of Trustees (Board) of the City of Austin Police Retirement System (System) is the administrator of a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System is considered part of the City of Austin's (City) financial reporting entity and is included in the City's financial reports as a pension trust fund.

The System was originally established in 1979 by a City Council ordinance. However, in 1991, the System became governed by state law. The System provides retirement, death, disability and withdrawal benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. Benefits vest after 10 years of credited service. Participants may retire at 23 years of service excluding any purchased military service credit regardless of age, or at age 55 with 20 years of service excluding any purchased military service or at age 62. In 2009, the System and the City began participating in the Texas Proportionate Retirement Program (PRP). Service in other participating public employment retirement systems can be combined with service in the System to satisfy the System's eligibility requirements. Other participating systems include the Texas statewide systems, the City of Austin Employees' Retirement System, and the systems for the City of El Paso employees.

The monthly benefit is equal to 3.2 percent of the highest 36-month average salary multiplied by years and months of service.

The Retroactive Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Retro DROP) provisions require that a participant must have 23 years of creditable service with the retirement system excluding any purchased military service credit on the date the participant elects the Retro DROP benefit computation date. As of Board action on February 18, 2015, the Retro DROP option is open only to members with 23 years of creditable service as of March 31, 2015. Further, the Retro DROP provisions may be changed in the future by Board rule with approval of the System's actuary.

**Note 1: Organization and System Description**

The Forward Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Forward DROP) provisions require that a participant must have 23 years of creditable service with the retirement system excluding any purchased military service credit on the date the participant elects to enter the Forward DROP. There are two Forward DROP plans: (1) the Five-Year Forward DROP which is only open to members with 23 years of creditable service as of February 17, 2016; and (2) the Seven-Year Forward DROP which is open to members with 23 years of credible service after February 17, 2016. Forward DROP provisions may be changed in the future by Board rule with approval by the System's actuary.

The Post Retirement Option Plan (PROP) is a program allowing retiring members to transfer a DROP lump sum amount or defer a portion of the monthly annuity payments to an interest-bearing PROP account. Interest will be paid on the participant's PROP account until the entire lump sum is distributed. Interest is payable on PROP accounts at a rate determined annually by the Board.

Members with 20 years of creditable service (including Proportionate Retirement) may purchase Permissive Service credit (PSC) up to a maximum of five years in order to become retirement eligible and/or increase the final benefit amount. The purchase constitutes an immediate retirement. In addition, PSC deferred retirement is an option allowing a member with at least 20 years of creditable service to purchase service credit necessary to become eligible to retire at a more reasonable cost due to a delay in payment of the retirement benefit.

A \$10,000 post-retirement lump sum death benefit is payable from a separate Retiree Death Benefit Fund administered by the System. As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, the assets of the Retiree Death Benefit Fund were \$1,520,391 and \$1,399,568, respectively, which are included in the System's total market value of Net Assets Held in Trust available for Pension Benefits of \$857,839,229 and \$718,519,641, respectively.

**Note 1: Organization and System Description**

Distributions to members or their beneficiaries are also available in the event of total and permanent disability, provided the member has completed 10 years of service or the injury was sustained during the performance of employment duties, or upon death. The terms of benefit payments are determined by certain elections made by the member, their level of earnings and length of service. Payments to members or their beneficiaries may be increased annually on an ad hoc basis, limited to 6 percent per year, and subject to the approval of the Board and the actuary.

System membership consists of full-time police officers, including cadets, employed by the police department of the City and employees of the System. The following membership status of the System was reflected in the actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019 and 2018:

	<u>2019</u>
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	<b>1,062</b>
(950) and terminated employees entitled to future monthly benefits (112)	
Current participating members	<u>1,872</u>
<b>2019 Total</b>	<b><u>2,934</u></b>
	<u>2018</u>
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	1,017
(906) and terminated employees entitled to future monthly benefits (111)	
Current participating members	<u>1,892</u>
<b>2018 Total</b>	<b><u>2,909</u></b>

## **Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting under which expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred. Revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable.

Investment purchases and sales are recorded as of their settlement date. Contributions are recognized as revenues in the period in which the related employees' payroll is earned. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

The final biweekly payroll contributions of employees for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the City's related contributions were not deposited in the System by year end and are shown as contributions receivable in both years.

### **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 assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions to net position held in trust available for pensions benefit during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **METHOD USED TO VALUE INVESTMENTS**

The System's investments are reported at fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. The System's real estate investments are appraised periodically and the System receives audited financial statements from the real estate investment managers, which are used to estimate fair value. For other types of investments, the System uses financial statements submitted by investment managers, reviewed for alignment with values held by the external investment consultant and custodial bank.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Investment income is recognized in the period earned, and purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a settlement-date basis.

**SYSTEM EXPENSES**

All System administrative costs are the responsibility of the System.

**SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure through the date of the Independent Auditor's Report, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 3: Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful life of 30 years for the building and five to seven years for furniture and equipment. Fixed asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 consisted of:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>Additions</b>		<b>Deletions</b>		<b>Ending Balance</b>
Assets not being depreciated:							
Land	\$ 150,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	150,000
Assets being depreciated:							
Building and improvements	1,213,715		180,285				1,394,000
Furniture and equipment	507,416		9,958				517,374
Leasehold improvements	125,713						125,713
Accumulated depreciation:	(1,336,633)		(106,916)				(1,443,549)
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 660,211</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>83,327</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>743,538</b>

**Note 4: Federal Income Taxes**

The System is a public employee retirement system and is exempt from federal income taxes. Favorable determination letters from the Internal Revenue Service were issued in September 1996, April 2007, July 2009, and August 2014.

**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk**

The System is authorized as an independent, defined benefit retirement plan in Article 6243n-1, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes, which was signed into law on June 11, 1991. The Board is the trustee of System funds and has the power to invest and reinvest such funds in instruments or investments the Board considers prudent in accordance with the System's investment policy and state and federal law.

The Board has adopted an Investment Policy Statement (IPS) to set forth the factors involved in the management of investment assets for the System and the IPS is included with every investment manager's agreement. The fair values of the System's investments at December 31, 2019 and 2018 are presented, by type, as follows:

**Total Investments by Asset**

<b>Class<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Domestic Equity (U.S. Equity)	\$406,776,063	\$331,901,591
International Equity	132,025,395	100,707,860
Other Equity	30,737,953	14,873,133
U.S./Non-U.S. Fixed Income	85,687,474	81,895,563
Other Fixed Income (Private Lending)	26,832,618	30,654,229
Real Estate	106,036,511	70,397,549
Timber	20,454,830	20,973,997
Multi Asset Class	37,782,947	62,306,919
Cash & Cash Equivalents <sup>2</sup>	11,617,483	5,005,197
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$857,951,274</b>	<b>\$718,716,038</b>

<sup>1</sup> Assets at custodial bank

<sup>2</sup> Includes cash assets at local operating banks



**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk****CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the System will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the System and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the System's name. As of December 31, 2019, and 2018, the System's investment securities are not exposed to custodial credit risk because all securities are held by the System's custodial bank in the System's name.

**CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the System's investment in a single issuer. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools and other pooled investments are excluded from this requirement. As of December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, there is no security issued by a single issuer that holds more than 5 percent of the System's fund.

The Board and Investment Policy Statement (IPS) adopts the philosophy that the most effective risk control procedure is to adequately diversify the investments of the Fund among different asset classes with differing risk profiles. Diversification is achieved through providing a wide variety of investment classes in which to invest the System's Funds.

**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk**

As of December 31, 2019, the System had the following investment asset allocations:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Allowable Range</b>
Domestic Equity (U.S. Equity)	42.5%	30%-50%
International Equity	15.0%	5%-25%
Other Equity	7.5%	0%-10%
U.S./Non-U.S. Fixed Income	10.0%	5%-30%
Other Fixed Income (Private Lending)	5.0%	0%-10%
Real Estate	15.0%	0%-30%
Timber	0.0%	0%-5%
Multi Asset Class	5.0%	0%-10%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.0%	0%-5%

The Board has adopted an Investment Policy Statement (IPS) with a general investment objective to obtain a total rate of return commensurate with the Prudent Investor Rule and any other applicable statutes. Reasonable consistency of return and protection of assets against the inroads of inflation is paramount. Performance results will be compared over the long-term in the context of five years or more given interest rate fluctuations and volatility of securities markets.

The Board will employ investment professionals to oversee and invest the assets within the parameters allowed by the IPS and the agreements. The investment managers will have investment discretion over their mandates, including security selection, sector weightings and investment style, subject to certain constraints of the IPS.

In conjunction with these goals and guidelines are responsibilities of the investment committee, third party consultants, custodians and money managers. The IPS also outlines the review and control procedures that the Board will monitor for compliance.

**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk**

**INTEREST RATE RISK**

Interest rate risk is the risk that measures whether changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The System does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

As of December 31, 2019, the System had the following investments:

<b>Investment Type<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Less Than 1 Year</b>	<b>1 to 6 Years</b>	<b>6 to 10 Years</b>	<b>Over 10 Years</b>
Bonds	\$45,544,413	\$1,010,718	\$8,750,978	\$10,963,988	\$24,818,729

As of December 31, 2018, the System had the following investments:

<b>Investment Type<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Less Than 1 Year</b>	<b>1 to 6 Years</b>	<b>6 to 10 Years</b>	<b>Over 10 Years</b>
Bonds	\$40,791,457	\$997,146	\$11,276,412	\$5,715,859	\$22,802,040

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2019 & 2018 GASB 40 Reports

**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk****CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk is the risk associated with an issuer or other counterparty to an investment that does not fulfill its obligations to the System. While the System has no formal investment policy regarding credit quality rating guidelines, the IPS allows investment managers full discretion in adopting investment strategies to deal with these risks and the portfolios are monitored quarterly by the investment committee.

The quality ratings of investments in fixed income securities as described by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations at December 31, 2019, are as follows:

Quality Rating <sup>1</sup>	Total Fair Value	International Securities	Corporate Bonds	Government Bonds
Aaa / AAA	\$1,048,660			1,048,660
Aa1 / AA+	\$1,055,211		1,055,211	
Aa2 / AA				
Aa3 / AA-	\$2,125,877		2,125,877	
A1 / A+	\$1,333,463		1,333,463	
A2 / A	\$3,175,289		3,175,289	
A3 / A-	\$10,763,309		10,763,309	
Baa1 / BBB+	\$3,823,931		3,823,931	
Baa2 / BBB	\$4,248,809		4,248,809	
Baa3 / BBB-				
Ba1 / BB+				
Ba2 / BB				
Ba3 / BB-				
B1 / B+				
B2 / B				
B3 / B-				
Caa / CCC				
Ca / CC				
C and below				
Not Rated	\$93,715,483	683,894	37,243,852	55,787,737
U.S. Gov't Guaranteed	\$17,969,866			17,969,866
Cash & Equivalent				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$139,259,898</b>	<b>\$683,894</b>	<b>\$63,769,741</b>	<b>\$74,806,263</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2019 GASB 40 Report

**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk**

The quality ratings of investments in fixed income securities as described by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations at December 31, 2018, are as follows:

Quality Rating <sup>1</sup>	Total Fair Value	International Securities	Corporate Bonds	Government Bonds
Aaa / AAA				
Aa1 / AA+	\$965,079		\$965,079	
Aa2 / AA				
Aa3 / AA-	2,288,413		2,288,413	
A1 / A+				
A2 / A	3,880,110		3,880,110	
A3 / A-	6,655,209		6,655,209	
Baa1 / BBB+	1,799,543		1,799,543	
Baa2 / BBB	7,363,793		7,363,793	
Baa3 / BBB-				
Ba1 / BB+				
Ba2 / BB				
Ba3 / BB-				
B1 / B+				
B2 / B				
B3 / B-				
Caa / CCC				
Ca / CC				
C and below				
Not Rated	100,739,389	\$100,739,389		
U.S. Gov't Guaranteed	17,839,310			\$17,839,310
Cash & Equivalent	9,230,206	9,230,206		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,761,052</b>	<b>\$109,969,595</b>	<b>\$22,952,147</b>	<b>\$17,839,310</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2018 GASB 40 Report

**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk****FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that occurs when changes in exchange rates adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. Although the System does not have a formal investment policy governing foreign currency risk, the System does manage its exposure to fair value loss by requiring international investment managers to maintain diversified portfolios to limit foreign currency risk.

The System holds investments in ADRs (American Depository Receipts) which are not included in the schedule below since they are denominated in U.S. dollars and accounted for at fair market value.

The System's exposure to foreign currency risk as of December 31, 2019, is as follows:

**2019 Foreign Currency Risk<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Non-Securities<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>International Equities</b>	<b>Other<sup>3</sup></b>
Belgium, Euro			1,017,502
Canada, Dollar		62,637	
France, Euro		1,122,191	
Germany, Euro		993,311	
India, Rupee		267,577	
Ireland, Euro		1,483,761	
Israel, Shekel		202,128	
Netherlands, Euro		189,449	
Sweden, Krona		490,275	
Switzerland, Franc		283,395	
Taiwan, Dollar		281,542	
United Kingdom, Pound	-	2,386,916	-
	\$	\$7,763,182	\$1,017,502

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2019 GASB 40 Report

<sup>2</sup> Represents cash and cash-equivalents, and adjustments to cash

<sup>3</sup> Represents fixed income, hedge funds, real estate, venture capital, and other assets

**Note 5: Deposit and Investment Risk**

The System's exposure to foreign currency risk as of December 31, 2018, is as follows:

**2018 Foreign Currency Risk<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Non-Securities<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>International Equities</b>	<b>Other<sup>3</sup></b>
Belgium, Euro			951,784
France, Euro		95,770	
Ireland, Euro		931,280	
India, Rupee		157,489	
Israel, Shekel		1,894,658	
Taiwan, Dollar		236,183	
United Kingdom, Pound		31,643	
	\$	\$	\$
		3,347,023	951,784

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2019 GASB 40 Report

<sup>2</sup> Represents cash and cash-equivalents, and adjustments to cash

<sup>3</sup> Represents fixed income, hedge funds, real estate, venture capital, and other assets

## **Note 6: Fair Market Measurement**

In accordance with GASB 72, the System categorizes the fair measurement of its investments within a fair value hierarchy as established by generally accepted accounting principles. Fair value measurements are classified as Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3, based on inputs utilized to establish fair values:

Level-1 inputs are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that an entity can access at the measurement date.

Level-2 inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) are observable for similar assets or liabilities.

Level-3 inputs are developed by the reporting entity based on unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

The categorization of investments described below is based solely on the objectivity of the inputs used, to reflect relative reliability in the measurement of an investment's fair value, and does not reflect the level of risk associated with the investment.



**Note 6: Fair Value Measurement**

APRS investments have the following fair value measurements as of December 31, 2019.

2019 GASB 72 Fair Value Measurement				
Investments by fair value level <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Short-Term Securities</b>				
Cash - STIF Account			11,617,483	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,617,483</b>		<b>\$11,617,483</b>	
<b>Debt Securities (2)</b>				
Debt Securities			48,046,860	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,046,860</b>		<b>\$48,046,860</b>	
<b>Equity Securities</b>				
U.S. Denominated Equities		169,677,778		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$169,677,778</b>	<b>\$169,677,778</b>		
<b>Pooled Funds</b>				
Domestic equity collective trust		237,098,285		
International equity collective trust		85,734,642		
Global bond collective trust			37,640,614	
Emerging markets collective trust		21,263,426		
International equity mutual fund		25,027,327		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$406,764,294</b>	<b>\$369,123,680</b>	<b>\$37,640,614</b>	
<b>Total investments by fair value level</b>	<b>\$636,106,415</b>	<b>\$538,801,458</b>	<b>\$97,304,957</b>	
<b>Investments Measured at Level 3</b>				
Timber				20,454,830
Real Estate				106,036,511
Other Fixed Income (Private Lending)				26,832,618
Other Equity (Private Equity)				30,737,953
Multi Asset Class				37,782,947
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$221,844,859</b>			<b>\$221,844,859</b>
<b>Total investments measured at fair value</b>	<b>\$857,951,274</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Source: Northern Trust Bank (Book of Record)

<sup>2</sup> Includes: Commercial mortgage-backed securities, Corporate Bonds, Government mortgage-backed securities, Government agencies and Government Bonds. All held by one manager.

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		Liquidity	Notice
a) BTG Pactual I	Actively managed diversified timber holdings located in the USA. The investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
b) Capital Timberland Investments	Actively managed diversified timber holdings located in Texas, USA.	Illiquid	N/A
c) Domain Environmental (formerly Timbervest)	Actively managed real estate portfolio of environmental preservation and restoration projects located in the USA. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
d) RockSpring Funds	Actively manage portfolio of real estate investments located in Texas, USA.	Illiquid	N/A
e) GreenOak US III	Actively manage value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
f) ARES (VEF Advisors Funds)	Actively manage value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
g) Brookfield Real Estate Fund	Actively manage value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
h) Edison Investments (Jayhawk)	Actively managed opportunistic and value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA. The investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
i) India Property Fund (Apollo)	Actively managed opportunistic and value-added real estate portfolio of equity real estate investments located in India. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
j) Gainesville Property (formerly Vision Capital)	Actively managed portfolio of real estate property located in the Georgia, USA.	Illiquid	N/A
k) AEW Partners	Actively managed portfolio of real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
l) Morgan Stanley Prime Property Fund	Actively managed core portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Quarterly	90 days
m) AEW Partners Fund VIII	Actively managed core portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
n) Green Oak US III	Actively managed core portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
o) LBC Credit Partners III	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
p) LBC Credit Partners IV	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
q) Providence Debt Fund III	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
r) Capital Point Partners	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA. This investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
s) Franchise Equity Capital Partners II (Capital Springs)	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA. This investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
t) Huff Energy	Actively managed portfolio of private energy investments located in the USA. The fund is nearing the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
u) Sail Venture I	Actively managed private equity portfolio of venture capital investments located in the USA. This fund has liquidated but pending its expected termination.	Illiquid	N/A
v) Sail Ventures II	Actively managed private equity portfolio of venture capital investments located in the USA. This fund has liquidated but pending its expected termination.	Illiquid	N/A
w) Sail Pre-Exit Acceleration Fund	Actively managed private equity portfolio of venture capital investments located in the USA. This fund has liquidated but pending its expected termination.	Illiquid	N/A
x) Excelsior Investors	Actively managed private equity portfolio of private finance-oriented investments located in the USA. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
y) Franklin Park Private Equity Fund	Actively managed portfolio of private finance-oriented investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
z) Double Eagle Capital Ace Fund	Diversified fund of hedge funds with blending global macro, long/short equity and diversified credit strategies. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Quarterly	95 days
aa) BlackRock Multi Asset Fund	Diversified fund of hedge funds with blending global macro, long/short equity and diversified credit strategies.	Daily	None

**Note 6: Fair Value Measurement**

APRS investments have the following fair value measurements as of December 31, 2018.

<b>2018 GASB 72 Fair Value Measurement</b>				
<b>Investments by fair value level<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Observable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Short-Term Securities</b>				
Cash - STIF Account	5,005,197		5,005,197	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,005,197</b>		<b>\$5,005,197</b>	
<b>Debt Securities (2)</b>				
Debt Securities	44,089,737		44,089,737	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,089,737</b>		<b>\$44,089,737</b>	
<b>Equity Securities</b>				
U.S. Denominated Equities	128,320,506	128,320,506		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,320,506</b>	<b>\$128,320,506</b>		
<b>Pooled Funds</b>				
Domestic equity collective trust	203,581,085	203,581,085		
International equity collective trust	70,752,231	70,752,231		
Global bond collective trust	37,805,826		37,805,826	
Emerging markets collective trust	18,600,416	18,600,416		
International equity mutual fund	11,355,213	11,355,213		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$342,094,771</b>	<b>\$304,288,945</b>	<b>\$37,805,826</b>	
<b>Total investments by fair value level</b>	<b>\$519,510,211</b>	<b>\$432,609,451</b>	<b>\$86,900,760</b>	
<b>Investments Measured at Level 3</b>				
Timber	20,973,997			20,973,997
Real Estate	70,397,549			70,397,549
Other Fixed Income (Private Lending)	30,654,229			30,654,229
Other Equity (Private Equity)	14,873,133			14,873,133
Multi Asset Class	62,306,919			62,306,919
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199,205,827</b>			<b>\$199,205,827</b>
<b>Total investments measured at fair value</b>	<b>\$718,716,038</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Source: Northern Trust Bank (Book of Record)

<sup>2</sup> Includes: Commercial mortgage-backed securities, Corporate Bonds, Government mortgage-backed securities, Government agencies and Government Bonds. All held by one manager.

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## 2018 Financial Notes and Security Descriptions Footnotes:

		Liquidity	Notice
a) BTG Pactual I	Actively managed diversified timber holdings located in the USA. The investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
b) Capital Timberland Investments	Actively managed diversified timber holdings located in Texas, USA.	Illiquid	N/A
c) Domain Environmental (Domain Capital Group)	Actively managed real estate portfolio of environmental preservation and restoration projects located in the USA. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
d) RockSpring Funds	Actively manage portfolio of real estate investments located in Texas, USA.	Illiquid	N/A
e) GreenOak US III	Actively manage value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
f) ARES (VEF Advisors Funds)	Actively manage value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
g) Invesco Real Estate Funds	Actively manage value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
h) Edison Investments (Jayhawk & Sycamore)	Actively managed opportunistic and value-added real estate portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA. The investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
i) India Property Fund (Apollo)	Actively managed opportunistic and value-added real estate portfolio of equity real estate investments located in India. This fund is near the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
j) Gainesville Property (formerly Vision Capital)	Actively managed portfolio of real estate property located in the Georgia, USA.	Illiquid	N/A
k) AEW Partners	Actively managed portfolio of real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
l) Morgan Stanley Prime Property Fund	Actively managed core portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Quarterly	90 days
m) AEW Partners Fund VIII	Actively managed core portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
n) Green Oak US III	Actively managed core portfolio of primarily equity real estate investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
o) LBC Credit Partners III	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
p) LBC Credit Partners IV	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
q) Providence Debt Fund III	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
r) Capital Point Partners	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA. This investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
s) Franchise Equity Capital Partners II (Capital Springs)	Actively managed private investment fund of private loan investments located in the USA. This investment is in liquidation.	Illiquid	N/A
t) Huff Energy	Actively managed portfolio of private energy investments located in the USA. The fund is nearing the end of its expected term.	Illiquid	N/A
u) Sail Venture I	Actively managed private equity portfolio of venture capital investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
v) Sail Ventures II	Actively managed private equity portfolio of venture capital investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
w) Sail Pre-Exit Acceleration Fund	Actively managed private equity portfolio of venture capital investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
x) Excelsior Investors	Actively managed private equity portfolio of private finance-oriented investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
y) Franklin Park Private Equity Fund	Actively managed portfolio of private finance-oriented investments located in the USA.	Illiquid	N/A
z) Double Eagle Capital Ace Fund	Diversified fund of hedge funds with blending global macro, long/short equity and diversified credit strategies.	Quarterly	95 days
aa) BlackRock Multi Asset Fund	Diversified fund of hedge funds with blending global macro, long/short equity and diversified credit strategies.	Daily	None

## **Note 7: Schedule of Investment Returns**

For the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 the annual money-weighted rate of return on investments, net of investment expense, was 20.75% percent and - 5.67% percent, respectively, as calculated by the System actuary.

## **Note 8: Contributions**

The System is funded by biweekly contributions from both employees and the City based on employee compensation, consisting of base pay and longevity pay. Under the provisions that were in effect during December 2019 and 2018, participants are required to contribute 13 percent of their compensation.

The City's required contribution rate for fiscal year 2019 and 2018 was 21.313 percent.

Since September 1, 2003, a portion of the City's total contribution has been allocated to the Retiree Death Benefit Fund. The allocation rate for fiscal year 2019 was 0.123 percent. In fiscal year 2018 the rate was 0.121 percent.

The City contribution rate is required by the state law governing the System and may be changed by amendment made by the Legislature of the State of Texas. The member contribution rate must be at least 13 percent in accordance with state law. The member contribution rate may be changed by the Legislature of the State of Texas or by appropriate actions of the Board and the participating members in accordance with state law.

**Note 8: Contributions**

While contribution rates are not actuarially determined, state law requires that each plan of benefits adopted by the System must be approved by a qualified actuary. The actuary certifies that the contribution commitment by the police officers and the City provides an adequate financing arrangement at the time any change is made. Using the entry age actuarial cost method, the System's normal cost is determined as a percentage of payroll. The excess of the total contribution rate over the normal cost rate is used to amortize the System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The amortization period is determined using the open, level percentage of payroll method. Based on the actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019 and the plan provisions recognized in the valuation, the normal cost is 24.978 percent of pay and the amortization period is Never. December 31, 2018 and the plan provisions recognized in the valuation, the normal cost is 24.986 percent of pay and the amortization period is Never.

**Note 9: Commitments and Contingencies**

The System's investments in real assets (real estate and timber) are included in the table appearing in Note 5. In connection with those investments, the System made commitments as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 of approximately \$126,491,259 million and \$91,371,546 million, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the respective interests.

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the total accumulated lump sum benefit due to forward DROP participants was \$15,361,488 and \$13,690,391 respectively.

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the total accumulated lump sum benefit due to PROP participants was \$28,106,222 and \$28,667,294 respectively.

**Note 10: Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor**

The components of the Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor on December 31, 2019 were as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$2,175,170,301
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	\$ (857,839,229)
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 1,317,331,072</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of Total Pension Liability	<u>39.44%</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions:**

The Total Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019 using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Services Based
Discount Rate	4.10%
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%

Mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 with projected improvements.

A single discount rate of 4.10% was used to measure the total pension liability for the plan year ending December 31, 2019. This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.25% and a municipal bond rate of 2.75%. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows, the pension plan's fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance the projected benefit payments through the year 2045. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through the 2045 fiscal year, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all benefit payments after that date, with the resulting Single Discount Rate being 4.10%.

**Note 10: Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor**

The source of the municipal bond rate is the rate for Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index." In describing this index, Fidelity notes that the municipal curves are constructed using option adjusted analytics of a diverse population of over 10,000 tax exempt securities. The rate shown is as of the last date available on or before the measurement date.

The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member and employer contributions will be made at the current rates and remain a level percentage of payroll.



**Note 10: Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor**

The components of the Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor on December 31, 2018 were as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$1,904,954,056
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	\$ (718,519,641)
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 1,186,434,415</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of Total Pension Liability	<u>37.72%</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions:**

The Total Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018 using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary Increases	Services Based
Discount Rate	4.7%
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%

Mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 with projected improvements.

A single discount rate of 4.70% was used to measure the total pension liability for the plan year ending December 31, 2018. This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.25% and a municipal bond rate of 3.71%. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows, the pension plan's fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance the projected benefit payments through the year 2041. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through the 2041 fiscal year, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all benefit payments after that date, with the resulting Single Discount Rate being 4.70%.

### **Note 10: Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor**

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The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member and employer contributions will be made at the current rates and remain a level percentage of payroll.

**Note 10: Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor**

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Pension Plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return		
Domestic Equity	7.50%		
International Equity	8.50%		
Other Equity	7.50%		
U.S./Non-U.S. Fixed Income	3.00%		
Other Fixed Income (Private Lending)	3.50%		
Real Estate	4.50%		
Timber	2.50%		
Multi Asset Class	5.00%		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.00%		

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	3.10%	4.10%	5.10%
Sponsor's Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,663,204,421	\$ 1,317,331,072	\$ 1,039,706,522

**Note 10: Net Pension Liability of the Sponsor**

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Multi Asset Class	5.00%		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.00%		

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	3.70%	4.70%	5.70%
Sponsor's Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,475,726,995	\$ 1,186,434,415	\$ 952,514,979

**DISCLOSURES IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GASB  
STATEMENT NO. 67  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION**

## Schedules of Required Supplementary Information

### Schedule of Changes in the Employer's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

Plan year ending December 31,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Total pension liability</b>							
Service Cost	\$ 71,333,761	\$ 33,757,344	\$ 35,322,361	\$ 32,989,949	\$ 32,138,760	\$ 30,253,628	\$ 28,769,060
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	89,680,333	90,478,785	84,471,608	80,845,879	76,999,651	72,442,934	68,919,471
Benefit Changes	0	0	0	0	(4,079,852)	(11,015,618)	0
Difference between expected and actual experience of the Total Pension Liability	(4,743,379)	(12,904,876)	17,240,801	7,454,959	(6,318,435)	0	0
Assumption Changes	179,003,031	666,872,780	-	5,148,318	3,903,538	14,137,496	0
Contributions - Buy Back	1,261,530	1,141,907	2,914,966	1,668,174	4,648,271	2,207,398	0
Benefit Payments and Refunds	(66,319,031)	(63,982,824)	(56,548,004)	(50,827,501)	(50,005,439)	(45,403,126)	(42,825,265)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>270,216,245</b>	<b>715,363,116</b>	<b>83,401,732</b>	<b>77,279,778</b>	<b>57,286,494</b>	<b>62,622,712</b>	<b>54,863,266</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - Beginning</b>	<b>1,904,954,056</b>	<b>1,189,590,940</b>	<b>1,106,189,208</b>	<b>1,028,909,430</b>	<b>971,622,936</b>	<b>909,000,224</b>	<b>854,136,958</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 2,175,170,301</b>	<b>\$ 1,904,954,056</b>	<b>\$ 1,189,590,940</b>	<b>\$ 1,106,189,208</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,909,430</b>	<b>\$ 971,622,936</b>	<b>\$ 909,000,224</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>							
Contributions - Employer	\$ 35,993,200	\$ 35,244,242	\$ 35,141,204	\$ 33,814,182	\$ 33,239,271	\$ 32,399,740	\$ 31,160,764
Contributions - Member	21,941,732	21,461,482	21,436,998	20,623,125	20,060,610	19,457,407	19,467,960
Contributions - Buy Back	1,261,530	1,141,907	2,914,966	1,668,174	4,648,271	2,207,398	0
Pension Plan Net Investment Income	148,162,708	(43,398,717)	82,072,002	37,964,881	(321,704)	35,574,317	49,524,150
Benefit Payments and Refunds	(66,319,031)	(63,982,824)	(56,548,004)	(50,827,501)	(50,005,439)	(45,403,126)	(42,825,265)
Pension Plan Administrative Expense	(1,720,551)	(1,421,192)	(1,562,685)	(1,396,736)	(1,465,939)	(1,327,071)	(1,114,856)
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>139,319,588</b>	<b>(50,955,102)</b>	<b>83,454,481</b>	<b>41,846,125</b>	<b>6,155,070</b>	<b>42,908,665</b>	<b>56,212,753</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning</b>	<b>718,519,641</b>	<b>769,474,743</b>	<b>686,020,262</b>	<b>644,174,137</b>	<b>638,019,067</b>	<b>595,110,402</b>	<b>538,897,649</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 857,839,229</b>	<b>\$ 718,519,641</b>	<b>\$ 769,474,743</b>	<b>\$ 686,020,262</b>	<b>\$ 644,174,137</b>	<b>\$ 638,019,067</b>	<b>\$ 595,110,402</b>
<b>Net Pension Liability - Ending</b>	<b>1,317,331,072</b>	<b>1,186,434,415</b>	<b>420,116,197</b>	<b>420,168,946</b>	<b>384,735,293</b>	<b>333,603,869</b>	<b>313,889,822</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>39.44 %</b>	<b>37.72 %</b>	<b>64.68 %</b>	<b>62.02 %</b>	<b>62.61 %</b>	<b>65.67 %</b>	<b>65.47 %</b>
<b>Covered Employee Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 168,782,554</b>	<b>\$ 165,088,323</b>	<b>\$ 164,899,985</b>	<b>\$ 158,655,196</b>	<b>\$ 154,243,493</b>	<b>\$ 149,790,754</b>	<b>\$ 144,089,468</b>
<b>Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll</b>	<b>780.49 %</b>	<b>718.67 %</b>	<b>254.77 %</b>	<b>264.83 %</b>	<b>249.43 %</b>	<b>222.71 %</b>	<b>217.84 %</b>

**Notes to Schedule:**

For FYE 2017 and later, the covered payroll was determined by imputing the pay based on actual member contributions.

Prior to FYE 2017, the covered payroll was determined by the prior actuary.

See independent auditor's report.

## Schedules of Required Supplementary Information

### Schedule of Employer Contributions

PY Ending December 31,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2013	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 144,089,468	21.630%
2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	149,790,754	21.630%
2015	N/A	N/A	N/A	154,243,493	21.550%
2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	158,655,196	21.313%
2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	164,899,985	21.313%
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	165,088,323	21.313%
2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	168,782,554	21.313%

### Schedule of Investment Returns

The returns for the Plan's fiscal years shown below were determined as annual money-weighted rates of returns net of investment expenses.

#### Last 10 Fiscal Years (which may be built prospectively)

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Annual Return
2019	20.75%
2018	-5.67%
2017	11.95%
2016	5.88%
2015	-0.05%
2014	5.71%
2013	8.90%

See independent auditor's report.

# ACTUARIAL SECTION



# Austin Police Retirement System

Annual Actuarial Valuation - Funding

As of December 31, 2019





July 7, 2020

Board of Trustees  
Austin Police Retirement System  
2520 South IH 35, Suite 100  
Austin, TX 78704

**Re: Actuarial Valuation for Funding Purposes as of December 31, 2019**

Members of the Board:

We certify that the information contained in this report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the Austin Police Retirement System (APRS) as of December 31, 2019. This report was prepared at the request of the Board and is intended for use by APRS staff and those designated or approved by the Board. This report may be provided to parties other than APRS only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board.

**This report does not reflect the recent and still developing impact of COVID-19, which may significantly impact demographic and economic experience. The risks to the plan may include the health of the members, decreases in payroll and contribution revenue, investment losses and plan mortality experience.**

**Actuarial Valuation**

The primary purposes of the actuarial valuation report are to determine the adequacy of the current City contribution rate, describe the current financial condition of APRS, analyze changes in the condition of APRS, and provide various summaries of the data.

**Plan Provisions**

There were no changes to the plan provisions during the past year. The current plan provisions are outlined in Section E of this report.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

The assumptions and methods applied in this actuarial valuation were adopted by the Board of Trustees effective with the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation. The actuarial assumptions used for the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation are based on an experience review for the five-year period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. All actuarial assumptions used in this report are reasonable for the purposes of this actuarial valuation. The current actuarial assumptions and methods are outlined in Section F of this report.

### Data

The valuation was based upon information as of December 31, 2019 furnished by APRS staff, concerning system benefits, financial transactions, plan provisions and active members, terminated members, retirees and beneficiaries. We checked for internal and year-to-year consistency, but did not audit the data. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by APRS staff.

### Certification

All of our work conforms with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and to the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. In our opinion, our calculations also comply with the requirements of, where applicable, the Internal Revenue Code and ERISA.

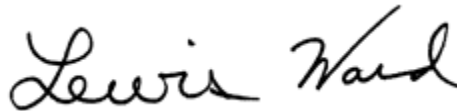
The signing actuaries are independent of the plan sponsor. Ryan Falls is an Enrolled Actuary, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries. Finally, each of the undersigned is experienced in performing valuations for public retirement systems.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company**



R. Ryan Falls, FSA, EA, MAAA  
Senior Consultant & Actuary



Lewis Ward  
Consultant

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## **SECTION A**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

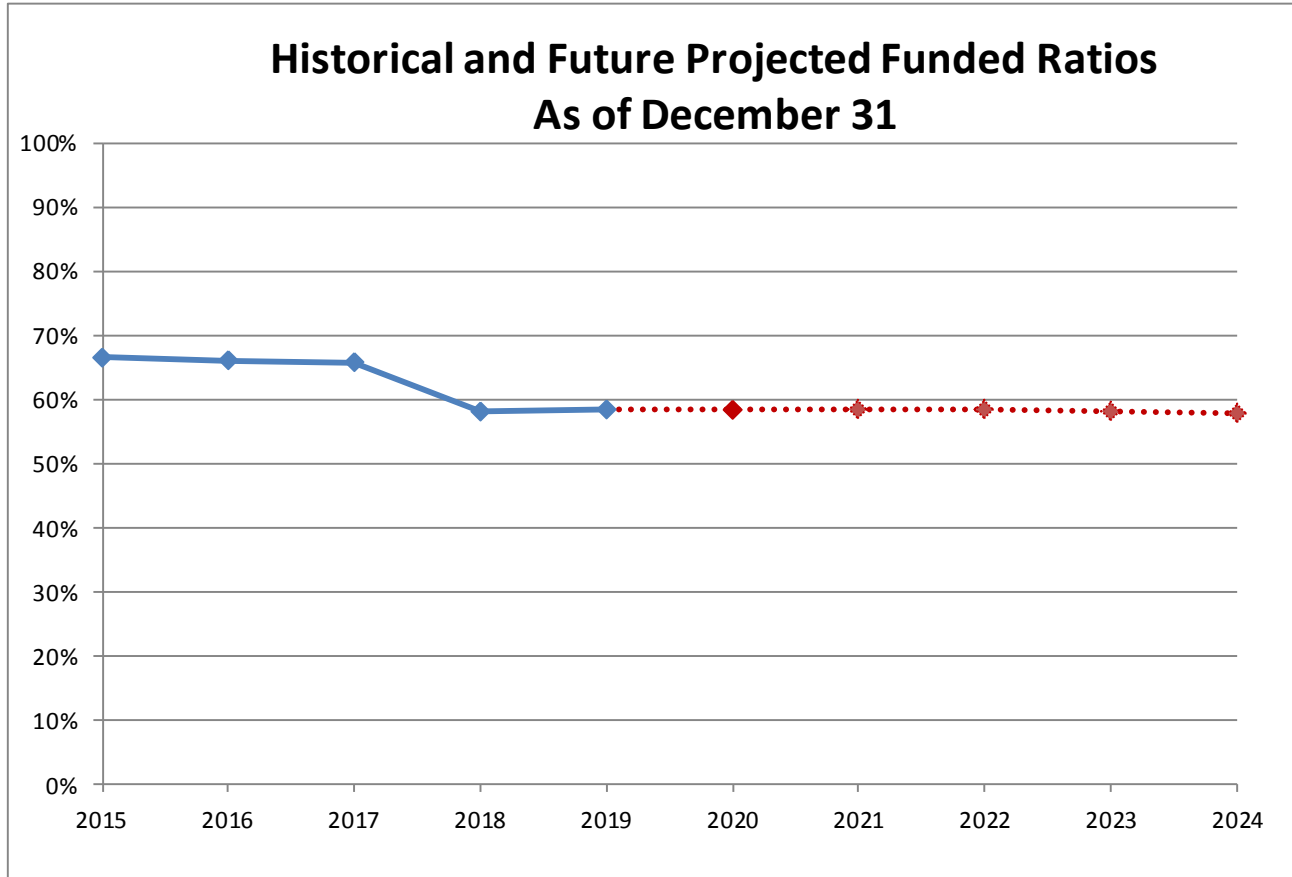
## Executive Summary

Item	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
<b>Membership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Active members</li> <li>- Inactive, vested</li> <li>- Inactive, nonvested</li> <li>- Annuitants</li> <li>- Total</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annualized Payroll on Valuation Date</li> </ul>	1,872 43 69 950 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> 2,934 \$ 168,732,391	1,892 39 72 906 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> 2,909 \$ 166,564,996
<b>Statutory contribution rates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members</li> <li>• City</li> </ul>	13.000% 21.313%	13.000% 21.313%
<b>Contribution to be Allocated to Retiree Death Benefit Fund</b>	0.123%	0.120%
<b>Actuarially Determined Contribution Rates</b> <b>Estimated Years until UAAL is Eliminated:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Years</li> <li>• 30 Years</li> <li>• 40 Years</li> </ul>	37.827% 32.378% 29.861%	37.302% 31.965% 29.500%
<b>Assets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market value (MVA)</li> <li>• Actuarial value (AVA)</li> <li>• Return on market value</li> <li>• Return on actuarial value</li> </ul>	\$ 857,839,229 \$ 852,294,229 20.7% 6.6%	\$ 718,519,641 \$ 807,978,988 -5.8% 4.5%
<b>Actuarial Information on AVA (smoothed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal cost %<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Total normal cost</li> <li>• Actuarial accrued liability</li> <li>• Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)</li> <li>• Funded ratio</li> <li>• Funding period (years)</li> </ul>	24.978% \$ 43,423,261 \$ 1,459,529,788 \$ 607,235,559 58.4% Never	24.986% \$ 42,486,437 \$ 1,389,660,616 \$ 581,681,628 58.1% Never
<b>Actuarial Information on MVA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)</li> <li>• Funded ratio</li> <li>• Funding period (years)</li> </ul>	\$ 601,690,559 58.8% Never	\$ 671,140,975 51.7% Never

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Includes normal cost associated with the Retiree Death Benefit Fund and a load for assumed administrative expenses of the System.

The following chart illustrates the recent history and outlook of the funded status of APRS:



December 31,	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Funded Ratio	66.5%	66.1%	65.8%	58.1%	58.4%	58.4%	58.6%	58.5%	58.2%	57.9%
UAAL (millions)	\$349	\$377	\$406	\$582	\$607	\$634	\$660	\$691	\$729	\$767

The projections beyond 2019 are based on the same assumptions, methods and provisions used for the December 31, 2019 valuation. Additionally, the market value of assets is assumed to earn 7.25% per year.

Based on current contribution patterns, benefit provisions and actuarial assumptions, APRS’s UAAL is projected to continue to increase. **APRS’s funded ratio is expected to decrease until it reaches zero when the assets of the System are depleted within the next 50 years.**

## **SECTION B**

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### **DISCUSSION**



# Discussion

## Introduction

The results of the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation of the Austin Police Retirement System (APRS) are presented in this report.

The primary purposes of this actuarial valuation report are to determine the adequacy of the current City contribution rate, describe the current financial condition of APRS, analyze the changes in the condition of APRS, and provide various summaries of the data.

**This report does not reflect the recent and still developing impact of COVID-19, which may significantly impact demographic and economic experience. The risks to the plan may include the health of the members, decreases in payroll and contribution revenue, investment losses and plan mortality experience.**

The total contribution rate for the current fiscal year exceeds the normal cost by 9.335% of payroll, which, on an actuarial value of assets basis, is not expected to amortize the unfunded liability over any amortization period. There was an unexpected decrease in the unfunded actuarial liabilities of approximately \$0.5 million. The net decrease in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability includes an asset experience loss of \$5.6 million and a liability experience gain of \$5.1 million.

The Retiree Death Benefit Fund was established in 2003 as a separate account within the system to advance fund and to pay the \$10,000 post-retirement lump sum death benefits for retirees. Table 12 outlines the portion of the City contribution rate that should be allocated to the Retiree Death Benefit Fund such that the Retiree Death Benefit Plan will be fully funded 16 years following December 31, 2019. With the exception of Table 12, the amounts outlined in this report represent the total assets and liabilities of APRS, inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Plan.

## Assessment of Risk

Section D of this report, titled “Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions,” outlines a series of risk measures that are intended to aid in the understanding of the effects of future experience differing from the assumptions used in the course of the actuarial valuation.

## Plan Provisions

There were no changes to the plan provisions during the past year. The current plan provisions are outlined in Section E of this report.

## Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

There were no changes to the actuarial assumptions and method during the past year. The current actuarial assumptions and methods are outlined in Section F of this report. The assumptions and methods applied in this actuarial valuation were adopted by the Board of Trustees effective with the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation. The actuarial assumptions used are based on an experience review for the five-year



period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017, dated May 15, 2019. The actuarial assumptions used in this report are reasonable for the purposes of this valuation.

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## Funding Adequacy

The City currently contributes 21.313% of payroll and members contribute 13.000% of payroll.

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of APRS increased from \$582 million as of December 31, 2018 to \$607 million as of December 31, 2019. Additionally, the funded ratio of APRS—actuarial value of assets divided by the actuarial accrued liability—increased from 58.1% to 58.4% as of December 31, 2019. The funded status is one of many metrics used to show trends and develop future expectations about the health of a retirement system. The funded status measure itself is not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan’s benefit obligations or assessing the need for or the amount of future contributions since it does not reflect normal cost contributions, the timing of amortization payments, or future experience other than expected.

The valuation shows that the total normal cost for funding purposes is 24.978% of payroll. The total contribution rate is currently 34.313% of payroll. Thus, the total contribution rate for the current fiscal year exceeds the normal cost by 9.335% of payroll which will be available to amortize the unfunded liability. On an actuarial value of assets basis, the current contribution rate is not expected to amortize the unfunded liability over any amortization period. Based on open group projections with a constant active membership and assuming the current contribution rates and benefit provisions remain in place and that all of the actuarial assumptions are exactly met, the System assets are expected to be depleted within the next 50 years.

The Texas Pension Review Board adopted their Pension Funding Guidelines on January 26, 2017. These Guidelines state that “actual contributions made to the plan should be sufficient to cover the normal cost and to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over as brief a period as possible, but not to exceed 30 years, with 10-25 years being a more the preferable target range.” The City’s current contribution rate of 21.313% is not expected to amortize the unfunded liability over any amortization period. For informational purposes, this report provides an actuarially determined City contribution rate required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a 20-year, 30-year, and a 40-year period, which are 37.827%, 32.378%, and 29.861%, respectively.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees of the System adopted the Policy to Determine Funding Goals and Guidelines on December 18, 2019. This Policy states that the Goal of the Board is to achieve a 100% funded ratio. In the short term, the Policy also indicates that the Board will work toward meeting an amortization period of 30 years or less. As previously stated, the City contribution rate necessary to meet the Policy goal of a 30-year amortization period is 32.378%. The City’s current contribution rate of 21.313% falls short of



the short term Policy goal by 11.065%. Further, the System is not expected to meet the longer term goal of achieving a 100% funded ratio since the assets are expected to be depleted within the next 50 years.

## System Assets

This report contains several tables that summarize key information with respect to the APRS assets.

The total market value of assets increased from \$719 million as of December 31, 2018 to \$858 million as of December 31, 2019. Table 5 reconciles the changes in the fund during the year. Total contributions increased from \$57.8 million to \$59.2 million.

Table 6 shows the development of the actuarial value of assets. The actuarial value of asset method generally recognizes the difference between the actual and expected market value of assets over a five-year period. The total actuarial value of assets is \$852 million, which is lower than the market value of assets of \$858 million. This indicates that there are currently deferred gains to be recognized in the future.

When measured on a market value, the approximate investment return net of investment-related expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 was 20.7%. When measured on an actuarial value, the net investment return was 6.6%, which is lower than the assumed return of 7.25%. APRS experienced a \$5.1 million actuarial asset loss over the past year. Table 7 shows a history of investment return rates. The APRS five-year average market return is 6.0% and the five-year average actuarial return is 5.4%.

Table 8 provides a history of the contributions paid into APRS and the administrative expenses and benefit payments that have been paid out of APRS. This table shows that APRS received less contributions than it paid out in administrative expenses and benefit payments, or -\$8.8 million (or -1.0% of assets) for the year ending December 31, 2019. Prior to 2018, APRS was in positive cash flow positions but the ratio of outflows to inflows has been increasing gradually. Fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 is the first year APRS experienced a negative cashflow position. Negative cashflow is expected for a pre-funded pension program. The entire reason for setting aside assets is to have the ability to use investment earnings to pay for benefits. If the cashflow was always going to be positive there would be no reason to pre-fund the system. Table 11 provides a history of contribution rates, as a percent of payroll, paid into the trust by the City and members.

All of the tables referenced in this discussion appear in Section C of this report.

## Data

The valuation was based upon information as of December 31, 2019 furnished by APRS staff, concerning system benefits, financial transactions, plan provisions and active members, terminated members, retirees and beneficiaries. We checked for internal and year-to-year consistency, but did not audit the data. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by APRS staff. The tables in Section F show key census statistics for the various groups included in the valuation.

## Sustainability

As discussed above, the current contribution rates are not sufficient to support the benefit structure of the System. We strongly encourage the System to continue its dialogue with the City about what steps should be taken to put the System back on a path of sustainability. These steps could include increased contributions (member and/or City), changes to the benefits structure or a combination of both. There is no immediate danger of the System not being able to meet its benefit payment obligations. However, the dialogue with the City should produce a resolution sooner rather than later in order to ensure that any necessary changes are incorporated during the 2021 legislative session.

## **SECTION C**

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### **TABLES**

**Table 1**  
**Development of Employer Cost**  
(Inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Fund)

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
1. Payroll		
a. Annualized Payroll on Valuation Date	\$ 168,732,391	\$ 166,564,996
b. Projected Contributory Payroll	173,846,030	170,040,973
2. Total Normal Cost Rate		
a. Gross normal cost rate	24.078%	24.086%
b. Administrative expenses	0.900%	0.900%
c. Total (Item 2a + Item 2b)	24.978%	24.986%
3. Actuarial Accrued Liability for Active and Active DROP Members		
a. Present value of future benefits for active members	\$ 1,113,273,398	\$ 1,082,883,703
b. Less: present value of future normal costs	(367,752,072)	(370,312,303)
c. Actuarial accrued liability	\$ 745,521,326	\$ 712,571,400
4. Total Actuarial Accrued Liability for:		
a. Retirees and beneficiaries	\$ 702,378,940	\$ 666,427,331
b. Inactive members	11,629,522	10,661,885
c. Active and Active DROP members (Item 3c)	745,521,326	712,571,400
d. Total	\$ 1,459,529,788	\$ 1,389,660,616
5. Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 852,294,229	\$ 807,978,988
6. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (Item 4d - Item 5)	\$ 607,235,559	\$ 581,681,628
7. City Contribution Rate Needed to Fund Normal Cost and Amortize the UAAL:		
a. Over 20 Years	37.827%	37.302%
b. Over 30 Years	32.378%	31.965%
c. Over 40 Years	29.861%	29.500%
8. Allocation of Contribution Rate		
a. City contribution rate	21.313%	21.313%
b. Member contribution rate	13.000%	13.000%
c. Total contribution rate	34.313%	34.313%
d. Total normal cost rate	24.978%	24.986%
e. Available contribution rate to amortize UAAL	9.335%	9.327%
f. Total contribution rate	34.313%	34.313%
9. Funding period based on statutory contribution rates and Actuarial Value of Assets (years)	Never	Never

**Table 2**  
**Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits**  
(Inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Fund)

	<u>December 31, 2019</u>
1. Active Members (not in DROP at the valuation date)	
a. Service Retirement	\$ 1,009,843,332
b. Disability Benefits	5,707,413
c. Death Before Retirement	6,523,386
d. Termination	<u>18,326,978</u>
e. Total	\$ 1,040,401,109
2. Active DROP Members	\$ 72,872,289
3. Inactive Members	
a. Vested Terminated	\$ 10,954,504
b. Non-Vested Terminated	<u>675,018</u>
c. Total	\$ 11,629,522
4. Annuitants	
a. Service Retirement	\$ 664,537,903
b. Disability Retirement	2,327,794
c. Beneficiaries and QDROs	<u>35,513,243</u>
d. Total	\$ 702,378,940
5. Total Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits	\$ 1,827,281,860

**Table 3**  
**Analysis of Normal Cost**  
(Inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Fund)

	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>
1. Gross Normal Cost Rate		
a. Service Retirement	22.482%	22.490%
b. Disability Benefits	0.286%	0.286%
c. Death Before Retirement	0.203%	0.204%
d. Termination	1.107%	1.106%
e. Total	<u>24.078%</u>	<u>24.086%</u>
2. Administrative Expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.900%	0.900%
3. Total Normal Cost	24.978%	24.986%
4. Less: Member Rate	13.000%	13.000%
5. Employer Normal Cost Rate	11.978%	11.986%

<sup>1</sup> Includes normal cost associated with the Retiree Death Benefit Fund and a load for assumed administrative expenses of the System. 2017 administrative expense load only includes expenses associated with the PRP.



**Table 4**  
**Historical Summary of Active Member Data**

Valuation as of December 31 <sup>1</sup> ,	Active Members		Covered Payroll		Average Salary		Average Age	Average Service
	Number <sup>2</sup>	Percent Increase	\$ Amount (thousands)	Percent Increase	\$ Amount	Percent Increase		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
2011	1,679		133,709		79,636		39.7	11.7
2012	1,709	1.8%	140,273	4.9%	82,079	3.1%	39.6	11.5
2013	1,732	1.3%	145,871	4.0%	84,221	2.6%	39.9	11.6
2014	1,777	2.6%	150,860	3.4%	84,896	0.8%	40.0	11.7
2015	1,761	-0.9%	151,855	0.7%	86,232	1.6%	40.1	11.1
2016	1,837	4.3%	158,761	4.5%	86,424	0.2%	39.8	10.8
2017	1,866	1.6%	162,491	2.3%	87,080	0.8%	40.3	11.7
2018	1,892	1.4%	166,565	2.5%	88,036	1.1%	40.5	12.0
2019	1,872	-1.1%	168,732	1.3%	90,135	2.4%	40.9	12.5

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Information prior to December 31, 2017 is based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

<sup>2</sup> Information for December 31, 2017 and later includes all active and active DROP members

Information prior to December 31, 2017 includes only active members not in DROP at the valuation date

## Table 5

### Reconciliation of Plan Net Assets

	Total	Pension	RDBF
1. Market value of assets at beginning of year	\$ 718,519,641	\$ 717,120,073	\$ 1,399,568
2. Revenue for the year			
a. Contributions for the year			
i. Member Contributions - Payroll	\$ 21,941,732	\$ 21,941,732	\$ 0
ii. Member Contributions - Service Credit Purchases	1,261,530	1,261,530	0
iii. City Contributions - Pension	35,259,284	35,259,284	0
iv. City Contributions - Retiree Death Benefit	206,333	0	206,333
v. City Contributions - Proportionate Retirement	527,583	527,583	0
vi. Total	\$ 59,196,462	\$ 58,990,129	\$ 206,333
b. Net Investment income for the year	\$ 148,162,708	\$ 148,132,602	\$ 30,106
c. Total revenue	\$ 207,359,170	\$ 207,122,731	\$ 236,439
3. Disbursements for the year			
a. Retirement and disability benefits	\$ 56,298,040	\$ 56,298,040	\$ 0
b. Lump Sum DROP Distributions	2,317,767	2,317,767	0
c. Lump Sum PROP Distributions	6,539,748	6,539,748	0
d. Retiree Death Benefits	115,616	0	115,616
e. Refund of Member Contributions	1,047,860	1,047,860	0
f. Administrative expenses	1,720,551	1,720,551	0
g. Total disbursements	\$ 68,039,582	\$ 67,923,966	\$ 115,616
4. Increase in net assets (Item 2c - Item 3g)	\$ 139,319,588	\$ 139,198,765	\$ 120,823
5. Market value of assets at end of year (Item 1 + Item 4)	\$ 857,839,229	\$ 856,318,838	\$ 1,520,391
6. Actual net investment income (Item 2b)	\$ 148,162,708	\$ 148,132,602	\$ 30,106
7. Expected net income at 7.25%			
a. Market value of assets at beginning of year	\$ 52,092,674		
b. Contributions for the year	2,145,872		
c. Disbursements	(2,466,435)		
d. Total	\$ 51,772,111		
8. Excess investment income (Item 6 - Item 7d)	\$ 96,390,597		
9. Estimated dollar weighted market yield	20.7%	20.8%	2.1%
10. Actuarial Value of Assets			
a. Actuarial value of assets at the beginning of year	\$ 807,978,988	\$ 806,579,420	\$ 1,399,568
b. Actuarial value of assets at the end of year	\$ 852,294,229	\$ 850,773,838	\$ 1,520,391
c. Investment income for the year	\$ 53,158,361	\$ 53,128,255	\$ 30,106
d. Estimated dollar weighted actuarial yield	6.6%	6.6%	2.1%
e. Expected return on the actuarial value of assets	\$ 58,257,914		
f. Asset gain/(loss) (Item 10c - Item 10e)	\$ (5,099,553)		

## Table 6 Development of Actuarial Value of Assets

							Year Ending
							<u>December 31, 2019</u>
1. Excess/(Shortfall) of investment income for 2019 (Table 5, Item 8)							\$ 96,390,597
2. Development of amounts to be recognized as of December 31, 2019:							
Fiscal Year End	Remaining Deferrals of Excess (Shortfall) of Investment Income (1)	Offsetting of Gains/(Losses) (2)	Net Deferrals Remaining (3) = (1) + (2)	Years Remaining (4)	Recognized for This Valuation (5) = (3) / (4)	Remaining after This Valuation (6) = (3) - (5)	
2015	\$ (840,975)	\$ 840,975	\$ 0	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	
2016	(5,551,765)	5,551,765	0	2	0	0	
2017	0	0	0	3	0	0	
2018	(83,066,607)	83,066,607	0	4	0	0	
2019	<u>96,390,597</u>	<u>(89,459,347)</u>	<u>6,931,250</u>	5	<u>1,386,250</u>	<u>5,545,000</u>	
Total	\$ 6,931,250	\$ 0	\$ 6,931,250		\$ 1,386,250	\$ 5,545,000	
3. Market value of assets including RDFB assets							
a. Including RDFB assets							\$ 857,839,229
b. Excluding RDFB assets							\$ 856,318,838
4. Actuarial value of assets							
a. Including RDFB assets (Item 3.a. - Item 2, Column 6)							\$ 852,294,229
b. Excluding RDFB assets							\$ 850,773,838
5. Ratio of actuarial value to market value							99.4%

Notes: Remaining deferrals in Column (1) for prior years are from Table 6 of the prior year's report. Column 2 is a direct offset of the current year's excess/(shortfall) return against prior years' excess/(shortfall) of the opposite type (offset against oldest base first).

## Table 7 History of Investment Return Rates

Year Ending December 31, <sup>1</sup>	Market Returns <sup>2</sup>	Actuarial
(1)	(3)	(4)
2008	-26.3%	
2009	8.8%	
2010	11.8%	
2011	-3.5%	
2012	9.7%	-0.4%
2013	8.9%	6.9%
2014	5.7%	6.5%
2015	-0.3%	4.4%
2016	5.7%	5.4%
2017	11.7%	5.9%
2018	-5.8%	4.5%
2019	20.7%	6.6%
Average Returns		
Last Five Years:	6.0%	5.4%
Last Ten Years:	6.2%	N/A

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

<sup>2</sup> Net of Administrative Expenses through December 31, 2018

**Table 8**  
**History of Cash Flow**  
(thousands \$)

Year Ending December 31 <sup>1</sup> ,	Contributions	Distributions and Expenditures			External Cash Flow for the Year	Market Value of Assets	External Cash Flow as Percent of Market Value
		Benefit Payments and Refunds	Administrative Expenses <sup>2</sup>	Total			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
2008	\$ 34,943	\$ (26,118)		\$ (26,118)	\$ 8,825	\$ 387,120	2.3%
2009	38,448	(28,173)		(28,173)	10,275	432,028	2.4%
2010	40,081	(30,876)		(30,876)	9,205	492,545	1.9%
2011	43,641	(34,863)		(34,863)	8,778	484,089	1.8%
2012	47,302	(40,009)	(1,163)	(41,172)	6,130	538,898	1.1%
2013	50,629	(42,825)	(1,115)	(43,940)	6,689	595,110	1.1%
2014	54,065	(45,403)	(1,327)	(46,730)	7,335	638,019	1.1%
2015	57,948	(50,005)	(1,466)	(51,471)	6,477	644,174	1.0%
2016	56,105	(50,828)	(1,397)	(52,225)	3,880	686,020	0.6%
2017	59,493	(56,548)	(1,563)	(58,111)	1,382	769,475	0.2%
2018	57,848	(63,983)	(1,421)	(65,404)	(7,556)	718,520	-1.1%
2019	59,196	(66,319)	(1,721)	(68,040)	(8,844)	857,839	-1.0%

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

<sup>2</sup> Information was not provided in the prior actuary's valuation reports

**Table 9**  
**Total Experience Gain or Loss**  
(Inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Fund)

Item (1)	Year Ending December 31, 2019 (2)
<b>A. Calculation of total actuarial gain or loss</b>	
1. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL), previous year	\$ 581,681,628
2. Normal cost for the year	41,914,496
3. Administrative expenses for the year	1,720,551
4. Contributions for the year	(59,196,462)
5. Interest at 7.25%	
a. On UAAL	\$ 42,171,918
b. On normal cost	1,519,400
c. On administrative expenses	62,370
d. On contributions	<u>(2,145,872)</u>
e. Total	\$ 41,607,816
6. Changes due to assumptions	0
7. Expected UAAL, end of year (Sum of Items 1 through 6)	607,728,029
8. Actual UAAL, end of year	607,235,559
9. Total (gain)/loss for the year (Item 8 - Item 7)	\$ (492,470)
<b>B. Source of gains and losses</b>	
	<u>% of AAL</u>
1. Asset (Gain)/Loss	0.35% \$ 5,099,553
2. Demographic (Gains)/Losses	0.38% <u>(5,592,023)</u>
3. Total	0.03% \$ (492,470)

**Table 10**  
**Funding History**  
(Inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Fund)

Valuation Date December 31 <sup>1</sup> , (1)	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) (2)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (3)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (3) - (2) (4)	Funded Ratio (2)/(3) (5)	Annual Covered Payroll (6)	UAAL as % of Payroll (4)/(6) (7)
2009	\$ 518,433,065	\$ 735,334,345	\$ 216,901,280	70.5%	\$ 122,928,285	176.4%
2010	547,364,486	778,005,374	230,640,888	70.4%	127,731,696	180.6%
2011	554,190,027	826,366,581	272,176,554	67.1%	135,264,530	201.2%
2012	559,077,407	858,949,998	299,872,591	65.1%	141,561,047	211.8%
2013	605,530,903	913,591,470	308,060,567	66.3%	147,138,718	209.4%
2014	653,980,764	971,213,766	317,233,002	67.3%	152,544,227	208.0%
2015	690,696,986	1,039,229,249	348,532,263	66.5%	155,832,755	223.7%
2016	733,105,429	1,109,862,137	376,756,708	66.1%	163,894,324	229.9%
2017	779,484,342	1,185,017,294	405,532,952	65.8%	162,490,560	249.6%
2018	807,978,988	1,389,660,616	581,681,628	58.1%	166,564,996	349.2%
2019	852,294,229	1,459,529,788	607,235,559	58.4%	168,732,391	359.9%

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

## Table 11 Historical Contribution Rates

Valuation as of December 31 <sup>1</sup> ,	Contributions from:			Total Normal Cost Rate <sup>3</sup>	20-Year Actuarially Determined Contribution <sup>4</sup>	30-Year Actuarially Determined Contribution <sup>5</sup>
	City <sup>2</sup>	Members	Total			
2009	18.630%	13.000%	31.630%	22.372%		
2010	19.630%	13.000%	32.630%	22.472%		
2011	20.630%	13.000%	33.630%	23.277%		
2012	21.630%	13.000%	34.630%	21.774%		
2013	21.630%	13.000%	34.630%	21.806%		
2014	21.630%	13.000%	34.630%	21.647%		
2015	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	22.473%		
2016	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	21.767%	24.407%	20.566%
2017	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	22.291%	26.052%	22.269%
2018	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	24.986%	37.302%	31.965%
2019	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	24.978%	37.827%	32.378%

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

<sup>2</sup> City contribution rates were 18.000% prior to 1/1/2009; 18.250% effective 1/1/2009; 18.630% effective 10/1/2009; 19.630% effective 10/1/2010; 20.630% effective 10/1/2011; 21.630% effective 10/1/2012; 21.313% effective 10/1/2015

<sup>3</sup> Includes normal cost associated with the death benefit fund and load for assumed administrative expenses

<sup>4</sup> Employer contribution rate needed to fund normal cost plus amortize the unfunded accrued liability over 20 years

<sup>5</sup> Employer contribution rate needed to fund normal cost plus amortize the unfunded accrued liability over 30 years



## Table 12

### Retiree Death Benefit Fund

The Retiree Death Benefit Fund was established effective September 1, 2003. The Fund operates as a separate account within the system that is used to advance fund and to pay the \$10,000 post-retirement lump sum death benefits for retirees. The following table illustrates the allocation of the total plan assets and liabilities between the primary pension fund and the Retiree Death Benefit Fund.

	<u>Pension Fund</u>	<u>Retiree Death Benefit Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Total Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits			
a. Active Members	\$ 1,112,123,302	\$ 1,150,096	\$ 1,113,273,398
b. Inactive Members	11,582,792	46,730	11,629,522
c. Annuitants	699,805,210	2,573,730	702,378,940
d. Total	<u>\$ 1,823,511,304</u>	<u>3,770,556</u>	<u>1,827,281,860</u>
2. Present Value of Future Normal Costs	\$ 367,420,341	\$ 331,731	\$ 367,752,072
3. Actuarial Accrued Liability (item 1 - item 2)	\$ 1,456,090,963	\$ 3,438,825	\$ 1,459,529,788
4. Valuation Assets	\$ 850,773,838	\$ 1,520,391	\$ 852,294,229
5. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (item 3 - item 4)	\$ 605,317,125	\$ 1,918,434	\$ 607,235,559
6. City Contribution Rate to be Allocated to the Retiree Death Benefit Fund			
a. Normal Cost Rate		0.028%	
b. Payment Required to Amortize UAAL over 16 years (as of 12/31/2019)		0.095%	
c. Total Allocated Rate		0.123%	

## SECTION D

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### **ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSURE OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH MEASURING PENSION OBLIGATIONS AND DETERMINING PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The actuarially determined employer contribution rates shown on the Executive Summary provide a guide for the adequacy of the current statutory contribution rates received from the membership and the City. As shown on the exhibit the current contribution rates are not sufficient to ensure the sustainability of the System. The timely receipt of the actuarially determined contributions is critical to support the financial health of the System. Users of this report should be aware that contributions made at the actuarially determined rate do not necessarily guarantee benefit security.

**PLAN MATURITY MEASURES**

Risks facing a pension plan evolve over time. A young plan with virtually no investments and paying few benefits may experience little investment risk. An older plan with a large number of members in pay status and a significant trust may be much more exposed to investment risk. Generally accepted plan maturity measures include the following (please see a description of the measures following the table):

Valuation as of December 31 <sup>st</sup>	2019	2018	2017
Ratio of market value of assets to payroll	5.1	4.3	4.7
Ratio of actuarial accrued liability to payroll	8.6	8.3	7.3
Ratio of actives to retirees and beneficiaries	2.0	2.1	2.2
Ratio of net cash flows to market value of assets	-1.0%	-1.1%	0.2%
Duration of actuarial accrued liability	14.8	15.1	Not available

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

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

### **RATIO OF ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY TO PAYROLL**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **DURATION OF ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY**

The duration of the actuarial accrued liability may be used to approximate the sensitivity to a 1% change in the assumed rate of return. For example, duration of 10 indicates that the liability would increase approximately 10% if the assumed rate of return were lowered 1%.

### **ADDITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

Additional assessment may include scenario tests, sensitivity tests, stochastic modeling, stress tests, and a comparison of the present value of accrued benefits at low-risk discount rates with the actuarial accrued liability. A robust measurement of additional risk assessment is outside the scope of the annual actuarial valuation. However, we recommend that some scenario testing and sensitivity testing be included in any sustainability study conducted in the future.

## **SECTION E**

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### **SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS**

# Summary of Plan Provisions for Austin Police Retirement System

## ***Creditable Service (APRS Service)***

Total years and completed months (excluding a month in which service amount to fewer than 15 days) during which a Member makes contributions to the System.

## ***Earnings***

Base pay plus longevity pay. Overtime or special pay is not included.

## ***Average Final Compensation***

Average Earnings for the highest 36 months over the last 120 months of service.

## ***Member Contributions***

13.000% of Earnings.

## ***City Contributions***

21.313% effective October 1, 2015.

## ***Normal Retirement***

### *Date:*

Earlier of age 62, age 55 and 20 years of Creditable Service, or 23 years of Creditable Service, regardless of age (including Proportionate Service Credit and excluding pre-membership military service).

### *Benefit:*

3.20% of Average Final Compensation times Creditable Service (including pre-membership military service).

### *Form of Benefit:*

Life Annuity. At the death of the member the excess, if any, of the member's accumulated contributions over the amount of payments made to the member will be paid in a lump sum to the member's beneficiary. (Other benefit options available).

## ***Vesting***

### *Schedule:*

100% after 10 years of Creditable Service, including Proportionate Service Credit.

### *Benefit Amount:*

Members will receive his (her) accrued benefit payable at the Normal Retirement Date based upon actual Creditable Service prior to termination.

Non-vested members receive a refund of accumulated contributions.



## **Disability**

### **Eligibility:**

10 years of Creditable Service (service requirement is waived if the disability is a direct or proximate result of the performance of the member's employment). Members who are eligible for normal retirement may not apply for disability benefits.

### **Benefit:**

Monthly benefit is calculated in the same manner as the member's normal retirement benefit. Benefit will be calculated with a minimum of 20 years of creditable service if the disability is a direct or proximate result of the performance of the member's employment.

## **Death Benefits**

### **Before Retirement Eligibility:**

Lump sum payment equal to twice the amount of the Member's accumulated contributions subject to a minimum of \$10,000.

### **After Retirement Eligibility (member is married at the time of death):**

In lieu of the lump sum benefit described above, the surviving spouse may select a retirement option in the same manner as if the member had retired immediately prior to his death. When monthly benefits are payable in lieu of the lump sum, a \$10,000 death benefit will be paid to the surviving spouse.

### **After Retirement Eligibility (member is not married at the time of death):**

In lieu of the lump sum benefit described above, the member's beneficiary may select a Fifteen Year Certain benefit calculated in the same manner as if the member had retired immediately prior to his death. When monthly benefits are payable in lieu of the lump sum, a \$10,000 death benefit will be paid to the beneficiary.

## **Retiree Death Benefit Fund**

Effective September 1, 2003, a separate fund (funded as a portion of the City's contribution rate) was established to pay post-retirement lump sum death benefits. Effective September 1, 2007, the amount of these benefits was increased to \$10,000.

## **Proportionate Retirement Program**

Effective September 1, 2009, the System and the City began participating in the statewide Proportionate Retirement Program (PRP). Service in other participating public employee retirement systems can be combined with service in the System to satisfy the System's requirements for service retirement eligibility and for eligibility for vested benefits of a terminated Member. The participating systems, in addition to the System, are the six statewide systems, the City of Austin Employees' Retirement System, and the systems for the City of El Paso employees.



## **Forward DROP**

### *Eligibility:*

Completion of 23 years of Creditable Service (including Proportionate Service Credit and excluding pre-membership military service).

### *Participation Period:*

Not to exceed 60 months. For members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016, the maximum participation period was extended to 84 months.

### *Rate of Return:*

Effective August 1, 2015, equal to the PROP interest rate (currently 2.25%). Members with 23 years of APRS service as of July 31, 2015 will receive 5.00% interest credit per year. Additionally, members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016 will not receive interest crediting while in DROP.

### *DROP Fee/Charge:*

For members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016, a charge for DROP participation will be applied as shown below. The charge will only apply during the period of DROP participation.

<u>Year of DROP Participation</u>	<u>Fee/Charge</u>
1	25%
2	20
3	15
4	10
5	5
6	5
7	5

### *Form of Distribution:*

Cash lump sum (or rollover to PROP account) at termination of employment.

### *Miscellaneous:*

For members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016, member contributions will continue to be required during the DROP participation period, but these contributions will be retained by the System.

## **Retro DROP**

### *Eligibility:*

Completion of 23 years of Creditable Service (included Proportionate Service Credit and excluding pre-membership military service). Members with less than 23 years on April 1, 2015 will not be eligible to participate in Retro DROP.

### *Participation Period:*

Not to exceed 36 months.

### *Rate of Return:*

5.0%

### *Form of Distribution:*

Cash lump sum (or rollover to PROP account) at termination of employment.

## **Post-Retirement Option Plan (PROP)**

*Retiring members who have participated in DROP may transfer all or a portion of their DROP lump sum into their PROP account for later disbursement.*

Retired members may defer receipt of a minimum of \$250 of their monthly annuity. These deferred benefits will be accumulated and available for later disbursement. Participants may change their deferral amount twice per calendar year. The interest crediting rate on a member's PROP deferrals is set by the Board. The current crediting rate is 2.25%.

## **Cost of Living Adjustment**

### *Eligibility:*

Normal Retirement.

### *Amount:*

Determined by the actuary if providing a COLA (not to exceed 6.0% per year) will not impair financial stability of the System. Post-Retirement benefit increases will automatically be provided when the System's benefit accrual rate is increased.

## **SECTION F**

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### **ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS**

# Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

The assumptions and methods applied in this actuarial valuation were adopted by the Board of Trustees effective with the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation. The actuarial assumptions used for the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation are based on an experience review for the five-year period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017, dated May 15, 2019. Please see this report for a discussion of the analysis and rationale for the recommended assumptions.

## ***I. Valuation Date***

The valuation date is December 31 of each plan year. This is the date as of which the actuarial present value of future benefits and the actuarial value of assets are determined.

## ***II. Actuarial Cost Method***

The actuarial valuation is used to determine the adequacy of the current City contribution rate, describe the current financial condition of APRS, analyze changes in the condition of APRS, and provide various summaries of the data.

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

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

The funding period is calculated as the number of years required to fully amortize the UAAL, and is calculated assuming: (a) future earnings on actuarial value of assets, net of investment-related expenses, will equal 7.25% per year, (b) there will be no changes in assumptions, (c) the number of active members will remain unchanged, (d) payroll for covered employees will grow at 3.00% each year, and (e) City contributions will remain the same percentage of payroll as described in Section E of the valuation report.

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

### **III. Actuarial Value of Assets**

The actuarial value of assets is based on the market value of assets with a five-year phase-in of actual investment returns in excess of (less than) expected investment income. Offsetting unrecognized gains and losses are immediately recognized, with the shortest remaining bases recognized first and the net remaining bases continuing to be recognized on their original timeframe. Expected investment income is determined using the assumed investment return rate and the market value of assets (adjusted for receipts and disbursements during the year).

### **IV. Actuarial Assumptions**

**Investment Return:** 7.25% per year, net of investment-related expenses (composed of an assumed 2.50% inflation rate and a 4.75% real rate of return)

#### **Mortality Decrements:**

##### Pre-retirement

PubS-2010 Employee Mortality Table for males and females. Generational mortality improvements projected from the year 2010 using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables.

##### Healthy Annuitants

PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality Table for males and females. Generational mortality improvements projected from the year 2010 using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables.

##### Disabled Annuitants

PubS-2010 Disability Mortality Table for males and females. Generational mortality improvements projected from the year 2010 using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables.

### **Service Retirement Decrements:**

#### Members Who Have 23 Years of Service by Age 55

The following rates reflect the members expected departure from active service and are applied based on years of service:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Probability of Retirement</b>
23	28%
24	18
25	18
26	18
27	25
28	25
29	25
30+	35

Years of Service includes APRS Service and Proportionate Service Credit.  
100% probability of retirement at age 62.

#### Members Who Do Not Have 23 Years of Service by Age 55

The following rates reflect the members expected departure from active service and are applied based on the member's age:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Probability of Retirement</b>
55	50%
56	25
57	25
58	25
59	25
60	25
61	25
62+	100

#### Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)

Members eligible for either the Back DROP or 5-year Forward DROP (or both) are assumed to select the most valuable option based on their individual situation at each possible retirement age. Members eligible for only the 7-year Forward DROP are assumed to not participate in DROP.

#### Post-Retirement Option Plan (PROP) Investment Accounts

75% of members with a PROP account at the valuation date will elect to leave their lump sum in APRS until age 60 and 25% of members will elect to receive their PROP balance at the valuation date. No future PROP deferrals are assumed and current active members are not assumed to enter PROP. Average annual rate credited to the PROP accounts will be 2.25%.

### Withdrawal of Employee Contributions

Members that terminate with a vested benefit are assumed to choose the most valuable option available to them at the time of termination: withdrawal of contributions or deferred annuity. Non-vested members are assumed to receive an immediate refund of accumulated contributions.

### **Disability Retirement Decrements:**

#### Disability Rates

Rates for males and females at selected ages are shown below:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Rate</b>
20	0.0004%
25	0.0025
30	0.0099
35	0.0259
40	0.0494
45	0.0804
50	0.1188
55	0.1647
60	0.2180

Disability rates are set to zero when members become eligible for retirement

#### In Line of Duty Disability

55% of disability retirements assumed to be in the line of duty.

### **Termination Decrements for Reasons Other Than Death or Retirement:**

#### Withdrawal Rates

The following service-based rates apply:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Probability of Termination</b>
0	12.00%
1	6.00
2-5	2.00
6-22	0.75
23+	0.00

Years of Service includes APRS Service and Proportionate Service Credit.

Termination rates are set to zero when members become eligible for retirement

**Salary Increases:** Increases are assumed to vary by years of APRS Service. Salary increases include an underlying inflation component of 2.50% and a productivity component of 0.50%.

<b>Anniversary of Academy Graduation</b>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>
1*	15.20%
2	3.00
3	3.00
4	3.00
5	3.00
6	10.00
7	3.00
8	3.00
9	3.00
10	10.00
11	3.00
12	3.00
13	3.00
14	10.00
15	3.00
16	10.00
17+	3.00

\*Rate of Increase for 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Graduation is for an Officer Position. If member is still a cadet on the valuation date then the increase in the upcoming year will be, either: (1) 46.70% for a regular Academy graduate, or (2) 17.40% plus the 15.20% Step Rate for a Modified Academy graduate.

**Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA):** Cost of living adjustments are granted on an ad hoc basis. No future COLAs are assumed.

**Administrative Expenses:** 0.90% of payroll. Included in this assumption would be any administrative expenses associated with the proportionate retirement program, which is currently assumed to be 0.017% of payroll.

**Payroll Growth:** Member Payroll is assumed to grow at 3.00% per year.

**Marital Assumptions:** 85% of active members are assumed to be married. Male spouses are assumed to be three years older than female spouses.

**Decrement Timing:** All decrements – mortality, service retirement, disability retirement, and termination of employment for reasons other than death or retirement – are assumed to occur at the middle of the valuation year.



### **Census Data and Assets**

- The valuation was based on members of APRS as of the valuation date and does not take into account future members.
- All census data was supplied by APRS and was subject to reasonable consistency checks.
- There were data elements that were modified for some members as part of the valuation in order to make the data complete. However, the number of missing data items was immaterial.
- Asset data was supplied by APRS.

### **Other Actuarial Valuation Procedures**

- No provision was made in this actuarial valuation for the limitations of Internal Revenue Code Sections 415 or 401(a)17.
- Annualized Payroll on Valuation Date is the annualized payroll of active members on the valuation date. Projected Contributory Payroll for the upcoming fiscal year (used in determining the amortization period) is the estimated pensionable earnings received by all plan members for the just completed calendar year (including earnings for members who are no longer active employees on the valuation date) increased by the assumed payroll growth rate.

### **Changes in Assumptions Since Prior Year**

- None.

## **SECTION G**

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### **DETAILED SUMMARIES OF MEMBERSHIP DATA**

## Detailed Summaries of Membership Data

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## Table A

### Summary of Active Membership Data

December 31, 2019

#### Active members

a. Number		1,819
b. Total payroll at the valuation date	\$	162,709,421
c. Average salary	\$	89,450
d. Average age		40.5
e. Average benefit service		12.0

#### Active members currently in DROP

a. Number		53
b. Total payroll at the valuation date	\$	6,022,970
c. Average salary	\$	113,641
d. Average age		54.5
e. Average benefit service		28.3
f. Total annual benefits	\$	4,588,685
g. Average annual benefit	\$	86,579
h. Total DROP Balance	\$	15,361,488

#### Vested inactive members

a. Number		43
b. Total annual deferred benefits	\$	1,584,398
c. Average annual deferred benefit	\$	36,846
d. Average age		48.5

#### Nonvested inactive members

a. Number		69
b. Member contributions due	\$	675,018
c. Average refund due	\$	9,783

## Table B

### Summary of Annuitant Membership Data

December 31, 2019

#### Service Retirees

a. Number		824
b. Total annual benefits	\$	56,030,195
c. Average annual benefit	\$	67,998
d. Average age		63.4
e. Total PROP Balance	\$	27,804,538

#### Disability Retirees

a. Number		5
b. Total annual benefits	\$	178,734
c. Average annual benefit	\$	35,747
d. Average age		49.6
e. Total PROP Balance	\$	0

#### Beneficiaries

a. Number		70
b. Total annual benefits	\$	3,019,272
c. Average annual benefit	\$	43,132
d. Average age		72.7
e. Total PROP Balance	\$	301,684

#### QDROs

a. Number		51
b. Total annual benefits	\$	705,939
c. Average annual benefit	\$	13,842
d. Average age		59.2
e. Total PROP Balance	\$	0

#### Total Members in Payment

a. Number		950
b. Total annual benefits	\$	59,934,140
c. Average annual benefit	\$	63,089
d. Average age		63.8
e. Total PROP Balance	\$	28,106,222

**Table C**  
**Status Reconciliation**

	Active	Active DROP	Vested Terminated	Non-vested Terminated	Retiree	Disability Retiree	Beneficiary	QDRO
<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>
Re-hired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Termination, non-vested	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Termination, vested	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered DROP	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement	31	10	3	-	-	-	-	1
Disability retirement	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution refund	22	-	-	23	-	-	-	-
Death	1	-	-	-	12	-	1	-
<b>Total Out</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Continuing</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total In</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>End of Year</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>51</b>

## Table D

### Active Members – Distribution by Age and Service

Age	Years of Service									Total
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
Under 25	27									27
	\$ 57,774									\$ 57,774
25 - 29	181	24								205
	\$ 66,167	\$ 74,195								\$ 67,107
30 - 34	127	116	35	1						279
	\$ 69,358	\$ 77,836	\$ 84,458	\$ 74,011						\$ 74,794
35 - 39	46	114	163	30	1					354
	\$ 71,559	\$ 78,332	\$ 87,569	\$ 97,443	\$ 86,084					\$ 83,346
40 - 44	25	36	93	139	56					349
	\$ 72,285	\$ 79,150	\$ 86,867	\$ 103,451	\$ 111,831					\$ 95,637
45 - 49	8	20	48	101	144	35				356
	\$ 70,843	\$ 77,156	\$ 88,801	\$ 102,564	\$ 113,077	\$ 112,630				\$ 103,810
50 - 54		4	20	53	70	62	5			214
		\$ 91,805	\$ 89,068	\$ 100,893	\$ 114,183	\$ 115,331	\$ 110,419			\$ 108,371
55 - 59			5	12	14	22	14	3		70
			\$ 85,219	\$ 103,818	\$ 112,256	\$ 110,260	\$ 110,332	\$ 103,844		\$ 107,505
60 - 64	1		1	1	6	5	3			17
	\$ 160,609		\$ 97,990	\$ 116,586	\$ 97,814	\$ 120,685	\$ 109,449			\$ 111,402
Over 64					1					1
					\$ 99,172					\$ 99,172
<b>Total</b>	415	314	365	337	292	124	22	3		1,872
	\$ 67,882	\$ 78,023	\$ 87,332	\$ 102,213	\$ 112,610	\$ 113,885	\$ 110,232	\$ 103,844		\$ 90,135

## Table E

### Annuitants – Distribution by Age and Category

Age	Number	Annual Benefit	Average Annual Benefit
Under 60	357	25,731,734	72,078
60 - 64	193	12,355,077	64,016
65 - 69	189	11,125,087	58,863
70 - 74	105	5,644,056	53,753
75 - 80	47	2,281,501	48,543
Over 80	59	2,796,686	47,401
<b>Total</b>	950	59,934,140	63,089



## **SECTION H**

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### **GLOSSARY**

## Glossary

**Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL):** That portion, as determined by a particular Actuarial Cost Method, of the Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits which is not provided for by future Normal Costs. It is equal to the Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits minus the actuarial present value of future Normal Costs.

**Actuarial Assumptions:** Assumptions as to future experience under the Fund. These include assumptions about the occurrence of future events affecting costs or liabilities, such as:

- mortality, withdrawal, disablement, and retirement;
- future increases in salary;
- future rates of investment earnings and future investment and administrative expenses;
- characteristics of members not specified in the data, such as marital status;
- characteristics of future members;
- future elections made by members; and
- other relevant items.

**Actuarial Cost Method or Funding Method:** A procedure for allocating the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits to various time periods; a method used to determine the Normal Cost and the Actuarial Accrued Liability. These items are used to determine the ADC.

**Actuarial Gain or Actuarial Loss:** A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of Actuarial Assumptions, during the period between two Actuarial Valuation dates. Through the actuarial assumptions, rates of decrements, rates of salary increases, and rates of fund earnings have been forecasted. To the extent that actual experience differs from that assumed, Actuarial Accrued Liabilities emerge which may be the same as forecasted, or may be larger or smaller than projected. Actuarial gains are due to favorable experience, e.g., the Fund's assets earn more than projected, salaries do not increase as fast as assumed, members retire later than assumed, etc. Favorable experience means actual results produce actuarial liabilities not as large as projected by the actuarial assumptions. On the other hand, actuarial losses are the result of unfavorable experience, i.e., actual results that produce actuarial liabilities which are larger than projected. Actuarial gains will shorten the time required for funding of the actuarial balance sheet deficiency while actuarial losses will lengthen the funding period.

**Actuarially Equivalent:** Of equal actuarial present value, determined as of a given date and based on a given set of Actuarial Assumptions.

**Actuarial Present Value (APV):** The value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions. For purposes of this standard, each such amount or series of amounts is:

- a. adjusted for the probable financial effect of certain intervening events (such as changes in compensation levels, marital status, etc.),
- b. multiplied by the probability of the occurrence of an event (such as survival, death, disability, termination of employment, etc.) on which the payment is conditioned, and
- c. discounted according to an assumed rate (or rates) of return to reflect the time value of money.

**Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits:** The Actuarial Present Value of those benefit amounts which are expected to be paid at various future times under a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions, taking into account such items as the effect of advancement in age and past and anticipated future compensation and service credits. The Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits includes the liabilities for active members, retired members, beneficiaries receiving benefits, and inactive, nonretired members either entitled to a refund or a future retirement benefit. Expressed another way, it is the value that would have to be invested on the valuation date so that the amount invested plus investment earnings would be provide sufficient assets to pay all projected benefits and expenses when due.

**Actuarial Valuation:** The determination, as of a valuation date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Accrued Liability, Actuarial Value of Assets, and related Actuarial Present Values for a plan. An Actuarial valuation for a governmental retirement system typically also includes calculations of items needed for compliance with GASB.

**Actuarial Value of Assets or Valuation Assets:** The value of the Fund's assets as of a given date, used by the actuary for valuation purposes. This may be the market or fair value of plan assets, but commonly actuaries use a smoothed value in order to reduce the year-to-year volatility of calculated results, such as the funded ratio and the ADC.

**Actuarially Determined:** Values which have been determined utilizing the principles of actuarial science. An actuarially determined value is derived by application of the appropriate actuarial assumptions to specified values determined by provisions of the law.

**Amortization Method:** A method for determining the Amortization Payment. The most common methods used are level dollar and level percentage of payroll. Under the Level Dollar method, the Amortization Payment is one of a stream of payments, all equal, whose Actuarial Present Value is equal to the UAAL. Under the Level Percentage of Pay method, the Amortization payment is one of a stream of increasing payments, whose Actuarial Present Value is equal to the UAAL. Under the Level Percentage of Pay method, the stream of payments increases at the assumed rate at which total covered payroll of all active members will increase.

**Amortization Payment:** That portion of the pension plan contribution or ADC which is designed to pay interest on and to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

**Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) or Annual Required Contribution (ARC):** A calculated contribution for a defined benefit pension plan for the reporting period, most often determined based on the funding policy of the plan. Typically the calculated contribution has a normal cost payment and an amortization payment.

**Closed Amortization Period:** A specific number of years that is counted down by one each year and therefore declines to zero with the passage of time. For example if the amortization period is initially set at 30 years, it is 29 years at the end of one year, 28 years at the end of two years, etc. See Funding Period and Open Amortization Period.

**Decrements:** Those causes/events due to which a member's status (active-inactive-retiree-beneficiary) changes, that is: death, retirement, disability, or termination.



**Defined Benefit Plan:** An employer-sponsored retirement benefit that provides workers, upon attainment of designated age and service thresholds, with a monthly benefit based on the employee's salary and length of service. The value of a benefit from a defined benefit plan is generally not affected by the return on the assets that are invested to fund the benefit.

**Defined Contribution Plan:** A retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan, a 403(b) plan, or a 457 plan, in which the contributions to the plan are assigned to an account for each member, and the plan's earnings are allocated to each account, and each member's benefits are a direct function of the account balance.

**Employer Normal Cost:** The portion of the Normal Cost to be paid by the employers. This is equal to the Normal Cost less expected member contributions.

**Experience Study:** A periodic review and analysis of the actual experience of the Fund which may lead to a revision of one or more actuarial assumptions. Actual rates of decrement and salary increases are compared to the actuarially assumed values and modified as deemed appropriate by the Actuary.

**Funded Ratio:** The ratio of the actuarial value of assets (AVA) to the actuarial accrued liability (AAL). Plans sometimes calculate a market funded ratio, using the market value of assets (MVA), rather than the AVA.

**Funding Period or Amortization Period:** The term "Funding Period" is used in two ways. In the first sense, it is the period used in calculating the Amortization Payment as a component of the ADC. This funding period is chosen by the Board of Trustees. In the second sense, it is a calculated item: the number of years in the future that will theoretically be required to amortize (i.e., pay off or eliminate) the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, based on the statutory employer contribution rate, and assuming no future actuarial gains or losses.

**GASB:** The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is an organization that exists in order to promulgate accounting standards for governmental entities.

**Normal Cost:** That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method. Any payment in respect of an Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability is not part of Normal Cost (see Amortization Payment). For pension plan benefits which are provided in part by employee contributions, Normal Cost refers to the total of employee contributions and employer Normal Cost unless otherwise specifically stated. Under the entry age normal cost method, the Normal Cost is intended to be the level cost (when expressed as a percentage of pay) needed to fund the benefits of a member from hire until ultimate termination, death, disability or retirement.

**Open Amortization Period:** An open amortization period is one which is used to determine the Amortization Payment but which does not change over time. In other words, if the initial period is set as 30 years, the same 30-year period is used in determining the Amortization Period each year. In theory, if an Open Amortization Period is used to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, the UAAL will never completely disappear, but will become smaller each year, either as a dollar amount or in relation to covered payroll.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability:** The excess of the Actuarial Accrued Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets. This value may be negative in which case it may be expressed as a negative Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, also called the Funding Surplus.



**Valuation Date** or **Actuarial Valuation Date:** The date as of which the value of assets is determined and as of which the Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits is determined. The expected benefits to be paid in the future are discounted to this date.

# HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND BENEFITS SECTION

## Changes in Plan Provisions

### September 1999

Board Membership changed to allow for greater membership participation by adding one active officer and one retired officer position to the Board of Trustees.

### July 2000

Benefit formula multiplier was increased from 2.88 percent to 3.0 percent with an equivalent special ad hoc increase granted to retirees.

### September 2001

Provision added for retirement eligibility with unreduced benefits to include members who have 23 years of creditable service excluding pre-membership military service.

Post Retirement Option Plan (PROP) provision added for members who select the Retroactive Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and instead of receiving a single lump-sum payment, elect to receive partial payments from the member's DROP account for each calendar year, in an amount elected by the member.

### September 2003

IRS Code adopted to allow the retiree death benefit amount of \$7,500 to be distributed to beneficiary of retired member as a tax-free lump sum amount.

Permissive Service Credit provision added, which allows members with 20 years of service to purchase additional time at actuarially neutral cost to the System.

### April 2006

The PROP Monthly Annuity Deferral Option was added for retiree members.

### October 2006

Member contribution rate was increased from 9 percent to 11 percent.

### **April 2007**

Forward Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Forward DROP) provision added for a one-time benefit whereby active police officers can choose to retire, continue working for and receiving a paycheck from APD, while their retirement annuity is deferred into a DROP account on their behalf at the retirement System.

### **September 2007**

Permissive service credit was changed to: (1) allow the purchase by a deceased member's designated beneficiary if there is no surviving spouse; and (2) allow the purchase to be based on deferring the actual date when retirement benefits would begin in order to reduce the member's cost (Deferred Permissive Service).

The retiree death benefit was increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

### **October 2007**

Member contribution rate was increased from 11 percent to 13 percent.

### **December 2007**

Benefit formula multiplier was increased from 3.0 percent to 3.2 percent with an equivalent special ad hoc increase granted to retirees.

### **January 2009**

The City's contribution rate was increased from 18 percent to 18.25 percent to fund APRS participation in Texas Proportionate Retirement System.

### **March 2009**

APRS joined the Texas Proportionate Retirement System, which allows members with service credit in more than one participating retirement system to be eligible to combine their service credits in order to satisfy the length of service requirements used to determine eligibility for service retirement.

### **September 2009**

The City's contribution rate was increased from 18.25 percent to 18.63 percent to fund APRS participation in Texas Proportionate Retirement Program.

### **October 2010**

The City's contribution rate was increased from 18.63 percent to 19.63 percent.



### **October 2011**

The City's contribution rate was increased from 19.63 percent to 20.63 percent.

### **October 2012**

The City's contribution rate was increased from 20.63 percent to 21.63 percent.

### **February 2015**

Effective February 18, 2015, the opportunity to purchase permissive service in conjunction with utilizing the Forward or Retro DROP was eliminated.

Effective February 18, 2015, permissive service credit factors shall be determined based on an interest rate that is 50 basis points lower than the valuation assumption and generational mortality.

Effective April 1, 2015, Retro DROP was eliminated for members with less than 23 years of APRS service.

Effective August 1, 2015, the Forward DROP interest rate will be set annually in the same manner as the PROP interest rate, except for those with 23 years of APRS service as of July 31, 2015 who will not be affected.

New hires beginning February 1, 2016 will be required to pay the full actuarial cost to purchase military service. All others will continue to pay 25 percent of the actuarial cost, which will be based on an interest rate that is 50 basis points lower than the valuation assumption and generational mortality.

### **October 2015**

The City's contribution rate was decreased from 21.63 percent to 21.313 percent on October 1, 2015. The change was due to an actuarial study conducted to assess the cost of participation in the Proportionate Retirement Program.

### **February 2016**

A new Forward DROP program was created. Modifications included elimination of interest paid to the account, elimination of member contributions being credited to the account, a graduated fee in each year of the Forward DROP period, and an option to elect up to seven years in the new Forward DROP.

Changes would not apply to members with 23 years of creditable service as of February 17, 2016. Grandfathered members could choose either the old Five Year Forward DROP or the new Seven Year Forward DROP.

## Interest Paid on Member Accounts

YEAR	INTEREST PAID
2019	0.0%
2018	0.0%
2017	0.0%
2016	0.0%
2015	0.0%
2014	0.0%
2013	0.0%
2012	0.0%
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007*	5.0%
2006	0.0%
2005	0.0%
2004	2.0%

\*Beginning in 2007, interest (if granted) is only paid on vested members accounts

### Interest Paid on Retirement Contributions.

The Board of Trustees annually determines the amount of interest paid on vested members' accumulated deposits, taking into consideration the performance of the Fund's investments and the actuary's recommendations.

Retirement interest is paid only to vested members' (10 years of service) accounts at the end of the calendar year based on the amount in the member account on the first day of that calendar year.

## COLA's Paid to Retirees and Beneficiaries

YEAR	COLA PAID
2019	0.0%
2018	0.0%
2017	0.0%
2016	0.0%
2015	0.0%
2014	0.0%
2013	0.0%
2012	0.0%
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	1.0%
2006	0.0%
2005	0.0%
2004	1.75%

### Cost of Living Adjustments for retirees.

On January 1 of each year the Board may approve a cost-of-living adjustment for those retirees who retired on or before December 31 of the previous year. The amount of the adjustment is set by the Board upon recommendation by the System's actuary that such an adjustment will not make the Fund financially unsound, and the adjustment is not inconsistent with the Plan provisions. The adjustment is prorated for any benefit which has been in effect for less than a year, with the proration being 1/12 for each monthly payment received during the prior year.

## Comparative Statement of Membership

<b>Active Members</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Total Number of Active Members, January 1	1,892	1,866
Add: New Members	70	122
Deduct: Members Terminated/Refunded	(40)	(59)
Deceased Members	(1)	(1)
Members Transferred to Retiree/DROP System	(49)	(36)
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b><u>1,872</u></b>	<b><u>1,892</u></b>
<b>Vested Terminated</b>		
TOTAL VESTED TERMINATED MEMBERS, DECEMBER 31	<u>43</u>	<u>39</u>
<b>Non-Vested Terminated</b>		
TOTAL NONVESTED TERMINATED MEMBERS, DECEMBER 31	<u>69</u>	<u>72</u>
<b>Retired Members</b>		
Total Number of Retired Members, January 1	906	867
Add: New Retired Members	57	48
Deduct: Retired Members Deceased	(13)	(9)
<b>TOTAL RETIRED MEMBERS, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b><u>950</u></b>	<b><u>906</u></b>
<b>TOTAL APRS MEMBERS, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b><u>2,934</u></b>	<b><u>2,909</u></b>

## Summary of Plan Benefits

### Introduction

This is a general overview of the Austin Police Retirement System (APRS or System) membership and benefits. In the event of any inconsistency between this general overview and state or federal law as modified, interpreted, and applied from time to time, the state or federal law will govern and control.

APRS is an IRS tax-qualified 401(a) defined benefit plan governed by Texas state law.

### Membership Requirements

All cadets upon enrollment in the Austin Police Academy, and commissioned law enforcement officers employed by the City of Austin Police Department, as well as full time employees of the City of Austin Police Retirement System (after serving a 6-month probationary period); become members of the Police Retirement System at the date of employment.

### Contributions

Each member of the system contributes 13 percent of base pay bi-weekly and annual longevity pay through payroll deduction. Overtime or special pay is not included. Contributions continue unless a member is on leave of absence, or withdraws by terminating and/or retiring.

The City of Austin contributes 21.313 percent of every member's base pay bi-weekly and 21.313 percent of member's longevity pay annually.

## Creditable Service

Creditable service is service that is used in computing retirement benefits. There are seven types of creditable service:

- Membership Service
- Probationary Service
- Pre-Membership Military Service
- Uniformed Leave of Absence Service
- Reinstated Forfeited Service
- Cadet Service
- Permissive Service Credit
- Deferred Retirement Permissive Service Credit

## Proportionate Retirement Program

Participating systems recognize service from other participating systems. A member with service credit in more than one participating retirement system may be eligible to combine that service in order to satisfy the length of service requirements used to determine eligibility for service retirement. Please note that proportionate service counts for eligibility purposes only and does not add to additional service credit years for pension calculation purposes. Participating systems include:

- Austin Police Retirement System
- City of Austin Employees' Retirement System (COAERS)
- The El Paso City Employees' Pension Fund
- El Paso Firemen and Policemen's Pension Fund
- Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS)
- Judicial Retirement System of Texas I & II
- Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS)
- Texas Municipal Retirement System of Texas (TMRS)
- Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS)
- Other Texas retirement systems covering municipal employees who have qualified plans and have elected to participate in the Proportionate Retirement Program.

## Vesting

When a member reaches ten (10) years of creditable service, which may include approved Proportionate Service Credit if applicable, they become a vested member of the retirement system.

### **Retirement**

Members are eligible for normal, unreduced retirement when they meet one of the following age and service requirements, excluding pre-membership military service:

- Age 62
- Age 55 with 20 years of creditable service
- Any age with 23 years creditable service

### **Retirement Benefit Calculation**

The basic retirement benefit Life Annuity is calculated by using the following formula: 3.2 percent times the years of creditable service times the average monthly salary for the highest 36 months of the last ten years of contributing service. The monthly annuity benefit payment begins the month following the member's retirement from the System.



### Retirement Benefit Options

The Police Retirement System provides several options under which monthly benefits may be paid. The options below require verifiable information to be submitted to the System for calculation. The options that include benefits to a survivor are figured according to the ages of both member and survivor included in the plan. A member's benefit is permanently reduced if an option is chosen that provides survivor benefits. Please note: A member may not change their chosen option or survivor after they have already retired.

- Life Annuity
- 100% Joint and Survivor Annuity
- 50% Joint and Survivor Annuity
- 66-2/3% Joint and Survivor Annuity
- Joint and 66-2/3% Last Survivor Annuity
- Fifteen Year Certain and Life Annuity

### Retroactive Deferred Retirement Option (Retro DROP)

The retroactive deferred retirement option plan, referred to as Retro DROP, is a one-time benefit paid at retirement to a member with a subsequent associated reduced monthly annuity. To be eligible a member must qualify with a normal service retirement of 23 years at any age, excluding pre-membership military or permissive service credit. The maximum amount of service to be used in computation of the Retro DROP after normal service retirement of 23 years is 36 months. Effective April 1, 2015, the Retro DROP program will only apply to members with 23 years of creditable service as of that date.

### Forward Deferred Retirement Option (Forward DROP)

The Forward DROP allows active police officers to freeze their retirement benefit calculation, but continue working and drawing a paycheck from APD, while their retirement annuity is deferred into a DROP account on their behalf at the retirement system. To be eligible a member must qualify with a normal service retirement of 23 years at any age, as of the date of his or her election to participate in the Forward DROP.

- Five-Year Forward DROP for members with 23 years of creditable service as of February 17, 2016:

The maximum amount of service to be used in computation of the Forward DROP after normal service retirement of 23 years, excluding pre-membership service credit and permissive service credit, is sixty (60) months. During the period that a member participates in Forward DROP, retirement contributions shall be made to the member's Forward DROP account. The Forward DROP benefit balance will include the accumulated monthly benefits during Forward DROP participation, member contributions and a simple interest calculation on December 31st for balances on deposit as of January 1st of the same

calendar year. Effective August 1, 2015, the interest rate for new DROP members will be the same as PROP, which was 2.25 percent in fiscal year 2018. Members with 23 years of service by July 31, 2015 earn interest at 5.0 percent.

- Seven-Year Forward DROP for members with 23 years of creditable service after February 17, 2016:

The maximum amount of service to be used in computation of the Forward DROP after normal service retirement of 23 years, excluding pre-membership service credit and permissive service credit, is eighty-four (84) months. During the period that a member participates in Forward DROP, employee contributions will be collected but not credited to the member's Forward DROP account. There will be no interest applied to the member's Forward DROP account. In addition, a fee is applied to the participant's monthly Forward DROP amount.

## **Post Retirement Option Plan (PROP)**

Instead of receiving a single lump-sum payment, a member may elect to receive partial payments from the member's RETRO or Forward DROP account by transferring the funds into a PROP account, in an amount elected by the member.

## **Post Retirement Option Plan (PROP) Monthly Annuity Deferral Program**

The PROP Monthly Annuity Deferral plan allows retired members to defer receipt of a minimum of \$250 of their monthly annuity in order to defer the taxation of the deferred payments and to have the monthly benefits accumulate for later disbursement and later taxation in a Post Retirement Option Plan account.

## **Disability Retirement Benefits**

To be eligible for disability retirement, the applicant must be unable to perform employment duties due to becoming physically or mentally incapacitated. The disability must be considered a permanent job performance disability. The disability must also be subsequent to the member's effective date of membership AND,

- If the member has less than 10 years of creditable service, the disability must have been a direct or proximate result of the performance of the member's employment duties with the City or the System. The disability will be calculated at 20 years of service.
- If the member has 10 years or more of creditable service, the disability does not have to be a direct or proximate result of the performance of the member's employment duties with the City or the System. On-duty disabilities will be calculated at 20 years of service and Off-duty disabilities will be calculated using the actual number of years of service the member has once the disability is granted.
- If the member is retirement eligible, they cannot apply for disability retirement; however, they can apply for normal retirement.

### Death and Survivor Benefits

- At the death of an active or vested member, the designated beneficiary(ies) are entitled to a lump sum benefit of twice the members accumulated contributions with a \$10,000 minimum payment.
- At the death of an active or vested member who is eligible to retire, the designated survivor will be entitled to receive monthly payments under a retirement option in lieu of a lump sum death benefit. In the event a member who is eligible for service retirement dies without making a written option selection, and the member leaves a surviving spouse, the surviving spouse may select a retirement option in the same manner as the member would have made or may select a lump sum payment equal to twice the members accumulated deposits. If there is no surviving spouse, the deceased member's designated beneficiary may elect to receive payment under Option V, a Fifteen Year Certain and Life Annuity, which will pay monthly benefits for a period of fifteen years, or a lump sum payment equal to twice the member's accumulated deposits. When monthly benefits are payable in lieu of a lump sum, a \$10,000 taxable death benefit will be paid to the beneficiary(ies).
- At the death of a retiree, a tax-free death benefit of \$10,000 (or a proportionate amount if the member retired under the Proportionate Retirement Program) is paid to the designated beneficiary(ies) or estate. If the member has a PROP or DROP account at the time of their death, those funds are paid to the designated beneficiary(ies) for those programs. If a survivor option was chosen, the elected survivor begins to receive the elected portion of the annuity. If the Life Annuity was chosen, the monthly benefits cease.