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SECTION 1  
INTRODUCTION

**Board of Trustees** CHAIRMAN Sherry Mose VICE CHAIRMAN Roy W. Sanchez SECRETARY Lonnie Vara  
 David L. Long | Asha Patnaik | Lenard Polk | Barbara Chalette  
 Richard Badger | Edward J. Hamb II | Craig T. Mason | Adrian Patterson

**Executive Director** Rhonda Smith



**November 20, 2014**

**Kelly Dowe, Director  
 Finance Department  
 611 Walker, 10th Floor  
 Houston, Texas 77002**

**Dear Mr. Dowe:**

We are pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System (the System), a Component Unit of the City of Houston, Texas (the City), for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013. The accuracy, fairness of presentation and completeness of this report are the responsibility of the Board of Trustees (the Board) of the System. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of the operations of the System. The System's basic financial statements will be included in the annual financial report of the City.

#### **Accounting System and Internal Controls**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and presented in accordance with guidance provided by applicable statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The System's independent auditors have audited the financial statements and issued an unmodified opinion as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 (pages 13-14). The purpose of the audit is to give reasonable assurance to users of those financial statements, the Board, and participants of the System, that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, information regarding the System's net position held in trust for pension benefits and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A significant responsibility of the Board is to ensure that the System has in place an adequate system of internal controls. A system of internal controls is an entity's plan of organization and its coordinated methods and measures adopted to safeguard its assets, ensure the accuracy and reliability of the accounting system and promote adherence to management policies. These controls include strategic design of the entity's business systems, the appropriate segregation of duties and responsibilities, sound practices in the performance of those duties, retaining capable personnel, and the organizational structure itself. For each implemental control, the cost of the control should not exceed the benefits to be derived. An objective of these controls is to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatement. We believe the System's internal controls are adequate and are working as designed.

#### **Financial Information**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) that immediately follows the Independent Auditors' Report provides condensed financial information and activities for the current and prior two fiscal years of the System. It provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A



complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

### **Plan History and Profile**

The System was created in 1943 under Chapter 358, Acts of the 48th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Article 6243g, Vernon's Annotated Revised Texas Civil Statutes, and was reenacted and continued under HB1573, 77th Texas Legislature, as Article 6243h, Vernon's Annotated Revised Texas Civil Statutes, as amended (the Statute).

The System is a multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan and includes a contributory group (Group A) and two noncontributory groups (Groups B and D). The System provides service retirement, disability retirement and death benefits for eligible participants which covers all municipal employees, except police officers and fire fighters (other than certain police officers in the System as authorized by the Statute), employed full time by the City, elected City officials, and the full-time employees of the System (collectively referred to as "participants"). The System's plan net assets are used to pay benefits for eligible participants of Group A, Group B and Group D. The System is administered by an eleven-member Board of Trustees. The Trustees include four elected trustees who are members of the System, two elected trustees who are retirees of the System, a trustee appointed by the elected trustees, the mayor's appointee, the controller's appointee, and two city council appointees.

### **Budget**

The costs of administering the System, consisting of operating administrative expenses and capitalized items, are paid by the System from current earnings pursuant to an annual fiscal budget adopted by the Board.

### **Contributions - Meet and Confer Agreement**

On July 1, 2011, the Amended and Restated Meet and Confer Agreement (Agreement) between the City and the System went into effect.

Under the Agreement, the City's annual contribution to the System is the greater of the previous fiscal year's rate plus 2 percent of covered payroll (Percentage Amount) or the previous fiscal year's contribution amount plus \$10 million (Dollar Amount). This provision will stay in place until the

actuarially determined contribution rate is met, at which time that rate becomes the effective contribution rate. For fiscal year 2014, the City's contribution was 23.36% of covered payroll based on the Percentage Amount, which exceeded the Dollar Amount of \$123.2 million.

### **Funding Status**

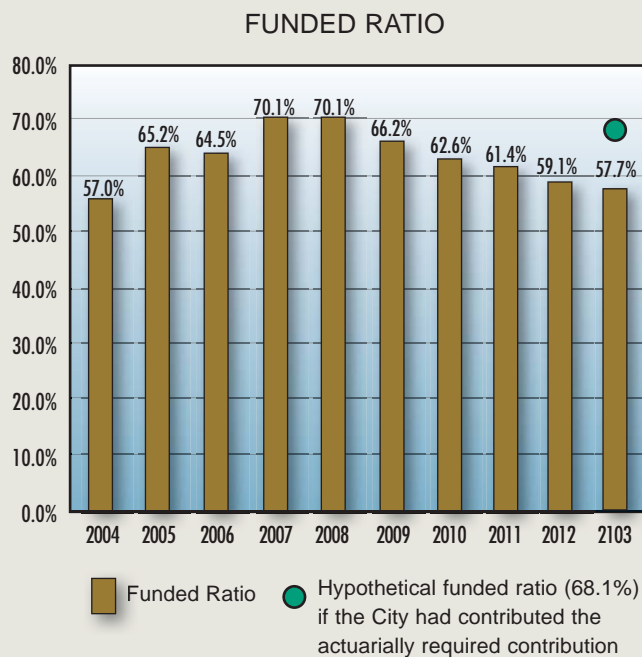
The System's funding objective is to establish contributions which, when combined with present assets and future investment returns, will be sufficient to meet the financial obligations to present and future retirees and beneficiaries. Annual actuarial valuations measure the progress toward these goals, as well as test the adequacy of the contribution rate. HMEPS receives contributions from two sources: employer contributions, which are determined as a percent of covered payroll (unless otherwise specified under the Amended and Restated Meet and Confer Agreement); and Group A member contributions. The System's actuary assumes that the System's investments will return 8.5 percent over the long-term. The differences between the assumed and actual investment return are phased in (smoothed) over five years, yielding an actuarial value of assets. The smoothing is intended to avoid extreme volatility in employer contribution rates due to short-term fluctuations in the investment markets. The funded ratio, the ratio of the actuarial value of assets (AVA) to the actuarial accrued liability (AAL), is a standard measure of a plan's funded status. In the absence of benefit improvements or reduced funding, a plan's funded ratio should increase over time, until it reaches 100%. As of July 1, 2013 HMEPS' AVA and AAL were \$2.38 billion and \$4.13 billion, respectively, resulting in a funded ratio of 57.7%. This is lower than the funded ratio as of July 1, 2012 which was 59.1%.

Based on actuarial estimates, the System's projected funded ratio as of July 1, 2013 would be 68.3%, or approximately 10 percentage points higher, if the City had contributed the annual required contribution rate in each of the preceding 10 years. The System's funded ratio decreased from the prior year primarily due to the accumulated loss on the actuarial value of assets from prior years and due to the City's covered payroll growing slower than the assumed rate. However, the Agreement provides a program for steadily improving the funded status of the System, as future City contributions will

increase by at least \$10 million per year until the actuarially determined contribution rate is met, at which time the actuarially determined contribution rate will be the required rate.

Like most large public pension plans, HMEPS was significantly impacted by the volatility in the investment markets after 2008. While the 2013 and 2014 returns of 13.6% and 16.4%, respectively, substantially exceeded the 8.5% assumed rate of return, there are still some investment losses being deferred due to the smoothing methodology used in the valuation. The amount of deferred losses decreased from approximately \$320 million at the prior valuation to \$186 million in the current valuation. In the absence of future investment gains, the contribution rate needed to amortize the unfunded liability will increase over the next few valuation cycles.

A historical perspective of the System's funding levels is presented in the graph below.



### Market Environment

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, capital markets managed positive performance despite global political strife and turmoil, as well as a third restatement of first quarter 2014 U.S. Real GDP indicating a sharp downturn in the U.S. economy. Real GDP moved to the downside during the first quarter of 2014 by contracting 2.9% on an annualized basis, the largest drop in economic activity since the recession five years ago. The Bureau of Economic Analysis had estimated first quarter Real GDP

Growth at an anemic 0.1% in April, then revised the figure to -1.0% in May; more complete economic data resulted in the -2.9% restatement in June. Consumer spending, the primary driver of growth, was mild during the fiscal year while businesses allowed their inventories to deplete and exports fell sharply.

During fiscal year 2014, United States equity markets continue to show strong gains despite anemic economic growth. Technology was the best performing sector, with utilities, healthcare and energy also showing strong returns. Growth stock indexes led value oriented indexes by moderately large amount with the Wilshire Large Growth composite up 29.7% vs. 20.7% for the Wilshire Large Value composite. Overall, the US Equity markets, as represented by the Wilshire 5000 index finished the fiscal year with gains of 24.9%, posting its fifth consecutive positive fiscal year since the credit crisis of 2008-2009.

Turbulence was the theme in international markets. The escalation of tensions between Russia and Ukraine threatened to impact important energy trade flows between Eastern and Western Europe, with much of the West proposing sanctions against Russia in response to its absorption of Crimea. The deterioration of Iraq's fragile regime fueled additional investor concern during the fiscal year. However, this turmoil barely provided a pause for global stock markets' upward march in the fiscal year 2014 as the MSCI All World ex-U.S. Index returned 21.8% for the fiscal year. Developed markets, particularly Europe, outperformed emerging markets for the year. Emerging markets lagged due to concern over economic slowdown in China with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returning 14.3%.

Fixed income markets reported moderate performance during the fiscal year aided by a modest fall in U.S. Treasury yields as U.S. Treasuries continued to be an attractive safe haven for investors concerned about political instability elsewhere. Overall, investment grade fixed income bonds as represented by the Barclays U.S. Aggregate bond index returned 4.4% for the fiscal year. Janet Yellen's initial public statements as the new chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve reassured markets that accommodative Fed monetary policy would stay in place. High yield bonds as represented by the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master Trust II Index benefited from investors searching for yield, gaining 11.8% for the fiscal year.

Among the alternative asset classes, Inflation Linked once provided the best returns within the portfolio for the second consecutive year. The 22.3% return for the Inflation Linked Asset Class (ILAC) as largely driven by outstanding performance by Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs). HMEPS' MLP investment manager returned 39.4% for the fiscal year vs. 23.1% for the Alerian MLP Index.

Overall, the System's investments returned 16.4%, compared to the assumed rate of return of 8.5%. Through the efforts of the Board of Trustees, the System's investment portfolio is more broadly diversified than most public pension plans and exhibits less volatility, particularly during extreme market environments. Over longer periods of time (10 years), the System's investment performance ranks in the top 1% in the TUCS Master Trusts – Public peer group. During the 10 year period ending June 30, 2014, the system's annualized return was 9.3%, with the median comparable fund returning 7.3%.

## Major Current and Future Initiatives

### Member Services

The Benefits Division has continued its effort to provide information relating to pension benefits by holding seminars in the field and individual benefit meetings at HMEPS. In FY 2014, HMEPS:

- Responded to continued demand for the Outreach Program, which reaches hundreds of members with individual and group sessions provided by our benefits counselors and our Certified Financial Planner. This past year, these staff members conducted 410 individual counseling sessions and hosted 63 joint presentations for various City departments as well as new employee orientations for the benefit of 2,008 attendees. A growing number of participants requested financial counseling based on other participants' recommendations.
- Processed 1,896 benefit applications for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and payroll, including retirements, survivor benefits, refunds, and lump-sum payments.
- Continued social media efforts to provide information relating to pension benefits to participants through Facebook and Twitter, two platforms that provide methods of communicating and interacting with participants.

- Participated in the Spring and Fall Financial Retirement Employees Educational Summits, annual events that help City of Houston employees better plan their financial futures.
- The HMEPS financial counselor conducted 343 one-on-one counseling sessions with participants during the past fiscal year in addition to numerous group presentations. He also monitored pension related issues nationally and locally, a critical part of fulfilling HMEPS' obligation to keep participants fully informed.

### Operations

In FY 2014, the operations group replaced the organization's existing server infrastructure with a virtual architecture to take advantage of the inherent portability of virtual computing. In FY 2015, HMEPS will implement a more responsive disaster recovery model that leverages the portability of virtual computing to quicken the restoration of the HMEPS computing infrastructure in the event of a major disruption. Further, several business continuity components will be added to improve the resiliency of computing availability by utilizing a combination of redundant hardware and virtual software. These projects are being undertaken because of the priority placed on continued operations and importance of preserving data. The ability to recover data and computing resource availability is vital to the ongoing interests of the System and its active and retired participants.

### Investments

The System's strategic asset allocation policy is designed to manage risk by diversifying among public and private asset classes. The strategic asset allocation policy was reevaluated in April 2013. Risk-return assumptions and correlations for asset classes were reexamined taking into account current and forecasted economic conditions. A new policy was adopted with the following changes: U.S. Equity and non-U.S. Equity were combined into a single asset class, Global Equity, with the combined target weight being reduced to 35% from 40%. The target allocation to Fixed Income was reduced from 20% to 15%, while Real Estate was reduced from 12% to 10% and Private Equity from 18% to 17.5%. The two asset classes which received an increased target allocation were Absolute Return, which went from 5% to 10% and ILAC

which increased from 5% to 12.5%. This new asset allocation policy went into effective at the beginning of the fiscal year, on July 1, 2013.

During fiscal year 2014, the System implemented the allocation to a global minimum volatility equity fund called for by the new asset allocation. With the help of the System's alternative investment consultant, Cliffwater LLC, HMEPS invested in six private equity partnerships, four real estate partnerships, one ILAC partnership and one absolute return fund. This activity will bring the System's portfolio closer to the strategic asset allocation policy targets.

The System's investment portfolio closed its 2014 fiscal year at \$2.5 billion, up from \$2.2 billion at the beginning of the year. The total investment return for the fiscal year was 16.4%. The System's investment performance was 9.7%, 12.6% and 9.3% for the past three-, five- and ten-year periods. The System outperformed the policy benchmark for fiscal year 2014, in addition to outperforming for the longer ten-year period. Compared to similar investment portfolios (TUCS Master Trusts - Public), the fund posts attractive investment returns over the long term. The Fund ranks in the top decile over the trailing ten-year period ending June 30, 2014. The best performing asset classes for fiscal year 2014 were Inflation Linked (+22.3%) and Global Equity (+21.9%).

In the upcoming fiscal year, the System will continue to work to identify attractive public and private market investments consistent with the new strategic asset allocation.

### Board Governance

Sherry Mose was re-elected to employee trustee Position 5, Roy W. Sanchez was re-elected to employee trustee Position 6 and David L. Long was re-elected to retiree trustee Position 8. Barbara Chelette was reappointed as the elected trustees' appointee to the HMEPS Board. Craig Mason was reappointed as the Mayoral appointee, Edward J. Hamb II was appointed as the Controller appointee, and Adrian Patterson and Richard Badger were reappointed as the City Council appointees to the HMEPS Board.

### Certificate of Achievement

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada awarded a Certificate of

Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System for its comprehensive annual financial report for the year ended June 30, 2013. This was the 20th consecutive year that the System has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

### Acknowledgement

This CAFR was prepared through the combined efforts of the System staff and was subject to the scrutiny of the Board. It is intended to provide information to its user that may be a basis for a general understanding of the System. This CAFR is being forwarded to the City of Houston, the Texas State Pension Review Board, the GFOA, and other interested parties who may from time to time request it.

### In Closing...

A core purpose of the System is to help provide for the financial security of its participants when they are eligible to receive benefits. Municipal public sector employees are vital to providing and maintaining important city services for Houston residents. Quality employees are attracted to and retained by the public sector in part by the security and benefits offered by a sound pension system. The System is proud to serve the dedicated municipal employees and retirees who have made tremendous contributions to Houston and its citizens.

Sincerely,



Sherry Mose  
Chairman



Rhonda Smith  
Executive Director

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW\* (AS OF JUNE 30, 2014)



Sherry Mose  
Chairman



Roy W. Sanchez  
Vice Chairman



Lonnie Vara  
Secretary



David L. Long  
Elected Trustee



Asha Patnaik  
Elected Trustee



Lenard Polk  
Elected Trustee



Barbara Chelette  
Appointed Trustee



Richard Badger  
Council Appointee



Edward J. Hamb II  
Controller Appointee



Craig T. Mason  
Mayoral Appointee



Adrian Patterson  
Council Appointee



Rhonda Smith  
Executive Director

**Board of Trustees**  
**Elected and Appointed Trustees**

Sherry Mose, *Chairman*  
Roy W. Sanchez, *Vice Chairman*  
Lonnie Vara, *Secretary*  
David L. Long  
Asha Patnaik  
Lenard Polk  
Barbara Chelette, *Appointed*

**City Appointed Trustees**

Richard Badger  
Edward J. Hamb II  
Craig T. Mason  
Adrian Patterson

Rhonda Smith, *Executive Director*

**Administrative Organization**

Audit Committee  
Budget and Oversight Committee  
Disability Committee  
External Affairs Committee  
Investment Committee  
Personnel and Procedures Committee

**Executive Director**

**General Counsel**

**Chief Investment Officer**

Investment Managers' Services  
Market Research  
Performance Measurement

**Member Services**

Benefit Administration Services  
Communications  
Financial Counseling  
Member Services

**Operations**

Accounting  
Financial Reporting  
Records  
Technology Support

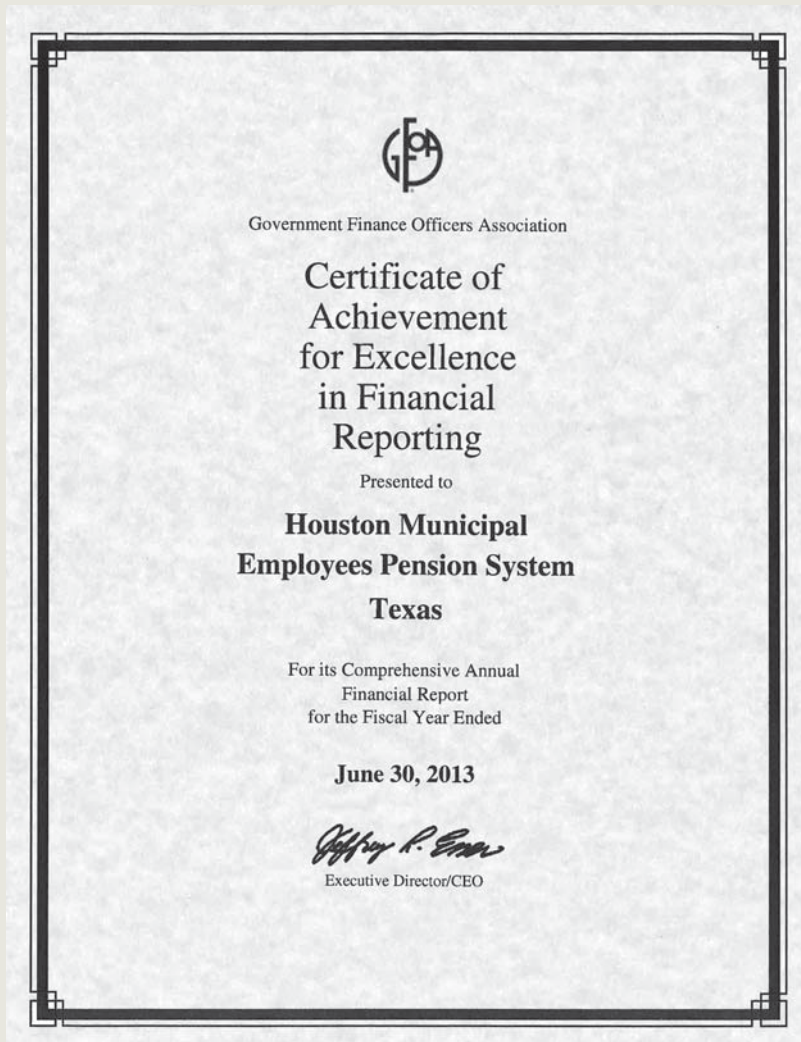
\* Information pertaining to investment-related professionals is located on Page 9.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada awarded a "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" to Houston Municipal Employees Pension System for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

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

report, the contents of which conform to program standards. Such a CAFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The Houston Municipal Employees Pension System has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last 20 consecutive years (fiscal years ended June 30, 1994 through 2013). We believe our current report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA for consideration.



## Consultants (Fiscal Year 2014)

### **Actuary**

Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company

### **Auditor**

Doeren Mayhew P.C.  
McConnell & Jones L.L.P.

### **Board Medical Advisor**

Charles Schuhmacher, M.D.

### **Communication Services**

LT Communications

### **Technology Services**

Pension Benefits Information

### **Governmental Representation**

Harris Law Firm, P.C.  
HillCo Partners, Inc.  
Locke Lord L.L.P.

### **Investment Consultants**

Cliffwater, L.L.C.  
Wilshire Associates, Inc.

### **Investment Performance Analysis**

Cliffwater, L.L.C.  
Wilshire Associates, Inc.

### **Legal Counsel**

Baker Botts, L.L.P.  
Jackson Walker, L.L.P.  
Locke Lord L.L.P.

### **Master Custodian/Trustee**

State Street Bank and Trust Co.

## Investment Managers (Fiscal Year 2014)

### **Absolute Return**

Anchorage Capital Group LLC  
Angelo, Gordon & Co.  
Brevan Howard US LLC  
Brigade Capital Management  
Claren Road Asset Management, LLC  
Davidson Kempner Capital Management, LLC  
Gracie Asset Management  
Graham Capital Management  
Highland Capital Management  
Mason Capital Management  
MKP Capital Management, LLC  
Och-Ziff Capital Management Group  
Samlyn Capital, LLC  
Scopia Capital  
Soroban Capital Partners, LLC  
York Capital Management LP

### **Fixed Income**

Alliance Bernstein Institutional Investments  
BlackRock, Inc.  
DDJ Capital Management, L.L.C.  
GMO LLC  
Loomis, Sayles & Co.  
Pugh Capital Management  
Smith Graham & Co.

### **Inflation-Linked**

BlackRock, Inc.  
Brevan Howard US LLC  
Encap Investments LP  
Enervest, Ltd  
Global Forest Partners, L.P.  
NGP Energy Capital

Oaktree Capital Management  
Quantum Energy Partners  
Riverstone Holdings  
The Carlyle Group  
Tortoise Capital Advisors

### **Global Equity**

Baring International  
BlackRock, Inc.  
DePrince, Race & Zollo, Inc.  
EARNEST Partners, L.L.C.  
INTECH Investment Management, L.L.C.  
Neumeier Investment Counsel, L.L.C.  
OakBrook Investments, L.L.C.  
OFI Institutional Management  
PanAgora Asset Management, Inc.  
Piedmont Investment Advisors, L.L.C.  
Profit Investment Management  
State Street Global Advisors  
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc  
Thomas White International

### **Private Equity**

Adams Street Partners  
Brera Capital Partners, L.L.C.  
Brockway Moran & Partners, Inc.  
Centerbridge Partners  
CVE Kaufman Fellows Endowment  
GTCR Management LC  
Goldman, Sachs & Co.  
HarbourVest Partners, L.L.C.  
Hellman & Friedman, L.L.C.  
ICV (Inner City Ventures)  
J.W. Childs Associates, L.P.  
JMI Equity  
Lexington Partners, Inc.  
Matlin Patterson Global Advisors

New Enterprise Associates  
Oaktree Capital Management  
Pacven Walden Management Co., LTD.  
Pegasus Investors, L.P.  
Pharos Capital Partners, L.L.C.  
Platinum Equity Capital Partners  
Siris Capital Group  
Summit Partners  
Sun Capital Partners, Inc.  
The Carlyle Group  
The Jordan Company, L.P.  
Valor Equity Partners  
Vista Equity Partners  
Wayzata Investment Partners

### **Real Estate**

Aetos Capital  
Angelo, Gordon & Co  
CB Richard Ellis Investors  
Crow Holdings  
DRC Capital  
Fortress Investment Group, L.L.C.  
GEM Realty Capital  
Goldman, Sachs & Co.  
Grove International Partners  
IC Berkeley Partners  
Lone Star U.S. Acquisitions, L.L.C.  
Mesa West Capital  
Morgan Stanley Asset Management, Inc.  
Olympus Real Estate Corp.  
Orion Capital Managers, LLP  
KTR Capital Partners  
RREEF America L.L.C.  
State Street Global Advisors  
Starwood Capital Group Global LP



Main Street, Houston, Texas





**SECTION 2**  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## An Overview

The Audited Financial Statements and the accompanying Independent Auditors' Report included in this CAFR were approved by the System's Board of Trustees (the Board) at its September 25, 2014 meeting. The audit of the System's financial statements was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS). The Independent Auditors' Report is based on that audit, and it is intended to give reasonable assurance to users of the System's financial statements that those financial statements are free of material misstatement when taken as a whole and that they present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the System at the times and for the periods reported. The audit gives reasonable assurance to the Board and participants of the System that the System's assets are adequately safeguarded and that its financial transactions are properly authorized and recorded.

The financial statements provide a comprehensive overview of the financial position of the System as of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013 and the results of its operation for the years then ended. The financial statements are presented in conformity with accounting and reporting standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The System is responsible for the accuracy of its financial statements and the completeness and fairness of their presentation. The auditors are responsible for issuing an opinion on those financial statements when taken as a whole.

The financial statements consist of Statements of Fiduciary Net Position, Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, and Supplemental Schedules.

## Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

The Statements of Fiduciary Net Position present the financial position of the System as of the end of the fiscal years reported. They are statements of the System's assets, liabilities, and net position held in trust for pension benefits. An asset is anything having commercial economic or exchange value. Assets include cash,

receivables (interest and dividends earned by the investments of the System and employee member and employer contributions), investment, collateral on securities lending arrangements, and furniture, fixtures and equipment. System liabilities include money reserves for participants who are entitled to benefits and obligations for professional services the System has used, but for which payment has not been made.

## Statements of Changes In Fiduciary Net Position

The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position include additions to the System's assets and deductions from them and the increase or decrease in plan net position. Additions consist of contributions, investment income, and other income. Deductions are benefit payments, fees for professional services and costs of administering the programs of the System. The net of additions and deductions represents the change, for the years presented, in net position held in trust for pension benefits.

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements contain disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles and GASB reporting standards. Required disclosures include a summary description of the pension plan, significant accounting policies, information about the System's funding status and progress toward achieving its funding objectives, information about the System's investments and investing activities, and information about the System's commitments.

## Supplemental Information

Supplemental Schedules provide information required by the GASB which include the supplementary 10-year trend information. These charts show the progress toward reaching the goal of being totally funded, as well as sources of revenues and types of expenses of the System during the fiscal year.

Other supplementary information provides additional information for analysis.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees  
Houston Municipal Employees Pension System:

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System (the System), which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the basic financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these basic 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 basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 basic financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the basic 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 entity'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 basic financial statements. 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 basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, information regarding the System's net position - restricted for pension benefits as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its net position - restricted for pension benefits for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Required Supplemental Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and the schedules of Changes in Net Pension Liability, Net Pension Liability, Employer Contributions, Investment Returns, and Funding Progress for OPEB 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, which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the MD&A 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.

**Other Supplemental Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements as a whole. The other supplemental information (schedules 6, 7 and 8) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the System's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplemental information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Matter - 2013 Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements of the System as of June 30, 2013, were audited by other auditors whose report dated September 26, 2013, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.



Houston, Texas

September 25, 2014

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)

The Board of Trustees (the Board) of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System (the System) is pleased to provide this overview and analysis of the financial performance and activities of the System for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. We encourage the readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the basic financial statements.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the System's financial statements. The financial section consists of (1) System's Basic Financial Statements, (2) Notes to Basic Financial Statements, and (3) Supplemental Information. The year-end financials for FY 2014 and 2013, Notes to the Financial Statements, and the Required Supplemental Information in this report were prepared in conformity with *GASB Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*.

#### System's Basic Financial Statements

There are two basic financial statements presented herewith. The Statements of Fiduciary Net Position as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 indicate the net assets available to meet future payments and give a snapshot at a particular point in time. The System's net position has increased from \$2,196,615,225 at June 30, 2013 to \$2,464,438,877 at June 30, 2014, which is a net increase of \$267,823,652. The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 provide a view of the fiscal year's additions to and deductions from the System.

#### Notes to Basic Financial Statements

The notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements and provide additional background information that is essential for a complete understanding of the data provided in the System's financial statements. The Notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 24 to 42 of this report.

#### Supplemental Information

The required supplemental information consists of:

**Schedule 1** - Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios - Information about the components of the net pension liability and related ratios includes the pension plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability, and the net pension liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll. It should be noted though that actuarial information is based upon assumptions about future events, and therefore, the figures presented are estimates.

**Schedule 2** - Net Pension Liability - This schedule provides the historical liability of employers and non-employer contributing entities to plan members for benefits provided through a defined benefit pension plan.

**Schedule 3** - Employer Contributions (and notes) - Details the actuarially determined contribution calculated for employers, actual contributions, covered-employee payroll, and actual contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payrolls.

**Schedule 4** - Annual Investment Returns- A 10-year schedule presenting for each fiscal year the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments.

**Schedule 5** - Schedule of Funding Progress for OPEB (and notes) - These are calculations made by the System's actuary and they provide actuarial information that contributes to the understanding of the changes in the actuarial funding of the funded status of the OPEB over a number of years. It should be noted that actuarial information is based upon assumptions about future events, and therefore, the figures presented are estimates.

The other supplemental information consists of:

**Schedule 6** - Investment Summary - This lists the System's investments by type presented both at cost and fair market value.

**Schedule 7** - Investment Services, Professional Services, and Administration Expenses - This provides more information for purposes of more detailed analysis.

**Schedule 8** - Summary of Costs of Investment and Professional Services - This provides more information for purposes of a more detailed analysis.

## COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Below is a condensed and comparative summary of major classes of Fiduciary Net Position at fair value.

(In thousands of dollars)

	<b>June 30, 2014</b>	<b>June 30, 2013</b>	<b>June 30, 2012</b>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 401	\$ 6,168	\$ 1,647
Receivables on asset sales	12,066	12,395	9,935
Other receivables	6,808	5,697	6,718
Investments	2,464,628	2,202,676	2,048,112
Collateral on securities lending	139,504	161,317	261,194
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	444	247	325
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,623,851</u>	<u>\$ 2,388,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,327,931</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Payable on asset purchases	\$ 14,147	\$ 25,458	\$ 36,997
Accrued liabilities	5,761	5,109	5,505
Collateral on securities lending	139,504	161,317	261,194
Total liabilities	<u>159,412</u>	<u>191,884</u>	<u>303,696</u>
Net Position Restricted for Pensions	<u>\$ 2,464,439</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,616</u>	<u>\$ 2,024,235</u>

Below is a comparative summary of Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position available for pension benefits.

(In thousands of dollars)

	<b>Fiscal Year 2014</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2013</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2012</b>
<u>Additions</u>			
Contributions	\$ 144,854	\$ 128,900	\$ 115,635
Investment and interest income, net	351,792	263,891	(11,964)
Other income	730	1,246	654
Total additions	<u>497,376</u>	<u>394,037</u>	<u>104,325</u>
<u>Deductions</u>			
Benefits paid	221,925	213,178	200,014
Contribution refunds	1,213	1,266	2,205
Administration expenses and professional fees	6,415	7,212	7,312
Total deductions	<u>229,553</u>	<u>221,656</u>	<u>209,531</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position restricted for pensions	267,823	172,381	(105,206)
Restricted net position, beginning of year	<u>2,196,616</u>	<u>2,024,235</u>	<u>2,129,441</u>
Restricted net position, end of year	<u>\$ 2,464,439</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,616</u>	<u>\$ 2,024,235</u>

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS** *(In Thousands of Dollars, Unless Otherwise Noted)***Contributions**

The System received \$16,580 and \$17,042 during fiscal years 2014 and 2013 in employee contributions from approximately 6,364 and 6,830 Group A active participants, respectively, and \$18,473 in employee contributions from 7,129 active Group A participants during fiscal year 2012. Employee contributions from Group A members represent 5% of the employee's qualifying base salary. Because Group A is the only Group that requires employee contributions and since the Group was closed to new participants as of 1/1/2008, total employee contributions have been in a declining trend as a result of employee attrition. For fiscal year 2014, employee contributions decreased by \$462 or 2.7% compared to fiscal year 2013 and decreased by \$1,431 or 7.75% in fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012.

The System received cash contributions from the City of Houston (the City) of \$128,274 and \$111,859 (which are net of contributions to the replacement benefit plan of \$1,441 and \$1,368) for fiscal years 2014 and 2013, respectively. This represents actual employer contributions of 23.1% of covered payroll in fiscal year 2014 and 20.34% of covered payroll for fiscal year 2013. The City, as agreed, contributed \$98.5 million for fiscal year 2012 (reduced by the contributions made to the replacement benefit plan of \$1.22 million). Fiscal year 2014 contributions were slightly higher than forecasted by approximately \$700 thousand dollars due to a larger payroll base, while contributions in fiscal year 2013 resulted in \$2.7 million less than forecasted. The employer contribution amount for fiscal year 2012 was fixed and therefore unaffected by any changes to the City's actual payroll. The System assumes a 3% growth rate in its active member payroll.

**Benefit Payments**

Benefit payments increased to \$221,925 during fiscal year 2014, compared to \$213,178 during fiscal year 2013, and compared to \$200,014 during fiscal year 2012. There were 9,722 participants that received benefits for fiscal year 2014 compared to 9,427 participants in 2013, versus 9,078 participants in fiscal year 2012. The increase in benefits paid represents a 4.1% increase in fiscal year

2014 over fiscal year 2013, and a 6.6% increase in fiscal year 2013 over fiscal year 2012. Refunds experienced a 4% decrease to \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2014 from \$1.3 million in fiscal year 2013, after a 43% decrease from \$2.2 million in payouts in fiscal year 2012.

Monthly recurring retirement pension benefits amounted to \$201,819 (a 5.5% increase from fiscal year 2013), accounting for 91% of the total benefit payments for fiscal year 2014 and \$191,247 for fiscal year 2013 representing 90% of monthly retirement benefits, or a 5.3% increase over fiscal year 2012.

Distributions to Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) participants amounted to \$19,930, a decrease of \$1,891 (8.6%) for the year compared to \$21,821 during fiscal year 2013, which was up 18.4% as compared to the fiscal year 2012 total of \$18,432. DROP distributions represented 9% of the total benefit payments during fiscal year 2014, 10.2% of the total in fiscal year 2013, and 9.2% of the total payments made in fiscal year 2012. The breakdown in payments includes fiscal year 2014 lump sum payments of \$17,822, along with an annual amount of \$2,108 paid out over monthly distributions versus fiscal years 2013 and 2012 which had payments of \$19,597 and \$2,224 and \$15,744 and \$2,688, for lump sums and monthly distributions respectively.

Total benefit payments exceeded total employee plus employer contributions by \$77,071, \$84,278, and \$84,379 during fiscal years 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively.

**Accounting and Administration**

Costs of administering the benefit programs of the System, including professional fees, decreased to \$6,415 for fiscal year 2014 from \$7,212 for fiscal year 2013, down (11%) primarily due to a prospective reclassification of \$718 of investment related expenses from Administration expense to Investment Services expense for fiscal year 2014. Before the reclassification, overall expenses for FY2014 were down approximately \$25 as compared to FY2013. Fiscal year 2013 expenses of \$7,212 were not reclassified and were down 1.4% versus fiscal year 2012 expenses of \$7,312, primarily due to reduced professional fees associated with investment review for hedge funds

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS** *(In Thousands of Dollars, Unless Otherwise Noted)*

and alternative investments. This reduction in cost is due primarily to an improved pre-qualification process for candidate investment firms, coupled with a more mature hedge fund and alternative investment portfolio, which resulted in reductions. In addition, fiscal year 2013 reflected the full year effect of rental expense reduction due to an office move with more favorable rates.

The System capitalizes expenditures for furniture, fixtures and equipment in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, as amended. Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, as of fiscal year ends 2014, 2013, and 2012 are \$444, \$248 and \$325, respectively.

**Actuarial Valuations and Funding**

The funded ratio is a standard measure of a plan's funded status representing the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability. The funded ratio as of the last actuarial report, July 1, 2013, is 57.7%, which is lower than the 59.1% funded ratio as of July 1, 2012. This decrease is mostly due to the impact of the continued recognition of net deferred investment losses from 2009, projected payroll growing slower than expected, and the City contributing less than the actuarially

determined rate. As of July 1, 2013, the System's underfunded actuarial accrued liability was \$1.75 billion. In determining contribution rates an actuarial value of assets is used rather than a market value of assets, with the actuarial value of assets (AVA) based on smoothed returns. This "smoothing method" is intended to help reduce the volatility of the contribution rates from year to year. The method used to compute the AVA takes the difference between the actual market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets (based on the assumed 8.5% investment return rate), and establishes a base each year which is equal to this difference less any unrecognized bases from prior years. If the current year's base is of opposite sign from the prior years' bases then it is offset dollar for dollar against the prior years' bases (oldest bases first) until either the prior years' bases or the current year's base is reduced to zero. Any remaining bases are then recognized over the remaining period for the base (5 less the number of years between the base year and the valuation year) in equal dollar amounts.

**Investments**

The net investment and interest income of the System was \$351,793 during fiscal year 2014, an increase of \$87,902 over fiscal 2013's gain of \$263,891. The investment and interest income of the System consists of:

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2013	Dollar Change	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2012	Dollar Change
Interest	\$ 24,080	\$ 20,253	\$ 3,827	\$ 20,253	\$ 18,306	\$ 1,947
Dividends	19,523	21,245	(1,722)	21,245	20,446	799
Earnings from limited partnerships and real estate trusts	4,996	8,400	(3,404)	8,400	14,448	(6,048)
Realized gain on investments	202,834	108,074	94,760	108,074	49,516	58,558
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments	108,354	112,976	(4,622)	112,976	(107,831)	220,807
Net proceeds from lending securities	590	755	(165)	755	638	117
Less cost of investment services	(8,584)	(7,812)	(772)	(7,812)	(7,487)	(325)
Net investment and interest income (loss)	<u>\$351,793</u>	<u>\$263,891</u>	<u>\$ 87,902</u>	<u>\$263,891</u>	<u>\$ (11,964)</u>	<u>\$275,855</u>



**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS** *(In Thousands of Dollars, Unless Otherwise Noted)*

- The HMEPS gross rate of return on investments during FY 2014 was 16.4% compared with the FY 2013 rate of return of 13.6%. The increase in rate of return was due to the Strategic Asset Allocation approved by the Board, manager selection, and positive market performance in FY 2014.
- The Fiduciary Net Position of \$2,464,439 increased by \$267,823 or 12.2% during fiscal year 2014, primarily as a result of investment gains described below. This compares to an increase of \$172,381 or 8.5% in 2013.
- Fiscal year 2014 saw equity markets rise despite global turmoil and disappointing growth in the United States. Domestic equities (Wilshire 5000) ended the year with a gain of 24.9%. International equities (MSCI All Country ex-US) trailed somewhat with a gain of 21.8%.
- Earnings from limited partnerships and real estate trusts decreased from \$8,400 to \$4,996. It is the System's policy to adjust the carrying value of limited partnerships and real estate trusts during their holding period based on information provided by the general partner. The total investment gains associated with these holdings consist of realized gains and unrealized appreciation/(depreciation).
- High yield bonds as represented by the Merrill Lynch High Yield II Total Return index performed well, returning 11.8%. High quality investment grade bonds were up 4.4% as the new Federal Reserve chairman continued the prior administration's policies. Real Estate also performed well, as the NCREIF Property Index returned 11.2% in fiscal year 2014.
- At June 30, 2014, the Plan's total pension liability was \$4.37 billion. The Plan's fiduciary net position was \$2.46 billion leaving a net pension liability of \$1.9 billion. The Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability was 56.4%.

**Investment Review**

The System's investment portfolio closed its 2014 fiscal year at \$2.46 billion, up from \$2.20 billion at the beginning of the year. The total investment return for the fiscal year was 16.4%. The System's performance, including the total fund, each asset class and their corresponding benchmark(s), for fiscal year 2014 and the trailing three, five, and ten-year periods are listed below in Table 1.

The System's investment performance was 16.4%, 9.7% and 12.6% for the past one-, three- and five-year periods. The System outperformed its policy benchmark for FY 2014, and longer term, it also outperformed the policy benchmark for the ten-year period. Relative to its peer group (Wilshire TUCS Universe) the fund continues to post attractive investment returns over the long term, remaining in the top decile over the trailing ten-year period.

The best performing asset classes for fiscal year 2014 were Inflation Linked, up 22.3%. and Global Equity, up 21.9%. For FY2013, International Equity, up 17.2% and Domestic Equity, 22.6%, were the top two performing asset classes. The benefits of a well-diversified asset allocation are evidenced by the System's ability to perform very competitively over multi-year periods where different asset classes drive overall returns. For the past three-year and five-year period, Domestic Equity was the System's best performing asset class, providing a 15.9% and 19.6% return. The System's allocation to Private Equity helped enable the System to perform well over the long term where a more traditional asset allocation (60% / 40% mix of S&P 500 Index / Barclays Aggregate Bond Index) would have returned 6.6% over the ten-year period, although it has hurt returns over the last three years.

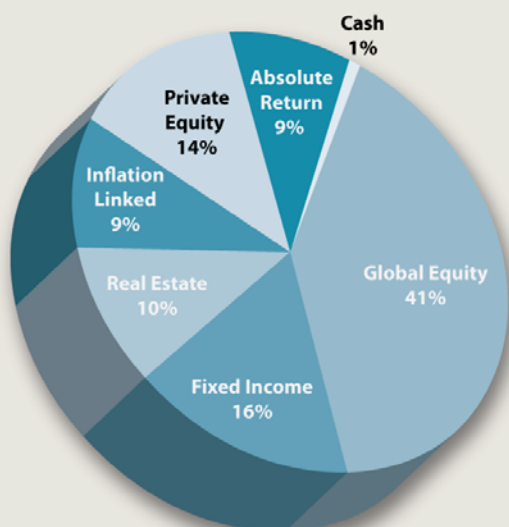
**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS** (In Thousands of Dollars, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Periods Ended June 30, 2014	Investment Return			
	FY 2014	3-years	5-years	10-years
<b>System's Total Portfolio</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
Policy Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	15.6%	10.7%	13.5%	8.4%
Median Public Fund (Wilshire Public Fund Universe)	16.8%	10.0%	12.8%	7.3%
<b>Global Equities<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
MSCI All Country World IMI	23.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
Barclay Aggregate Index	4.4%	3.7%	4.9%	4.9%
Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index	11.8%	9.3%	13.9%	8.9%
<b>Real Estate<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
NCREIF Property Index	11.2%	11.3%	9.7%	8.6%
<b>Private Equity<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>
S&P 500 Index + 3.0%	23.6%	19.6%	21.8%	10.8%
<b>Absolute Return<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>n/a</b>
LIBOR + 4%	4.2%	4.3%	4.7%	n/a
<b>Inflation Linked Asset Class<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>n/a</b>
CPI + 4%	6.1%	5.8%	6.4%	n/a
<b>Cash</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Citigroup 3 Month T-Bill Index	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	n/a

- For fiscal year 2014, the Policy Benchmark was 26.25% MSCI ACWI IMI (Global Equity), 8.75% MSCI ACWI Min Vol (Low Volatility Global Equity), 7.5% Barclays Aggregate Index (Investment Grade Fixed Income), 7.5% Merrill Lynch High Yield Master Trust (High Yield Fixed Income), 10% NCREIF Property Index (Real Estate), 17.5% S&P 500+3 (Private Equity), 10% LIBOR +4 (Absolute Return), 12.5% CPI+4 (Inflation Linked Assets)
- The Global Equity composite was created on June 30, 2013.
- Prior to Oct 1, 2008, the Real Estate composite included returns of real assets, public and private real estate and energy. Starting October 1, 2008, the Real Estate composite is just the public and private real estate.
- Prior to Oct 1, 2008, the Private Equity composite included the returns of private equity and absolute return. Starting October 1, 2008, the Private Equity composite only contains private equity.
- The Absolute Return composite was created on Oct 1, 2008. The underlying funds' historical performance is included in the private equity and real estate composites. On June 30, 2013, the benchmark for Absolute Return was changed from Libor+5% to Libor+4%.
- The Inflation Linked composite was created on Oct 1, 2008. The underlying funds' historical performance is included in the private equity and real estate composite. On June 30, 2013, the benchmark for Inflation Linked was changed from CPI+5% to CPI+4%.

The Asset Allocation chart below reflects the System's actual asset allocation mix as of June 30, 2014.

Actual Asset Allocation June 30, 2014



In comparison, the System's target asset allocation mix is 35% Global Equities, 15% Fixed Income, 10% Real Estate, 10% Absolute Return, 12.5% Inflation Linked and 17.5% Private Equity. The System continuously monitors the actual allocation with the goal of moving it toward the target.

**Securities Lending Program**

The System's securities lending program obtains additional income by lending securities to broker-dealers and banks. During the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the System's custodian lent the System's securities and received cash, securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government, and irrevocable bank letters of credit as collateral. The Board and the borrowers maintained the right to terminate all securities lending transactions on demand. The cash collateral received on each loan was invested in a collective investment pool.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS** *(In Thousands of Dollars, Unless Otherwise Noted)***Limited Partnership Commitment**

The System's investments in limited partnerships are included in the first table appearing in Note 9. In connection with those investments, the System has remaining commitments as of June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 of approximately \$603 million, \$388 million, and \$309 million, respectively, pursuant to terms of the respective limited partnerships.

**Other Comments**

HMEPS' FY2014 financial statements were prepared in conformity with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, which addresses required changes in the presentation of the financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, and required supplemental information. Please refer to Notes two and four on pages 29 and 31-32 of this report for more details. The two Basic Financial Statements within this report (on pages 22-23) have new report names. They are now referred to as the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. Other changes to the financial statements include comprehensive footnote disclosures regarding the net pension liability, the liability to changes in the discount rate, and increased investment activity disclosures.

GASB 67 also requires a separate display of investment expenses, including investment management and custodial fees and all other significant investment-related costs. Investment related expenses are to be reported as Investment Costs if they are segregated from a) investment income and b) the administrative expense of the pension plan. Thus, beginning in fiscal year 2014, investment-related expenses previously booked as Administration expenses were reclassified on a prospective basis as investment costs.

The implementation of GASB 67 did not significantly impact the accounting for accounts receivable and investment balances. The Total Pension Liability (TPL), determined in accordance with GASB No. 67, is presented in Note 4 on page 31, and in the Required Supplementary Information.

GASB Statement No. 68 requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of pension benefits. Therefore, for the first time beginning on June 30, 2015, the System's Net Pension Liability will be reported as a liability on the City of Houston's balance sheet. As of June 30, 2014, this liability is \$1.9 billion. See Note 2 and the Required Supplemental Information for additional details.

Actuary Valuation - In compliance with the System's policy, an actuarial valuation along with an experience study will be performed by the System's actuary. The experience study will compare plan assumptions against plan experience over the last five plan valuations.

**Contacting the System's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our participants, business partners, and taxpayers and other community stakeholders with a general overview of the System's financial activities. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Executive Director of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System at 1201 Louisiana, Suite 900, Houston, Texas 77002.

STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 401,146	\$ 6,167,532
Receivables:		
Receivables on asset sales	12,065,456	12,395,087
Receivables on foreign exchanges	377,890	32,179
Other receivables	6,430,368	5,664,640
Total receivables	<u>18,873,714</u>	<u>18,091,906</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Short term investment funds	48,569,270	44,753,225
Government securities	83,699,960	64,523,245
Corporate bonds	223,848,665	233,867,977
Capital stocks	866,082,050	891,290,553
Commingled funds	382,671,667	279,270,827
Real assets	207,977,789	171,818,020
Alternative investments	651,778,839	517,151,692
Total investments	<u>2,464,628,240</u>	<u>2,202,675,539</u>
Collateral on securities lending arrangements, at fair value	139,504,403	161,316,927
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net	443,907	247,645
Total assets	<u>2,623,851,410</u>	<u>2,388,499,549</u>
Liabilities		
Payables on asset purchases	14,146,944	25,458,449
Payables on foreign exchanges	378,433	32,175
Accrued liabilities	3,458,797	3,473,396
Accrued other post retirement benefits	1,923,956	1,603,377
Collateral on securities lending arrangements, at fair value	139,504,403	161,316,927
Total liabilities	<u>159,412,533</u>	<u>191,884,324</u>
Net position restricted for pensions	<u>\$2,464,438,877</u>	<u>\$2,196,615,225</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Additions:		
Contributions		
City of Houston	\$ 128,274,419	\$ 111,858,885
Participants	16,579,600	17,041,531
Total contributions	<u>144,854,019</u>	<u>128,900,416</u>
Other income	<u>729,912</u>	<u>1,245,543</u>
Investment income:		
Interest on bonds and deposits	24,079,941	20,253,352
Dividends	19,523,036	21,244,999
Earnings from limited partnerships and real estate	4,995,978	8,400,396
Net appreciation on investments	311,189,076	221,049,602
Total investment income	<u>359,788,031</u>	<u>270,948,349</u>
Proceeds from lending securities	829,421	1,131,750
Less costs of securities lending	<u>(239,652)</u>	<u>(376,973)</u>
Net proceeds from lending securities	<u>589,769</u>	<u>754,777</u>
Less costs of investment services	<u>(8,584,854)</u>	<u>(7,812,494)</u>
Total investment income, net	<u>351,792,946</u>	<u>263,890,632</u>
Total additions to net position	<u>497,376,877</u>	<u>394,036,591</u>
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants	221,925,083	213,178,316
Contribution refunds to participants	1,213,474	1,265,864
Professional services	596,931	870,765
Administration expenses	<u>5,817,737</u>	<u>6,341,148</u>
Total deductions	<u>229,553,225</u>	<u>221,656,093</u>
Net increase	267,823,652	172,380,498
Plan net position restricted for pensions:		
Beginning of year	<u>2,196,615,225</u>	<u>2,024,234,727</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$2,464,438,877</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,196,615,225</u></u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The Houston Municipal Employees Pension System (the System) was created under Chapter 358, Acts of the 48th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 1943 (Article 6243g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) and reenacted and continued under HB1573, 77th Texas Legislature, Article 6243h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes (the Pension Statute), as amended. The System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with two participating employers covering all municipal employees, except police officers and firefighters (other than certain police officers in the System as authorized by the Pension Statute), employed full time by the City of Houston, Texas (the City), elected City Officials, and the full time employees of the System (collectively referred to as participants). The System includes a contributory group (Group A) and two noncontributory groups (Group B and Group D) and provides for service, disability and death benefits for eligible participants. System plan net assets are used to pay benefits for eligible participants of Group A, Group B and Group D. The System is a governmental plan and therefore is not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The System is governed by a Board of Trustees (the Board) consisting of eleven trustees - four elected by the active plan members, two elected by the retired plan members, one appointed by the elected trustees, one appointed by the mayor of the city, one appointed by the controller of the city, and two appointed by the governing body of the city. The appointed trustees must have expertise in at least one of the following areas: accounting, financial, pension, investment or actuarial. The System can only be terminated or amended by an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas or by an agreement between the City and the Board pursuant to the Pension Statute.

### Participation

Participants newly hired on or after January 1, 2008 automatically become members of a new noncontributory group (Group D).

Participants hired before September 1, 1981 participate in Group A, unless they elected before December 1, 1981 or after May 1, 1996 to transfer to Group B. Participants hired or rehired after September 1, 1981 but before September 1, 1999, may make a one-time irrevocable election to participate in Group A; otherwise, they participate in Group B. Participants hired or rehired on or after September 1, 1999 and before January 1, 2008 participate in Group A; except that Executive Officials of the City and the Executive Director of the System (Executive Officials) participated in Group C. Effective January 1, 2005, the Executive Officials of the City and the Executive Director of the System automatically became Group A members pursuant to the First Amendment to Meet and Confer Agreement, dated December 21, 2004.

As of July 1, 2013, the most recent actuarial report shows the following System's participants:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	9,427	9,078
Former employees - vested but not yet receiving benefits	3,298	3,237
Former employees - non-vested	2,257	2,434
Vested active participants	8,627	8,158
Non-vested active participants	<u>3,154</u>	<u>3,512</u>
Total participants	<u>26,763</u>	<u>26,419</u>

Participants may no longer elect to convert previous Group B service to Group A after December 31, 2005.

### Retirement Eligibility

Effective January 1, 2008, new employees participate in a noncontributory group (Group D) with:

- No employee contributions,
- Normal retirement eligibility of age 62 and 5 years of credited service,
- Benefit accrual of 1.8% for the first 25 years of credited service, and 1% thereafter,

- Option to elect an actuarially equivalent benefit with a survivor benefit,
- Option to elect an early reduced retirement benefit, and
- Option to roll over funds from section 457(b) plan to purchase an increased benefit.

A former employee who is rehired as an employee by the City or by the System on or after January 1, 2008 is a member of the group in which the employee participated at the time of the employee's immediately preceding separation from service.

There is no change in benefits for current members and retirees. For those participants in Group A and Group B employed effective January 1, 2005, and prior to January 1, 2008, a participant who terminates employment with the City or the System is eligible for a normal retirement pension beginning on the member's effective retirement date after the date the member completes at least five years of credited service and attains either:

- 62 years of age, or
- a combination of years of age and years of credited service, including parts of years, the sum of which equals the number 75, provided the participant is at least 50 years of age, or
- completed at least 5 years of total credited service and attained any combination of age and credited service that when added together equal 70 or more, provided that the member, prior to January 1, 2005 completed at least 5 years of credited service and attained a combination of age and credited service that when added together equal 68 or more.

### **Pension Benefits**

Pension benefits are based on a participant's average monthly salary and years of credited service, as defined in the Pension Statute. The maximum pension benefit is 90% of the participant's average monthly salary.

Pension benefits are increased annually by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) equal to 3% of the original benefit amount, not compounded, for all persons receiving a pension or survivor benefit as of January 1 of the year in which the increase is made, provided the person receiving the pension was an employee on or before December 31, 2004, and the person receiving the survivor

benefit is an eligible survivor of a person who was an employee on or before December 31, 2004.

Effective January 1, 2005, pension and survivor benefits for all retirees and eligible survivors of Group A and Group B are increased annually by 2%, not compounded, for all persons receiving a pension or survivor benefit as of January 1 of the year in which the increase is made, provided the person receiving the pension was hired or rehired on or after January 1, 2005. Retirees who received a 3% COLA and who are rehired on or after January 1, 2005 will also receive a 3% COLA on the subsequent benefit. Individuals participating in Group D do not have a COLA provision.

A participant who is eligible to receive a deferred benefit may elect to receive his or her pension benefit in an early lump sum distribution if the actuarial present value of the participant's benefit is less than \$20,000 on the date of termination. Early lump-sum distributions are subject to approval by the Board.

### **Disability Benefits**

Service-connected disability benefits for covered participants are based on the participant's normal accrued benefit, but are not less than 20% of the participant's final monthly salary. There is no minimum credited service requirement to qualify for service-connected disability benefits.

Participants with at least five years of credited service who become disabled may qualify for a non-service connected disability allowance equal to the participant's normal accrued pension benefit.

### **Survivor Benefits**

Survivor benefits are provided for a member's surviving spouse and/or dependent children. A deceased member must have had at least five years of credited service at the time of his or her death to qualify for survivor benefits unless death was caused by a service-connected incident as defined by the Pension Statute. For a Group D member, death benefits for a death that occurs while actively employed are determined in the same manner as for Group A and Group B. For death that occurs after the Group D member's termination of employment, the payment of a death benefit depends on whether the participant elected an optional annuity.

A Group D participant with at least five years of credited service has the option to elect an actuarially equivalent amount under one of three joint annuity options in lieu of a normal benefit with no survivor benefit. If a Group D participant with at least five years of credited service elects a normal benefit, no death or survivor benefit is payable. If a Group D participant with at least five years of credited service makes no optional annuity election and dies prior to retirement, the surviving spouse is eligible to receive an amount equal to the amount that would have been paid if the participant had elected a 50% joint and survivor annuity and named the spouse as the designated beneficiary.

Effective July 1, 2011, eligible unmarried Group A and Group B members who terminate service on or after June 30, 2011 have the option to select a joint and survivor (J&S) annuity option in lieu of a normal benefit.

The optional annuity election, which was already available to vested Group D members and vested Group B members who separated from service prior to September 1997, allows eligible participants to elect to take a reduced pension and provide an annuity (50% J&S, 100% J&S, or 10-year Guarantee) to a designated annuitant. The optional annuity provision does not affect Group A and Group B members who are married at the time of their termination from employment or do not otherwise fall into the categories of eligible participants.

In order to qualify for survivor benefits other than under an annuity option, a surviving spouse must have been married to the deceased participant at the time the participant's employment with the City or System was terminated and at the time of the participant's death. To qualify for benefits, a child must be the natural, or legally adopted, dependent child of the deceased participant at the time of the participant's death and (a) must be under age 21 and never have been married, or (b) have been totally and permanently disabled before age 18 and at the time of the participant's death and never have been married. Dependent benefits are payable to the legal guardian of the dependent(s) unless the dependent is at least 18 years of age.

#### **Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)**

A Group A or Group B participant who is eligible to retire, except that he or she has not retired and remains a full-

time employee of the City, or the System, or has been separated from service for not more than thirty calendar days, may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). The DROP provides that a monthly amount (monthly DROP credit) will be credited to a notional account (DROP Account). Interest is credited to the DROP Account at a rate approved by the Board, compounded at an interval approved by the Board. Beginning January 1, 2005 and continuing for the duration of the Amended and Restated Meet and Confer Agreement, the DROP interest rate will be equal to half the return on the System's investment for the prior fiscal year, with a minimum rate of 2.5% and a maximum rate of 7.5%, compounding currently at daily intervals. The first day of DROP participation is the DROP Entry Date. The day a participant's fully executed DROP election is accepted by the System is the DROP Election Date. Normal pension benefits cease to accrue on the DROP Entry Date, except that all Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) noted previously apply to DROP participants who are active employees under the Pension Statute.

Effective September 1, 1999, the DROP Entry Date may precede DROP Election Date. However, effective January 1, 2005, a participant's election to participate in DROP cannot establish a DROP entry date that occurs prior to the date of the System's receipt of the member's request to participate in DROP. The monthly DROP credit is based on the participant's years of credited service and average monthly salary as of DROP Entry Date, and benefit accrual rates in effect on DROP Election Date.

DROP participation terminates when a DROP participant's employment with the City, or the System, terminates. The balance of the participant's notional DROP account (DROP Benefit) at the time of such termination is an amount equal to the sum of a participant's monthly DROP credits and interest accrued on such amount up to the time the participant's employment terminates. A DROP Benefit is subject to approval by the Board. A DROP participant eligible to receive a DROP Benefit distribution may elect to receive the distribution in a lump-sum, partial distribution, in substantially equal periodic payments over a period of time approved by the Board, or in a combination of a lump-sum followed by substantially equal periodic payments over a period of time approved by the Board until the balance of the DROP Benefit is depleted. The



DROP Benefit is not available to a DROP participant until such participant's employment with the City or the System has terminated and the participant has made a DROP distribution election.

Group D participants do not participate in DROP.

### **Refunds of Participant Contributions**

Group A participants who terminate employment prior to being approved for retirement may request a refund of their accumulated employee contributions, without interest, in lieu of a pension or in the event the participant has fewer than five years of credited service.

## **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying basic financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which designates the accounting principles and financial reporting standards applicable to state and local governmental units. The accompanying basic financial statements include solely the accounts of the System, which include all programs, activities and functions relating to the accumulation and investment of the assets and related income necessary to provide the pension benefits required by the governing statutes and amendments thereto.

### **Basis of Accounting**

The economic resources basis of accounting is the method by which revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the basic financial statements. The accompanying basic financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, which include investment and other income, are recognized when they are earned and collection is reasonably assured, and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. Accrued income, when deemed not collectible, is charged to operations.

Participant and employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the period in which they are due pursuant to

the Pension Statute and formal commitments. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Pension Statute.

### **Reporting Entity**

The System is a component unit of the City. Therefore, its basic financial statements and required supplemental information are included in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

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. The fair value of limited partnerships and real estate trusts are based on the System's valuation of estimates and assumptions from information and representations provided by the respective general partners, in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Short-term investments are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

Purchases and sales of investments and forward foreign exchange contracts are recorded on the trade date. Gains or losses on the forward foreign exchange contracts are recognized when the contract is complete. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest and income from other investments are recorded when earned. Net appreciation/depreciation on investments represents realized gains and losses on sales of investments during the year and the change in the fair value of investments between years.

### **Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment**

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets ranging from three to ten years. Any gain or loss on the retirement of assets is recognized currently. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense while expenditures for improvements greater than or equal to \$5,000 are capitalized.

### **Compensated Employee Absences**

The System employees earn paid leave (vacation and sick leave) based on years of service and may accumulate them subject to certain limitations and be paid upon termination or resignation from the System. The amount paid is determined based on the departing employee's regular rate of pay at separation. Compensated employee absences (vacation, compensatory time off, annual leave and sick leave) are accrued as an expense and liability in the basic financial statements at their most current rate.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Income Tax Status**

The System obtained its latest determination letter on April 23, 2002, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the System, as amended on May 11, 2001, is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The System has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the System's management and Board believe that the System is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the System's management to evaluate tax positions taken by the System and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the System has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. System management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the System, and has concluded that as of June 30, 2014 and 2013, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the basic financial statements. The System is subject to

routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

### **Costs of Administering the System**

The costs of administering the System are paid by the System from current earnings pursuant to an annual fiscal budget adopted by the Board.

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position*.

This statement is intended to improve financial reporting by providing citizens and other users of state and local government financial reports with information about how past transactions will continue to impact a government's financial statements in the future.

This statement provides a new statement of net position format to report all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position (which is the net residual amount of the other elements). The statement requires that deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources be reported separately from assets and liabilities. The statement also discusses how net position (no longer net assets) should be displayed. Ultimately, this new framework will serve to standardize the presentation of deferred balances and their effects on a government's net position and address uncertainty related to their display. The provisions of this statement were implemented by the System effective for its June 30, 2013 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 64, *Derivative Instruments: Application of Hedge Accounting Termination Provisions -- an amendment of GASB Statement No. 53*

The objective of this statement is to clarify whether an effective hedging relationship continues after the replacement of a swap counterparty or a swap counterparty's credit support provider. This statement sets forth criteria that establish when the effective hedging relationship continues and hedge accounting should continue to be applied. Management believes GASB Statement No. 64 has no impact on the financial statements.

*GASB Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*

This statement specifies the items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities that should now be reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The requirements of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2012. Management believes GASB Statement No. 65 has no impact on the financial statements.

*GASB Statement No. 66, Technical Corrections—2012*

Statement 66 amends Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, by removing the provision that limits fund-based reporting of a state and local government's risk financing activities to the general fund and the internal service fund type. As a result, governments would base their decisions about governmental fund type usage for risk financing activities on the definitions in Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement also amends Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, by modifying the specific guidance on accounting for (1) operating lease payments that vary from a straight-line basis, (2) the difference between the initial investment (purchase price) and the principal amount of a purchased loan or group of loans, and (3) servicing fees related to mortgage loans that are sold when the stated service fee rate differs significantly from a current (normal) servicing fee rate. These changes would eliminate any uncertainty regarding the application of Statement No. 13, *Accounting for Operating Leases with Scheduled Rent Increases*, and result in guidance that is consistent with the requirements in Statement No. 48, *Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues*, respectively. The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2012.

*GASB Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*

The GASB has issued Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans; an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*. This statement replaces the

requirements of Statements No. 25 and No. 50 related to pension plans that are administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements. The requirements of Statements No. 25 and No. 50 remain applicable to pension plans that are not administered through trust or equivalent arrangements. The requirements of this statement are effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2013. The provisions of this statement were implemented by the System effective for its June 30, 2014 financial statements.

Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, revises existing standards of financial reporting for most pension plans. This statement establishes a definition of a pension plan that reflects the primary activities associated with the pension arrangement—determining pensions, accumulating and managing assets dedicated for pensions, and paying benefits to plan members as they come due.

*GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*

Statement 68 replaces the requirements of Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers* and Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures*, as they relate to governments that provide pensions through pension plans administered as trusts or similar arrangements that meet certain criteria.

GASB Statement No. 68 requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability for the first time, and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of pension benefits, solely for reporting purposes.

The scope of this statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. This statement establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit pensions, this statement identifies the methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service for reporting purposes only. The statement does not affect the methods and assumptions for funding purposes.

*GASB Statement No. 69, Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*

The objective of GASB 69 is to improve financial reporting by addressing accounting and financial reporting for government combinations and disposals of government operations. The term government combinations is used in this statement to refer to a variety of arrangements including mergers and acquisitions. Government combinations also include transfers of operations that do not constitute entire legally separate entities and in which no significant consideration is exchanged. Transfers of operations may be present in shared service arrangements, reorganizations, redistricting, annexations, and arrangements in which an operation is transferred to a new government created to provide those services. Management believes GASB Statement No. 69 has no impact on the financial statements.

*GASB Statement No. 70, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*

The objective of GASB 70 is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments that extend and receive nonexchange financial guarantees. Some governments extend financial guarantees for the obligations of another government, a not-for-profit organization, a private entity, or individual without directly receiving equal or approximately equal value in exchange (a nonexchange transaction). As a part of this nonexchange financial guarantee, a government commits to indemnify the holder of the obligation if the entity or individual that issued the obligation does not fulfill its payment requirements. Also, some governments issue obligations that are guaranteed by other entities in a nonexchange transaction. Management believes GASB Statement No. 70 has no impact on the financial statements.

*GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*

The objective of GASB 71 is to improve accounting and financial reporting by addressing an issue in Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, concerning transition provisions related to certain pension contributions made to defined benefit pension plans prior to implementation of that statement by employers and non-employer contributing entities. Management believes

GASB Statement No. 71 has no impact on the financial statements.

### 3. CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDING POLICY

Group A active participants are required to contribute to the System amounts as set forth in the Pension Statute. As of June 30, 2014 and 2013, the Group A participant contribution rate was 5% of a participant's qualifying base salary. Group B and Group D participants do not contribute to the System.

Under the System's Pension Statute, the City is required to contribute amounts to the System to provide funding on an actuarial reserve basis for normal cost plus the level of percentages of payroll payments based on its amortization period for the unfunded actuarial liability. On July 1, 2011, the Amended and Restated Meet and Confer Agreement (Agreement) between the System and the City went into effect.

Under the Agreement, the City contributed \$98.5 million to the System in fiscal year 2012. For each of the succeeding fiscal years, the City is required to contribute either the previous fiscal year's rate (19.36% of covered payroll in FY2012) plus 2 percent of covered payroll or the previous fiscal year's contribution amount plus \$10 million, whichever is greater. This provision will stay in place until the Actuarially Required Contribution (ARC) rate is met as determined by the HMEPS actuary, at which time that rate becomes the effective contribution rate. Historical contribution trend information is provided as Required Supplementary Information on page 45.

The City's contribution rate, based on the Agreement, was 21.36% for fiscal year 2013, and 23.36% for fiscal year 2014, and was not set by actuarial valuation. The ARC for fiscal years 2014 and 2013 was calculated at 26.1% and 23.45%, respectively, as shown in the July 1, 2013 and 2012 Actuarial Valuation Reports. Although the City and participants have contributed the amounts as required under the Agreement, the actual contributions made by the City have been less than the ARC for the periods covered by this report. As part of the Agreement, the Board's funding policy has been modified to use an open 30-year rolling amortization period until such time that the City's actual contribution rate is equal to the ARC, at which point the amortization period will be a closed 30 year period.

#### 4. NET PENSION LIABILITY

The Total Pension Liability as of June 30, 2014, is based on the actuarial valuation date of July 1, 2013, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The net pension liability is measured as the total pension liability, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. In actuarial terms, this will be the accrued liability less the market value of assets.

The Schedule of Net Pension Liability presents multi-year trend information (beginning with FY 2014) about whether the plan fiduciary net positions are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability. In addition to the above, this information is presented as a required schedule in the Required Supplemental Information section beginning on page 44.

Actuarial valuation of the System involves estimates and assumptions about events in the future. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability are subject to revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made regarding the future. The last experience study was performed on the 2009 valuation and the next experience study is scheduled to be conducted on the 2014 valuation. A summary of the actuarial assumptions as of the latest actuarial valuation is shown below.

**Valuation Date:** Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of July 1, which is 12 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which they are contributed.

**Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:**

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Open (See Notes)
Remaking Amortization Period	30 years
Asset Valuation Method	5 Year smoothed market, direct offset of deferred gains and losses
Inflation	3.0%
Salary Increases	3.00% to 6.00% including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	8.50%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition. Last updated for the 2010 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2005 - 2009
Mortality	RP-2000 Mortality Table scaled by 110% for males and 95% for females

**Other Information:** There were no benefit changes during the year.

**Notes** The funding period will remain open until increases in the employer contribution rate result in the employer contribution rate being equal to the actuarially determined contribution, at which point the funding period will be closed. There were no benefit changes during the year.

**Funded Status of the System as of July 1, 2013**

FY Ending June 30	Total Pension Liability	Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability	Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	Covered Payroll	Net Pension Liability as a % of Covered Payroll
2014	\$4,366,635,542	\$2,464,438,877	\$1,902,196,665	56.44%	\$555,376,730	342.51%

**Target Allocation Table and Description**

**Expected Return Arithmetic Basis**

Asset Class	Target weight	Real Return Arithmetic Basis	Long-term Expected Portfolio Return
Global Equity	35.0%	5.81	2.03
Private Equity	17.5%	10.50	1.84
Core Fixed Income	7.5%	1.46	0.11
High Yield	7.5%	2.89	0.22
Real Estate	10.0%	6.14	0.61
Absolute Return	10.0%	5.02	0.50
Inflation-Linked Assets	12.5%	6.73	0.84
Totals	100.0%		6.15%
Inflation			2.40%
Expected arithmetic nominal return			8.55%

These returns are developed on a 10 year forward looking basis, using historical risk and correlation, adjusted to incorporate recent trends. Return expectations represent a passive investment in the asset class and do not reflect value added from active management. An optimizer is used to generate an efficient frontier using these estimates; the efficient frontier represents the asset class distribution which would generate the maximum return for a given level of risk. The Board chooses an asset allocation that aims to maximize the safety of promised benefits while minimizing the cost of funding those benefits.

**Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability to the Single Discount Rate Assumption**

Current Single Discount		
1% Decrease	Rate Assumption	1% Increase
7.50%	8.50%	9.50%
\$2,377,050,707	\$1,902,196,665	\$1,502,898,674

A single discount rate of 8.50% was used to measure the net pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 8.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was

projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The table above illustrates the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. In particular, the table presents the plan's net pension liability, if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the single discount rate.

**5. DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP) BALANCES**

The DROP provides that a monthly amount (monthly DROP credit) will be credited to a notional account (DROP Account). A DROP Benefit is subject to approval by the System's Board. The DROP Benefit is not available to a DROP participant until such participant's employment with the City or the System has terminated and the participant has made a DROP distribution election. For a more detailed description of DROP terms, see Note 1.

DROP balances for all active and inactive participants totaled \$392.5 million at the end of fiscal year 2014, and \$347.3 million in fiscal year 2013.

**6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

For cash deposits and cash equivalents, Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the System's deposits may not be returned to it. The System's deposits are held by State Street Bank and Trust Company. As of June 30, 2014 and 2013, the System had fair value bank balances of \$609,929 and \$6,112,053, respectively, that are in demand deposit accounts subject to coverage by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) but not collateralized. The System does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk; however, the management believes that the System's credit risk exposure is mitigated by the financial strength of the banking institution in which the deposits are held.

## 7. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The System offers its employees a deferred compensation plan (DCP) created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The DCP, available to all employees of the System, permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Distributions from the DCP are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The DCP has a third party administrator, Great-West Retirement Services (Great-West), and the cost of administration and funding is borne by the DCP participants. Amounts deferred are held in trust by Great-West and, since the System has no fiduciary responsibility for the DCP, these amounts are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement No. 32.

## 8. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS

### Health Care Plan Description

The System provides health care benefits (i.e., medical, prescription, dental) to retired System employees and their beneficiaries. The System also provides System retirees only with \$5,000 of life insurance. A System employee is eligible for retiree health benefits and life insurance if the individual has at least five years of full-time service with the System and meets at least one of the conditions:

- Has retired due to disability
- Age 62 or greater.
- Total of years of age and years of full-time service are greater than or equal to 75.
- Employee is eligible to begin receiving a retirement pension within five years after the employee's termination of employment.

The health care benefits are partially self-funded by the System. The System is fully responsible for the self-funded benefits. An insurance company processes claims and provides other services to the System related to the self-funded benefits. The insurance company does not insure or guarantee the self-funded benefits. However, the System's plan includes an excess loss insurance established by the insurance company and the System is insured for the aggregate excess loss of \$20,000 maximum amount per covered person.

## Funding Policy and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Contribution requirements of the System's retired employees are established and may be amended by the Board. The System currently offers a choice of two insurance plans, a conventional preferred provider organization (PPO) plan and a high deductible plan. Retiree health care contributions depend on their choice of plan. For life insurance, the retiree pays 100% of the cost of the premium.

The System's annual Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) cost is calculated based on the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) of the employer, and is an amount that is actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The latest actuarial valuation, as of June 30, 2012, covers a three year period through fiscal year 2014. Additionally, the System's annual OPEB costs are listed in the table below.

	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012
Annual required contribution	\$ 438,951	\$ 426,166	\$ 413,753
Interest on OPEB obligation	72,152	57,889	44,151
Adjustment to ARC	(66,848)	(53,633)	(40,905)
Annual OPEB cost (end of year)	444,255	430,422	416,999
Net estimated employer contributions	(123,676)	(113,445)	(111,724)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	320,579	316,977	305,275
Net OPEB obligation — as of beg. of year	1,603,377	1,286,400	981,125
Net OPEB obligation — as of end of year	<u>\$ 1,923,956</u>	<u>\$ 1,603,377</u>	<u>\$ 1,286,400</u>

### Three-Year Trend Information

Year Ended	Annual		
	OPEB Cost	Percentage Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
6/30/12	\$416,999	26.8%	\$1,286,400
6/30/13	430,422	26.4%	1,603,377
6/30/14	444,255	27.8%	1,923,956

## **Funded Status and Funding Progress**

The most recent funded status of the System's retiree health care plan, under GASB Statement No. 45 as of June 30, 2012 is as follows:

<b>Actuarial Valuation Date as of June 30</b>	<b>Actuarial Value of Assets (a)</b>	<b>Actuarial Accrued Liability (ML) (b)</b>	<b>Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)</b>	<b>Funded Ratio (a/b)</b>	<b>Covered Payroll (c)</b>	<b>UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)</b>
2012	\$-	\$4,424,477	\$ 4,424,477	0%	\$2,251,862	196.5%

Under the reporting parameters, the System's retiree health care plan is 0% funded with an estimated actuarial accrued liability exceeding actuarial assets by \$4,424,477 at June 30, 2012. The above funded status figures are required to be updated every three years. The three-year trend chart above was prepared by System, while all other listed figures presented were prepared by the System's actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company.

### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

The projected unit credit, level percent of payroll actuarial cost method is used to calculate the GASB ARC for the System's retiree health care plan. Using the plan benefits, the present health premiums and a set of actuarial assumptions, the anticipated future payments are projected. The projected unit credit method then provides for a systematic funding for these anticipated payments.

The yearly ARC is computed to cover the cost of benefits being earned by covered members as well as to amortize a portion of the unfunded accrued liability. If experience is in accordance with the assumptions used, the ARC will increase at approximately the same rate as active employee payroll, and the ARC as a percentage of payroll will remain basically level on a year to year basis. Projections of health benefits are based on the plan as understood by the System and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date and the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the System and the System's employees to that point. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and employ methods and assumptions that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets. Significant methods and assumptions were as follows for the System's retiree healthcare plan:

### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

Investment rate of return	4.5%, net of expenses
Salary increases	Graded rates based on years of service (range from 3 percent to 5.5 percent)
Payroll growth factor	3.0% per year
General inflation rate	3.0% per year
Actuarial cost method	Projected Unit Credit Cost Method Level percentage of pay
Amortization method	30 Year, open
Amortization Period	Starting at 9% in 2012 and
Health care inflation rate	decreasing by ½% each year to 4.5% by 2021

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events in the future. Amounts determined regarding the funded status and the annual required contributions of the System's retiree health care plan are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The required schedule of funding progress for OPEB presented as required supplementary information (see schedule 5) provides multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

## **9. INVESTMENTS**

Portions of the System's investments are classified as security investments. A security is a transferable financial instrument that evidences ownership or creditorship. Investments in commingled funds, limited partnerships, real estate trusts, and loans and



mortgages are investments that are evidenced by contracts rather than securities. The fair values of the System's investments at June 30 are presented by type:

	2014	2013
Short-term investment funds	\$ 48,569,270	\$ 44,753,225
Government securities	83,699,960	64,523,245
Corporate bonds	223,848,665	233,867,977
Capital stocks	866,082,050	891,290,553
Commingled funds	382,671,667	279,270,827
Real assets	207,977,789	171,818,020
Alternative investments	651,778,839	517,151,692
	<u>\$ 2,464,628,240</u>	<u>\$ 2,202,675,539</u>

### **Rate of Return**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expenses, was 16.42%. The money weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

### **Investment Policy**

The Board has the authority to establish the investment policy and the asset allocation policy. The general investment objective is to obtain a reasonable long term total return consistent with the degree of risk assumed while emphasizing the preservation of capital.

In April 2013, the Board changed the asset allocation effective July 1, 2013. The former asset allocation was 20% US Equity, 20% International Equity, 20% Fixed Income, 12% Real Estate, 5% Inflation Linked, 18% Private Equity and 5% Absolute Return. The new allocation is 35% Global Equity, 15% Fixed Income, 10% Real Estate, 12.5% Inflation Linked, 17.5% Private Equity and 10% Absolute Return. For the System's actual allocation, see the chart on page 20.

### **The Master Custodian**

The System's Board, in accordance with the power and authority conferred under the Texas Statutes, employed State Street Bank and Trust Company (Custodian) as custodian of the assets of the System, and in said capacity, the Custodian is a fiduciary of the System's

assets with respect to its discretionary duties including safekeeping the System's assets. The Custodian has established and maintains a custodial account to hold, or direct its agents to hold, for the account of the System all assets that the Board shall from time to time deposit with the Custodian. All rights, title and interest in and to the System's assets shall at all times be vested in the System's Board.

In holding System assets, the Custodian shall act with the same care, skill, prudence and diligence under the prevailing circumstances that a prudent person acting in like capacity and familiar with matters of this type would use in the conduct of an enterprise with a like character and with like aims.

Further, the Custodian shall hold, manage and administer the System's assets for the exclusive purpose of providing the benefits to the members and the qualified survivors of the System.

The Board shall manage the investment program of the System in compliance with all applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations concerning the investment of pension assets. The Board has adopted an Investment Policy Statement to set forth the factors involved in the management of investment assets for the System and which is made part of every investment management agreement.

### **Custodial Risk**

For an investment, custodial risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the System will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial 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.

At June 30, 2014 and 2013, the System's investments that were not subject to custodial credit risk were the investments in U.S. government securities and corporate bonds as they are registered in the name of the System and held in possession of the Custodian.

### **Concentration Risk**

The allocation of assets among various asset classes is set by the Board. For major asset classes (e.g., global equity, fixed income, real estate, private equity, inflation-linked, and absolute return), the System will further diversify by employing managers with demonstrated skills in complementary areas of expertise. The managers retained will utilize varied investment approaches, but, when combined will exhibit characteristics that are similar, but not identical, to the asset class proxy utilized in the strategic asset allocation plan. The Investment Policy of the System provides that no public market investment manager shall have more than 20% (at market value) of the System's assets.

Representative guidelines by type of investment are as follows:

#### *U.S. Equity Managers*

1. A manager's portfolio shall contain a minimum of twenty-five issues.
2. No more than 5% of the manager's portfolio at market shall be invested in American Depository Receipts (ADRs).
3. No individual holding in a manager's portfolio may constitute more than 5% of the outstanding shares of an issuer.
4. No individual holding may constitute more than 5% of a manager's portfolio at cost or 10% at market.
5. Short sales, purchases on margin, non-negotiable or otherwise restricted securities are prohibited, other than where expressly permitted.
6. While there are no restrictions on cash, a manager must notify the System if the cash position exceeds 10%.

#### *International Equity Managers*

1. Not more than 5% at cost and 10% at market value of a manager's portfolio shall be invested in the securities of any one issuer.
2. Not more than 30% of the assets of a manager's portfolio (at market value) shall be invested in any one country with the exception of Japan.
3. While there are no restrictions on cash, a manager must notify the System if the cash position exceeds 10%.

4. Forward foreign currency exchange contracts will be limited as follows:

- a. forward and future exchange contracts of any currency may be used to hedge up to 100% of the currency exposure of the portfolio in aggregate or of the currency exposure to any single country,
- b. foreign exchange contracts with a maturity exceeding 12 months may not be made, and
- c. currency options may be entered into in lieu of or in conjunction with forward sales of currencies. The same effective limitations specified in (a) and (b) above will apply to currency options.

#### *Fixed Income Managers*

1. No more than 10% of a manager's portfolio at market shall be invested in the securities of any single issuer, with the exception of the U.S. government and its agencies.
2. No individual holding in a manager's portfolio shall constitute more than 10% of the market value of an issue.

#### *Global Opportunistic Fixed Income/High Yield Managers*

1. No more than 5% at cost and 10% at market value of a manager's portfolio shall be invested in the securities of any single issuer, with the exception of the U.S. government and its agencies.

As of June 30, 2014, across all asset classes, the System held one security with a market value over 5% of the System's fiduciary net position. The security, BlackRock MSCI ACWI Minimum Volatility Index, had a fair value of \$219,124,566, representing 9% of the System's portfolio as of June 30, 2014. There were no securities held by the System from a single issuer that exceeded 5% in FY2013.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The System invests in fixed income securities including, but not limited to, investments representing instruments with an obligated fixed rate of interest including public and private debentures, mortgages, investments in life insurance general accounts and guaranteed investment contracts, with maturities greater than one year, and options/futures. Instruments may have an investment grade or non-investment grade rating. Purchases and sales, investment selection and implementation of

investment strategies are delegated to the discretion of the investment manager, subject to compliance with its management agreement and the Investment Policy.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the investment. Duration is a measure of a debt investment's exposure to fair value changes arising from changes in interest rates. It uses the present value of cash flows, weighted for those cash flows as a percentage of the investment's full price. The greater the duration of a bond, or a portfolio of bonds,

the greater its price volatility will be in response to a change in interest rates and vice-versa. Duration is the measure of a bond price's sensitivity to a 100-basis point change in interest rates. The duration of the System's debt securities is managed by the active managers.

### **Credit Risk**

The quality ratings of investments in fixed income securities are set forth in the Investment Policy as follows:

At June 30, 2014, the following table shows the System's investments by type, amount and the effective duration rate.

	Effective Duration	Domestic	International	Fair Value
Collateralized mortgage obligations	2.71	\$ 11,478,113	\$ -	\$ 11,478,113
Convertible bonds	3.46	8,575,931	270,681	8,846,612
Corporate bonds	5.74	149,018,769	4,986,053	154,004,822
GNMA/FNMA/FHLMC	3.40	27,545,254	-	27,545,254
Municipal	8.35	1,123,974	-	1,123,974
Government issues	4.68	51,593,009	3,437,722	55,030,731
Misc. receivable (auto/credit card)	3.28	4,399,278	-	4,399,278
Other asset backed securities	4.32	270,290	-	270,290
Bank Loan <sup>1</sup>	N/A	44,849,551	-	44,849,551
		<u>\$ 298,854,169</u>	<u>\$ 8,694,456</u>	<u>\$ 307,548,625</u>

1. The bank loan market, or "leveraged loan" market as it is sometimes known, comprises debt with below investment grade credit ratings. Bank loans generally rank senior to the company's other debt, and offer higher credit ratings, and less risk than high yield bonds. Bank loans typically use floating rather than fixed interest rates. Companies often tap this market to fund leveraged buyouts.

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**Quality Ratings**

The quality ratings of investments fixed income securities as described by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations at June 30, 2014 are as follows:

Quality rating	CMO	Convertible Bonds	Corporate Bonds	Sponsored Agencies	Governmental			Other Asset Backed	Grand Total Fair Value	Percentage of Holdings
					Municipals	Issues (Int)	Other			
AM	\$ 6,560,487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 373,998	\$ -	\$ 1,712,068	\$ 270,290	\$ 8,916,843	0.36%
AA	1,092,383	-	289,966	-	-	-	120,056	-	1,502,405	0.06%
NIL+	-	-	206,962	-	164,774	-	506,821	-	878,557	0.04%
NI,	522,784	-	200,700	-	-	-	2,030,513	-	2,753,997	0.11%
A	-	-	4,990,064	-	399,794	3,437,722	-	-	8,827,580	0.36%
A+	292,661	-	911,266	-	185,408	-	-	-	1,389,335	0.06%
A-	364,515	-	6,794,624	-	-	-	-	-	7,159,139	0.29%
BBB	-	406,364	7,922,699	-	-	-	-	-	8,329,063	0.34%
E100+	-	-	8,676,582	-	-	-	-	-	8,676,582	0.35%
BOB-	-	1,449,578	7,486,956	-	-	-	-	-	8,936,534	0.36%
BB	-	398,086	9,092,440	-	-	-	-	-	9,490,526	0.39%
BB+	-	2,163,837	4,161,935	-	-	-	-	-	6,325,772	0.26%
BB-	-	1,237,070	14,464,409	-	-	-	-	-	15,701,479	0.64%
B	-	1,409,156	11,155,930	-	-	-	-	-	12,565,086	0.51%
B+	-	1,101,461	12,071,208	-	-	-	-	-	13,172,669	0.53%
B-	-	592,200	13,734,265	-	-	-	-	-	14,326,465	0.58%
Below C	-	-	46,467,801	-	-	-	-	-	46,467,801	1.89%
NA	2,645,283	88,860	5,377,015	27,545,254	-	-	44,879,372	-	80,535,784	3.27%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 11,478,113</b>	<b>\$ 8,846,612</b>	<b>\$ 154,004,822</b>	<b>\$ 27,545,254</b>	<b>\$ 1,123,974</b>	<b>\$ 3,437,722</b>	<b>\$ 49,248,830</b>	<b>\$ 270,290</b>	<b>\$ 255,955,617</b>	<b>10.39%</b>
Total credit risk debt securities									\$255,955,617	10.39%
US government fixed income securities									51,593,009	2.09%
Total fixed income securities									307,548,626	12.48%
Other investments									2,157,079,614	87.52%
Total investments									\$2,464,628,240	100.00%

1. All issues purchased by investment grade fixed income managers must be of investment grade quality Baa (Moody's) or BBB (S&P) unless expressly authorized by the Board, in which case a minimum B rating shall apply, with a maximum limit of non-investment grade credits of 20% at market.
2. For global opportunistic fixed income/high yield securities, more than 50% of a manager's portfolio at market shall be invested in non-investment grade fixed income securities, i.e. those with ratings of BA1 (Moody's), BB+ (Standard & Poor's), or lower, or unrated bonds, including but not limited to corporate bonds, convertible bonds, and preferred stocks.

### **Foreign Currency Risk**

International securities investment managers are expected to maintain diversified portfolios by sector and by issuer using the System's Investment Policy.

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. Each investment manager, through the purchase of units in a commingled investment trust fund or international equity mutual fund, establishes investments in international equities. The System has an indirect exposure to foreign currency fluctuation as of June 30, 2014 as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Australian Dollar	6,530,823	2.49%
Brazilian Real	4,079,402	1.56%
Canadian Dollar	9,943,001	3.80%
Danish Krone	3,057,432	1.17%
Euro Currency	75,980,144	29.02%
Hong Kong Dollar	16,525,949	6.31%
Indonesian Rupiah	2,218,419	0.85%
Japanese Yen	28,551,480	10.91%
Malaysian Ringgit	1,449,651	0.55%
Mexican Peso	4,814,958	1.84%
New Taiwan Dollar	1,101,554	0.42%
Norwegian Krone	9,111,966	3.48%
Pound Sterling	54,963,868	20.99%
Singapore Dollar	2,357,802	0.90%
South African Rand	1,774,264	0.68%
South Korean Won	6,026,879	2.30%
Swedish Krona	6,752,853	2.58%
Swiss Franc	21,310,188	8.14%
Thailand Baht	1,941,093	0.74%
Turkish Lira	3,310,304	1.26%
	<u>261,802,030</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Schedule 8 on page 50 lists the System's investment and professional service providers.

### **Securities Lending**

The System is authorized under its Investment Policy to participate in a securities lending program through its agent and Custodian. Under this program, for an agreed upon fee, System-owned investments are loaned to a borrowing financial institution. During the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the Custodian lent the System's securities and received cash and securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government as collateral. The cash collateral received on each loan is invested together with the cash collateral of other lenders, in a collective investment pool comprised of a liquidity pool and a duration pool. As of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, the liquidity pool had an average duration for USD collateral of 37.4 and 28.78 days, and an average weighted final maturity of 104 and 85 days, respectively. As of June 30, 2014 and 2013, the duration pool for USD collateral had an average duration of 41.80 and 43.89 days and an average weighted final maturity of 1,770 and 1,972 days, respectively. Because the loans were terminable at will, their duration did not generally match the duration of the investments made with cash collateral.

Borrowers are required to deliver collateral for each loan equal to: (i) in the case of loaned securities denominated in United States dollars or whose primary trading market was located in the United States or sovereign debt issued by foreign governments, 102% of the market value of the loaned securities; and (ii) in the case of loaned securities not denominated in United States dollars or whose primary trading market was not located in the United States, 105% of the market value of the loaned securities. The Custodian does not have the ability to pledge or sell securities delivered for collateral, absent a borrower's default. The Board and the borrowers maintained the right to terminate all securities lending transactions on demand.

On March 26, 2009, the Board amended its securities lending agreement with its Custodian to clarify responsibilities regarding borrower defaults. The amendment requires that if at the time of a default by a borrower, the Custodian shall indemnify the System against the failure of the borrower to return the loaned securities by purchasing a number of replacement securities equal to the number of such unreturned loaned securities, to the extent that such replacement securities are available on the open market. To the extent that such

proceeds are insufficient or the collateral is unavailable, the purchase of replacement securities shall be made at the Custodian's expense. If replacement securities are unavailable, the Custodian will credit to the System's account an amount equal to the market value of the unreturned loaned securities for which replacement securities are not purchased. The Board also approved a motion limiting the System's securities lending program utilization level (on-loan balance as a percentage of lendable assets) at 33.5%.

The collateral held and the fair value of securities on loan as of June 30, 2014 (USD) was \$139,504,403 and \$141,814,672, respectively and \$161,316,927 and \$156,736,505, as of June 30, 2013, respectively.

The fair values of the underlying securities lent as of June 30, are as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Domestic equity	\$ 86,004,232	\$ 96,912,384
Domestic fixed income	42,350,571	42,230,746
International equity	13,459,869	17,593,375
	<u>\$141,814,672</u>	<u>\$156,736,505</u>

### Derivative Investing

The System's investment managers may invest in derivatives if permitted by the guidelines established by the System's Board. Derivatives are generally defined as contracts whose values depend on, or are derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. Short options positions will generally be hedged with cash, cash equivalents, current portfolio security holdings, or other options or futures positions.

During fiscal year 2014 and 2013, the System recognized losses of \$1,551,686 and \$13,293, respectively related to derivatives.

The System's investment guidelines allow fixed income managers to hold stock rights and warrants acquired as a result of a re-organization. Domestic equity managers may use index futures as a cash flow hedge. Two and four of the System's domestic investment managers held rights and warrants on behalf of the System during fiscal year 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Three of the System's international money managers during fiscal year 2014 and 2013 respectively, hold

foreign exchange forwards and stock rights and warrants to mitigate the risk associated with these investments.

As of June 30, 2014 and 2013, the System held derivatives with a notional value of \$26,749 and \$263,402 and a fair value of \$893,551 and \$2,529,868, respectively.

The following is a summary of derivatives held directly by the System:

Fair Value Classification	2014		2013	
	Amount	Notional	Amount	Notional
Common Stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,178	\$ 7,750
Common Stock	893,551	26,749	2,509,690	255,652
Totals	<u>\$ 893,551</u>	<u>\$ 26,749</u>	<u>\$ 2,529,868</u>	<u>\$ 263,402</u>

### Changes in Fair Value

Investment Derivatives	Classification	2014	2013
Rights	Investment revenue	\$ (6,994)	86,875
Warrants	Investment revenue	(1,544,692)	(100,168)
Totals		<u>\$ (1,551,686)</u>	<u>(13,293)</u>

In addition to the above, the System has exposure to derivatives through its investments in hedge funds, reported in alternative investments in the financial statements.

### Covered Call Options

The System may write covered call options as an investment technique to enhance portfolio returns and to reduce portfolio volatilities. When a call option is sold (written), it obligates the System to deliver stock at a set price for a specific period of time. The System receives premium income for options written, and the value of the options are recorded as a liability due to the obligation to deliver stock. The liability is recorded at the current fair value of the options written. Fair value is the amount that the System would pay to terminate the contracts at the reporting date.

If a call option expires, a gain is realized to the extent of the premium received. If a call option is exercised, the premium received is realized as a gain. A gain or loss is also realized on the underlying security to satisfy the delivery obligation. The System may repurchase a call option written at its discretion when it is favorable to do so.

When a contract is repurchased, the liability is reduced and the difference between the premium received and the amount paid to close the contract is realized as a gain or loss.

The System held no options at June 30, 2014 and 2013.

#### **Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts**

A currency forward is a contractual agreement between two parties to pay or receive specific amounts of foreign currency at a future date in exchange for another currency at an agreed upon exchange rate. Forward commitments are not standardized and carry credit risk due to the possible nonperformance by one of the counter parties. The maximum potential loss is the aggregate face value in U.S. dollars at the time the contract was opened; however, the likelihood of such loss is remote. No such losses occurred during fiscal years 2014 and 2013. Forwards are usually traded over-the-counter. These transactions are entered into in order to hedge risks from exposure to foreign currency rate fluctuation and to facilitate trade settlement of foreign security transactions. Forwards carry market risk resulting from adverse fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. Recognition of realized gain or loss depends on whether the currency exchange rate has moved favorable or unfavorable to the contract holder upon termination of the contract. Prior to termination of the contract, the System records the unrealized currency translation gain or loss based on the applicable forward exchange rates.

#### **Mortgage-Backed Securities**

A mortgage-backed security depends on the underlying pool of mortgage loans to provide the cash flow to make principal and interest payments on the security. A decline in interest rates can result in prepayments, called contraction risk. This risk occurs as mortgages are pre-paid or refinanced which reduces the expected return of the security. If interest rates rise the likelihood of prepayments decrease, resulting in extension risk. Since loans in a pool underlying a security are being prepaid at a slower rate, investors are unable to capitalize on higher interest rates because their investments are locked in at a lower rate for a longer period of time. A collateralized mortgage obligation

(CMO) is a type of mortgage-backed security that creates separate pools of pass-through rates for different classes of bondholders with varying maturities, called tranches. The repayments from the pool of pass-through securities are used to retire the bonds in the order specified by the bonds' prospectus.

The System may invest in mortgage-backed securities to enhance fixed-income returns. Mortgage-backed securities are subject to credit risk, in that the borrower may be unable to meet its obligations.

### **10. FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT**

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are comprised as follows at June 30:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Office furniture and equipment	\$ 55,542	\$ 49,391
Computer equipment	687,199	524,256
Leasehold improvements	130,773	130,773
	<u>873,514</u>	<u>704,420</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(429,607)</u>	<u>(456,775)</u>
	<u>\$ 443,907</u>	<u>\$ 247,645</u>

Depreciation expense for fiscal years 2014 and 2013 are \$97,686 and \$166,649, respectively.

### **11. COMMITMENTS**

As described in Note 1, certain participants of the System are eligible to receive, upon request, a refund of their accumulated Group A and/or Group C contributions, without interest, upon termination of employment with the City, or System, prior to being eligible for pension benefits. At June 30, 2014 and 2013, aggregate contributions from these eligible participants of the System were approximately \$147,604,126 and \$140,624,000, respectively.

The System's investments in limited partnerships and real estate trusts are included in the first table appearing in Note 9. In connection with those investments, the System has remaining commitments as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 of approximately \$603 million and \$388 million, respectively, pursuant to terms of the respective limited partnerships and real estate trusts.

The System leases office facilities under a five year lease, ending October 30, 2016. This lease agreement began with a base rent of \$14 per square foot for the first eighteen months. Subsequently, the rent increases by \$0.50 per

square foot per year for the remainder of the term.

The payments under the lease will be:

Year	Amount
Fiscal year 2015	\$327,886
Fiscal year 2016	\$337,304
Fiscal year 2017	\$115,048

Additional amounts are assessed for use of common areas, utilities and maintenance. Total rental expense, including these assessments, amount to approximately \$520,000 and \$461,000 during the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The System has other annual and/or monthly lease services for copiers, miscellaneous office equipment, and offsite storage totaling approximately \$38,000 for fiscal years 2014 and 2013. Each of these contracts contains a cancellation provision.

## 12. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The System invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of plan net assets.

The System's contribution rates are made and the actuarial information included in the Notes and in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 are based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and participant demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term could be material to the basic financial statements.

## 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 25, 2014, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has determined that no subsequent events require disclosure in these financial statements.



## SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (UNAUDITED) (SCHEDULE 1)

Fiscal year ending June 30,	<u>2014</u>
Total Pension Liability	
Service Cost	\$61,480,204
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	348,418,895
Benefit Changes	-
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	-
Assumption Changes	-
Benefit Payments	(221,925,083)
Refunds	(1,213,474)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	186,760,542
Total Pension Liability- Beginning	4,179,875,000
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	<u>\$4,366,635,542</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	
Employer Contributions	\$128,274,419
Employee Contributions	16,579,600
Pension Plan Net Investment Income	352,522,858
Benefit Payments	(221,925,083)
Refunds	(1,213,474)
Pension Plan Administrative Expense	(6,414,668)
Other	-
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	267,823,652
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	2,196,615,225
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	<u>\$2,464,438,877</u>
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	1,902,196,665
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	56.44 %
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 555,376,730
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	342.51 %

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

See accompanying note to required supplemental schedules.

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

SCHEDULE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (UNAUDITED) (SCHEDULE 2)

**Funded Status of the System as of July 1, 2013**

<b>FY Ending June 30</b>	<b>Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>Plan Net Position</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>Plan Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability as a % of Covered Payroll</b>
2014	\$4,366,635,542	\$2,464,438,877	\$1,902,196,665	56.44%	\$555,376,730	342.51%

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

See accompanying note to required supplemental schedules.

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES 1 and 2 (UNAUDITED)

The total pension liability contained in this schedule was provided by the System's Actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company. The net pension liability is measured as the total pension liability less the amount of the fiduciary net position of the System.

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (UNAUDITED) (SCHEDULE 3)

FY Ending June 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contribution Actual Contribution	Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a% of Covered Payroll
2005	\$207,586,379	\$363,246,727	\$(155,660,348)	\$404,565,000	89.79%
2006	127,234,109	66,967,596	60,266,513	422,496,000	15.85%
2007	106,568,897	70,264,721	36,304,176	448,925,000	15.65%
2008	116,281,212	73,271,799	43,009,413	483,815,000	15.14%
2009	102,257,047	76,837,216	25,419,831	539,023,000	14.25%
2010	107,535,744	82,052,013	25,483,731	550,709,000	14.90%
2011	107,472,679	87,284,737	20,187,942	544,665,000	16.03%
2012	122,465,396	97,161,723	25,303,673	534,394,000	18.18%
2013	124,317,102	111,858,885	12,458,217	549,971,000	20.34%
2014	144,953,327	128,274,419	16,678,908	555,376,730	23.10%

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

See accompanying note to required supplemental schedules.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE 3 (UNAUDITED)

The required employer contributions and percent of those contributions actually made are presented in the schedule. The information presented was used in the actuarial valuation for purposes of determining the actuarially determined contribution rate. The assumptions and methods used for this actuarial valuation were recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Board. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation is presented in the table below.

**Valuation Date:**

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of July 1, which is 12 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which they are contributed.

**Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:**

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Open (See Notes)
Remaking Amortization Period	30 years
Asset Valuation Method	5 Year smoothed market, direct offset of deferred gains and losses
Inflation	3.0%
Salary Increases	3.00% to 6.00% including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	8.50%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition. Last updated for the 2010 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2005 - 2009
Mortality	RP-2000 Mortality Table scaled by 110% for males and 95% for females

**Other Information:**

Notes The funding period will remain open until increases in the employer contribution rate result in the employer contribution rate being equal to the actuarially determined contribution, at which point the funding period will be closed. There were no benefit changes during the year

Note: All post-retirement cost-of living adjustments are non-compounding and are based on the 3% of the original benefit for all persons receiving a pension or survivor benefit as of January 1 of the year in which the increase is made, provided the participant was an employee on or before 12/31/2004 or rehired after this date. Effective 1/1/2005, cost-of living adjustments are increased annually by 2%, not compounded, for all persons receiving a benefit, provided the participant was an employee on or after this date. Individuals participating in Group D do not have a cost-of-living provision.

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS (UNAUDITED) (SCHEDULE 4)

<b>FY Ending June 30,</b>	<b>Annual Return<sup>1</sup></b>
2014	16.42%

1. Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment fees.  
Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR OPEB AND NOTES TO REQUIRED SCHEDULE (UNAUDITED)  
(SCHEDULE 5)

Actuarial Valuation Payroll	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded AAL	Funded (UAAL)	Covered Ratio	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
Date	(a)	(b)	(b-a)	(a/b)	(c)	((b-a)/c)
June 30, 2012	\$ 0	\$4,424,477	\$4,424,477	0%	\$2,251,862	1.96%
June 30, 2010	\$ 0	3,594,835	3,594,835	0%	2,062,917	1.74%
June 30, 2008	\$ 0	3,297,680	3,297,680	0%	2,150,026	1.54%

The information presented in this schedule was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation date	June 30, 2012
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit
Amortization method	Level percent of payroll
Amortization period	30-Year period, open
Asset valuation method	Market value of assets
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	4.5%, net of expenses
Salary increases	Graded rates based on years of service
Payroll growth factor	3.0% per year
General inflation rate	3.0% per year
Health care inflation rate	Starting at 9% in 2012 and decreasing by 0.5% each year to 4.5% by 2020

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

## INVESTMENT SUMMARY (SCHEDULE 6)

	June 30, 2014			June 30, 2013		
	Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Fixed income:						
Government securities	\$ 83,254,790	\$ 83,699,960	\$ 445,170	\$ 64,922,569	\$ 64,523,245	\$ (399,324)
Corporate bonds	211,070,075	223,848,665	12,778,590	226,706,165	233,867,977	7,161,812
Total fixed income	294,324,865	307,548,625	13,223,760	291,628,734	298,391,222	6,762,488
Short-term investment funds	48,569,270	48,569,270	-	44,753,225	44,753,225	-
Capital stocks	706,939,312	866,082,050	159,142,738	790,625,244	891,290,553	100,665,309
Commingled funds	321,077,468	382,671,667	61,594,199	227,876,595	279,270,827	51,394,232
Real assets	256,742,443	207,977,789	(48,764,654)	210,810,011	171,818,020	(38,991,991)
Alternative investments	570,643,353	651,778,839	81,135,486	472,101,904	517,151,692	45,049,788
Total investments	\$2,198,296,711	\$2,464,628,240	\$266,331,529	\$2,037,795,713	\$2,202,675,539	\$164,879,826

## INVESTMENT SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (SCHEDULE 7)

**Years Ended June 30, 2014 and 2013**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Investment services:		
Custodial services	\$ 363,499	\$ 352,953
Money management services	6,669,758	6,565,541
Consulting services	834,000	894,000
Legal services	81,421	-
Investment research expense	70,315	-
Investment personnel costs	525,810	-
Other investment expenses	40,051	-
Total investment expenses	<u>\$ 8,584,854</u>	<u>\$ 7,812,494</u>
Professional services:		
Actuarial services	\$ 79,634	71,872
Auditing and professional services	56,965	89,932
Legal services	274,966	518,436
Other professional services	185,366	190,525
Total professional services	<u>\$ 596,931</u>	<u>\$ 870,765</u>
Administration expenses:		
Office costs	\$ 570,737	\$ 532,132
Insurance costs	149,092	158,517
Costs of staff and benefits	4,078,055	4,394,684
Costs of equipment and supplies	772,809	836,412
Depreciation and amortization	97,686	166,649
Costs of continuing education	149,358	252,754
Total administration expenses	<u>\$ 5,817,737</u>	<u>\$ 6,341,148</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

## SUMMARY OF COSTS OF INVESTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (SCHEDULE 8)

**Years Ended June 30, 2014 and 2013**

Service Provider	Service Provided	2014	2013
Investment services:			
Baring Asset Management	Money management	\$ 358,111	\$ 402,533
BlackRock (formerly Barclays)	Money management	186,220	212,000
DDJ Capital Management, LLC	Money management	729,297	718,037
DePrince, Race and Zollo, Inc.	Money management	658,222	563,280
Earnest Partners, LLC	Money management	681,646	735,515
Enhanced Investment (INTECH)	Money management	187,958	185,922
Global Forest Partners, LP/UBS Timber Investors	Money management	56,710	55,796
Loomis, Sayles and Company, LP	Money management	528,588	566,240
Neumeier Investment Counsel, LLC	Money management	491,495	439,434
Oakbrook	Money management	150,918	148,469
OFI Institutional	Money management	567,432	537,204
Panagora	Money management	214,629	205,100
Piedmont Investment Advisors	Money management	24,440	106,326
Profit Investment Management	Money management	154,054	181,643
Pugh Capital Management	Money management	96,727	96,707
Smith Graham & Company	Money management	308,123	323,203
Thomas White	Money management	496,309	501,853
T. Rowe Price Associates	Money management	58,671	217,093
Tortoise Capital Advisors	Money management	539,849	189,697
UBS Global Asset (formerly Brinson Part)	Money management	126,308	129,128
State Street Global Advisors	Money management	54,051	50,361
State Street Bank and Trust Company	Custodial services	363,499	352,953
Willshire Associates, Incorporated	Consulting services	284,000	284,000
Cliffwater LLC	Consulting services	550,000	550,000
Gray & Company	Consulting services	-	60,000
Locke Lord LLP	Legal services	81,421	-
Total investment services		7,948,678	7,812,494
Professional services:			
Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co.	Actuarial services	79,634	71,872
Doeren Mayhew CPAs and Advisors services	Auditing and professional	56,965	66,857
Baker Botts, LLP	Legal services	96,565	185,169
Gibbs & Bruns, LLP	Legal services	-	480
Jackson Walker LLP	Legal services	3,825	17,987
Locke Lord LLP	Legal services	174,576	314,800
Champion Capital Research, Inc.	Professional services	3,395	-
Harris Law Firm	Professional services	27,500	30,382
HillCo Partners, LLC	Professional services	101,813	101,625
Leadership Consulting Group, Inc.	Professional services	4,658	-
LT Communications	Professional services	48,000	48,000
PacoTech Inc.	Professional services	-	7,518
The Pressley Partnership	Professional services	-	3,000
VR Election Services	Professional services	-	23,075
Total professional services		596,931	870,765
Total costs of investment and professional services		\$8,545,609	\$8,683,259

See accompanying independent auditors' report.





**SECTION 3**  
**INVESTMENT INFORMATION**

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System (the “System”) has adopted an Investment Policy Statement (“IPS”) as a framework for the investment of the System’s assets. The authority to amend the IPS rests solely with the Board. The following provides an outline of the IPS.

### **Purpose**

The IPS assists the Board in acting as fiduciaries for the System by a) specifying the Board’s expectations, objectives and guidelines for the System, b) clarifying the responsibilities of the Board, the Staff, the Consultants and Vendors, c) setting forth an investment structure for managing the portfolio, d) encouraging effective communications and e) establishing criteria to select, remove, monitor and evaluate performance of money managers on a regular basis.

### **Investment Objectives**

The investment objective of the total portfolio is to produce annualized investment returns that exceed the actuarial interest rate approved by the Board. This will enable the Board to achieve its overall objective of providing adequate retirement benefits to the members of the System.

The performance of the System’s investments is compared with the policy portfolio. The policy portfolio is comprised of market indices, which are consistent with the overall investment policy. The policy portfolio reflects a passive implementation of the investment policy. This policy portfolio was last updated on July 1, 2013 and the Fund is currently working toward its target asset allocation goal.

Comparisons of total fund performance are also made with a universe of public pension funds implementing generally comparable investment policies. The public pension fund universe used for comparative purposes is the TUCS Master Trusts – Public.

## **Investment Strategies**

### **Asset Allocation**

The System’s investment allocation provides an efficient allocation of assets that is designed to achieve overall portfolio risk and return objectives. The Board periodically undertakes strategic studies to address the appropriateness of asset classes to be considered for inclusion in the asset allocation, and to define the targeted percentage to each asset class to achieve the desired level of diversification. During fiscal year 2013, the Board conducted a study to review asset class risk-return assumptions and correlations which resulted in several changes to the System’s asset allocation targets. These changes were intended to reduce the volatility of the System’s investment returns while providing adequate expected return. First, the target exposure to Global Equities was reduced from 40% to 35%, and U.S and non-U.S. equities were combined to allow the System to respond to changes in the composition of the global equity market more efficiently. Second, the target exposure to Fixed Income was reduced from 20% to 15% in response to the low interest rate environment. The Real Estate asset class target was decreased from 12% to 10%, while the Private Equity target was decreased from 18% to 17.5%. The target exposure of the Inflation Linked Asset Class increased from 5% to 12.5%, while Absolute Return increased from 5% to 10%.

This new asset allocation was effective July 1, 2013. During FY2014 the System gradually transferred assets to the new asset allocation targets. The target and actual allocations are included in Table 1.

### **Diversification**

The System invests in six major asset classes (Global Equities, Fixed Income, Real Estate, Private Equity, Inflation-Linked, and Absolute Return) and engages the services of numerous professional investment managers

(including in both public markets and private partnerships) with demonstrated skills and expertise in managing portfolios within each asset class as a method to maximize overall fund diversification. The managers retained are expected to utilize varied investment approaches that, when combined, will exhibit characteristics that are similar to the asset class proxy utilized in the strategic asset allocation plan. As of June 30, 2014, the System had retained the services of 83 investment management firms, several of which manage multiple mandates. Cash inflows and outflows are directed, within the targeted asset class, to the various managers so that actual characteristics of the portfolio will be consistent with the strategic plan. No investment manager is permitted to have more than 20% of the fair value of the System's assets.

### **Rebalancing**

The IPS requires that a periodic adjustment, or rebalancing, of assets be made to ensure conformance with policy target levels. Such rebalancing is necessary to reflect sizable cash flows and performance imbalances among the various asset classes that may occur over time. During fiscal year 2014, Staff directed the rebalancing of assets within the strategic asset allocation targets in response to market dynamics and the System's liquidity needs.

### **Investment Manager Guidelines – Public Markets**

Investment managers are subject to guidelines and objectives incorporated in the investment management agreement entered into by the Board and the respective investment managers. Investment managers are expected to perform their fiduciary duties as prudent people skilled in such matters and, further, are expected to comply with all applicable State and Federal statutes governing the investment of retirement funds. Within the context of the guidelines, investment managers have full discretion with respect to the purchase and sale of individual securities and portfolio weightings. Portfolios are to be managed in a manner similar to other portfolios within an organization with similar guidelines and performance objectives.

The Board requires that all investment managers seek best execution for all trades ordered on behalf of the

System. Equity managers are encouraged to direct a designated percentage of their brokerage activity to an approved list of brokers. Fixed income managers are encouraged to direct primary trading activity wherever there is an opportunity to recapture a portion of the syndication costs for the System.

### **Manager Evaluation**

Managers of portfolios are evaluated periodically against predetermined benchmarks such as an appropriate market index or a comparable peer group. All public market managers are required to provide written reports to HMEPS of their activities and performance. In addition, System personnel and professional consultants engaged by the Board monitor managers' performance, material changes in the managers' organization and conformity with their guidelines and objectives.

Managers who fail to meet expectations will be placed on probation (for public market managers) or watchlist (for private market managers). Staff and Consultant monitor these managers, evaluating factors such as changes in the assets in the portfolio, changes in investment style, peer universe ranking and others.

### **Investment Performance Evaluation**

The Board reviews System investment performance on a periodic basis to evaluate conformity to the goals and objectives established in the strategic plan. The Board recognizes that financial markets from time to time may not support attainment of those goals and objectives. During such times, progress toward conformity is evaluated by comparing the System's performance to the policy index and to a peer group comparable in class and weight to the styles in the System's investment portfolio. Investment results are calculated using a time-weighted rate of return based on the market rate of return.

### **Proxy Voting**

The Board authorizes each investment manager to vote all proxies relating to shares of securities under management, and requires each investment manager to have a written proxy voting policy statement. Each manager is expected to promptly vote all proxies and related actions in a manner consistent with the long-term

interests of the System and its participants and beneficiaries. Each investment manager is required to keep detailed records of all voting of proxies and related actions and to comply with all related regulatory obligations. The System's management staff periodically reviews each investment manager's policies and actions in respect to proxy voting.

### **Investment Results**

#### **Long-Term Results**

The 10-year period ending June 30, 2014 encompasses the 2008 financial crisis and has produced volatile returns, both for the markets as a whole, and also for the System. The System generated double digit positive returns in seven of the past ten fiscal years, met or exceeded its policy index in four of those ten fiscal years, and outperformed its peer group in seven of those ten years. Due to the diversification of assets, the System's 5-year annualized return is 12.6%, in excess of its return target of 8.5%. The 10-year return stands at 9.3%.

As shown in the investment results table, HMEPS' total fund return exceeds its policy portfolio over the last ten years. In addition, HMEPS' total fund performance

compares very favorably to the median public fund, as represented by the TUCS Master Trusts – Public. Over the ten-year period, HMEPS is in the top decile of funds in the TUCS Master Trusts – Public.

The consistent long-term above-benchmark performance is best illustrated in the growth of \$1,000 invested in HMEPS' total fund, in the policy portfolio and median public fund during the past 10 years. As shown in Table 2, the ending points indicate that \$1,000 invested in HMEPS' total fund would have grown to \$2,145, while the same \$1,000 would have grown to \$1,964 and \$1,761 respectively in the policy portfolio and the median public fund.

#### **Fiscal Year 2014 Results**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the System returned 16.4%. This rate of return exceeded the System's policy benchmark return of 15.6%, but lagged the return of the median fund in the TUCS Master Trusts – Public of 16.8%.

The Investment Section was written by Chief Investment Officer, Gregory Brunt, CFA and Financial Analyst Jumana Aumir.

SCHEDULE OF ASSET ALLOCATION

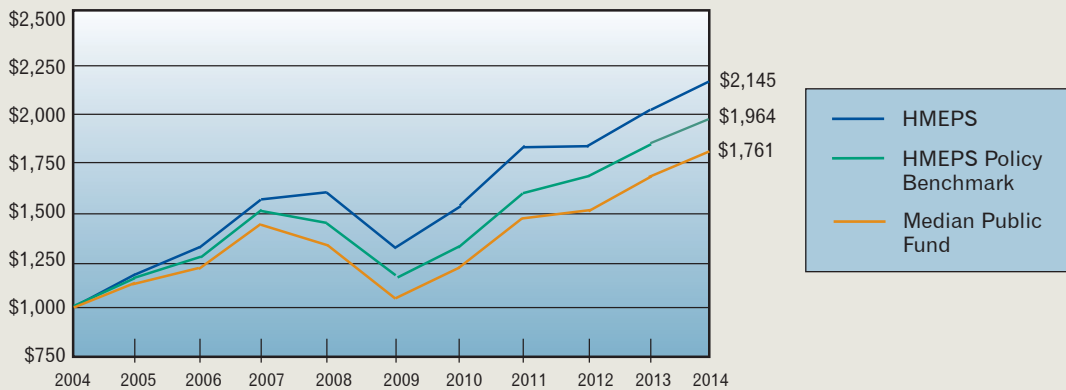
TABLE 1

(Calculated based on a time-weighted rate of return based on the market rate of return)

Asset Class	Allocation		Investment Performance			
	Target	Actual	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.
Global Equity <sup>1</sup>	35.0 %	41.0 %	21.9 %	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>MSCI All Country World IMI</i>			23.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fixed Income	15.0	16.6	9.2	7.2	9.5	7.1
<i>Barclays Aggregate Index</i>			4.4	3.7	4.9	4.9
<i>Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index</i>			11.8	9.3	13.9	8.9
Private Equity <sup>2</sup>	17.5	14.5	14.3	11.0	14.4	12.3
<i>S&amp;P 500 Index + 3%</i>			27.6	19.6	21.8	10.8
Real Estate <sup>3</sup>	10.0	9.8	9.1	8.5	5.1	6.8
<i>NCREIF Property Index</i>			11.2	11.3	9.7	8.6
Inflation-Linked <sup>4</sup>	12.5	8.9	22.3	3.0	13.2	n/a
<i>CPI + 4%<sup>4</sup></i>			6.1	5.8	6.4	n/a
Absolute Return <sup>5</sup>	10.0	8.7	7.3	5.7	10.6	n/a
<i>LIBOR + 4%<sup>6</sup></i>			4.2	4.3	4.7	n/a
Cash	-	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	n/a
Total Portfolio	100.0	100.0	16.4	9.7	12.6	9.3
<i>Policy Benchmark</i>			15.6	10.7	13.5	8.4
<i>Median of Wilshire Public Fund Universe/TUCS</i>			16.8	10.0	12.8	7.3

- <sup>1</sup> The Global Equity composite was created on July 1, 2013. It combined the previously separate Domestic Equity and Global Equity composites.
- <sup>2</sup> Beginning October 1, 2008, Private Equity is separate from Absolute Return. Prior returns were combined in the Private Equity composite.
- <sup>3</sup> Beginning October 1, 2008, Real Estate is separate from Inflation-Linked. Prior returns were combined in the Real Estate composite.
- <sup>4</sup> The Inflation-Linked composite was created on October 1, 2008. Prior returns are included in the Real Estate composite.
- <sup>5</sup> Prior to April 1, 2011, the benchmark for Inflation-Linked was CPI + 5%. Longer term benchmark returns reflect a blend of both benchmarks.
- <sup>6</sup> The Absolute Return composite was created on October 1, 2008. Prior returns are included in the Private Equity composite.
- <sup>7</sup> Prior to April 1, 2011, the benchmark for Absolute Return was LIBOR + 5%. Longer term benchmark returns reflect a blend of both benchmarks.
- <sup>8</sup> For fiscal year 2014, the Policy Benchmark was 26.25% MSCI ACWI IMI (Global Equity), 8.75% MSCI ACWI Min Vol (Low Volatility Global Equity), 7.5% Barclays Aggregate Index (Investment Grade Fixed Income), 7.5% Merrill Lynch High Yield Master Trust (High Yield Fixed Income), 10% NCREIF Property Index (Real Estate), 17.5% S&P 500+3 (Private Equity), 10% LIBOR +4 (Absolute Return), 12.5% CPI+4 (Inflation Linked Assets)

TABLE 2



SCHEDULE OF TOP EQUITY INVESTMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014\*

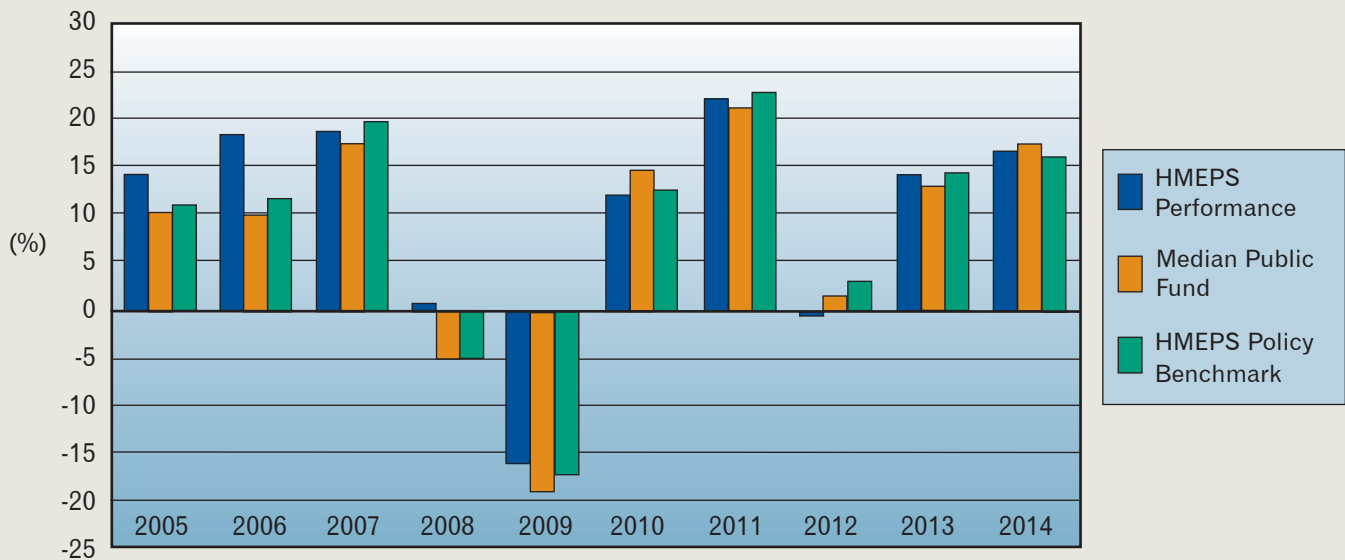
<u>Name of Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value of Investment</u>	<u>Percent of Portfolio</u>
BlackRock MSCI ACWI MIC Index	\$ 219,124,566	9.0%
State Street Global Advisors REIT Index	44,393,567	1.8%
RREEF America REIT II	28,248,269	1.2%
SSGA S&P Midcap Index	17,953,164	0.7%
BlackRock ACWI ex-US Index	16,583,788	0.7%
Magellan Midstream Partners	12,037,133	0.5%
Enterprise Product Partners	11,880,116	0.5%
Blackrock Equity Index Fund A	10,791,019	0.4%
Energy Transfer Equity	10,477,764	0.4%
Plains All Amer Pipeline LP	10,391,052	0.4%
MSCI JPY Index NL Fund	9,550,442	0.4%

SCHEDULE OF TOP DEBT INVESTMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014\*

<u>Name of Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value of Investment</u>	<u>Percent of Portfolio</u>
BlackRock U.S. Debt Index (Barclays Aggregate)	40,335,366	1.7%
GMO Emerging Country Debt	16,536,532	0.7%
Alliance Bernstein Emerging Market	15,510,151	0.6%
US Treasury N/B 03/18 0.75	6,789,075	0.3%
US Treasury N/B 11/18 1.375	5,963,196	0.2%
Foresight Energy LL/Corp 144A 08/21	5,082,500	0.2%
US Treasury N/B 03/16 0.375	5,040,958	0.2%
US Foods Inc Company Guar 06/19 8.5	4,442,575	0.2%
US Treasury N/B 01/17 0.875	3,912,333	0.2%
US Treasury N/B 02/38 4.375	3,617,547	0.2%

\* A complete list of the System's holdings is available at the System's office by appointment.

PERFORMANCE BY FISCAL YEAR LAST TEN YEARS



**COMPARISON OF INVESTMENT RETURNS - YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**  
(Calculated based on a time-weighted rate of return based on the market rate of return)

Period ending	Median of		Merrill Lynch High		HMEPS		HMEPS		HMEPS		HMEPS		HMEPS		HMEPS		HMEPS	
	HMEPS Policy Portfolio	Wilshire Public Univ./TUCS	HMEPS Global Equity	MSCI ACWII/IMI	HMEPS Fixed Income	Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index	Merrill Lynch Yield Master II Index	HMEPS Private Equity	S&P 500 Index	HMEPS Real Estate	NCREIF Property Index	HMEPS Inflation-Linked	Consumer Price Index	HMEPS Absolute Return	LIBOR			
06-30																		
2005	13.85%	11.59%	10.41%	n/a	9.17%	6.81%	10.62%	19.96%	6.31%	30.03%	18.02%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2006	18.11%	13.09%	10.85%	n/a	2.61%	-0.81%	4.70%	22.46%	8.63%	36.39%	18.67%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2007	18.64%	20.00%	17.63%	n/a	9.57%	6.11%	11.73%	25.38%	20.59%	20.09%	17.24%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2008	0.47%	-4.88%	-4.92%	n/a	1.96%	7.13%	-2.09%	11.87%	-13.12%	18.19%	9.20%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2009	-16.02%	-17.55%	-19.19%	n/a	0.36%	6.06%	-3.53%	-20.93%	-26.22%	-40.37%	-19.57%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2010	12.24%	13.00%	14.71%	n/a	17.00%	9.50%	27.53%	16.82%	14.43%	-9.52%	-1.48%	21.52%	1.05%	23.39%	0.34%	0.34%	0.34%	0.34%
2011	22.17%	22.89%	21.19%	n/a	9.33%	3.90%	15.40%	22.54%	30.68%	10.92%	16.73%	39.72%	3.56%	13.94%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%
2012	-0.14%	3.23%	1.25%	n/a	6.31%	7.48%	6.51%	11.00%	5.44%	3.78%	12.00%	-21.96%	1.66%	-0.86%	0.46%	0.46%	0.46%	0.46%
2013	13.58%	13.99%	12.27%	n/a	5.99%	-0.69%	9.57%	7.85%	20.59%	12.80%	10.73%	14.52%	1.75%	10.87%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%
2014	16.39%	15.61%	16.83%	20.92%	9.22%	4.37%	11.80%	14.31%	24.61%	9.11%	11.21%	22.33%	2.07%	7.28%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%
3 Yrs.	9.70%	10.74%	10.01%	n/a	7.16%	3.67%	9.27%	11.02%	16.58%	8.50%	11.32%	3.02%	1.83%	5.65%	0.34%	0.34%	0.34%	0.34%
5 Yrs.	12.60%	13.52%	12.76%	n/a	9.50%	4.85%	13.94%	14.39%	18.83%	5.09%	9.67%	13.17%	2.02%	10.64%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%
10 Yrs.	9.31%	8.35%	7.33%	n/a	7.05%	4.93%	8.90%	12.31%	7.78%	6.76%	8.63%	n/a	2.31%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## SCHEDULE OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 2014

Broker Name	Number of Shares	Commissions (\$)	Cents/Share
Abel Noser Corporation	208,200	6,246	3.00
Barclays Capital	1,250,791	18,464	1.48
BNY Convergenx	77,945,739	66,885	0.09
Cantor Fitzgerald & Co	100,607	3,973	3.95
Capital Institutional Services Inc	2,703,577	20,135	0.74
Charles Schwab & Co	475,925	7,647	1.61
Citibank N.A.	1,455,233	11,687	0.80
Cowen and Company	214,900	4,488	2.09
Credit Suisse Securities	612,068	10,856	1.77
Deutsche Bank Securities	612,631	9,920	1.62
Dongwon Securities	6,800	2,170	31.92
Exane S.A.	39,517	2,134	5.40
Fig Partners	203,560	8,142	4.00
Friedman Billings & Ramsey	133,395	5,279	3.96
G Trade Services Ltd	16,464,400	151,316	0.92
Goldman Sachs & Co	633,564	14,732	2.33
Guzman and Co	504,048	4,680	0.93
ICAP Do Brasil	210,619	2,682	1.27
Instinet	3,192,863	62,694	1.96
ITG Inc	513,324	4,633	0.90
J.P. Morgan Securities	2,823,854	36,603	1.30
Jefferies & Co	1,208,551	14,529	1.20
Jones Trading Institutional Services	1,281,418	48,043	3.75
Keefe Bruyette & Woods	231,855	9,262	3.99
Keybanc Capital Markets	523,335	20,929	4.00
Macquariebank Ltd	1,849,969	4,155	0.22
Merrill Lynch & Co	4,979,678	22,646	0.45
Morgan Stanley Co	507,059	9,448	1.86
Parel	116,159	2,839	2.44
Pershing LLC	1,873,732	14,189	0.76
RBC Capital Markets	186,920	2,419	1.29
Redburn Partners LLP	133,976	3,854	2.88
Robert W. Baird Co	76,562	2,488	3.25
Rosenblatt Securities	157,725	3,831	2.43
Sanford C. Bernstein	495,431	7,492	1.51

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SCHEDULE OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS PAID - CONT.

Broker Name	Number of Shares	Commissions (\$)	Cents/Share
Sidoti & Co	183,850	6,678	3.63
Societe Generale	114,524	2,171	1.90
State Street Global Markets	4,794,993	43,501	0.91
Sterne Agee & Leach	212,265	7,993	3.77
Stifel Nicolaus & Co	703,409	24,925	3.54
UBS Securities	1,336,223	34,198	2.56
Wells Fargo Securities	208,752	3,129	1.50
Others	<u>3,520,687</u>	<u>40,349</u>	<u>1.15</u>
Grand Totals	<u>135,002,688</u>	<u>784,435</u>	<u>-</u>
Average Cents/Share			0.58

Public Market Investments	Market Value	Fees	Basis Points	Percentage
Global Equity	\$ 1,012,108,723	\$ 4,204,375	42	40.98%
Fixed Income	410,060,131	1,601,065	39	16.60%
Inflation Linked	124,380,731	539,849	43	5.03%
Other Public Market	<u>59,780,171</u>	<u>141,451</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>2.42%</u>

Non-Public Market Investments	<u>863,256,699</u>			<u>34.97%</u>
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<b>Total Investments</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,469,586,455</u></b>			<b><u>100.00%</u></b>
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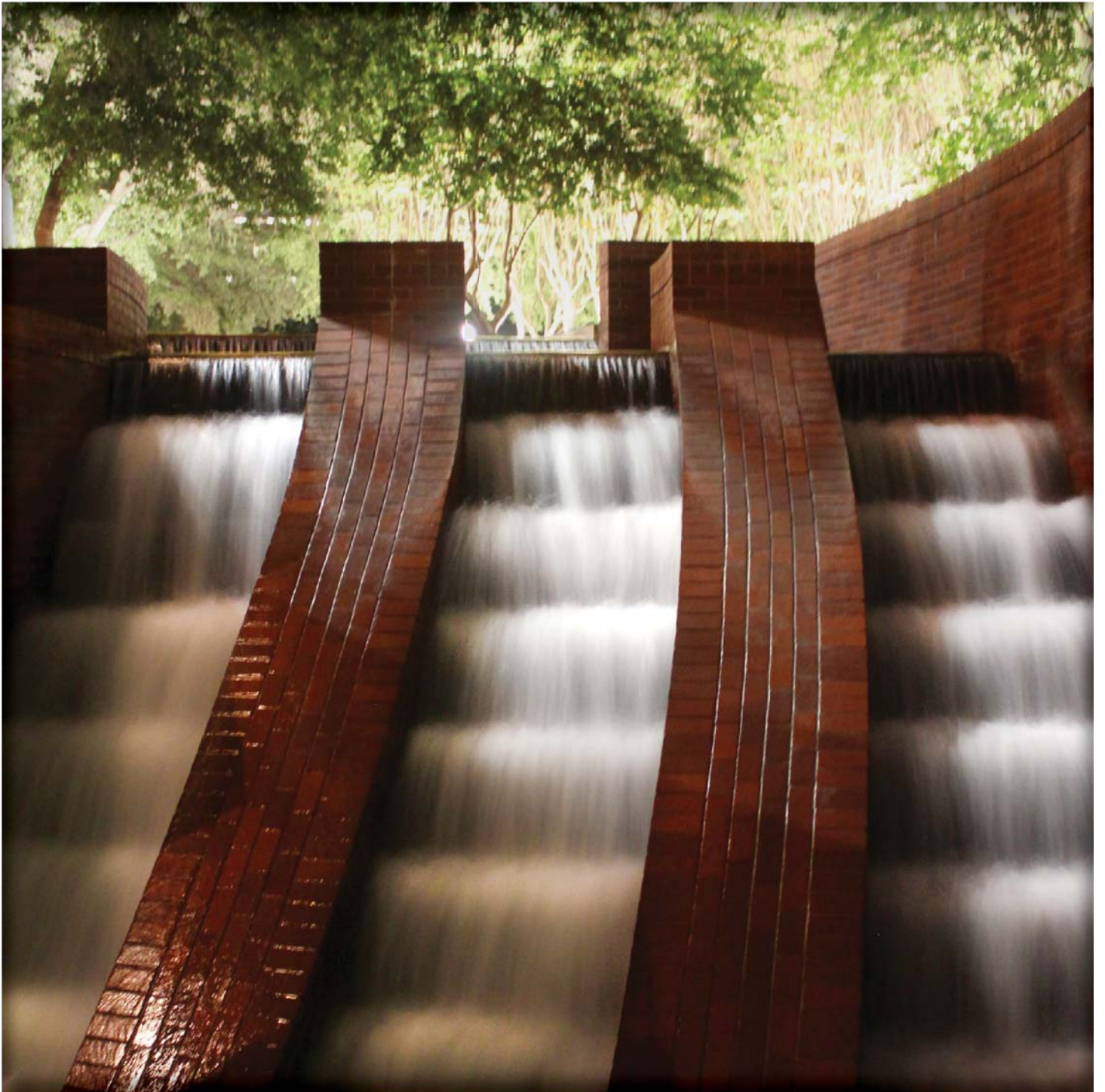
Custodian Bank

State Street Bank & Trust Company	\$ 2,469,586,455	363,499	1	
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Consultant Services

Wilshire Associates, Inc.	\$ 2,469,586,455	284,000	1	
Cliffwater LLC	\$ 863,256,699	550,000	6	

Total fund include the fair value of investments as shown in the financial statements, plus cash and investment related receivables, less investment related payables.



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**SECTION 4**  
**ACTUARIAL INFORMATION**

**Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company**

February 27, 2014

Board of Trustees

Houston Municipal Employees Pension System

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**Dear Members of the Board:**

This report describes the current actuarial condition of the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System (HMEPS), determines the calculated employer contribution rate, and analyzes changes in this contribution rate. Valuations are prepared annually, as of July 1, the first day of the HMEPS plan year.

Under the HMEPS statute, the employer contribution rate is determined actuarially, based on the Board's funding policy and HMEPS' governing law. The contribution rate determined by a given actuarial valuation and implemented by the Board becomes effective twelve months after the valuation date, i.e., the rates determined by this July 1, 2013 actuarial valuation will be used by the Board when determining the employer contribution rate for the year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

Under the Amended and Restated Meet & Confer Agreement between the Board and the City of Houston, the City will contribute the greater of the 2013 fiscal year contribution increased by \$10 million or 23.36% of payroll in fiscal year 2014. Contributions in future fiscal years will increase by the greater of the prior fiscal year's contribution amount increased by \$10 million or 2% of payroll until such time that the City's contribution rate equals the actuarially determined contribution rate. As part of the agreement the Board's funding policy has been modified to use an open 30-year rolling amortization period until such time that the City's actual contribution rate is equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate, at which point the funding period will be closed.

The employer contribution amounts for FY 2013 and FY 2014 were not set by actuarial valuations. Therefore, the calculated contribution rates from those valuations are not being contributed. Instead, employer contributions of 21.36% of payroll for FY 2013 were made and the greater of the 2013 fiscal year contribution increased by \$10 million or 23.36% of payroll for FY 2014 are being made under the terms of the Amended and Restated Meet & Confer Agreement.

Under the terms of the Amended and Restated Meet & Confer Agreement and based on an estimated payroll of \$546.1 million, the estimated City contribution for FY 2014 is \$127.6 million (23.36% of pay) and based on an estimated payroll of \$562.5 million, the estimated City contribution for FY 2015 is \$142.6 million (25.36% of pay).

**Financing objectives and funding policy**

The amortization period is set by statute, and was modified under the Amended and Restated Meet & Confer Agreement. The contribution rate and liabilities are computed using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. The employer contribution rate is the sum of two pieces: the employer normal cost rate and the amortization rate. Both the normal cost rate and the amortization rate are determined as a level percentage of pay. The amortization rate is the amount required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over an open 30-year period. The amortization rate is adjusted for the one-year deferral in contribution rates. The amortization period will remain open until the actual employer contribution rate is equal to the actuarially determined employer contribution rate.

### Progress toward realization of financing objectives

The funded ratio (the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability) is a standard measure of a plan's funded status. In the absence of benefit improvements, it should increase over time, until it reaches 100%. The funded ratio as of July 1, 2013 is 57.7%. This is a decrease from the 59.1% funded ratio from the prior year's valuation.

The calculated employer contribution rate for FY 2015 is 27.50%. This rate is more than the 26.10% rated calculated in the 2012 valuation. This increase is mostly due to the impact of the continued recognition of the net deferred investment losses, projected payroll growing slower than expected, and the City contributing less than the actuarially determined rate. Please see Table 6 for a detailed analysis of the change in the calculated employer contribution rate from the prior year to this year.

Like most large public pension plans, HMEPS was significantly impacted by the substantial decline in the investment markets during FY 2009. The 2013 return was good but there are still some investment losses being deferred due to the smoothing methodology used in the valuation. The amount of deferred losses decreased from approximately \$320 million at the prior valuation to \$186 million in this valuation. In the absence of future investment gains, the contribution rate needed to amortize the UAAL will increase over the next few valuation cycles. Future decreases in covered payroll could also increase the percentage of pay contribution rate needed to amortize the UAAL.

### Plan Experience

As part of each valuation, we examine the System's experience relative to the assumptions. The aggregate results of these analyses are disclosed in Tables 5 & 6. This past fiscal year the System had a total liability gain of approximately \$1.0 million. Relative to the total liabilities of the System we do not consider this liability gain significant.

### Benefit provisions

The benefit provisions reflected in this valuation are those which were in effect on July 1, 2013. The Fourth Amendment to the Meet and Confer Agreement between

the City and the Board changed the benefit provisions substantially, effective January 1, 2008. Under the Fourth Amendment, the benefits for employees hired prior to January 1, 2008 were not modified, but the benefits for employees newly hired on or after January 1, 2008 were modified substantially, including the elimination of member contributions. There have been no changes in the benefit provisions since the prior valuation date that have a material financial impact on HMEPS.

The benefit provisions are summarized on page 87.

### Assumptions and methods

Actuarial assumptions and methods are set by the Board of Trustees, based upon recommendations made by the plan's actuary. The assumptions used in this valuation were adopted by the Board effective with the July 1, 2010 actuarial valuation based on recommendations from an Experience Study conducted by GRS in the spring of 2010.

The results of the actuarial valuation are dependent on the actuarial assumptions used. Actual results can and almost certainly will differ, as actual experience deviates from the assumptions. Even seemingly minor changes in the assumptions can materially change the liabilities, calculated contribution rates and funding periods. The actuarial calculations are intended to provide information for rational decision making.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used in this report comply with the parameters for disclosure that appear in GASB 25.

All assumptions and methods are described on page 83.

### Data

Member data for retired, active and inactive members was supplied as of July 1, 2013 by the HMEPS staff. We did not audit this data, but we did apply a number of tests to the data, and we concluded that it was reasonable and consistent with the prior year's data.

Asset information as of July 1, 2013 was taken from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Year Ended June 30, 2013.

**Certification**

We were asked to determine if an unanticipated actuarial cost occurred in the administration of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). It is our opinion that the administration of the (DROP) had no material unanticipated actuarial costs during the prior fiscal year.

All of the tables contained in this actuarial valuation report were prepared by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company. The trend data schedules shown in the Notes section of the HMEPS CAFR are based on our valuation reports, but were prepared by HMEPS staff. We certify that the information presented herein is accurate and fairly portrays the actuarial position of HMEPS as of July 1, 2013.

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

Accounting Standards Board. The undersigned are independent actuaries and consultants. Mr. Newton is an Enrolled Actuary and also a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries. Both of the undersigned are experienced in performing valuations for large public retirement systems.

Sincerely,

Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company



Joseph P. Newton, FSA, EA, MAAA  
Senior Consultant



Lewis Ward  
Consultant

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<u>Item</u>	<u>July 1, 2013</u>	<u>July 1, 2012</u>
<b>Membership</b>		
• Number of:		
- Active members	11,781	11,670
- Retirees and beneficiaries	9,427	9,078
- Inactive members	5,555	5,671
- Total	26,763	26,419
• Annualized Payroll supplied by HMEPS	\$ 549,971	\$ 534,394
 <b>Calculated Contribution rates</b>		
• Employer	27.50 %	26.10 %
 <b>Assets</b>		
• Market value	\$ 2,196,615	\$ 2,024,235
• Actuarial value	2,382,585	2,344,128
• Estimation of return on market value	13.0 %	-0.9 %
• Estimation of return on actuarial value	5.4 %	4.5 %
• Employer contribution	\$ 111,859	\$ 97,162
• Member contribution	\$ 17,041	\$ 18,473
• Ratio of actuarial value to market value	108.5 %	115.8 %
• External cash flow as % of market value assets	-4.2 %	-4.6 %
 <b>Actuarial Information</b>		
• Employer normal cost %	5.86 %	5.83 %
• Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	\$ 1,746,998	\$ 1,622,736
• Amortization rate	21.64%	20.27 %
• Funding period	30.0 years	30.0 years
• GASB funded ratio	57.7 %	59.1 %

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000, unless otherwise noted

<sup>1</sup> Employee contribution rate is 5%. Members newly hired after January 1, 2008 are noncontributory.

## STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS

July 1, 2013

## A. ASSETS

1. Current Assets		
a. Cash and short term investments		
1) Cash on hand	\$	6,168
2) Short term investments		44,753
b. Accounts Receivable		
1) Sale of investments		12,395
2) Other		5,697
c. Total Current Assets	\$	<u>69,013</u>
2. Long Term Investments		
a. US. Government securities	\$	64,523
b. Corporate bonds		233,868
c. Capital stocks		891,290
d. Commingled Funds		279,271
e. LP's, real estate trusts, loans and mortgages		688,969
f. Total long term investments	\$	<u>2,157,921</u>
3. Other Assets		
a. Collateral on securities lending	\$	161,317
b. Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net		248
c. Total other assets	\$	<u>161,565</u>
4. Total Assets	\$	<u>2,388,499</u>

## B. LIABILITIES

1. Current Liabilities		
a. Amounts due on asset purchases	\$	25,490
b. Accrued liabilities		5,077
c. Collateral on securities lending		161,317
2. Total Liabilities		<u>191,884</u>
3. Net Assets Held in Trust	\$	2,196,615

## C. TARGET ASSET ALLOCATION FOR CASH &amp; LONG TERM INVESTMENTS

1. Cash	0.0%
2. Fixed Income	15.0 %
3. Real Estate	10.0 %
4. Domestic Equities	N/A
5. International Equities	N/A
6. Global Equities	35.0 %
7. Alternative Investments	40.0 %
8. Total	<u>100.0 %</u>

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

Columns may not add due to rounding



## RECONCILIATION OF PLAN NET ASSETS

	<u>Year Ending June 30, 2013</u>
1. Market value of assets at beginning of year	\$ 2,024,235
2. Revenue for the year	
a. Contributions	
i. Member contributions	\$ 17,041
ii. Employer contributions (see note)	111,859
iii. Total	\$ 128,900
b. Net investment income	
i. Interest	\$ 20,253
ii. Dividends	21,245
iii. Earnings from LP's and real estate trusts	8,400
iv. Net appreciation (depreciation) on investments	221,050
v. Net proceeds from lending securities	755
vi. Less investment expenses	(7,812)
vii. Other	1,246
c. Total revenue	\$ 394,037
3. Expenditures for the year	
a. Refunds	\$ 1,266
b. Benefit payments	213,178
c. Administrative and miscellaneous expenses	7,213
d. Total expenditures	\$ 221,657
4. Increase in net assets (Item 2c - Item 3d)	\$ 172,380
5. Market value of assets at end of year (Item 1 + Item 4)	\$ 2,196,615

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

Employer contribution does not include amounts contributed to the replacement benefit plan.

Columns may not add due to rounding.

## DEVELOPMENT OF ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

	<u>July 1, 2013</u>
1. Actuarial value of assets at beginning of year	\$ 2,344,128
2. Net new investments	
a. Contributions	\$ 128,900
b. Benefits and refunds paid	(214,444)
c. Subtotal	<u>(85,544)</u>
3. Assumed investment return rate for fiscal year	8.50%
4. Assumed investment return rate for fiscal year (Item 1 + Item 2 / 2) x Item 3	\$ 195,690
5. Expected Actuarial Value at end of year (1+ 2 + 4)	\$ 2,454,274
6. Market value of assets at end of year	\$ 2,196,615
7. Difference (6 - 5)	\$ (257,659)
8. Development of amounts to be recognized as of July 1, 2013:	

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)
2009	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	\$ 0	\$ 0
2010	0	0	0	2	0	0
2011	(149,522)	62,234	(87,288)	3	(29,096)	(58,192)
2012	(170,371)	0	(170,371)	4	(42,593)	(127,778)
2013	62,234	(62,234)	0	5	0	0
Total	\$ (257,659)	\$ 0	\$ (257,659)		\$ (71,689)	\$ (185,970)

9. Final actuarial value of plan net assets, end of year (Item 6 - Item 8 Column 6)	\$ 2,382,585
10. Asset gain (loss) for year (Item 9 - Item 5)	\$ (71,689)
11. Asset gain (loss) as % of actual actuarial assets	(3.01%)
12. Ratio of actuarial value to market value	108.5%

Notes: Remaining deferrals in Column (1) for prior years are from last year's report column (6) of Table 10A. The number in the current year is the difference between the remaining deferrals for prior years and the total Excess/(Shortfall) return shown in Item 7. Column 2 is a direct offset of the current year's excess/(shortfall) return against prior years' excess/(shortfall) of the opposite type.

## ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE BENEFITS

	<u>July 1, 2013</u>
1. Active members	
a. Retirement benefits	\$ 1,806,173
b. Deferred termination benefits	111,344
c. Refunds	14,109
d. Death benefits	74,243
e. Disability benefits	<u>12,113</u>
f. Total	\$ 2,017,982
2. Members in Pay Status	
a. Service retirements	\$ 2,007,808
b. Disability retirements	38,642
c. Beneficiaries	<u>207,133</u>
d. Total	\$ 2,253,583
3. Inactive members	
a. Vested terminations	\$ 174,355
b. Nonvested terminations	<u>4,012</u>
c. Total	\$ 178,367
4. Total actuarial present value of future benefits	\$ 4,449,932

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

## CALCULATION OF TOTAL ACTUARIAL GAIN OR LOSS

1. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) as of July 1, 2012	\$ 1,622,736
2. Employer normal cost for year*	30,910
3. Employer Contributions during year ending June 30, 2013*	(111,859)
4. Interest on UAAL for one year	137,933
5. Interest on Item 2 and Item 3 for one-half year	(3,370)
6. Expected UAAL as of July 1, 2013 (1+2+3+4+5)	\$ 1,676,350
7. Actual UAAL as of July 1, 2013	\$ 1,746,998
8. Actuarial gain/(loss) for the period (6 - 7)	\$ (70,648)

SOURCE OF GAINS/(LOSSES)

9. Asset gain/(loss) (See page 82)	\$ (71,689)
10. Assumption changes	0
11. Changes from Meet & Confer	0
12. Total liability gain/(loss) for the period	\$ 1,041
13. Actuarial gain/(loss) for the period	\$ (70,648)

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

\* Employee contributions are excluded due to use of replacement life normal cost method for ongoing plan.  
New members (Group D) do not contribute to the plan.

NEAR TERM OUTLOOK

Valuation as of July 1, (1)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL, in 000s) (2)	Funded Ratio (3)	Calculated Contribution Rate (4)	Funding Period (Years) <sup>1</sup> (5)	Market Value of Fund (in 000s) (6)	For Fiscal Year					Benefit Payments and Refunds (11)	Net External Cash Flow (12)
						Ending June 30, (7)	Projected Compensation (8)	Employer Contributions (9)	Employee Contributions (10)			
2013	\$ 1,746,998	57.7%	27.50%	30.0	\$ 2,196,615	2014	\$ 546,102	\$ 127,569	\$ 17,173	\$ 245,927	\$ (101,185)	
2014	1,866,871	56.3%	28.45%	30.0	2,277,930	2015	558,683	141,682	16,163	267,000	(109,154)	
2015	1,986,323	54.9%	29.27%	30.0	2,357,855	2016	572,657	156,679	15,224	289,028	(117,126)	
2016	2,074,351	54.2%	30.02%	29.0	2,436,271	2017	587,289	171,901	14,334	311,805	(125,570)	
2017	2,113,985	54.4%	30.22%	28.0	2,512,556	2018	603,287	181,111	13,487	335,357	(140,759)	
2018	2,149,913	54.6%	30.41%	27.0	2,579,504	2019	620,150	187,420	12,660	359,546	(159,467)	
2019	2,181,728	54.7%	30.56%	26.0	2,632,656	2020	637,933	193,980	11,852	351,824	(145,992)	
2020	2,209,807	55.0%	30.67%	25.0	2,704,361	2021	656,754	200,716	11,056	369,454	(157,683)	
2021	2,233,827	55.4%	30.75%	24.0	2,769,984	2022	676,531	207,494	10,262	386,462	(168,706)	
2022	2,254,231	55.7%	30.83%	23.0	2,829,703	2023	696,976	214,330	9,476	402,878	(179,072)	
2023	2,270,851	55.9%	30.87%	22.0	2,883,701	2024	718,474	221,484	8,717	416,665	(186,463)	

These projections are based on the Amended and Restated Meet and Confer agreement assuming that the benefit provisions that went into effect January 1, 2008 remain in effect throughout the projection. Beginning in FY2012, the employer contributions shown above are based on a negotiated amount of \$98.5 million in FY2012 followed by increases in the following fiscal years equal to the greater of the prior year's dollar contribution increased by \$10 million or the set contribution rate of 19.36% increased by 2% per year since FY 2012. This method of determining the contribution rate remains in place until the contribution rate reaches the actuarially determined contribution rate determined by the valuation of the year prior (i.e. the FY 2014 rate is set by the July 1, 2012 valuation). Any changes to future accruals or failure to contribute the calculated rate will change the results of this projection.

<sup>1</sup> The agreement between the City and HMEPS includes an open 30 year amortization period until the actual City contribution rate reaches the actuarially determined contribution rate.

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000.

## ANALYSIS OF NORMAL COST

	July 1, 2013 (1)	July 1, 2012 (2)
1. Gross normal cost rate		
a. Retirement benefits	4.68%	4.65%
b. Deferred termination benefits	0.72%	0.72%
c. Refunds*	0.00%	0.00%
d. Disability benefits	0.07%	0.07%
e. Death benefits	0.39%	0.39%
f. Total	<u>5.86%</u>	<u>5.83%</u>

\* Refund of employee contributions excluded due to use of replacement life normal cost method for ongoing plan. New member (Group D) do not contribute to the plan.

## CHANGE IN CALCULATED CONTRIBUTION RATE SINCE THE PRIOR VALUATION

1. Calculated Contribution Rate as of July 1, 2012		26.10%
2. Change in Contribution Rate During Year		
a. Change in Employer Normal Cost	0.03%	
b. Recognition of prior years' asset losses	1.21%	
c. Actuarial gain from current year asset performance	(0.27%)	
d. Actuarial gain from liability sources	(0.01%)	
e. Impact of City contributing less than actuarially determined rate	0.23%	
f. Effect of projected payroll growing slower than expected	0.53%	
g. Effect of resetting amortization period to 30 years	(0.32%)	
h. Total Change		<u>1.40%</u>
3. Calculated Contribution Rate as of July 1, 2013		27.50%

## CALCULATION OF ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION RATE

	July 1, 2013 (1)	July 1, 2012 (2)
1. Covered payroll	\$ 549,971	\$ 534,394
2. Projected payroll for upcoming fiscal year*	\$ 546,102	\$ 543,151
3. Present value of future pay	\$ 3,725,145	\$ 3,650,467
4. Employer normal cost rate	5.86%	5.83%
5. Actuarial accrued liability for active members		
a. Present value of future benefits for active members	\$ 2,017,982	\$ 1,974,207
b. Less: present value of future employer normal costs	(205,568)	(200,904)
c. Less: present value of future employee contributions	(114,781)	(118,987)
d. Actuarial accrued liability	\$ 1,697,633	\$ 1,654,316
6. Total actuarial accrued liability for:		
a. Retirees and beneficiaries	\$ 2,253,583	\$ 2,144,460
b. Inactive participants	\$ 178,367	168,088
c. Active members (Item 5d)	\$ 1,697,633	1,654,316
d. Total	\$ 4,129,583	\$ 3,966,864
7. Actuarial value of assets	\$ 2,382,585	\$ 2,344,128
8. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) (Item 6d - Item 7)	\$ 1,746,998	\$ 1,622,736
9. Funding period	30 years	30 years
10. Assumed payroll growth rate	3.00%	3.00%
11. Employer Contribution requirement		
a. UAAL amortization payment as % of projected pay	21.64%	20.27%
b. Employer normal cost	5.86%	5.83%
c. Contribution requirement (a + b)	27.50%	26.10%

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

\* The projected payroll is the pay received for the just completed fiscal year. This pay (includes pay for any member who received pay during the year: i.e. active, terminated, retired, etc.) is then increased by the payroll growth rate.

## HISTORICAL SOLVENCY TEST

Valuation Date		Aggregated Accrued Liabilities for				Actuarial		by Reported Assets	
		Active Members Contributions	Beneficiaries and Vested Terminations <sup>1</sup>	Members (City) Financed Portion)	Value of Assets	(5)/(2)	[(5)-(2)]/(3)	[(5)-(2)-(3)]/(4)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)		
July 1, 1994	\$32,410	\$384,100	\$470,189	\$713,696	100.0%	100.0%	63%		
July 1, 1995	31,130	420,830	511,752	770,189	100.0%	100.0%	62%		
July 1, 1996	45,819	438,486	558,154	857,332	100.0%	100.0%	67%		
July 1, 1998	34,781	502,335	703,025	1,095,617	100.0%	100.0%	79%		
July 1, 1999	33,985	599,270	706,678	1,222,240	100.0%	100.0%	83%		
July 1, 2000	38,292	646,611	824,470	1,376,020	100.0%	100.0%	84%		
July 1, 2001	36,449	804,901	1,114,456	1,490,179	100.0%	100.0%	58%		
July 1, 2002	35,888	893,568	1,585,733	1,519,717	100.0%	100.0%	37%		
July 1, 2003	44,388	1,115,801	2,118,063	1,510,264	100.0%	100.0%	17%		
July 1, 2004	62,062	1,355,157	1,216,599	1,501,235	100.0%	100.0%	7%		
July 1, 2005	48,150	1,577,345	1,099,777	1,777,656	100.0%	100.0%	14%		
July 1, 2006	58,043	1,729,863	1,106,389	1,867,293	100.0%	100.0%	7%		
July 1, 2007	69,544	1,824,992	1,234,178	2,193,745	100.0%	100.0%	24%		
July 1, 2008	81,182	1,904,333	1,310,855	2,310,384	100.0%	100.0%	25%		
July 1, 2009	95,268	1,974,714	1,381,428	2,284,442	100.0%	100.0%	16%		
July 1, 2010	107,421	2,058,813	1,466,236	2,273,142	100.0%	100.0%	7%		
July 1, 2011	118,202	2,154,959	1,517,167	2,328,804	100.0%	100.0%	4%		
July 1, 2012	124,848	2,312,548	1,529,468	2,344,128	100.0%	96.0%	0%		
July 1, 2013	132,238	2,431,950	1,565,395	2,382,585	100.0%	92.5%	0%		

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

<sup>1</sup> Column (3) included AAL for DROP participants until 2003, now in Column (4)



CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (3) - (2)	Funded Ratio (2)/(3)	Annual Payroll	UAAL as % of Payroll (4)/(6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
July 1, 1994	\$ 713,696	\$ 886,699	\$ 173,003	80.5%	\$ 366,561	47.2%
July 1, 1995	770,189	963,712	193,523	79.9%	378,511	51.1%
July 1, 1996	857,332	1,042,459	185,127	82.2%	367,610	50.4%
July 1, 1998	1,095,617	1,240,141	144,524	88.3%	397,698	36.3%
July 1, 1999	1,222,240	1,339,933	117,693	91.2%	407,733	28.9%
July 1, 2000	1,376,020	1,509,373	133,353	91.2%	432,604	30.8%
July 1, 2001	1,490,179	1,955,806	465,627	76.2%	418,234	111.3%
July 1, 2002	1,519,717	2,515,189	995,472	60.4%	399,794	249.0%
July 1, 2003	1,510,264	3,278,251	1,767,987	46.1%	390,314	453.0%
July 1, 2004	1,501,235	2,633,817	1,132,582	57.0%	366,190	309.3%
July 1, 2005	1,777,656	2,725,272	947,616	65.2%	404,565	234.2%
July 1, 2006	1,867,293	2,894,295	1,027,002	64.5%	422,496	243.1%
July 1, 2007	2,193,745	3,128,713	934,968	70.1%	448,925	208.3%
July 1, 2008	2,310,384	3,296,370	985,986	70.1%	483,815	203.8%
July 1, 2009	2,284,442	3,451,410	1,166,968	66.2%	539,023	216.5%
July 1, 2010	2,273,142	3,632,470	1,359,328	62.6%	550,709	246.8%
July 1, 2011	2,328,804	3,790,328	1,461,524	61.4%	544,665	268.3%
July 1, 2012	2,344,128	3,966,864	1,622,736	59.1%	534,394	303.7%
July 1, 2013	2,382,585	4,129,583	1,746,998	57.7%	549,971	317.7%

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

HISTORICAL CITY CONTRIBUTION RATES

Valuation Date	Calculated Contribution Rate <sup>1</sup>	Time Period for Contribution Rate	Actual Contribution Rate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
July 1, 1987	5.83 %	January 1, 1988 through December 31, 1988	5.15 %
July 1, 1988	6.27	January 1, 1989 through December 31, 1989	5.15
July 1, 1989	6.88	January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1990	6.27
July 1, 1990	6.23	January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1991	6.27
July 1, 1991	8.77	January 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993	6.27
July 1, 1992	9.11	July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994	9.11
July 1, 1993	9.30	July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995	9.30
July 1, 1994	8.80	July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996	8.80
July 1, 1995	9.20	July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997	9.20
July 1, 1996	9.10	July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998	9.10
		July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999	9.10
July 1, 1998	9.30	July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000	9.30
July 1, 1999	9.80	July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001	10.00
July 1, 2000	9.50	July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002	10.00
July 1, 2001	17.70	July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003	10.00
July 1, 2002	31.80	July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004	14.70
July 1, 2003	52.89	July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005	92.55 <sup>2,3</sup>
July 1, 2004	29.43	July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006	15.49 <sup>3</sup>
July 1, 2005	24.10	July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007	15.89 <sup>3</sup>
July 1, 2006	24.63	July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008	15.52 <sup>4</sup>
July 1, 2007	19.47	July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009	14.63 <sup>4</sup>
July 1, 2008	19.20	July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010	14.65 <sup>4</sup>
July 1, 2009	20.07	July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011	16.30 <sup>4</sup>
July 1, 2010	22.36	July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012	17.74 <sup>5</sup>
July 1, 2011	23.45	July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013	21.10 <sup>5</sup>
July 1, 2012	26.10	July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014	N/A
July 1, 2013	27.50	July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Rate determined by the actuarial valuation is for the fiscal year beginning on the July 1st next following the valuation date.

<sup>2</sup> Includes \$300 million note.

<sup>3</sup> As pursuant to the funding schedule from the 2004 Meet and Confer agreement.

<sup>4</sup> As pursuant to the funding schedule from the Fourth Amendment.

<sup>5</sup> As pursuant to the funding schedule from the Amended and Restated Meet and Confer agreement.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROUP A ACTIVE MEMBERS BY AGE AND BY YEARS OF SERVICE

Age	0		1		2		3		4		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35 & Over		Total
	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	
Under 25												4													4
											\$36,603														\$36,603
25-29	6	1	1	1	1	6	6	142	2																158
	\$28,787	\$42,182	\$27,269	\$32,490	\$33,662	\$39,947																			\$33,525
30-34	9	10	5	1	9	407	62	2																	505
	\$39,529	\$30,430	\$32,614	\$85,322	\$31,822	\$39,621	\$30,067																		\$42,104
35-39	12	10	1	2	8	380	122	26																	561
	\$37,561	\$34,382	\$34,882	\$27,841	\$44,047	\$44,661	\$46,553	\$44,146																	\$44,628
40-44	13	7	4	5	6	440	203	113																	843
	\$45,149	\$29,471	\$35,022	\$55,066	\$50,461	\$47,571	\$46,473	\$51,827																	\$47,888
45-49	8	16	4	3	6	419	207	158																	1,026
	\$42,825	\$30,863	\$46,077	\$47,188	\$61,443	\$46,728	\$47,578	\$54,586																	\$49,089
50-54	9	14	1	3	13	443	252	219																	1,378
	\$58,067	\$40,767	\$48,064	\$71,677	\$47,526	\$47,644	\$47,023	\$52,336																	\$50,281
55-59	4	7	1	2	5	365	203	205																	1,156
	\$36,213	\$60,807	\$34,466	\$92,300	\$35,302	\$46,691	\$45,559	\$51,360																	\$51,636
60-64	3	5	2	4	4	270	151	138																	780
	\$34,667	\$57,782	\$141,180	\$55,895	\$48,258	\$49,573	\$56,790	\$64,388																	\$53,087
65 & Over																									366
																									\$57,260
Total	64	70	21	18	58	3,001	1,281	929																	6,777
	\$41,878	\$38,225	\$49,733	\$65,711	\$43,972	\$45,937	\$47,109	\$53,069																	\$49,258

Average: Age: 49.56      Number of participants: Fully vested: 6,546      Males: 3,691  
 Service: 13.16      Not Vested: 231      Females: 3,086

Note: A former Group A employee who is rehired on or after January 1, 2008 is still a Group A employee.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROUP B ACTIVE MEMBERS BY AGE AND BY YEARS OF SERVICE

Age	0		1		2		3		4		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35 & Over		Total		
	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	
Under 25					1																					1	
					\$22,298																					\$22,298	
25-29					9																					9	
					\$38,979																					\$38,979	
30-34					5				4		2															11	
					\$30,168				\$47,617		\$41,767															\$38,622	
35-39	1	2			6	3			20	45																77	
	\$99,258	\$30,451			\$50,842	\$35,637			\$38,854	\$39,451																\$40,578	
40-44	3				3	8			33	124																210	
	\$48,630				\$32,621	\$40,269			\$39,530	\$43,726																\$43,066	
45-49	5	7			5	7	1		30	146																366	
	\$32,448	\$65,710			\$66,415	\$56,472	\$90,168		\$39,340	\$42,819																\$44,221	1
50-54	7	6			3	9			29	116																379	
	\$53,322	\$39,998			\$41,233	\$44,482			\$41,347	\$41,752																\$41,070	32
55-59	2	4			6	3			27	113																326	
	\$39,271	\$46,582			\$58,871	\$64,321			\$47,664	\$44,238																\$53,388	24
60-64	2	2			3	2			22	78																4	
	\$42,775	\$38,959			\$91,991	\$49,608			\$49,253	\$42,611																\$49,542	11
65 & Over	1				2	4			4	28																8	
					\$61,932	\$50,648			\$50,648	\$49,672																\$67,922	4
Total	20	21			43	32	1		169	652																72	6
	\$47,237	\$48,815			\$46,074	\$47,403	\$90,168		\$42,748	\$43,081																\$46,986	\$61,110

Average: Age: 51.62      Number of participants: Fully vested: 1,585      Males: 802  
 Service: 19.22      Not Vested: 81      Females: 864

Note: A former Group B employee who is rehired on or after January 1, 2008 is still a Group B employee.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROUP D ACTIVE MEMBERS BY AGE AND BY YEARS OF SERVICE

Attained Age	0		1		2		3		4		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35 & Over		Total		
	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	No. & Avg.	Comp.	
Under 25	113	45	16	12	18	10																				214	
	\$28,936	\$28,386	\$26,936	\$31,120	\$30,182	\$33,174																				\$29,096	
25-29	191	136	44	44	120	65																				600	
	\$33,705	\$36,030	\$37,537	\$38,994	\$34,233	\$33,272																				\$34,960	
30-34	181	102	48	47	151	91																				620	
	\$37,471	\$39,989	\$39,983	\$41,785	\$40,701	\$38,281																				\$39,312	
35-39	108	67	33	33	96	75																				412	
	\$42,456	\$41,299	\$50,096	\$53,126	\$45,458	\$44,990																				\$44,895	
40-44	101	64	40	39	108	60																				412	
	\$46,992	\$42,517	\$42,093	\$46,764	\$47,078	\$40,736																				\$44,911	
45-49	86	53	39	42	71	65																				356	
	\$41,399	\$49,425	\$47,995	\$56,345	\$48,230	\$42,580																				\$46,658	
50-54	75	44	20	25	67	47																				278	
	\$45,487	\$49,304	\$48,068	\$54,914	\$45,324	\$47,411																				\$47,411	
55-59	72	23	14	22	69	40																				240	
	\$51,571	\$55,776	\$73,691	\$54,184	\$48,108	\$47,244																				\$51,787	
60-64	28	17	7	16	38	36																				142	
	\$52,562	\$55,379	\$56,152	\$80,984	\$49,480	\$51,779																				\$55,256	
65 & Over	8	6	2	12	18	7																				53	
	\$46,686	\$64,279	\$29,307	\$58,805	\$50,119	\$46,256																				\$51,875	
Total	969	562	263	292	756	496																				3,338	
	\$39,747	\$41,452	\$44,316	\$49,873	\$43,397	\$42,077																				\$42,453	

Average: Age: 39.14      Number of participants: Fully vested: 496      Males: 1,871  
 Service: 2.68      Not Vested: 2,842      Females: 1,467

DISTRIBUTION OF ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS BY AGE AND BY YEARS OF SERVICE ALL EMPLOYEES

Age	0		1		2		3		4		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35 & Over		Total	
	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.	No. & Avg. Comp.		
Under 25	113	45	16	12	18	15																			219	
	\$28,936	\$28,386	\$26,936	\$31,120	\$30,182	\$33,363																			\$29,202	
25-29	197	137	45	44	126	216	2																		767	
	\$33,556	\$36,075	\$37,309	\$38,994	\$34,150	\$33,766	\$39,947																		\$34,711	
30-34	190	112	53	48	160	503	66	4																	1,136	
	\$37,568	\$39,136	\$39,288	\$42,692	\$40,202	\$42,118	\$40,106	\$35,917																	\$40,546	
35-39	121	79	34	35	107	461	142	71																	1,050	
	\$42,440	\$40,149	\$49,649	\$51,681	\$45,077	\$44,795	\$45,468	\$41,170																	\$44,436	
40-44	117	71	46	44	122	503	236	237	88	1															1,465	
	\$46,829	\$41,231	\$41,180	\$47,708	\$46,798	\$46,667	\$45,502	\$47,589	\$48,462	\$52,083															\$46,359	
45-49	99	76	45	46	84	489	237	304	289	77	2														1,748	
	\$41,062	\$47,017	\$48,643	\$56,483	\$49,860	\$46,062	\$46,535	\$48,935	\$50,775	\$46,493	\$52,863														\$47,713	
50-54	91	64	22	28	89	493	281	335	337	173	120	2													2,035	
	\$47,334	\$46,564	\$48,484	\$56,710	\$45,561	\$47,582	\$46,438	\$48,671	\$50,009	\$51,272	\$50,495	\$38,896													\$48,486	
55-59	78	34	15	24	77	411	230	318	299	126	95	15													1,722	
	\$50,468	\$55,730	\$71,076	\$57,360	\$47,908	\$46,923	\$45,806	\$48,829	\$55,212	\$56,250	\$57,976	\$69,837													\$50,791	
60-64	33	24	10	16	44	309	173	216	183	77	38	11													1,134	
	\$50,342	\$54,512	\$74,088	\$80,984	\$50,069	\$49,093	\$49,532	\$51,670	\$51,192	\$60,532	\$50,189	\$71,841													\$51,883	
65 & Over	8	6	5	14	19	140	83	96	72	30	13	8													494	
	\$46,686	\$64,279	\$61,597	\$66,495	\$48,919	\$51,193	\$53,822	\$53,913	\$59,671	\$68,246	\$64,042	\$89,778													\$55,935	
Total	1,053	653	291	311	846	3,540	1,450	1,581	1,268	484	268	36													11,781	
	\$40,019	\$41,343	\$45,172	\$50,919	\$43,588	\$45,398	\$46,601	\$48,950	\$52,022	\$54,334	\$53,778	\$73,162													\$46,683	
Average:			Age:	46.90	Number of participants:		Fully vested:	8,627	Males:	6,364																
			Service:	11.05	Not Vested:		3,154	Females:	5,417																	

## HISTORICAL ACTIVE PARTICIPANT DATA

Valuation Date	Active Count	Average Age	Average Service	Covered Payroll	Average Salary	Percent Changes
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1988	11,344	N/A	N/A	\$227,900	\$20,090	1.9%
1989	11,356	N/A	N/A	\$235,400	\$20,729	3.2%
1990	12,037	40.0	N/A	\$258,556	\$21,480	3.6%
1991	12,488	40.3	N/A	\$284,914	\$22,815	6.2%
1992	12,913	40.5	N/A	\$314,686	\$24,370	6.8%
1993	13,112	40.9	N/A	\$340,249	\$25,949	6.5%
1994	14,027	40.9	N/A	\$366,561	\$26,133	0.7%
1995	14,364	41.3	N/A	\$378,511	\$26,351	0.8%
1996	14,067	41.8	N/A	\$367,610	\$26,133	(0.8%)
1998 <sup>1</sup>	13,764	42.8	9.8	\$394,919	\$28,692	9.8%
1999 <sup>1</sup>	13,286	42.9	9.8	\$396,617	\$29,852	4.0%
2000 <sup>1</sup>	13,126	43.7	10.3	\$421,591	\$32,119	7.6%
2001 <sup>1</sup>	12,928	43.9	10.3	\$413,021	\$31,948	(0.5%)
2002	12,527	44.7	11.0	\$399,794	\$31,915	(0.1%)
2003	12,120	45.2	11.2	\$390,314	\$32,204	0.9%
2004	11,856	45.1	10.3	\$366,190	\$30,886	(4.1%)
2005 <sup>2</sup>	11,974	44.8	9.6	\$404,565	\$33,787	9.4%
2006	12,145	44.8	9.3	\$422,496	\$34,788	3.0%
2007	12,376	45.2	9.3	\$448,925	\$36,274	4.3%
2008	12,653	45.2	9.3	\$483,815	\$38,237	5.4%
2009	13,333	45.1	9.2	\$539,023	\$40,428	5.7%
2010	12,913	45.8	10.0	\$550,709	\$42,648	5.5%
2011	12,345	46.5	10.6	\$544,665	\$44,120	3.5%
2012	11,670	46.8	11.1	\$534,394	\$45,792	3.8%
2013	11,781	46.9	11.1	\$549,971	\$46,683	1.9%

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

<sup>1</sup> Excludes DROP participants

<sup>2</sup> Beginning with the 2005 valuation, a change in methodology now annualizes payroll for new entrants. If the methodology had not been changed, the covered payroll for 2005 would have been \$376,208,345 and the average payroll would have been \$31,419.

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

Valuation July 1,	Added to Rolls		Removed from Rolls		Rolls-End of Year		% Increase in Annual Allowances	Average Annual Allowances
	Number	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1995	393	\$ 3,044	220	\$ 1,307	4,441	\$ 36,482	7.4%	\$ 8,215
1996	416	3,119	239	1,438	4,618	38,815	6.4%	8,405
1998	693	5,840	441	3,212	4,870	43,394	11.8%	8,910
1999	432	2,131	303	1,515	4,999	46,732	7.7%	9,348
2000	360	3,412	255	1,380	5,104	49,970	6.9%	9,790
2001	652	8,937	299	1,030	5,457	57,877	15.8%	10,606
2002	777	15,061	306	2,476	5,928	72,256	24.8%	12,189
2003	598	11,497	311	1,873	6,215	84,519	17.0%	13,599
2004	942	25,189	279	2,624	6,878	107,084	26.7%	15,569
2005	861	18,054	216	1,926	7,523	123,212	15.1%	16,378
2006	654	14,722	397	2,246	7,780	135,688	10.1%	17,441
2007	440	10,280	249	3,007	7,971	142,961	5.4%	17,935
2008	464	11,052	280	3,420	8,155	150,592	5.3%	18,466
2009	474	11,430	289	3,667	8,340	158,356	5.2%	18,988
2010	476	12,040	290	3,938	8,526	166,458	5.1%	19,524
2011	502	13,202	311	4,451	8,717	175,210	5.3%	20,100
2012	654	16,299	293	3,993	9,078	187,515	7.0%	20,656
2013	695	15,566	346	5,051	9,427	198,030	5.6%	21,007

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

## MEMBERSHIP DATA

July 1, 2013

1. Active members		
a. Number		11,781
b. Number vested		8,627
c. Total payroll	\$	549,971,000
d. Average salary		46,683
e. Average age		46.9
f. Average service		11.1
2. Inactive participants		
a. Vested		3,298
b. Total annual benefits (deferred)	\$	22,775,947
c. Average annual benefit		6,906
d. NonVested		2,257
3. Service retirees		
a. Number		7,258
b. Total annual benefits	\$	170,255,078
c. Average annual benefit		23,458
d. Average age		68.3
4. Disabled retirees		
a. Number		387
b. Total annual benefits	\$	3,803,033
c. Average annual benefit		9,827
d. Average age		64.3
5. Beneficiaries and spouses		
a. Number		1,782
b. Total annual benefits	\$	23,971,844
c. Average annual benefit		13,452
d. Average age		69.6

## INVESTMENT RETURN INFORMATION

### ESTIMATION OF INVESTMENT RETURN YIELD (NET OF EXPENSES)

Item	July 1, 2013	July 01, 2012
(1)	(2)	(3)
<b>A. Market value yield</b>		
1. Beginning of year net market assets	\$2,024,235	\$2,129,441
2. Net investment income (net of all expenses)*	257,924	-18,622
3. End of year market assets	2,196,615	2,024,235
4. Estimated market value yield	13.02%	-0.89%
<b>B. Actuarial value yield</b>		
1. Beginning of year actuarial assets	\$2,344,128	\$2,328,804
2. Net investment income (net of all expenses)*	124,001	101,910
3. End of year actuarial assets	2,382,585	2,344,128
4. Estimated actuarial value yield	5.39%	4.46%

\*Net investment income is net of both investment and administrative expenses

Note: Dollar amounts in \$000

### HISTORY OF INVESTMENT RETURNS

For Fiscal Year Ending	Market Value	Actuarial Value
(1)	(2)	(3)
June 30, 2002	(7.99%)	3.64%
June 30, 2003	2.34%	1.69%
June 30, 2004	18.10%	4.16%
June 30, 2005	12.85%	4.12%
June 30, 2006	16.41%	8.95%
June 30, 2007	17.85%	21.51%
June 30, 2008	(0.25%)	8.97%
June 30, 2009	(20.14%)	2.60%
June 30, 2010	11.21%	3.54%
June 30, 2011	21.56%	6.27%
June 30, 2012	(0.89%)	4.46%
June 30, 2013	13.02%	5.39%
Average Compound Return - last 5 years	3.87%	4.44%
Average Compound Return - last 10 years	8.23%	6.88%

Note: Investment returns are estimations made by the actuary and are dollar-weighted returns net of administrative and investment expenses. The market value returns for years 2009-2011 have been changed from those shown on the prior years' reports. The revised numbers reflect the same dollar-weighted methodology used on Table 11 for determining the estimated yields, and used in years prior to 2009.



### Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

The following methods and assumptions were used in preparing the July 1, 2013 actuarial valuation. These assumptions were adopted by the Board effective for the July 1, 2010 valuation.

#### 1. Valuation Date

The valuation date is July 1st 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.

#### 2. Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial valuation uses the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the employer contribution rate is the sum of (i) the employer normal cost rate, and (ii) a rate that will amortize the unfunded actuarial liability.

- a. The valuation is prepared on the projected benefit basis, under which the present value, at the investment return rate assumed to be earned in the future (currently 8.5 percent), of each participant's expected benefit payable at retirement or death is determined, based on his/her age, service, sex and compensation. The calculations take into account the probability of a participant's death or termination of employment prior to becoming eligible for a benefit, as well as the possibility of his/her terminating with a service, disability, or survivor's benefit. Future salary increases are also anticipated. The present value of the expected benefits payable on account of the active participants is added to the present value of the expected future payments to retired participants and beneficiaries to obtain the present value of all expected benefits payable from the Plan on account of the present group of participants and beneficiaries.
- b. The employer contributions required to support the benefits of the Plan are determined using a level

funding approach, and consist of a normal contribution and an accrued liability contribution.

- c. The normal contribution is determined using the "entry age normal" method. Under this method, a calculation is made to determine the average uniform and constant percentage rate of employer contribution which, if applied to the compensation of each new participant during the entire period of his/her anticipated covered service, would be required to meet the cost of all benefits payable on his behalf based on the benefits provisions for new employees hired on or after January 1, 2008.
- d. The unfunded accrued liability contributions are determined by subtracting the actuarial value of assets from the actuarial accrued liability and amortizing the result over 30 years from the valuation date.

The contribution rate determined by this valuation will not be effective until one year later and the determination of the rate reflects this deferral. It is assumed that there will be no change in the employer normal cost rate due to the deferral, and it is assumed that payments are made uniformly throughout the year.

#### 3. Actuarial Value of Assets

The actuarial value of assets is equal to the market value of assets less a five-year phase in of the excess (shortfall) between expected investment return and actual income. The actual calculation is based on the difference between actual market value and the expected actuarial value of assets each year, and recognizes the cumulative excess return (or shortfall) over at a minimum rate of 20% per year. Each year a base is set up to reflect this difference. If the current year's base is of opposite sign to the deferred bases then it is offset dollar for dollar against the deferred bases. Any remaining bases are then recognized over the remaining period for the base (5 less the number of years between the bases year and the valuation year).

This is intended to ensure the smoothed value of assets will converge towards the market value in a reasonable amount of time.

Expected earnings are determined using the assumed investment return rate and the beginning of year actuarial value of assets (adjusted for receipts and disbursements during the year). The returns are computed net of administrative and investment expenses.

#### 4. Economic Assumptions

- a. Investment return: 8.50% per year, compounded annually, composed of an assumed 3.00% inflation rate and a 5.50% net real rate of return. This rate represents the assumed return, net of all investment and administrative expenses.
- b. Salary increase rate: A service-related component, plus a 3.00% inflation component, plus a 0.0% general increase, as follows:

Years of Service	Service-related Component	Total Annual Rate of Increase Including 3.00% Inflation
		Component and 0.0% General Increase Rate
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	3.00%	6.00%
2	2.75	5.75
3	2.50	5.50
4	2.00	5.00
5-6	1.75	4.75
7	1.50	4.50
8-9	1.25	4.25
10-14	1.00	4.00
15-19	0.75	3.75
20-24	0.50	3.50
25+	0.00	3.00

- c. Payroll growth rate: In the amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, payroll is assumed to increase 3.00% per year. This increase rate is solely due to the effect of inflation on salaries, with no allowance for future membership growth.

#### 5. Demographic Assumptions

- a. Retirement Rates (see table on the following page).
- b. DROP Participation  
90% of eligible members are assumed to enter DROP at first eligibility.
- c. DROP Entry Date  
Active members (not already in DROP) are assumed to take advantage of the DROP and enter when first eligible. For members who have already entered DROP, the actual DROP entry date supplied in the data is used.
- d. DROP Interest Credit  
4.25% per year
- e. DROP Payout  
It is assumed members with DROP balances will take their DROP balance in 6 equal annual installments beginning the year after retirement. Members currently retired with DROP balances are assumed to take 6 equal annual installments from the valuation date.
- f. Mortality rates (for active and retired members)
  - Healthy males – Based on the Retired Pensioners 2000 Mortality Table (combined) for males. Rates are scaled by 110%.
  - Healthy females - Based on the Retired Pensioners 2000 Mortality Table (combined) for females. Rates are scaled by 95%.
  - Disabled males and females – 1965 Railroad Retirement Board Disabled Life Table. Rates are set-back two years for males and eight years for females.

Sample rates are shown on the following page.
- g. Termination Rates and Disability Rates  
Termination rates (for causes other than death, disability or retirement):  
Termination rates are a function of the member's age and service. Termination rates are not applied after a member becomes eligible for a retirement benefit. Rates at selected ages are shown on page 86.

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS  
AND METHODS

Retirement Rates

<u>Age</u>	Expected Retirements per 100 Lives			
	Group A & B Members		Group D Members	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
50-54	12	12	3	3
55	12	12	4	4
56	12	12	5	5
57	12	12	6	6
58	12	12	7	7
59	12	12	8	8
60	14	14	10	10
61	16	16	13	13
62	25	20	35	35
63	25	18	25	18
64	18	20	18	20
65	20	20	20	20
66-69	20	19	20	19
70-74	20	19	20	19
75 +	100	100	100	100

Expected Deaths Per 100 Lives

<u>Age</u>	Expected Deaths per 100 Lives			
	Healthy	Healthy	Disabled	Disabled
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
25	0.04	0.02	4.41	4.41
30	0.05	0.03	4.41	4.41
35	0.09	0.05	4.41	4.41
40	0.12	0.07	4.41	4.41
45	0.17	0.11	4.42	4.41
50	0.24	0.16	4.48	4.42
55	0.40	0.26	4.67	4.46
60	0.74	0.48	5.09	4.62
65	1.40	0.92	5.76	4.98
70	2.44	1.59	6.84	5.60
75	4.16	2.67	8.62	6.58
80	7.08	4.36	11.40	8.21

For pre-retirement mortality, 90% of the rates shown above are assumed to be for non-service related deaths and 10% for service related deaths.

Mortality Improvement: To account for future mortality improvement, the healthy mortality rates were chosen so that the assumed mortality rates are smaller than the rates observed in the most recent experience study (dated 5-25-2010). The margin at the time of the study was 22%-27% for non-disabled annuitants. No future mortality improvement after the measurement date is assumed except as described above.

**SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS  
AND METHODS**

Probability of Decrement Due to Withdrawal - Male Members

Age	Years of Service										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
20	0.3244	0.2682	0.2300	0.2060	0.1926	0.1824	0.1617	0.1507	0.1400	0.1278	0.1639
30	0.2585	0.2146	0.1808	0.1563	0.1396	0.1275	0.1143	0.1057	0.0985	0.0919	0.0946
40	0.2003	0.1645	0.1351	0.1124	0.0954	0.0832	0.0750	0.0683	0.0634	0.0603	0.0427
50	0.1559	0.1258	0.1013	0.0824	0.0681	0.0577	0.0510	0.0454	0.0411	0.0383	0.0206
60	0.1341	0.1083	0.0887	0.0740	0.0634	0.0557	0.0469	0.0407	0.0344	0.0277	0.0199

Probability of Decrement Due to Withdrawal - Female Members

Age	Years of Service										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
20	0.2811	0.2574	0.2344	0.2123	0.1912	0.1711	0.1506	0.1282	0.1040	0.0784	0.1385
30	0.2155	0.1943	0.1736	0.1539	0.1356	0.1188	0.1032	0.0879	0.0730	0.0585	0.0795
40	0.1688	0.1460	0.1250	0.1063	0.0903	0.0770	0.0664	0.0581	0.0517	0.0472	0.0367
50	0.1510	0.1223	0.0984	0.0791	0.0645	0.0544	0.0481	0.0452	0.0453	0.0481	0.0339
60	0.1794	0.1373	0.1049	0.0812	0.0653	0.0570	0.0540	0.0552	0.0601	0.0682	0.0339

Base Rates of Disability

Age	Males	Females
20	.00000	.00001
25	.00001	.00002
30	.00005	.00008
35	.00022	.00013
40	.00448	.00029
45	.00087	.00066
50	.00151	.00157
55	.00219	.00253
60	.00289	.00304

Rates of disability are reduced to zero once a member becomes eligible for retirement.

Rates of decrement due to Ordinary Disabilities are assumed to be 120% of the base rates shown above. Rates of decrement due to Service Related Disabilities are assumed to be 10% of the base rates shown above.

**6. Other Assumptions**

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| <p>a. Percent married: 70% of employees are assumed to be married. (No beneficiaries other than the spouse assumed.)</p> <p>b. Age difference: Male members are assumed to be three years older than their spouses, and female members are assumed to be three years younger than their spouses.</p> <p>c. Percent electing annuity on death (when eligible): All of the spouses of vested, married participants are assumed to elect an annuity.</p> | <p>d. Percent electing deferred termination benefit: Vested terminating members are assumed to elect a refund or a deferred benefit, whichever is more valuable at the time of termination.</p> <p>e. There will be no recoveries once disabled.</p> <p>f. No surviving spouse will remarry and there will be no children's benefit.</p> <p>g. Assumed age for commencement of deferred benefits: Members electing to receive a deferred benefit are assumed to commence receipt at the first age at which unreduced benefits are available.</p> |
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- h. Administrative expenses: The assumed investment return rate represents the anticipated net return after payment of all investment and administrative expenses.
- i. Pay increase timing: Beginning of (fiscal) year. This is equivalent to assuming that reported pays represent amounts paid to members during the year ended on the valuation date.
- j. Decrement timing: Decrements of all types are assumed to occur mid-year.
- k. Eligibility testing: Eligibility for benefits is determined based upon the age nearest birthday and service nearest whole year on the date the decrement is assumed to occur.
- l. Decrement relativity: Decrement rates are used directly from the experience study, without adjustment for multiple decrement table effects.
- m. Incidence of Contributions: Contributions are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based upon the computed percent of payroll shown in this report, and the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made.
- n. Benefit Service: All members are assumed to accrue 1 year of service each year. Fractional service is used to determine the amount of benefit payable.

## 7. Participant Data

Participant data was supplied on electronic files. There were separate files for (i) active members, (ii) inactive members, and (iii) members and beneficiaries receiving benefits.

The data for active members included birthdate, sex, most recent hire date, salary paid during last fiscal year, hours worked by the employee, and employee contribution amounts. For retired members and beneficiaries, the data included date of birth, sex, amount of monthly benefit, and date of retirement. Also included was the member's Group and for members participating in DROP, their account balances and monthly DROP income.

All healthy and disabled retirees are assumed to have 100% joint and survivor, prorated by the 70% marriage assumption and reflecting the 3 year spousal age differential. All non-children beneficiaries are assumed to have life only benefits and all children beneficiaries' annuities are assumed to stop at age 21.

Salary supplied for the current year was based on the earnings for the year preceding the valuation date. This salary was adjusted by the salary increase rate for one year. For members who worked less than 1900 hours but were not new entrants, the salary was annualized to 1900 hours.

In fiscal years when a 27th pay period occurs the individual pays for employees who were employed throughout the year will be adjusted by multiplying their reported pay by the ratio of 26/27. In years that have only 26 pay periods no adjustment would be needed.

Assumptions were made to correct for missing or inconsistent data. These had no material impact on the results presented.

## 8. Group Transfers

We assume no current Group B members will transfer to Group A.

### Changes in Assumptions Since Prior Year

None.

## Summary of Plan Provisions

The provisions summarized in this section apply to persons who are members (active employees). Former members may have been covered under different plan provisions, depending on their dates of separation from service.

### 1. Covered Members

Any person who is a participant of Group A, under the original act.

Persons who became employees of the City of Houston after September 1, 1981 and prior to September 1, 1999, and elected officials of the City of Houston who assumed

office after September 1, 1981 and prior to September 1, 1999, participate in Group B, but may make an irrevocable election to participate in Group A instead.

Persons who become employees of the City and persons who are elected as City officials after September 1, 1999 and prior to January 1, 2008 become members of Group A. Certain persons who were or became a Director of a City Department, Chief Administrative Officer, or Executive Director of HMEPS on or after September 1, 1999 and prior to January 1, 2005 participate in Group C. Effective January 1, 2005, all Group C participation ceased and all Group C participants became Group A participants. Accruals earned by Group C participants prior to January 1, 2005 are retained, but all future accruals are based on the Group A formulas.

All future references to Group C participants in this appendix are intended to reflect this change in the Group C status.

Covered employees newly hired on or after January 1, 2008 will be members of Group D.

A former employee who is rehired on or after January 1, 2008 is a member of the group in which such employee participated at the time of his/her immediately preceding separation from service.

## **2. Monthly Final Average Salary (FAS)**

The sum of the seventy-eight highest biweekly salaries paid to a member during his period of credited service, divided by thirty-six. Salary includes base pay, longevity pay, and any shift differential pay. If there are fewer than seventy-eight biweekly salaries, the FAS is determined by multiplying the average of all biweekly salaries paid to the member during the period of credited service by 26 and dividing the product by 12.

## **3. Credited Service**

All services and work performed by an employee, including prior service. For members of Group A and former Group C, all services and work performed after September 1, 1943 must have been accompanied by

corresponding contributions to HMEPS by the employee or legally authorized repayments must have been made.

Credited service for former participants in Group C means the number of years of eligible service after the executive official's effective date of participation in Group C. A former Group C member receives two times the number of actual years of credited service in Group C solely for the purpose of fulfilling the eligibility requirements in Group C.

If former Group D and pre-1997 Group B members who forfeited their prior credited service are rehired they will regain a year of forfeited credited service for each year of service earned upon reemployment.

## **4. Normal Retirement**

### **a. Eligibility**

Prior to January 1, 2005 (with 68 points as of January 1, 2005):

The earliest of:

age 62 and 5 years of Credited Service

5 years of Credited Service, and age plus years of Credited Service equal 70 or more

age 65 (Group C only)

On or after January 1, 2005 (less than 68 points as of January 1, 2005):

The earliest of:

age 62 and 5 years of Credited Service

5 years of Credited Service, and age plus years of Credited Service equal 75 or more with

minimum age 50

For employees newly hired on or after January 1, 2008 (Group D):

Age 62 and 5 years of Credited Service

### **b. Benefit**

Prior to January 1, 2005:

Group A: 3.25% of FAS for each of the first 10 years of Credited Service plus 3.50% of FAS for Credited Service greater than 10 years but less than 20 years plus 4.25%

of FAS for each year of Credited Service greater than 20 years (excludes period of DROP participation). Maximum benefit is 90% of FAS for all future retirees.

Group B: 1.75% of FAS for each of the first 10 years of Credited Service plus 2.00% of FAS for Credited Service greater than 10 years but less than 20 years, plus 2.75% of FAS for each year of Credited Service greater than 20 years. Maximum benefit is 90% of FAS for all future retirees.

Group C: Double the rate for Group A

All accruals after January 1, 2005:

All accruals under the prior multipliers were frozen as of January 1, 2005 and the following benefit multipliers apply to service on or after that date:

Group A: 2.50% of FAS for each of the first 20 years of Credited Service plus 3.25% of FAS for each year of Credited Service greater than 20 years. Maximum benefit is 90% of FAS for all future retirees.

Group B: 1.75% of FAS for each of the first 10 years of Credited Service plus 2.00% of FAS for Credited Service greater than 10 years but less than 20 years, plus 2.50% of FAS for each year of Credited Service greater than 20 years. Maximum benefit is 90% of FAS for all future retirees.

Group D: 1.80% of FAS for each of the first 25 years of Credited Service, plus 1.00% of FAS for each year of Credited Service greater than 25 years. Maximum benefit is 90% of FAS for all future retirees.

**5. Vested Pension**

a. Eligibility

5 years of Credited Service.

b. Benefit

Group A and Group C: Either the accrued normal retirement benefit with payments beginning at the normal retirement eligibility date or a refund of employee contributions, if any, without interest.

Group B and Group D: Accrued normal retirement benefit payable at the normal retirement eligibility date.

If the actuarial present value of a pension is less than \$20,000, a terminated participant who is not eligible to begin receiving a pension may request an early lump sum distribution of the pension. Such early lump sum distribution is irrevocable. Credited Service associated therewith can be reinstated after reemployment and pursuant to the rules of the plan.

**6. Withdrawal Benefit**

If a nonvested member withdraws from service with less than 5 years, a refund of the member's contributions is made without interest, upon request.

**7. Service-Connected Disability Retirement**

a. Eligibility

Any age

b. Benefit

Group A: Accrued normal retirement benefit, but not less than 20% of final monthly salary at time of disability plus 1% of final monthly salary per year of Credited Service, to a maximum of 40% of final monthly salary.

Group B and Group D: Accrued normal retirement benefit, but not less than 20% of final monthly salary at time of disability.

**8. Non-service-Connected Disability Retirement**

a. Eligibility

5 years of Credited Service.

b. Benefit

Accrued normal retirement benefit payable immediately.

**9. Pre-retirement Survivor Benefits**

A. Service-connected

a. Eligibility

Any age or Credited Service

b. Benefit

If there is a surviving spouse, 100% of FAS payable to the spouse. 10% of FAS is payable to each qualifying

dependent to a maximum of 20% for all dependents. Surviving spouse's benefit will be reduced by the amount of dependent benefits. If no surviving spouse, dependent benefits are 50% of the amount a surviving spouse would have received for each dependent to a maximum of 100% for all dependents in the aggregate.

B. Non service-connected

a. Eligibility

5 years of Credited Service

b. Benefit

Benefits for survivorship of terminated vested Group D members after January 1, 2008:

If there is a surviving spouse, an amount equal to the 50% J&S benefit. No dependent benefits. If there is no surviving spouse, dependent benefits are 50% of the amount a surviving spouse would have received for each dependent to a maximum of 100% for all dependents in the aggregate (of the 20% J&S benefit).

For all other Groups on or after August 1, 2001:

If there is a surviving spouse, 100% of accrued normal retirement benefit payable to the spouse and 10% of accrued normal retirement benefit to each qualifying dependent to a maximum of 20% for all dependents in the aggregate. The surviving spouse's benefit will be reduced by dependent benefits, if any. If there is no surviving spouse, each dependent will receive 50% of the benefit a surviving spouse would have received subject to a maximum of 100% of a surviving spouse's benefit for all dependents in the aggregate.

**10. Post Retirement Survivor Benefits**

All Groups except Option-Eligible Participants:

If there is a surviving spouse, 100% of the retirement benefit the deceased retiree was receiving at the time of death payable to the spouse and 10% of that retirement benefit payable to each qualifying dependent to a maximum of 20% for all dependents. The surviving spouse's benefit will be reduced by dependent benefits, if any. If there is no surviving spouse, each dependent will receive 50% of the benefit a surviving spouse would have

received subject to 100% of a surviving spouse's benefit for all dependents in the aggregate.

Option-Eligible Participants:

Life only to the retiree. Option-Eligible Participants may elect other options based on actuarial factors.

All Group D members, Group A & B members who terminate after June 30, 2011 eligible for a normal retirement benefit and who are not married at their termination of service, and Group B members who terminated prior to September 1, 1997 and who are eligible for a normal retirement benefit are Option-Eligible Participants.

**11. Benefit Adjustments**

Each year, effective February 1, monthly benefits will be increased 3.0%, not compounded, for all retirees and survivors. This will affect all members currently in payment status and members who enter payment status in the future. For members hired on or after January 1, 2005 future increases will be 2.0%, not compounded. However, pre-2005 retirees who are rehired will receive a 3% COLA on their subsequent benefit instead.

Group D Members:

None assumed.

**12. Contribution Rates**

a. Members

5% of salary only for Group A members. None for Group B or Group D members.

b. City

Beginning in 1993, the rate required to fund the Retirement Fund on an actuarial reserve basis. However, effective September 1, 1999, the minimum contribution rate is equal to the greater of 10% of covered payroll or twice the contribution rate a Group A member is required to make by statute. Under the Amended and Restated Meet & Confer Agreement between the Board and the City of Houston, the City will contribute the greater of \$108.5 million or 21.36% of payroll in fiscal year 2013.



Contributions in future fiscal years will increase by the greater of \$10 million or 2% of payroll until such time that the City's contribution rate equals the actuarially determined contribution rate.

### **13. Deferred Retirement Option**

#### a. Eligibility

Participants (other than Group D) who are eligible to retire but who have not retired and who remain in service with the City may participate in the DROP.

#### b. Monthly DROP Credit

An amount equal to the accrued normal retirement benefit as of the effective date of DROP participation. The Monthly DROP Credit is credited to a notional account (DROP Account) on the last calendar day each month.

#### c. DROP Credit Interest

Interest is credited to the DROP Account at the beginning of each day based on the DROP Account balance at the end of the previous day and posted monthly on the last calendar day of each month. Effective January 1, 2005, the annual interest rate effective beginning January 1 each year is half of HMEPS' investment return percentage for the prior fiscal year, not less than 2.5% and not greater than 7.5%.

#### d. DROP Credits-COLA

##### On or after January 1, 2005:

The Monthly DROP Credit for participants who entered the DROP effective on or before January 1 of the then current year will be increased effective February 1 each year by 3.0%, not compounded.

The Monthly DROP Credit for participants who were first hired on or after January 1, 2005 who entered the DROP effective on or before January 1 of the then current year will be increased effective February 1 each year by 2.0%, not compounded.

#### e. DROP Account Balance

The sum of a participant's Monthly DROP (DROP Benefit) Credits, Monthly DROP Credit Adjustments, applicable interest, and employee contributions as applicable.

### **14. DROP Benefit Pay-out**

A terminated DROP participant may elect to:

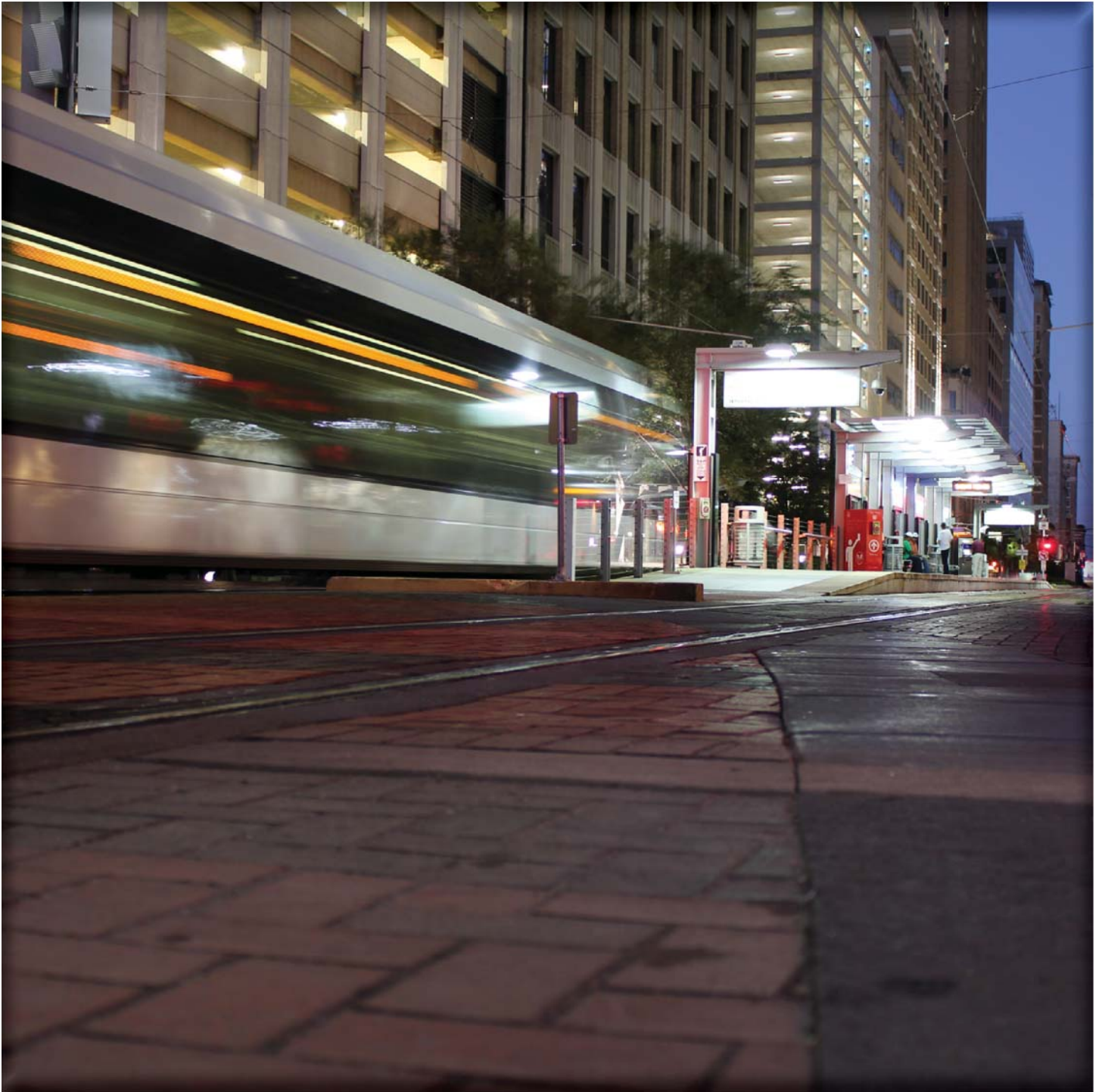
- a. Receive the entire DROP Account Balance in a lump sum.
- b. Receive the DROP Account Balance in periodic payments as approved by the Pension Board.
- c. Receive a portion of the DROP Account balance in a lump sum and the remainder in periodic payments as approved by the Pension Board.
- d. Receive a partial payment of not less than \$1,000, no more than once each ninety (90) days.
- e. Defer election of a payout option until a future date.

### **15. Post DROP Retirement**

The Final Pension is the accrued normal retirement benefit as of the effective date of DROP participation, increased with COLAs since DROP entry.

### **Changes in Plan Provisions Since Prior Year**

No changes since the prior valuation.



*Main Street*



**SECTION 5**  
**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Statistical section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report presents detailed information related to the System's financial statements. The schedules within the Statistical section are classified as Financial Trends and Participant Information. All information was derived from Audited Annual Financials and/or our benefit administration system, and/or the annual actuarial valuations.

**FINANCIAL TRENDS**

**The Changes in Fiduciary Net Position** schedule shows the additions and deductions from fiduciary net position and the resulting changes in fiduciary net position for the ten years ending June 30, 2014.

**Additions to Fiduciary Net Position** include city and member contributions to the System which are external sources of additions to plan net positions. Additions also

include earnings from the System's investment activity and are the System's internal sources of, and typically the larger component of, additions to plan net positions.

**Deductions from Fiduciary Position** are primarily comprised of benefit payments and refunds paid to participants.

**Investment Income Schedule** shows the components of net investment and interest income (loss) for the ten years ending June 30, 2014.

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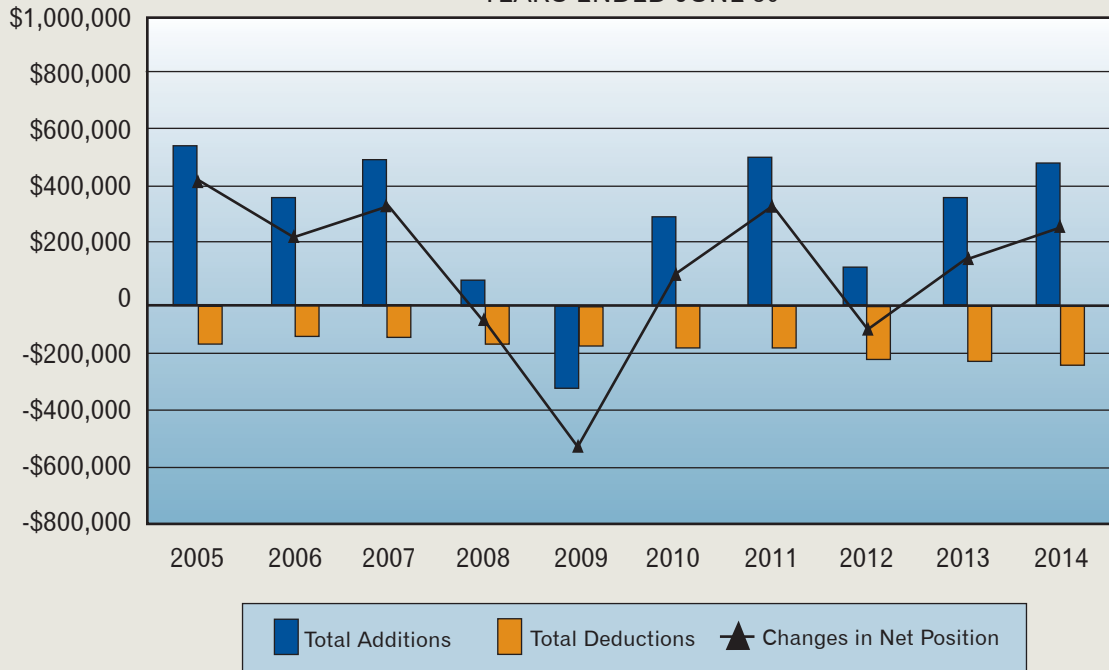
Participant data for the last ten years ending June 30, 2013 can be found starting on page 98 and include several schedules regarding benefit payments to participants and participant demographics. The date of the participant information is consistent with the date of the latest actuarial valuation date of July 1, 2013.

**FINANCIAL TRENDS****SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (\$000)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Additions</b>										
Employer contributions	363,247 <sup>1</sup>	66,968	70,265	73,272	76,837	82,052	87,285	97,161	111,859	128,272
Member contributions	23,488	21,888	20,966	21,176	20,449	19,736	19,326	18,473	17,041	16,580
Investment Income	184,419	272,766	337,259	(29,133)	(440,298)	195,433	391,095	(11,963)	263,891	351,792
Other income	17,250	26,950	29,031	29,839	489	557	1,185	654	1,246	730
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>588,404</b>	<b>388,572</b>	<b>457,521</b>	<b>95,154</b>	<b>(342,523)</b>	<b>297,778</b>	<b>498,891</b>	<b>104,325</b>	<b>394,037</b>	<b>497,376</b>
<b>Deductions</b>										
Benefit payments	175,480	154,311	157,716	169,483	180,361	191,048	189,199	200,014	213,178	221,925
Refund of contributions	992	1,037	1,398	1,760	1,795	1,285	1,620	2,206	1,266	1,213
Professional services fees	1,088	708	883	638	792	805	1,103	1,048	871	597
Cost of administration	4,718	5,072	5,223	5,837	6,420	6,290	6,020	6,264	6,341	5,818
<b>Total deduction</b>	<b>182,278</b>	<b>161,128</b>	<b>165,220</b>	<b>177,718</b>	<b>189,368</b>	<b>199,428</b>	<b>197,942</b>	<b>209,532</b>	<b>221,656</b>	<b>229,553</b>
<b>Changes in net position</b>	<b>406,126</b>	<b>227,444</b>	<b>292,301</b>	<b>(82,564)</b>	<b>(531,891)</b>	<b>98,350</b>	<b>300,949</b>	<b>(105,207)</b>	<b>172,381</b>	<b>267,823</b>
<b>Net position as of June 30</b>	<b>1,824,852</b>	<b>2,052,296</b>	<b>2,344,597</b>	<b>2,262,033</b>	<b>1,730,142</b>	<b>1,828,492</b>	<b>2,129,441</b>	<b>2,024,234</b>	<b>2,196,615</b>	<b>2,464,439</b>

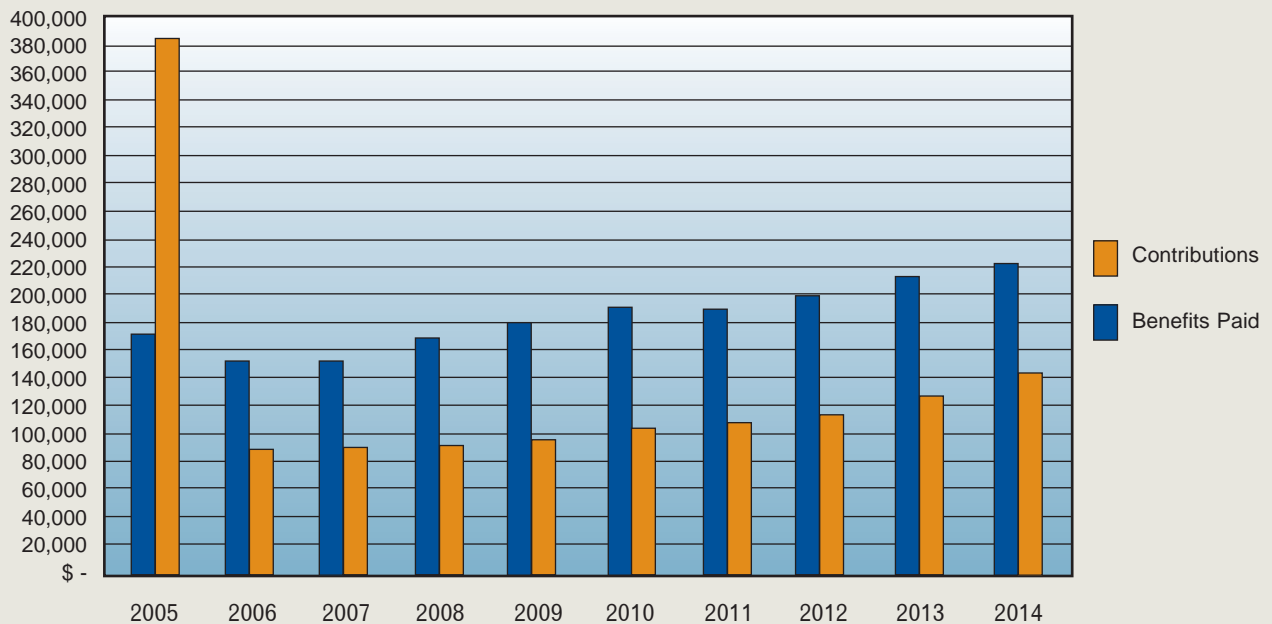
<sup>1</sup> 2005 employer contributions include \$300 million pension obligation note

CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (IN THOUSANDS)  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30



\* 2005 employer contributions include \$300 million pension obligation note

CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS PAID (IN THOUSANDS)  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30



• During fiscal year 2005, the System received cash contributions from the City of Houston of \$63,247 and recognized a \$300 million contribution in the form of a note receivable issued by the City on November 10, 2004. The City paid off the note in its entirety in FY 2009.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

INVESTMENT INCOME (\$000)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Investing Activities</b>										
Interest on bonds and deposits*	11,101	8,632	15,923	13,453	26,827	11,681	14,720	18,306	20,253	24,080
Dividends	9,891	9,128	15,276	14,381	11,321	13,029	16,769	20,446	21,245	19,523
Earnings from limited partnerships and real estate trusts	45,069	25,592	25,035	13,424	4,922	7,775	17,398	14,449	8,400	4,996
Net (depreciation) appreciation on investments	124,002	235,078	287,178	(64,877)	(479,332)	168,583	348,148	(58,315)	221,050	311,189
<b>Total</b>	<b>190,063</b>	<b>278,430</b>	<b>343,412</b>	<b>(23,619)</b>	<b>(436,262)</b>	<b>201,068</b>	<b>397,035</b>	<b>(5,114)</b>	<b>270,948</b>	<b>359,788</b>
Proceeds from lending securities	2,695	4,860	6,727	7,411	2,453	752	679	1,032	1,132	829
Less costs of securities lending	(2,343)	(4,441)	(6,443)	(6,386)	(1,383)	(326)	(243)	(394)	(377)	(240)
Net proceeds from lending securities	352	419	284	1,025	1,070	426	436	638	755	589
Less costs of investment services	(5,996)	(6,083)	(6,437)	(6,540)	(5,106)	(6,061)	(6,376)	(7,487)	(7,812)	(8,585)
<b>Total investment income (loss)</b>	<b>184,419</b>	<b>272,766</b>	<b>337,259</b>	<b>(29,134)</b>	<b>(440,298)</b>	<b>195,433</b>	<b>391,095</b>	<b>(11,963)</b>	<b>263,891</b>	<b>351,792</b>

\* Interest income in fiscal year 2009 includes accrued interest on the \$300 million note from the City of Houston.

## OPERATING INFORMATION

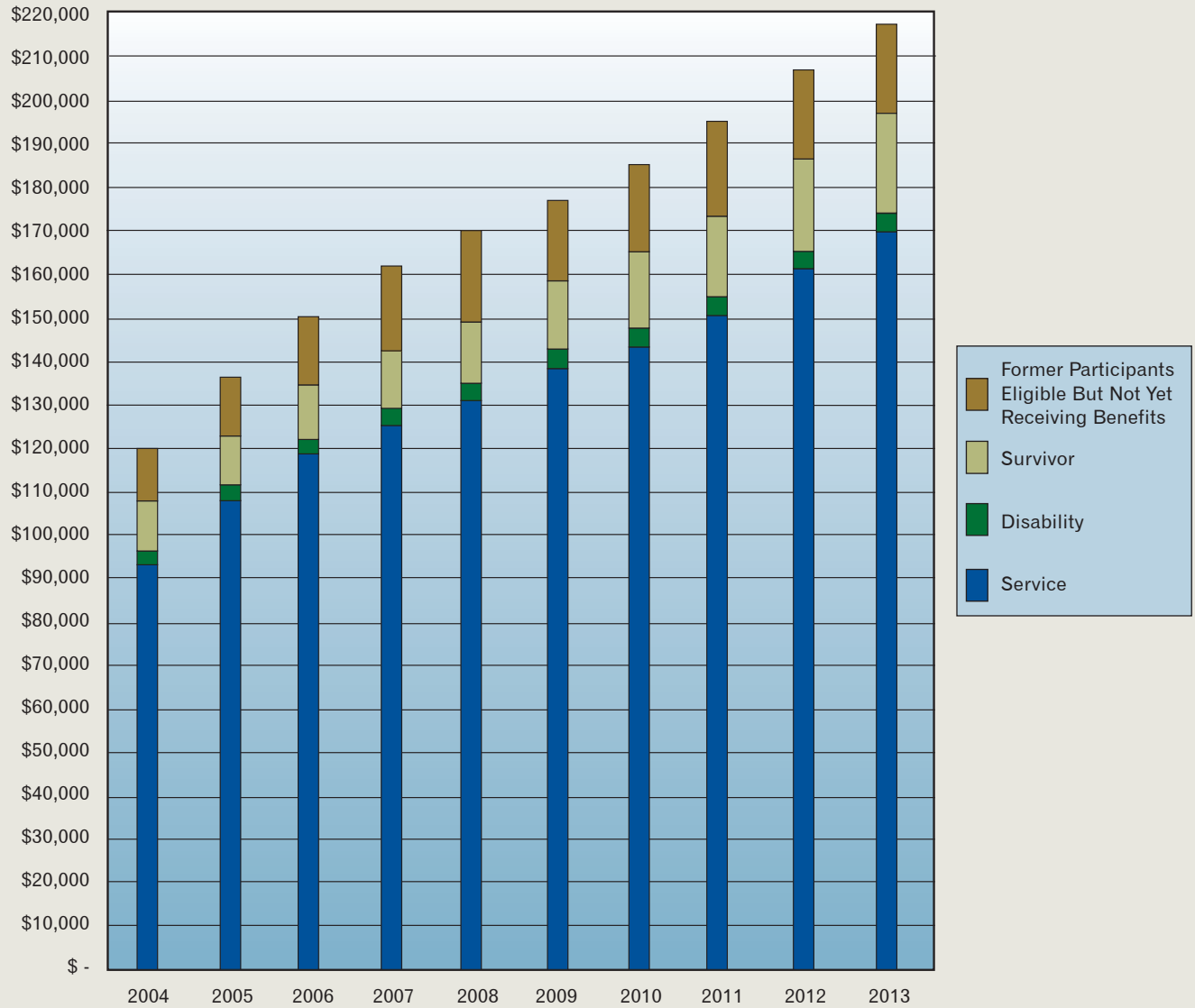
## SCHEDULE OF BENEFIT PARTICIPANTS AND AMOUNTS BY TYPE

Participants By Benefit Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
										<i>Estimated</i>
Service	5,592	5,847	6,017	6,186	6,336	6,482	6,663	7,031	7,258	7,522
Disability	483	452	446	428	415	404	398	391	387	373
Survivor	1,448	1,481	1,508	1,541	1,589	1,640	1,656	1,656	1,782	1,827
Total Annuity Count	7,523	7,780	7,971	8,155	8,340	8,526	8,717	9,078	9,427	9,722
Inactive Eligible Participants	2,659	2,786	2,922	2,931	2,884	2,815	3,178	3,237	3,298	3,305
Total Eligible for Benefits	10,182	10,566	10,893	11,086	11,224	11,341	11,895	12,315	12,725	13,027

Benefit Payments By Type (\$000)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Service	\$ 103,498	\$ 113,510	\$ 120,856	\$ 127,083	\$ 133,209	\$ 139,779	\$ 146,863	\$ 157,214	\$ 164,924	\$ 173,749
Disability	\$ 3,823	\$ 3,748	\$ 3,707	\$ 3,624	\$ 3,652	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,698	\$ 3,769	\$ 3,864	\$ 3,808
Survivor	\$ 11,277	\$ 12,517	\$ 13,654	\$ 15,025	\$ 16,160	\$ 17,724	\$ 19,174	\$ 20,533	\$ 22,383	\$ 24,262
Total Annuity Payments	\$ 118,598	\$ 129,775	\$ 138,217	\$ 145,732	\$ 153,021	\$ 161,153	\$ 169,735	\$ 181,516	\$ 191,171	\$ 201,819
Lump Sum Payments	\$ 341	\$ 379	\$ 313	\$ 625	\$ 1,067	\$ 641	\$ 449	\$ 156	\$ 200	\$ 177
DROP Payments	\$ 56,541	\$ 24,157	\$ 19,186	\$ 23,126	\$ 26,273	\$ 29,254	\$ 19,015	\$ 18,342	\$ 21,807	\$ 19,929
Other Benefit Payments	\$ 56,882	\$ 24,536	\$ 19,499	\$ 23,751	\$ 27,340	\$ 29,895	\$ 19,464	\$ 18,498	\$ 22,007	\$ 20,106
Total Benefit Payments	\$ 175,480	\$ 154,311	\$ 157,716	\$ 169,483	\$ 180,361	\$ 191,048	\$ 189,199	\$ 200,014	\$ 213,178	\$ 221,925
Refunds of Contributions	\$ 992	\$ 1,037	\$ 1,398	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,795	\$ 1,285	\$ 1,620	\$ 2,206	\$ 1,266	\$ 1,213

Average Benefit Payments by Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Service	\$ 18,508	\$ 19,413	\$ 20,086	\$ 20,544	\$ 21,024	\$ 21,564	\$ 22,042	\$ 22,360	\$ 22,723	\$ 23,099
Disability	\$ 7,915	\$ 8,292	\$ 8,312	\$ 8,467	\$ 8,800	\$ 9,035	\$ 9,291	\$ 9,639	\$ 9,984	\$ 10,209
Survivor	\$ 7,788	\$ 8,452	\$ 9,054	\$ 9,750	\$ 10,170	\$ 10,807	\$ 11,579	\$ 12,399	\$ 12,561	\$ 13,280
Combined Average Annuity Payments	\$ 15,765	\$ 16,681	\$ 17,340	\$ 17,870	\$ 18,348	\$ 18,901	\$ 19,472	\$ 19,995	\$ 20,279	\$ 20,759

BENEFITS PAYMENTS BY TYPE (IN THOUSANDS)  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30



BENEFIT RECIPIENTS BY TYPE AND AGE - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Age on June 30	Service	Disability	Survivor	Total
Under 40	0	2	88	90
40 - 44	0	5	15	20
45 - 49	2	15	34	51
50 - 54	314	39	86	439
55 - 59	912	71	162	1145
60 - 64	1582	77	203	1862
65 - 69	1768	63	224	2055
70 - 74	1131	68	234	1433
75 - 79	770	30	242	1042
80 - 84	435	11	218	664
85 & Over	344	6	276	626
<b>Total</b>	<b>7258</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>1782</b>	<b>9427</b>

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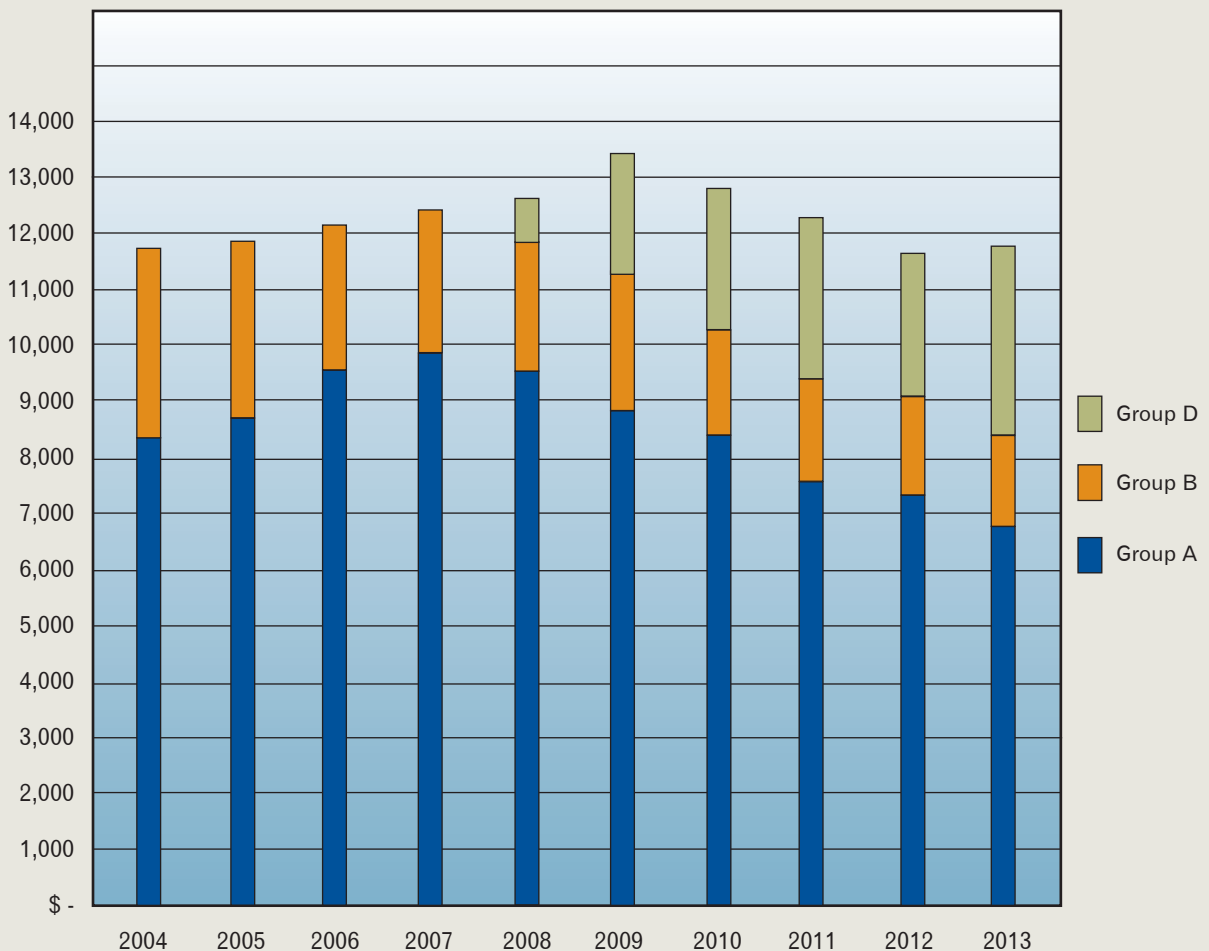


HISTORICAL ACTIVE PARTICIPANT DATA

Valuation Date	Active Vested/Nonvested			Number of Participants	Annual Payroll (\$000)	Average Salary (\$)	% Salary Increase
	Group A	Group B	Group D				
July 1, 2004	8,361	3,495		11,856	366,190	30,886	(4.1)
July 1, 2005	8,811	3,163		11,974	404,565	33,787	9.4
July 1, 2006	9,544	2,601		12,145	422,496	34,788	3.0
July 1, 2007	9,947	2,429		12,376	448,925	36,274	4.3
July 1, 2008	9,587	2,195	871	12,653	483,815	38,237	5.4
July 1, 2009	8,906	2,153	2,274	13,333	539,023	40,428	5.7
July 1, 2010	8,323	1,999	2,591	12,913	550,709	42,648	5.5
July 1, 2011	7,857	1,932	2,556	12,345	544,665	44,120	3.5
July 1, 2012	7,167	1,759	2,744	11,670	534,394	45,792	3.8
July 1, 2013	6,777	1,666	3,338	11,781	549,971	46,683	1.9

Beginning with 2005, a change in methodology now annualizes payroll for new entrants. If the methodology had not been changed, the covered payroll for 2005 would have been \$376,208,345 and the average payroll would have been \$31,422.

HISTORICAL ACTIVE PARTICIPANT DATA

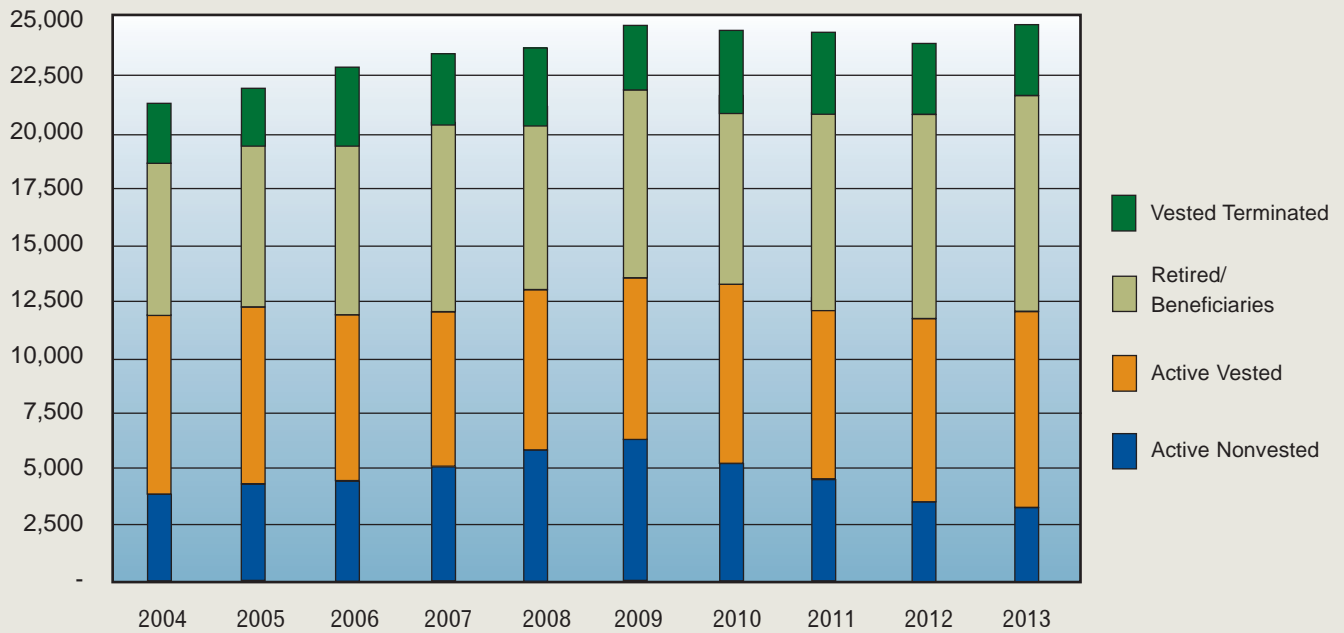


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HISTORICAL TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DATA AND BAR CHART

Fiscal Year	Active Nonvested	Active Vested	Retired/ Beneficiaries	Vested Terminated	Totals
2004	3,648	8,208	6,878	2,434	21,168
2005	4,269	7,705	7,523	2,659	22,156
2006	4,621	7,524	7,780	2,782	22,707
2007	5,002	7,374	7,971	2,922	23,269
2008	5,419	7,234	8,155	2,931	23,739
2009	5,941	7,392	8,340	2,884	24,557
2010	5,101	7,812	8,526	2,815	24,254
2011	4,237	8,108	8,717	3,178	24,240
2012	3,512	8,158	9,078	3,237	23,985
2013	3,154	8,627	9,427	3,298	24,506

HISTORICAL TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DATA



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**AVERAGE BENEFIT PAYMENTS BY YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE**

**AVERAGE BENEFIT PAYMENTS BY YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE**

Member Retiring During Fiscal Years

		Years of Credited Service						All Members
		5-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	30+	
2004	Average monthly benefit	\$ 794	\$ 1,071	\$ 1,736	\$ 2,536	\$ 3,270	\$ 3,392	\$ 2,155
	Average monthly salary	\$ 3,146	\$ 3,117	\$ 3,006	\$ 3,206	\$ 3,391	\$ 3,368	\$ 3,186
	Average DROP balance	\$ 58,583	\$ 61,685	\$ 77,000	\$ 103,731	\$ 183,094	\$ 264,073	\$ 112,328
	Number of DROP retirees	40	54	154	262	152	12	674
	Number of retirees	92	105	174	300	164	12	847
2005	Average monthly benefit	\$ 655	\$ 993	\$ 1,715	\$ 2,106	\$ 2,810	\$ 2,898	\$ 1,786
	Average monthly salary	\$ 2,930	\$ 2,847	\$ 3,069	\$ 2,807	\$ 3,084	\$ 2,979	\$ 2,927
	Average DROP balance	\$ 31,291	\$ 46,690	\$ 81,834	\$ 88,719	\$ 167,759	\$ 250,593	\$ 93,754
	Number of DROP retirees	42	81	140	221	97	13	594
	Number of retirees	89	138	173	275	116	14	805
2006	Average monthly benefit	\$ 553	\$ 1,147	\$ 1,608	\$ 2,344	\$ 2,870	\$ 2,725	\$ 1,684
	Average monthly salary	\$ 2,906	\$ 3,243	\$ 3,263	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,118	\$ 2,812	\$ 3,156
	Average DROP balance	\$ 33,642	\$ 57,946	\$ 93,836	\$ 126,830	\$ 162,450	\$ 217,721	\$ 105,088
	Number of DROP retirees	22	43	56	92	31	4	248
	Number of retirees	74	91	93	132	40	5	435
2007	Average monthly benefit	\$ 550	\$ 956	\$ 1,350	\$ 2,042	\$ 3,360	\$ 3,252	\$ 1,354
	Average monthly salary	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,893	\$ 2,958	\$ 2,943	\$ 3,555	\$ 3,476	\$ 2,962
	Average DROP balance	\$ 37,590	\$ 56,962	\$ 81,073	\$ 135,316	\$ 273,677	\$ 368,268	\$ 107,410
	Number of DROP retirees	26	50	39	51	19	3	188
	Number of retirees	81	102	63	73	24	4	347
2008	Average monthly benefit	\$ 532	\$ 1,036	\$ 1,503	\$ 2,342	\$ 3,721	\$ 1,826	\$ 1,519
	Average monthly salary	\$ 2,967	\$ 3,169	\$ 3,138	\$ 3,279	\$ 3,956	\$ 2,527	\$ 3,191
	Average DROP balance	\$ 37,547	\$ 67,218	\$ 122,902	\$ 155,089	\$ 422,202	\$ 10,629	\$ 137,606
	Number of DROP retirees	12	38	46	56	13	1	166
	Number of retirees	62	92	88	76	20	2	340
2009	Average monthly benefit	\$ 582	\$ 881	\$ 1,526	\$ 1,839	\$ 2,320	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,290
	Average monthly salary	\$ 3,278	\$ 3,032	\$ 3,267	\$ 3,166	\$ 3,383	\$ 2,959	\$ 3,189
	Average DROP balance	\$ 42,190	\$ 55,623	\$ 173,415	\$ 164,178	\$ 283,627	\$ 19,301	\$ 140,745
	Number of DROP retirees	14	31	34	50	13	1	143
	Number of retirees	76	89	76	86	21	3	351
2010	Average monthly benefit	\$ 572	\$ 1,107	\$ 1,579	\$ 2,631	\$ 3,309	\$ -	\$ 1,579
	Average monthly salary	\$ 3,512	\$ 3,478	\$ 3,796	\$ 4,154	\$ 4,342	\$ -	\$ 3,769
	Average DROP balance	\$ 66,061	\$ 87,798	\$ 174,978	\$ 244,143	\$ 312,750	\$ -	\$ 181,870
	Number of DROP retirees	21	30	34	44	21	-	150
	Number of retirees	84	81	76	64	32	-	337
2011	Average monthly benefit	\$ 593	\$ 925	\$ 1,611	\$ 2,378	\$ 2,310	\$ 2,789	\$ 1,486
	Average monthly salary	\$ 3,474	\$ 3,247	\$ 3,578	\$ 3,794	\$ 3,266	\$ 3,996	\$ 3,505
	Average DROP balance	\$ 52,041	\$ 97,571	\$ 181,686	\$ 241,297	\$ 249,370	\$ 320,514	\$ 182,068
	Number of DROP retirees	15	27	42	50	15	2	151
	Number of retirees	82	91	97	83	35	7	395
2012	Average monthly benefit	\$ 548	\$ 972	\$ 1,463	\$ 2,097	\$ 2,775	\$ 2,279	\$ 1,476
	Average monthly salary	\$ 3,319	\$ 3,114	\$ 3,483	\$ 3,544	\$ 3,789	\$ 3,123	\$ 3,413
	Average DROP balance	\$ 28,933	\$ 97,805	\$ 109,125	\$ 172,352	\$ 135,562	\$ -	\$ 121,920
	Number of DROP retirees	19	53	81	72	33	-	258
	Number of retirees	97	124	148	120	58	6	553
2013	Average monthly benefit	\$ 577	\$ 1,083	\$ 1,524	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,492	\$ 2,936	\$ 1,450
	Average monthly salary	\$ 3,660	\$ 3,565	\$ 3,503	\$ 3,877	\$ 3,573	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,648
	Average DROP balance	\$ 33,482	\$ 96,989	\$ 163,551	\$ 196,720	\$ 70,570	\$ 37,305	\$ 137,474
	Number of DROP retirees	17	44	59	52	13	2	187
	Number of retirees	110	114	113	84	31	12	461
10 Years Ended 6/30/2013	Average monthly benefit	\$ 595	\$ 1,017	\$ 1,562	\$ 2,272	\$ 2,924	\$ 2,450	\$ 1,578
	Average monthly salary	\$ 3,206	\$ 3,171	\$ 3,306	\$ 3,396	\$ 3,546	\$ 2,924	\$ 3,295
	Average DROP balance	\$ 42,136	\$ 72,629	\$ 125,940	\$ 162,837	\$ 226,106	\$ 148,840	\$ 132,026
	Avg Number of DROP retirees	23	45	69	95	41	4	276
	Average Number of retirees	85	103	110	129	54	7	487
Total number of retirees	847	1,027	1,101	1,293	541	65	4,871	



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