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## Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Principal Results of Actuarial Valuation as of December 31, 2018

October 31, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting

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## Valuation Input

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## **Member Data**

#### Inputs

Membership Data
Asset Data
Benefit Provisions
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Funding Methodology

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#### Results

Actuarial Value of Assets Actuarial Accrued Liability Net Actuarial Gain or Loss Funded Ratio Employer Contributions Benefit Enhancement Additional Disclosures Projections The table below provides a summary of the membership data used in this valuation compared to the prior valuation.

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Lapsed Members	14,091	13,134
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Total	53,796	52,630

The number of fully active members increased slightly The number of retired members increased by 0.8% from the previous valuation date. The increase in retiree population is consistent with expectations.

A detailed summary of the membership data used in this valuation is provided in Section 3 and Appendix B.

## Valuation Input

## **Asset Data**



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**Projections** 

The table below provides details of the Market Value of Assets for the current and prior year's valuations.

Asset Data as of	12/31/2018	12/31/2017	
Beginning of Year Market Value of Assets  Employer Contributions  Employee Contributions  Benefit Payments Other than Refunds  Refunds  Administrative Expenses Investment Income  Net Increase/(Decrease)  End of Year Value of Assets  Estimated Net Investment Return on Market Value (Annualized)	18,127,208 2,712,416 (28,808,127) (1,323,680) (941,984) (5,867,811) (16,101,978)	\$ 383,865,563 18,147,428 2,671,827 (28,192,760) (2,772,003) (861,982) 51,353,848 40,346,358 \$ 424,211,921 13.33%	

FRSWPF assets are held in trust and are invested for the exclusive benefit of plan members.

Incoming contributions currently cover over 65% of the outgoing benefit payments and administrative expenses. Over the long term, benefit payments and administrative expenses not covered by contributions are expected to be covered with investment income, illustrating the benefits of following actuarial prefunding since inception.

A detailed summary of the market value of assets is provided in Section 4.



## **Net Actuarial Gain or Loss**

Inputs

Membership Data Asset Data Benefit Provisions Assumptions Funding Methodology

#### ↓ Results

Actuarial Value of Assets Actuarial Accrued Liability Net Actuarial Gain or Loss

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The table below provides a reconciliation of the prior year's unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the current year's unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

(in millions)		
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/2017	\$	51.7
Normal Cost and Administrative Expense during 2018		8.3
Reduction due to Actual Contributions during 2018		(20.8)
Interest on UAAL, Normal Cost, and Contributions		3.2
Asset (Gain) / Loss		7.8
Actuarial Accrued Liability (Gain) / Loss		(5.3)
Impact of Assumption Changes		0.0
Impact of Legislative Changes		0.0
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/2018	\$	44.9

The loss recognized in the actuarial value of assets increased the UAAL by \$7.8 million. These increases were partially offset by a liability gain of \$5.3 million and SCRSP contributions exceeding the actuarially determined contribution.



## **Employer Contributions**

#### Inputs

Membership Data Asset Data Benefit Provisions Assumptions Funding Methodology

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Results

Actuarial Value of Assets Actuarial Accrued Liability Net Actuarial Gain or Loss Funded Ratio

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**Projections** 

The table below provides a reconciliation of the actuarially determined employer contribution.

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 Preliminary ADEC (estimated based on December 31, 2017 Valuation) Impact of Legislative Changes	14,323,684 0
Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 Final ADEC	14,323,684
Change Due to Demographic (Gain)/Loss	(570,846)
Change Due to Investment (Gain)/Loss	1,067,718
Change Due to Contributions Greater than ADEC	(548,094)
Impact of Assumption Changes	0
Impact of Direct Rate Smoothing	<u>573,147</u>
Fiscal year ending June 20, 2021 Preliminary ADEC (estimated based on December 31, 2018 Valuation)	\$ 14,845,609

The change in rate due to investment loss is based on the actuarial value of assets returns, which was less than the 7.0% assumed return.

A detailed summary of the actuarially determined employer contribution is provided in Section 6.



## **State Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy**

#### Inputs

Membership Data
Asset Data
Benefit Provisions
Assumptions
Funding Methodology

#### Results

Actuarial Value of Assets Actuarial Accrued Liability Net Actuarial Gain or Loss

Funded Ratio

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Additional Disclosures

Projections

- Session Law 2016-108 requires that the Board develop a State Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy (SCRSP) for the FRSWPF
- > Below is a summary of the SCRSP that the Board adopted on January 26, 2017
- State Contributions
  - Board will recommend to the General Assembly the higher of the underlying ADEC or \$350,000 greater than the current year's appropriation
  - SCRSP Minimum Contribution Rate for FYE 2021 is \$19,002,208 (Greater of ADEC of \$14,845,609 and FYE 2020 appropriation of \$18,652,208 plus \$350,000)
- Benefit Increases and Member Contribution Increases
  - The cost of benefit improvements under the SCRSP are to be paid for by undistributed investment gains
  - With a goal of a 50/50 split between member and state contributions toward the normal cost portion of the annual contribution, monthly member contributions will be increased by \$5 in any year that a benefit increase is granted AND the member's share of the Fund's normal cost is less than 50%
- See next slides for metrics the Board must use to recommend benefit and/or member contribution increases

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## **State Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy Metrics**

#### Inputs

Membership Data
Asset Data
Benefit Provisions
Assumptions
Funding Methodology

#### Results

Actuarial Value of Assets Actuarial Accrued Liability Net Actuarial Gain or Loss Funded Ratio

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- Metrics the Board must use in recommending benefit increases and/or member contribution increases based on the December 31,2018 valuation are as follows:
  - Undistributed investment gains to reserve for benefit increases:
     \$0.00
  - Amount of benefit increase to be paid with undistributed investment gains: N/A
  - Year-over-year increase in CPI-U as of December, 2018: 1.9%
  - State's share of normal cost per active member: \$259.99
  - Member's share of normal cost per active member: \$120.00
  - Member's percent share of total normal cost: 31.58%
  - Would a benefit increase trigger a member contribution increase?
     Yes
  - Amount of monthly increase in member contribution (to nearest \$5)
     to make member's share 50%: \$5.00

## **Key Takeaways**



- ➤ Key results of the December 31, 2018 valuation were:
  - ➤ Market value returns of -1.40% during calendar year 2018 compared to 7.0% assumed at the beginning of the plan year
  - SCRSP contributions exceeded ADEC and lowered unfunded actuarial liability

## **Key Takeaways (continued)**



- ➤ When compared to the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation, the previous resulted in:
  - Increase in funded ratio (90.5% in the December 31, 2018 compared to 89.0% in the December 31, 2017 valuation)
  - Higher actuarially determined employer contribution (\$14,845,609 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 compared to the preliminary \$14,323,684 calculated in the December 31, 2017 valuation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020)
- Recommended contribution under the State Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy (SCRSP) of \$19,002,208 which is the greater of:
  - The ADEC of \$14,845,609 and
  - The FYE 2020 appropriation of \$18,652,208 plus \$350,000

## **Key Takeaways (continued)**



FRSWPF is well funded compared to its peers. This is due to:

- Stakeholders working together to keep FRSWPF well-funded since inception
- A history of appropriating and contributing the recommended contribution requirements
- Assumptions that in aggregate are more conservative than peers
- A funding policy that aggressively pays down unfunded liability over a 12-year period
- Modest changes in benefits when compared to peers

Continued focus on these measures will be needed to maintain the solid status of FRSWPF well into the future.

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Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from current measurements due to plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic and demographic assumptions, increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements, and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Because of limited scope, Cavanaugh Macdonald performed no analysis of the potential range of such future differences, except for some limited analysis in financial projections or required disclosure information. Results prior to December 31, 2017 were provided by the prior consulting actuary.

We meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained in this report. This report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice, and we are available to answer questions about it.

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# North Carolina Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund

Report on the Actuarial Valuation Prepared as of December 31, 2018

October 2019





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October 18, 2019

Board of Trustees Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System of North Carolina 3200 Atlantic Avenue Raleigh, NC 27604

Members of the Board:

We submit herewith our report on the annual valuation of the North Carolina Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund (referred to as "FRSWPF" or the "Firefighter and Rescue Squad Worker Plan") prepared as of December 31, 2018. Information contained in our report for plan years prior to December 31, 2017 is based upon valuations performed by the prior actuary.

The primary purpose of the valuation report is to determine the required member and employer contribution rates, to describe the current financial condition of FRSWPF and to analyze changes in such condition. In addition, the report provides information that the Office of the State Controller (OSC) requires for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and it summarizes census data. Use of this report for any other purposes or by anyone other than OSC and its auditors, or North Carolina Retirement System Division and Department of State Treasurer staff may not be appropriate and may result in mistaken conclusions because of failure to understand applicable assumptions, methods, or inapplicability of the report for that purpose. The attached pages should not be provided without a copy of this cover letter. Because of the risk of misinterpretation of actuarial results, you should ask Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting (CMC) to review any statement you wish to make on the results contained in this report. CMC will not accept any liability for any such statement made without prior review.

The valuation is based upon membership data and financial information as furnished by the Retirement Systems Division and the Financial Operations Division and as summarized in this report. Although reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with the prior valuation, these elements have not been audited by CMC and we cannot certify as to the accuracy and completeness of the data supplied. Sometimes assumptions are made by CMC to interpret membership data that is imperfect. The valuation is also based on benefit and contribution provisions as presented in this report. If you have reason to believe that the plan provisions are incorrectly described, that important plan provisions relevant to this valuation are not described, or that conditions have changed since the calculations were made, you should contact the authors of this actuarial report prior to relying on this information.

The valuation is further based on the actuarial valuation assumptions, approved by the Board of Trustees, as presented in this report. We believe that these assumptions are appropriate and reasonable and also comply with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 67. We prepared this valuation in accordance with the requirements of this standard and in accordance with all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOP).



The assumptions used for the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation are based on the experience study prepared as of December 31, 2014 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 21, 2016, as further updated to use a discount rate of 7.00% in conjunction with direct rate smoothing of the employer contribution rate, as adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 26, 2018. The return to service assumption was adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2016. The economic assumptions with respect to investment yield, salary increase and inflation have been based upon a review of the existing portfolio structure as well as recent and anticipated experience.

Where presented, references to "funded ratio" and "unfunded accrued liability" typically are measured on an actuarial value of assets basis. It should be noted that the same measurements using market value of assets would result in different funded ratios and unfunded accrued liabilities. Moreover, the funded ratio presented is appropriate for evaluating the need and level of future contributions but makes no assessment regarding the funded status of the plan if the plan were to settle (i.e. purchase annuities) for a portion or all of its liabilities. In various places in the report the results also show funded ratios and unfunded liabilities based upon varying sets of assumptions as well as market values of assets as that is required for certain disclosure information required per accounting rules or statutes. Where this has been done it has been clearly indicated.

Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: fund experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Such changes in law may include additional costs resulting from future legislated benefit improvements or cost-of-living pension increases or supplements, which are not anticipated in the actuarial valuation. Because of limited scope, CMC performed no analysis of the potential range of such future differences, except for some limited analysis in financial projections or required disclosure information.

We meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained in this report. This report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice, and we are available to answer questions about it.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **Executive Summary**

#### Overview

The North Carolina Retirement Systems Division (RSD) was established in 1941 to provide retirement benefits for public servants in the State of North Carolina. Today, under the management of the Department of State Treasurer, RSD administers seven public pension plans (defined benefit plans), three supplemental retirement plans (voluntary defined contributions plans), a health trust fund, a disability income plan, death benefit funds and a number of other benefit programs. As of December 31, 2018, the RSD defined benefit plans cover over one million current and prior public servants of the state of North Carolina. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, RSD paid over \$6.4 billion in pensions to more than 310,000 retirees. And as of June 30, 2019, RSD's defined benefit plan assets were valued at over \$101 billion.

Under the supplemental retirement plans, the amount of contributions in any given year is defined by law. The amount of benefits derived is dependent on the investment returns the individual achieves. Conversely, under the pension plans, the amount of the benefit paid to a member upon retirement, termination, death or disability is defined by law. The amount of contributions needed to fund these benefits cannot be known with certainty. In North Carolina, like other states, these contributions are paid during a public servant's career so that upon retirement, termination, death, or disability, there are funds available to pay these benefits. These amounts are determined through an actuarial valuation. Actuarial valuations are performed for each of the pension plans administered by RSD and the results are contained in actuarial valuation reports like this.

The Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund ("FRSWPF") provides benefits to all paid and volunteer certified firefighters and rescue squad workers. FRSWPF has approximately \$408 million in assets and over 53,000 members as of December 31, 2018. This actuarial valuation report is our annual analysis of the financial health of FRSWPF. This report, prepared as of December 31, 2018, presents the results of the actuarial valuation of the Retirement System.

#### **Purpose**

An actuarial valuation is performed on FRSWPF annually as of the end of the calendar year. The actuary determines the amount of contributions to be made to FRSWPF during each member's career that, when combined with investment return, will be sufficient to pay for retirement benefits.

In addition, the annual actuarial valuation is performed to:

- · Determine the progress of funding FRSWPF,
- Explore why the results of the current valuation differ from the results of the valuation of the previous year, and
- Satisfy regulatory and accounting requirements.

A detailed summary of the valuation process and a glossary of actuarial terms are provided in Appendix A.



#### **Executive Summary**

Risk

Measuring pension obligations and actuarially determined contributions requires the use of assumptions regarding future economic and demographic experience. Whenever assumptions are made about future events, there is risk that actual experience will differ from expected. Actuarial valuations include the risk that actual future measurements will deviate from expected future measurements due to actual experience that is different than the actuarial assumptions. The primary areas of risk in this actuarial valuation are:

- Investment Risk the potential that investment returns will be different than expected.
- Longevity and Other Demographic Risks the potential that mortality or other demographic experience will be different than expected.
- Interest Rate Risk To the extent market rates of interest affect the expected return on assets, there is a risk of change to the discount rate which determines the present value of liabilities and actuarial valuation results.
- Contribution Risk The potential that actual contributions are different than the actuarially determined contributions.

Annual actuarial valuations are performed for RSD which re-measure the assets and liabilities and compute a new actuarially determined contribution. RSD also has experience studies performed every five years to analyze the discrepancies between actuarial assumptions and actual experience and determine if the actuarial assumptions need to be changed. Annual actuarial valuations and periodic experience studies are practical ways to monitor and reassess risk.



#### **Executive Summary**

#### **Key Takeaways**

The actuarial valuation is performed each year to replace the estimates the actuary assumed for the prior valuation with the actual events that happened. This past year, as expected, some of the assumptions used in the prior valuation were not realized. Key results of the December 31, 2018 valuation as compared to the December 31, 2017 valuation were:

- Market value returns of -1.40% during calendar year 2018 compared to 7.00% assumed at the beginning of the plan year
- Employer contributions under the State Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy (SCRSP) significantly exceeded the actuarially determined employer contribution (ADEC)

When compared to the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation, the above resulted in:

- Increase in funded ratio (90.5% in the December 31, 2018 valuation compared to 89.0% in the December 31, 2017 valuation)
- Higher actuarially determined employer contribution (\$14,845,609 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 compared to the preliminary \$14,323,684 calculated in the December 31, 2017 valuation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020)

FRSWPF is well funded compared to its peers. This is due to:

- Stakeholders working together to keep FRSWPF well-funded since inception
- A history of appropriating and contributing the recommended contribution requirements
- Assumptions that in aggregate are more conservative than peers
- A funding policy that aggressively pays down unfunded liability over a 12-year period
- Modest changes in benefits when compared to peers

Continued focus on these measures will be needed to maintain the solid status of FRSWPF well into the future.

More details can be found later in this report. We encourage readers to start with Sections 1 and 2 and refer to other sections for additional details as needed.



## **Section 1: Principal Results**

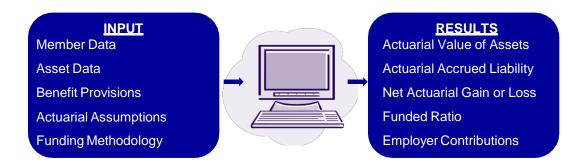
**Table 1: Summary of Principal Results** 

Valuation Results as of		12/31/2018		12/31/2017
Active Members Non-lapsed Members Lapsed Members		25,154 14,091		25,068 13,134
Retired Members and Survivors of Deceased Members Killed in the Line of Duty Number Annual Pensions  Number of Deferred Members  Assets Actuarial Value (AVA) Market Value (MVA)  Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Unfunded Accrued Liability (AAL - AVA)	\$ \$\$	14,422 29,420,880 129 429,031,975 408,109,943 473,960,565 44,928,590	\$ \$\$	14,308 29,188,320 120 418,265,538 424,211,921 469,919,266 51,653,728
Funded Ratio* (AVA / AAL)  Results for Fiscal Year Ending	Ψ	90.5%	Ψ	89.0% <b>6/30/2020</b>
Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) Normal Cost Accrued Liability Total Total Based on Direct Rate Smoothing Impact of Legislative Changes Final ADEC	\$ \$ \$	5,930,372 9,488,384 15,418,756 14,845,609 N/A N/A	\$ \$ \$	5,775,743 9,694,236 15,469,979 14,323,684 0 \$14,323,684
SCRSP Minimum Contribution Rate		19,002,208		18,652,208
Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year Ending		6/30/2020		6/30/2019
Legislative Appropriation		18,652,208	1	18,302,208

<sup>\*</sup>The Funded Ratio on a Market Value of Assets basis is 86.1% at December 31, 2018.



The following diagram summarizes the inputs and results of the actuarial valuation process.



A more detailed description of the valuation process is provided in Appendix A.

#### Valuation Input: Membership Data

As with any estimate, the actuary collects information that we know now. Under the actuarial valuation process, current information about FRSWPF members is collected annually by the Retirement Systems Division staff at the direction of the actuary. Membership data will assist the actuary in estimating benefits that could be paid in the future. Information about benefit provisions and assets held in the trust as of the valuation date is also collected.

The member information the actuary collects includes data elements such as current service, salary and benefit group identifier for members that have not separated service, and actual benefit amounts and form of payment for members that have separated service. Data elements such as gender and date of birth are used to determine when a benefit might be paid and for how long.



Valuation Input: Membership Data (continued)

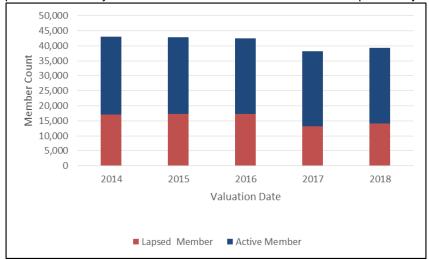
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Terminated members and survivors of deceased members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits	129	120
Retired members and survivors of deceased members killed in the Line of Duty currently receiving benefits	<u>14,422</u>	<u>14,308</u>
Total	53,796	52,630

**Commentary:** The number of fully active and lapsed members increased slightly. The number of retired members increased by 0.8% from the previous valuation date. The increase in retiree population is consistent with expectations.

**Graph 1: Active Members** 

The graph below provides a history of the number of active members over the past five years.



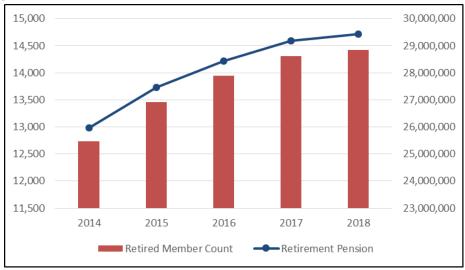
**Commentary:** Since the December 31, 2013 valuation, members who are not in receipt of benefits and who have not received a refund of employee contributions are split into active members and lapsed members. Lapsed members include members who did not accrue a year of service in the past year. The return to service assumption, which was implemented on a preliminary basis for the December 31, 2013 valuation and was finalized for the December 31, 2015 valuation, assumes that a lapsed member returns to active service at a rate based on the number of years that the member has been lapsed.



Valuation Input: Membership Data (continued)

#### **Graph 2: Retired Members**

The graph below provides a history of the number of retired members and benefit amounts payable over the past five years.



**Commentary:** The number of retired members and survivors of deceased members and the benefits paid to these members has been increasing steadily, as expected based on plan assumptions.

A detailed summary of the membership data used in this valuation is provided in Section 3 and Appendix B of this report.

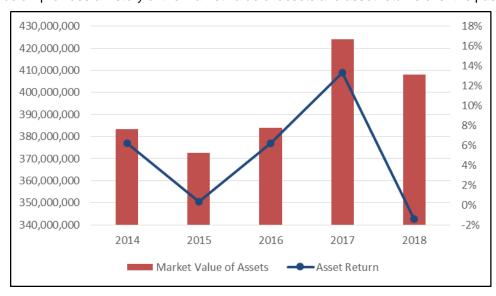


Valuation Input: Asset Data

FRSWPF assets are held in trust and are invested for the exclusive benefit of plan members. The Market Value of Assets is \$408 million as of December 31, 2018 and was \$424 million as of December 31, 2017. The investment return for the market value of assets for calendar year 2018 was -1.40%.

#### **Graph 3: Market Value of Assets and Asset Returns**

The graph below provides a history of the market value of assets and asset returns over the past five years.



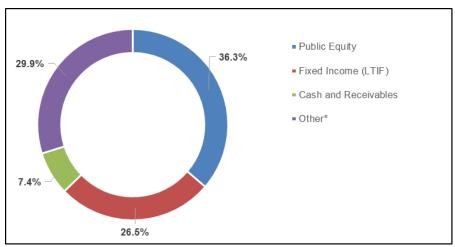
**Commentary:** Market value returns were much less than the 7.0% assumed rate of return, In addition the return on the actuarial value of assets which is used to determine the contribution rates was less than the 7.00% assumed rate of return in 2018.



Valuation Input: Asset Data (continued)

#### **Graph 4: Allocation of Investments by Category**

The graph below provides the breakdown of the market value of assets at December 31, 2018 by asset category.



<sup>\*</sup> Real Estate, Alternatives, Inflation and Credit

**Commentary:** Based on historical market returns, the current asset allocation, the current investment policy, and the expectation of future asset returns, as reviewed in the last experience study, the 7.00% discount rate used in this valuation is reasonable and appropriate.

A detailed summary of the market value of assets is provided in Section 4 of this report.



Valuation Input: Benefit Provisions

Benefit provisions are described in North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 58. There were no changes in benefit provisions since the prior year's valuation.

Highlights of the benefit provisions are described below.

- An unreduced retirement pension is payable to members who retire from service after attaining age
   55 and 20 years of service as an eligible firefighter or eligible rescue squad worker.
- The unreduced retirement pension is equal to \$170 per month.

Commentary: Many Public Sector Retirement Systems in the United States have undergone pension reform where the benefits of members (active or future members) have been reduced. Because of the well-funded status of the Retirement System due to the legislature contributing at least the actuarially required contribution, benefit cuts have not been needed in North Carolina as they have been in most other states. Instead, we have seen a modest expansion of benefits in recent years based on sound plan design. However, if North Carolina's investment policy shifts substantively, the system should review likely impacts of the shift and consider corresponding changes to actuarial assumptions, funding policy and/or benefit levels.

A detailed summary of the benefit provisions is provided in Appendix C of this report.

Valuation Input: Actuarial Assumptions

Actuarial assumptions bridge the gap between the information that we know with certainty as of the valuation date (age, gender, service, and benefits of the members) and what may happen in the future. The actuarial assumptions of the Retirement System are reviewed at least every five years. Based on this review, the actuary will make recommendations on the demographic and economic assumptions.

Demographic assumptions describe future events that relate to people such as retirement rates, termination rates, disability rates, and mortality rates. Economic assumptions describe future events that relate to the Retirement System's assets such as the interest rate and the real return.

Valuations since December 31, 2015 reflect the return to service assumption (based on the findings of the data audit of the FRSWPF and presented in a letter dated June 10, 2016), which was adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2016. The return to service assumption assumes that a lapsed member returns to active service at a rate based on the number of years that the member has been lapsed. A preliminary assumption was reflected in the December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014 actuarial valuations and for actuarially determined employer contributions for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 through fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

With the exception of the discount rate and the return to service assumption, the assumptions used for the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation are based on the experience study prepared as of December 31, 2014 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 21, 2016. The discount rate was updated to be 7.00% as adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 26, 2018.



Valuation Input: Funding Methodology

The Funding Methodology is the payment plan for FRSWPF and is composed of the following three components:

- Actuarial Cost Methods allocate costs to the actuarial accrued liability (i.e. the amount of money that should be in the fund) for past service and normal cost (i.e. the cost of benefits accruing during the year) for current service.
  - The Board of Trustees has adopted Entry Age Normal as its actuarial cost method
  - Develops normal costs that stays level
- Asset Valuation Methods smooth or average the market value returns over time to alleviate contribution volatility that results from market returns. The Board of Trustees has adopted the following:
  - Asset returns in excess of or less than the expected return on market value of assets reflected over a five-year period.
  - Assets corridor: not greater than 120% of market value and not less than 80% of market value
- Amortization Methods determine the payment schedule for unfunded actuarial accrued liability (i.e. the difference between the actuarial accrued liability and actuarial value of assets) The Board of Trustees has adopted the following:
  - Payment level: the payment is determined as a level dollar amount, similar to a mortgage payment
  - Payment period: a 12-year closed amortization period was adopted for fiscal year ending 2012. A new amortization base is created each year based on the prior year experience.

When compared to other Public Sector Retirement Systems in the United States, the funding policy for FRSWPF is quite aggressive in that the policy pays down the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a much shorter period of time (12 years) compared to most other Public Sector Retirement Systems. As such it is a best practice in the industry.

A detailed summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods is provided in Appendix D of this report.

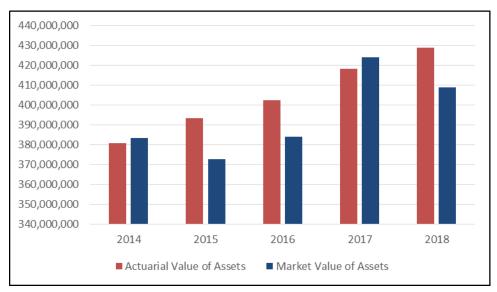


Valuation Results: Actuarial Value of Assets

In order to reduce the volatility that investment gains and losses can have on required contributions and funded status of FRSWPF, the Board adopted an asset valuation method to determine the Actuarial Value of Assets used for funding purposes. The Actuarial Value of Assets is \$429 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$418 million as of December 31, 2017.

#### **Graph 5: Actuarial Value and Market Value of Assets**

The graph below provides a history of the market value and actuarial value of assets over the past five years.



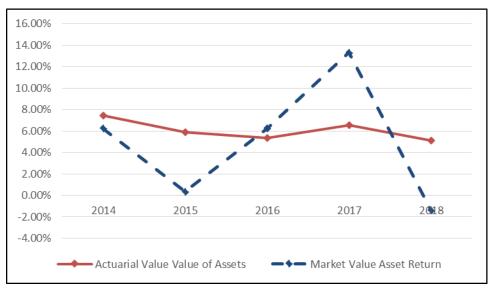
**Commentary:** The market value of assets is lower than the actuarial value of assets, which is used to determine employer contributions. This indicates that overall there are unrecognized asset losses to be recognized in future valuations. If the investments earn the expected 7.00% over the next four years, a loss will be recognized in all four years.



Valuation Results: Actuarial Value of Assets (continued)

#### **Graph 6: Asset Returns**

The graph below provides a history of the market value and actuarial value of asset returns over the past five years.



**Commentary**: The investment return for the market value of assets for calendar year 2018 was -1.40%. The actuarial value of assets smooths investment gains and losses. Lower than expected market returns in all years except 2017, resulted in an actuarial value of asset return for calendar year 2018 of 5.08% and a recognized actuarial asset loss of \$7.9 million during 2018.

A detailed summary of the Actuarial Value of Assets is provided in Section 4 of this report.



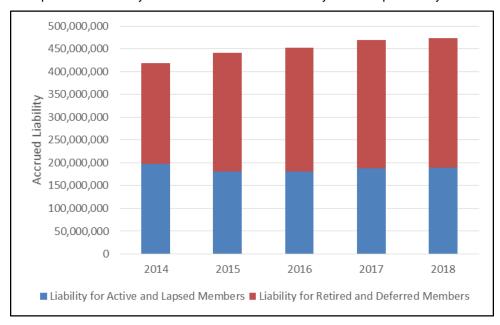
Valuation Results: Actuarial Accrued Liability

Using the provided membership data, benefit provisions, and actuarial assumptions, the Retirement System's future benefit payments are estimated. These projected future benefit payments are discounted into today's dollars using the assumed rate of investment return assumption to determine the Present Value of Future Benefits (PVFB) of the Retirement System. The PVFB is an estimate of the current value of the benefits promised to all members as of a valuation date.

Once the PVFB is developed, an actuarial cost method is used to allocate the PVFB. Under the actuarial cost method, the PVFB is allocated to past, current and future service, respectively known as the actuarial accrued liability (AAL), normal cost (NC) and present value of future normal costs (PVFNC). The AAL is also referred to as the amount of money the Retirement System should ideally have in the trust. The NC is also referred to as the cost of benefits accruing during the year.

**Graph 7: Actuarial Accrued Liability** 

The graph below provides a history of the actuarial accrued liability over the past five years.



**Commentary** The AAL increased from \$470 million to \$474 million in 2018. FRSWPF is an open plan, which means that new members enter the plan each year. In an open plan, liabilities are expected to grow from one year to next as more benefits accrue and the membership approaches retirement.

A detailed summary of the AAL is provided in Section 5 of this report.



Valuation Results: Funded Ratio

The funded ratio is a measure of the progress that has been made in funding the plan as of the valuation date. It is the ratio of how much money the Retirement System actually has in the fund to the amount the FRSWPF should have in the fund.

Graph 8: Actuarial Accrued Liability and Actuarial Value of Assets

The graph below provides a history of the present value of future benefits and actuarial accrued liability compared to the actuarial value of assets over the past five years.



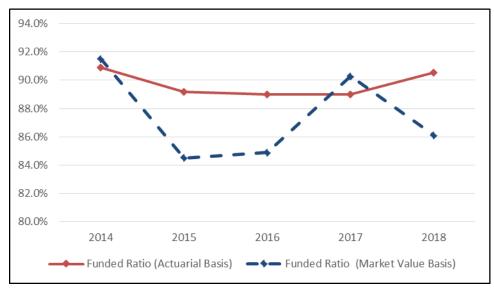
**Commentary:** The actuarial value of assets basis is used for computing contributions to alleviate contribution volatility. The difference in the actuarial accrued liability and the actuarial value of assets is the amount of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to be paid off over a 12-year period.



Valuation Results: Funded Ratio (continued)

#### **Graph 9: Funded Ratios**

The graph below provides a history of the funded ratio on a market and actuarial basis over the past five years.



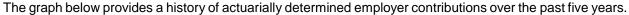
**Commentary:** The ratio of assets to liabilities shows the health of the plan on an accrued basis. The funded ratio on an actuarial basis increased from 89.0% at December 31, 2017 to 90.5% at December 31, 2018.

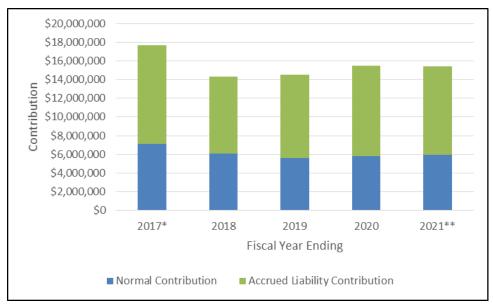


Valuation Results: State Contributions

The December 31, 2017 valuation suggested that the preliminary total contribution be set at \$14,323,684 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Subsequently, the 2019 Appropriations Act (Session Laws 2019-209) set the legislative appropriation at \$18,652,208 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in order to account for the State Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy (SCRSP). As a result of this December 31, 2018 valuation, the preliminary actuarially determined contribution is \$14,845,609 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, subject to the SCRSP (which would suggest a contribution of at least \$19,002,208) and the impact of any future legislative changes effective during that fiscal year.

#### **Graph 10: Employer Actuarially Determined Employer Contributions**





<sup>\*</sup> The actuarially determined employer contribution shown for fiscal year ending 6/30/2017 includes the impact of the experience study and legislative changes but does not include the impact of the return to service assumption, which would have reduced the contribution by approximately \$3.3 million for fiscal year ending 6/30/2017. The contribution shown for fiscal years ending 6/30/2020 and 6/30/2021, are the amounts before applying direct rate smoothing.

**Commentary:** The actuarially determined employer contribution is the amount needed to pay for the cost of the benefits accruing and to pay off the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a 12 year period, offset for the \$10 monthly contribution the members make until they attain 20 years of service. The 12-year period is a relatively short period for Public Sector Retirement Systems in the United States, with most Systems using a period of 25 years or more to pay off the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The shorter period results in higher contributions and more benefit security. A detailed summary of the actuarially determined employer contributions rates is provided in Section 6 of this report.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Subject to the impact of future legislative changes effective during that fiscal year.



Valuation Results: Accounting Information

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issues statements which establish financial reporting standards for defined benefit pension plans and accounting for pension expenditures and expenses for governmental employers.

The valuation has been prepared in accordance with the parameters of Statement No. 67 of the GASB and all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice. The Net Pension Liability (Asset) under GASB 67 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, is \$36,283,000 (compared to \$48,840,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018). The required financial reporting information for the Retirement System under GASB No. 67 can be found in Section 8 of this report.



## **Section 3: Membership Data**

The Retirement Systems Division provided membership data as of the valuation date for each member of the Retirement System. The membership data assists the actuary in estimating benefits that could be paid in the future. The tables below provide a summary of the membership data used in this valuation. Detailed tabulations of data are provided in Appendix B.

**Table 2: Active Member Data** 

	Member	Average	Average
	Count	Age	Service
Lapsed Members	14,091	40.17	6.06
Active Members	<u>25,154</u>	<u>39.03</u>	<u>10.77</u>
Total	39,245	39.44	9.08

The table above includes members who are not in receipt of benefits and who have not received a refund of employee contributions. Lapsed members include members who did not accrue a year of service in the past year.

**Table 3: Data for Members Currently Receiving Benefits** 

Member Count	Average Age	Annual Retireme Pension	
14,422	68.26	\$	29,420,880

**Table 4: Data for Disabled Members Eligible for Deferred Pensions** 

Member Count	Average Age	Annual Retireme Pension	
129	50.35	\$	263,160

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#### **Section 4: Asset Data**

Assets are held in trust and are invested for the exclusive benefit of FRSWPF members. The tables below provide the details of the Market Value of Assets for the current and prior years' valuations.

**Table 5: Market Value of Assets** 

Asset Data as of	12/31/2018		12/31/2017	
Beginning of Year Market Value of Assets Employer Contributions Employee Contributions Benefit Payments Other than Refunds Refunds Administrative Expenses Investment Income Net Increase/(Decrease)	\$	424,211,921 18,127,208 2,712,416 (28,808,127) (1,323,680) (941,984) (5,867,811) (16,101,978)	\$	383,865,563 18,147,428 2,671,827 (28,192,760) (2,772,003) (861,982) 51,353,848 40,346,358
End of Year Value of Assets	\$	408,109,943	\$	424,211,921
Estimated Net Investment Return on Market Value (Annualized)		-1.40%		13.33%

Table 6: Allocation of Investments by Category of the Market Value of Assets

Category		12/31/2018	12/31/2017	
Allocation by Dollar Amount				
Public Equity Fixed Income (LTIF) Cash and Receivables Other*	\$ \$ \$	148,145,690 107,732,917 30,175,352 122,055,985	\$ \$ \$ \$	168,553,232 111,465,946 14,197,654 129,995,089
Total Market Value of Assets	\$	408,109,943	\$	424,211,921
Public Equity Fixed Income (LTIF) Cash and Receivables Other*		36.3% 26.5% 7.4% <u>29.9%</u>		39.7% 26.4% 3.3% <u>30.6%</u>
Total Market Value of Assets		100.0%		100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Real Estate, Alternatives, Inflation and Credit



#### **Section 4: Asset Data**

In order to reduce the volatility that investment gains and losses can have on the required contributions and funded status of FRSWPF, the Board adopted an asset valuation method to determine the Actuarial Value of Assets used for funding purposes. The table below provides the calculation of the Actuarial Value of Assets at the valuation date.

**Table 7: Actuarial Value of Assets** 

Asset Data as of	12/31/2018
Beginning of Year Actuarial Value of Assets Beginning of Year Market Value of Assets	\$ 418,265,538 424,211,921
Contributions Benefit Payments, Refunds and Administrative Expenses Net Cash Flow	20,839,624 (31,073,791) (10,234,167)
Expected Investment Return	29,342,697
Expected End of Year Market Value of Assets	443,320,451
End of Year Market Value of Assets	408,109,943
Excess of Market Value over Expected Market Value of Assets	(35,210,508)
80% of 2018 Asset Gain/(Loss) 60% of 2017 Asset Gain/(Loss) 40% of 2016 Asset Gain/(Loss) 20% of 2015 Asset Gain/(Loss)	(28,168,407) 13,927,462 (1,477,212) (5,203,875)
Total Deferred Asset Gain/(Loss)  Preliminary End of Year Actuarial Value of Assets	(20,922,032) 429,031,975
Final End of Year Actuarial Value of Assets (not less than 80% and not greater than 120% of Market Value) Estimated Net Investment Return on Actuarial Value	429,031,975 5.08%

**Commentary:** The actuarial value of assets smooths investment gains/losses on the market value of assets over a five-year period resulting in less volatility in the actuarially determined employer contribution. The asset valuation recognizes asset returns in excess of or less than the expected return on the market value of assets over a five-year period. Actuarial value of assets was reset to the market value of assets at December 31, 2014.



#### **Section 4: Asset Data**

The valuation assumes that the funds will earn a 7.00% asset return. The table below provides a history of the Actuarial Value and Market Value of Asset returns.

**Table 8: Historical Asset Returns** 

Calendar Year	Actuarial Value of Asset Return	Market Value of Asset Return
2009	3.09%	(14.15)%
2010	4.47%	12.09%
2011	6.88%	18.47%
2012	5.96%	2.25%
2013	7.43%	12.42%
2014	7.42%	6.24%
2015	5.87%	0.35%
2016	5.33%	6.24%
2017	6.54%	13.33%
2018	5.08%	-1.40%
Average	5.80%	5.19%
Range	4.34%	32.62%

<sup>\*</sup> Asset returns for years prior to 2013 are the returns for the year ending on June 30 of the applicable year. The 2013 asset return is the annualized return for the 18-month period from June 30, 2012 to December 31, 2013. Asset returns for years after 2013 are for the calendar year.

**Commentary:** The average investment return recognized for purposes of determining the annual change in contribution each year is the actuarial value of assets return. Currently, the average actuarial return of 5.80% exceeds the average market return of 5.19% because the market value losses of 2009 and 2018. The range of returns is quite large – 4.34% versus 32.62%. This results in much lower actuarially determined employer contribution volatility using the actuarial value of assets versus market, while ensuring that the actuarial needs of FRSWPF are met.



# **Section 5: Liability Results**

Using the provided membership data, benefit provisions, and actuarial assumptions, the Retirement System's future benefit payments are estimated. These projected future benefit payments are discounted into today's dollars using the assumed rate of investment return assumption to determine the Present Value of Future Benefits. The Present Value of Future Benefits is allocated to past, current and future service, respectively known as the actuarial accrued liability, normal cost and present value of future normal costs. The table below provides these liability numbers for the current and prior years' valuations.

**Table 9: Liability Summary** 

Valuation Results as of	12/31/2018	12/31/2017
(a) Present Value of Future Benefits (1) Active Members (2) Members Currently Receiving Benefits	\$ 239,308,416	\$ 237,424,566
and Members with Deferred Benefits	284,919,963	282,113,410
(3) Total	\$ 524,228,379	\$ 519,537,976
(b) Present Value of Future Normal Costs (1) Employee Future Normal Costs (2) Employer Future Normal Costs	\$ 17,789,160 32,478,654	\$ 17,727,240 31,891,470
(3) Total	\$ 50,267,814	\$ 49,618,710
(c) Actuarial Accrued Liability: (a3) - (b3)	\$ 473,960,565	\$ 469,919,266
(d) Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 429,031,975	\$ 418,265,538
(e) Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability: (c) - (d)	\$ 44,928,590	\$ 51,653,728



# **Section 5: Liability Results**

The table below provides an allocation of the total present value of future benefits by funding source.

**Table 10: Funding Allocation** 

	12/31/2018	12/31/2017
Allocation by Dollar Amount		
Assets (Actuarial Value)	\$ 429,031,975	\$ 418,265,538
Future Employee Contributions	17,789,160	17,727,240
Future Normal Contributions	32,478,654	31,891,470
Present Value of Funded Benefits	\$ 479,299,789	\$ 467,884,248
Present Value of Unfunded Benefits	44,928,590	51,653,728
Total Present Value of Benefits	\$ 524,228,379	\$ 519,537,976
Allocation by Percentage of PVB		
Assets (Actuarial Value)	81.8%	80.5%
Future Employee Contributions	3.4%	3.4%
Future Normal Contributions	6.2%	6.1%
Present Value of Funded Benefits	91.4%	90.0%
Present Value of Unfunded Benefits	8.6%	10.0%
Total Present Value of Benefits	100.0%	100.0%



# **Section 5: Liability Results**

The table below provides a reconciliation of the prior year's unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the current year's unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

**Table 11: Reconciliation of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability** 

(in millions)	
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/2017	\$ 51.7
Normal Cost and Administrative Expense during 2018	8.3
Reduction due to Actual Contributions during 2018	(20.8)
Interest on UAAL, Normal Cost, and Contributions	3.2
Asset (Gain) / Loss	7.8
Actuarial Accrued Liability (Gain) / Loss	(5.3)
Impact of Assumption Changes	0.0
Impact of Legislative Changes	0.0
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/2018	\$ 44.9

**Commentary:** The loss recognized in the actuarial value of assets increased the UAAL by \$7.9 million. These increases were more than offset by a liability gain of \$5.3 million and SCRSP contributions exceeding the actuarially determined contribution.

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The actuarially determined employer contribution consists of a normal cost contribution and an accrued liability contribution. The normal cost contribution is the employer's portion of the cost of benefits accruing during the year after reducing for the member contribution. The accrued liability contribution is the payment toward the unfunded accrued liability in order to pay off the unfunded accrued liability over a 12-year period.

The table below provides the calculation of the actuarially determined employer contribution for the current and prior years' valuations.

Table 12: Calculation of the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC)

Payable per Active Member

Valuation Date	12/31/2018		12/31/2017
ADEC for Fiscal Year Ending	6/30/2021		6/30/2020
Normal Cost Rate			
(a) Total Normal Rate	\$ 338.69	\$	336.32
(b) Employee Normal Cost	\$ 120.00	\$	120.00
(c) Employer Normal Cost: (a) - (b)	\$ 218.69	\$	216.32
(d) Expenses Rate*	\$ 41.30	\$	37.95
(e) Total Normal Cost Rate: (c) + (d)	\$ 259.99	\$	254.27
Accrued Liability Rate Calculation			
(f) Total Annual Amortization Payments **	\$ 9,488,384	\$	9,694,236
(g) Active Member Count***	22,810		22,715
(h) Accrued Liability Rate: (f) / (g)	\$ 415.97	\$	426.78
Total ADEC (e)+(h)	\$ 675.96	\$	681.04

<sup>\*</sup> Based on actual expenses during the previous year.

<sup>\*\*</sup> See Table 16 for more detail.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The active member count reflects the number of currently active or lapsed members who are expected to accrue additional benefits in the next year



The table below provides a reconciliation of the actuarially determined employer contributions.

**Table 13: Actuarially Determined Employer Contributions (ADEC)** 

Valuation Date ADEC for Fiscal Year Ending	12/31/2018 6/30/2021	12/31/2017 6/30/2020
ADEC for Fiscal Tear Ending	0/30/2021	0/30/2020
(a) Current Active Member Count*	22,810	22,715
(b) Normal Cost Rate	259.99	254.27
(c) Normal Cost Contribution (a) x (b)	\$ 5,930,372	\$ 5,775,743
(d) Accrued Liability Contribution	\$ 9,488,384	\$ 9,694,236
(e) Preliminary ADEC: (c) + (d)	15,418,756	15,469,979
(f) ADEC: Direct Rate Smoothing	\$ 14,845,609	\$ 14,323,684
Impact of Legislative Changes	N/A	0
Final ADEC	N/A	\$ 14,323,684
SCRSP Minimum Contribution	\$19,002,208	\$18,652,208

<sup>\*</sup> The active member count reflects the number of currently active or lapsed members who are expected to accrue additional benefits in the next year.



Table 14: Reconciliation of the Change in the ADEC

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 Preliminary ADEC (estimated based on December 31, 2017 Valuation) Impact of Legislative Changes	14,323,684 0
Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 Final ADEC	14,323,684
Change Due to Demographic (Gain)/Loss Change Due to Investment (Gain)/Loss Change Due to Contributions Greater than ADEC Impact of Assumption Changes Impact of Direct Rate Smoothing	(570,846) 1,067,718 (548,094) 0 573,147
Fiscal year ending June 20, 2021 Preliminary ADEC (estimated based on December 31, 2018 Valuation)	\$ 14,845,609



Amortization methods determine the payment schedule for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. FRSWPF adopted a 12-year closed amortization period for fiscal year ending 2012. A new amortization base is created each year based on the prior years' experience. The tables below provide the calculation of the new amortization base and the amortization schedule for the current year's valuation.

Table 15: Calculation of the New Amortization Base

Calculation as of		12/31/2018		12/31/2017
(a) Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (b) Prior Years' Outstanding Bases (c) New Amortization Base: (a) - (b) (d) New Amortization Payment	\$ \$ \$ \$	44,928,590 46,456,662 (1,528,072) (205,852)	\$ \$ \$	51,653,728 45,772,644 5,881,084 792,261

**Table 16: Amortization Schedule for Unfunded Accrued Liability** 

Date Established	Ori	Original Balance		Original Balance		12/31/2018 nce Outstanding Balance		nual Payment
June 30, 2010	\$	51,963,371	\$	26,466,006	\$	6,823,231		
June 30, 2011	Ψ	8,122,313	Ψ	4,892,371	Ψ	1,065,460		
June 30, 2012	3,813,072			2,627,483		499,699		
December 31, 2013		(11,374,070) (9,957,612)			(1,540,738)			
December 31, 2014		(4,939,476)		(4,684,080)		(668,504)		
December 31, 2015		14,577,214		14,811,259		1,970,851		
December 31, 2016		5,571,626		6,008,476		751,976		
December 31, 2017		5,881,084		5,881,084		6,292,759		792,261
December 31, 2018	l	(1,528,072)	(1,528,072)			(205,852)		
Total			\$	44,928,590	\$	9,488,384		

**Commentary:** This is the payment schedule for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of FRSWPF.



The tables below provide a history of the actuarially determined employer contribution and the corresponding appropriated rate.

Table 17: History of Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution and Appropriated Rates

Valuation Date	Fiscal Year Ending	Preliminary ADEC	Subsequent Changes to ADEC *	Final ADEC	Appropriated Rate
12/31/2018	6/30/2021	\$ 14,845,609	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/31/2017	6/30/2020	14,323,684	-	14,323,684	18,652,208
12/31/2016	6/30/2019	14,544,083	-	14,544,083	18,302,208
12/31/2015	6/30/2018	14,287,301	-	14,287,301	17,952,208
12/31/2014	6/30/2017	12,830,706	4,874,502	17,705,208	17,602,208

<sup>\*</sup>The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending 6/30/2017 includes a \$4,771,502 increase in the ADEC due to the experience study and a \$103,000 increase in the ADEC due to legislation passed prior to that fiscal year that allows for the payment line of duty death benefits.



# **Section 7: Valuation Balance Sheet**

The valuation balance sheet shows the assets and liabilities of FRSWPF. The items shown in the balance sheet are present values actuarially determined as of the relevant valuation date. The table below provides the valuation balance sheet for the current year and prior year.

**Table 18: Valuation Balance Sheet** 

Balance Sheet as of		12/31/2018	12/31/2017		
Assets					
Current Actuarial Value of Assets					
Annuity Savings Fund	\$	38,836,178	\$	38,979,689	
Pension Accumulation Fund	\$	390,195,797		379,285,849	
Total	\$	429,031,975	\$	418,265,538	
Future Member Contributions to the					
Annuity Savings Fund	\$	17,789,160	\$	17,727,240	
Prospective Appropriations to the Pension Accumulation Fund					
Normal Appropriations	\$	32,478,654	\$	31,891,470	
Unfunded Accrued Liability Appropriations		44,928,590		<u>51,653,728</u>	
Total	\$	77,407,244	\$	83,545,198	
Total Assets	\$	524,228,379	\$	519,537,976	
Liabilities					
Annuity Savings Fund					
Past Member Contributions	\$	38,836,178	\$	38,979,689	
Future Member Contributions		17,789,160		17,727,240	
Total Contributions	\$	56,625,338	\$	56,706,929	
Pension Accumulaton Fund  Benefits to Retired Members, Survivors and Deferred					
Members	\$	284,919,963	\$	282,113,410	
Benefits to be Paid to Current Active and Lapsed		100 600 070		100 747 007	
Members		182,683,078		180,717,637	
Total Benefits Payable	\$	467,603,041	\$	462,831,047	
Total Liabilities	\$	524,228,379	\$	519,537,976	



## **Section 8: Accounting Results**

This section contains the accounting information for Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 based on a valuation date of December 31, 2018.

Please note that GASB Statement No. 67 (*Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*) is applicable for fiscal years ending 2014 and later.

The June 30, 2019 total pension liability presented in this section was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, based on the assumptions, methods and plan provisions described in this report. The actuarial cost method used to develop the total pension liability is the Entry Age Normal Cost method, as required by GASB Statement No. 67.

GASB Statement No. 67 set forth certain items of information to be disclosed in the financial statements of the Plan. The tables below provide a distribution of the number of employees by type of membership.

Table 19: Number of Active and Retired Members as of December 31, 2018

Group	Number
Retired members and survivors of deceased members currently receiving benefits	14,422
Terminated members and survivors of deceased members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits	129
Active Members*	<u>39,245</u>
Total	53,796

<sup>\*</sup> Includes all members who have not received a refund of contributions. This group includes 25,154 active members and 14,091 lapsed members whose service did not decrease during 2018.



# **Section 8: Accounting Results**

GASB Statement No. 67 set forth certain items of information to be disclosed in the financial statements of the Plan. The tables below provide the schedule of changes in Net Pension Liability (Asset).

Table 20: Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability (Asset)

Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability as of June 30, 2019				
Total Pension Liability				
Service Cost	\$ 7,640,000			
Interest	32,140,000			
Changes of Benefit Terms	0			
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	(4,922,000)			
Change of Assumptions	0			
Benefit Payments, including Refund of Member Contributions	(29,502,000)			
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	5,356,000			
Total Pension Liability – Beginning of Year	\$ 473,648,000			
Total Pension Liability – End of Year	\$ 479,004,000			
Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
Employer Contributions	\$ 18,302,000			
Member Contributions	2,770,000			
Net Investment Income	27,363,000			
Benefit Payments, including Refund of Member Contributions	(29,502,000)			
Administrative Expenses	(1,002,000)			
Other	(18,000)			
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	17,913,000			
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Beginning of Year	\$ 424,808,000			
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – End of Year	\$ 442,721,000			

**Table 21: Net Pension Liability (Asset)** 

Net Pension Liability (Asset)				
June 30, 2019 June 30, 2018				
Total Pension Liability	\$ 479,004,000	\$ 473,648,000		
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	442,721,000	424,808,000		
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 36,283,000	\$ 48,840,000		
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)	92.43%	89.69%		



## **Section 8: Accounting Results**

The table below is the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

Table 22: Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) at June 30, 2019 to Changes in the Discount Rate

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate					
1% Decrease Current 1% Increase					
Discount Rate	6.00%	7.00%	8.00%		
Net Pension Liability (Asset) \$ 96,237,000 \$ 36,283,000 \$ (12,903,000)					

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that System contributions will continue to follow the current funding policy, including "direct-rate smoothing" as adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 26, 2018. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Please see Appendix E for additional detail. Additional SCRSP contributions are not included in Appendix E.

The table below provides the methods and assumptions used to calculate the actuarially determined contribution rate.

Table 23: Additional Information for GASB Statement No. 67

Valuation Date	12/31/2018
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level dollar closed
Amortization Period	12 year closed period
Asset Valuation Method	Asset return in excess of or less than the expected return on market value of assets reflected over a five-year period (not greater than 120% of market value and not less than 80% of market value)
Actuarial Assumptions	
Investment Rate of Return* Projected Salary Increases**	7.00% N/A
*Includes Inflation of	3.00%
Cost-of-living Adjustments	N/A



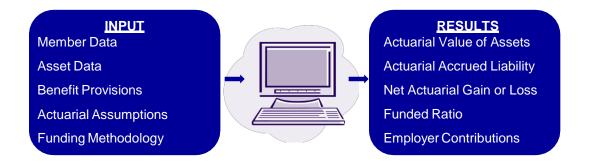
#### **Purpose of an Actuarial Valuation**

The majority of Public Sector Retirement Systems in the State of North Carolina are defined benefit (DB) retirement systems. Under a DB retirement system, the amount of benefits payable to a member upon retirement, termination, death or disability is defined in various contracts and legal instruments and is based, in part, on the member's years of credited service. The amount of contribution needed to fund these benefits cannot be known with certainty. A primary responsibility of the Board of Trustees of a Retirement System is to establish and monitor a funding policy for the contributions made to the Retirement System.

While somewhat uncommon, in some jurisdictions, contributions are made by the plan sponsor as benefits come due. This is known as pay-as-you-go financing. More commonly, contributions for benefits are made in advance during the course of active employment of the members. This is known as actuarial pre-funding. For example, the State of North Carolina mandates for the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (the "State Plan") that "on account of each member there shall be paid into the pension accumulation fund by employers an amount equal to a certain percentage of the actual compensation of each member to be known as the 'normal contribution' and an additional amount equal to a percentage of the member's actual compensation to be known as the 'accrued liability contribution'. The rate per centum of such contributions shall be fixed on the basis of the liabilities of the Retirement System as shown by actuarial valuation, duly approved by the Board of Trustees, and shall be called the 'actuarially determined employer contribution rate'...The actuarially determined employer contribution rate shall be calculated annually by the actuary using assumptions and a cost method approved by the Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries and selected by the Board of Trustees."

#### **The Actuarial Valuation Process**

The following diagram summarizes the inputs and results of the actuarial valuation process. A narrative of the process follows the diagram. The reader may find it worthwhile to refer to the diagram from time to time.



Under the actuarial valuation process, current information about Retirement System members is collected annually by staff at the direction of the actuary, namely member data, asset data and information on benefit provisions. Member data is collected for each member of the Retirement System. The member data will assist the actuary in estimating benefits that could be paid in the future. The member information the actuary collects to estimate the amount of benefit includes elements such as current service, salary and benefit group identifier for members that have not separated service; for those that have, the actual benefit amounts are collected. The actuary collects information such as gender and date of birth to determine when a benefit might be paid and for how long.



The actuary collects summary information about assets as of the valuation date and information on cash flows for the year ending on the valuation date. Information about benefit provisions as of the valuation date is also collected. To bridge the gap between the information collected and potential benefits to be paid in the future, the actuary must make assumptions about future activities. These assumptions are recommended by the actuary to the Boards based on the results of an experience review. An experience review is a review of the Retirement System over a period of time, typically five years, where the actuary analyzes the demographic and economic assumptions of the Retirement System. Based on this review, the actuary will make recommendations on the demographic assumptions, such as when members will be projected to retire, terminate, become disabled and/or die in the future, as well as the economic assumptions, such as what rate of return is projected to be earned by the fund based on the Retirement System investment policy and what level of future salary increases is expected for members. To maintain the assumptions, the Board should adopt a prudent policy of having an experience review being performed every five years. The next experience review for the North Carolina Retirement Systems will be based on the five-year period ending on December 31, 2019 and will be presented during 2020. Using these assumptions, the actuary is able to use the member data, asset data and benefit provision information collected to project the benefits that will be paid from the Retirement System to current members. These projected future benefit payments are based not only on service and pay through the valuation date but includes future pay and service, which has not yet been earned by the members but is expected to be earned.

These projected future benefit payments are discounted into today's dollars using the assumed rate of investment return assumption to determine the Present Value of Future Benefits (PVFB) of the Retirement System. The PVFB is an estimate of the value of the benefits promised to all members as of a valuation date. If the Retirement System held assets equal to the PVFB and all the assumptions were realized, there would be sufficient funds to pay off all the benefits to be paid in the future for members in the Retirement System as of the valuation date.

The PVFB is a large sum of money, typically much larger than the amount of Retirement System assets held in the trust. The next step is for the actuary to apply the Funding Policy as adopted by the Board to determine the employer contributions to be made to the Retirement System so that the gap between the PVFB and assets is systematically paid off over time. The Funding Policy is adopted by the Board based on discussions with the actuary. When the Board develops a funding policy, a balance between contributions which are responsive to the needs of the Retirement System yet stable should be struck. There are many different funding policies for the Board to consider, and the actuary is responsible for discussing the various features of the funding policies under consideration. Funding Policies are generally reviewed during an experience review, but it is not uncommon to review a funding policy in between, particularly during period where large increases or decreases in contributions are expected. The Funding Policy is composed of three components: the actuarial cost method, the asset valuation method, and the amortization method.

Once the PVFB is developed, an actuarial cost method is used to allocate the PVFB. Under the actuarial cost method, the PVFB is allocated to past, current and future service, respectively known as the actuarial accrued liability (AAL), normal cost (NC) and present value of future normal costs (PVFNC). The actuary computes the liability components (PVFB, NC, AAL, and PVFNC) for each participant in the Retirement System at the valuation date. These liability components are then totaled for the Retirement System. There are many actuarial cost methods. Different actuarial methods will produce different contribution patterns, but do not change the ultimate cost of the benefits. The entry age normal cost method is the most prevalent method used for public sector plans in the United States, because the expected normal cost is calculated in such a way that it will tend to stay level as a percent of pay over a member's career.



The actuarial accrued liability (AAL) is also referred to as the amount of money the Retirement System should ideally have in the trust. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) is the portion of actuarial accrued liability that is not covered by the assets of the Retirement System. The UAAL can be a negative number, which means that the Retirement System has more assets than actuarial accrued liability. We refer to this condition as overfunded liability in this summary. Having UAAL does not indicate that the Retirement System is in failing actuarial health. Most retirement systems have UAAL. Another related statistic of the Retirement System is the funded ratio. The funded ratio is the percent of the actuarial accrued liabilities covered by the actuarial value of assets. The assets used for these purposes are an actuarial value of assets (AVA), not market. The actuarial value of assets is based on the asset valuation method as recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Board. An actuarial value of assets is a smoothed, or averaged, value of assets, which is used to limit employer contribution volatility. Typically, assets are smoothed, or averaged, over a period of 3 to 5 years. By averaging returns, the UAAL is not as volatile, which we will see later results in contributions that are not as volatile as well. The North Carolina Retirement Systems use an actuarial value of assets with a smoothing period of 5 years.

While having UAAL is common, it is acceptable only if it is systematically being paid off. The method by which the UAAL is paid off is known as the amortization method. The concept is similar to that of a mortgage payment. The Board adopts the amortization method used to pay off the UAAL over a period of time. The amortization method is composed of the amortization period, the amount of payment increase, whether the period is open or closed and by the amount of amortization schedules. The amortization period is the amount of time over which the UAAL will be paid off. This is generally a period of thirty years or less, but actuaries are beginning to recommend shorter periods. The payments can be developed to stay constant from year to year like a mortgage, but often they are developed to increase each year at the same level payroll increases. Amortization type can be closed or open. Under a closed period, the UAAL is expected to be paid off over the amortization period. This is similar to a typical mortgage. Under an open period, the amortization period remains unchanged year after year. The concept is similar to re-mortgaging annually. In many instances, an amortization schedule is developed, whereby the UAAL is amortized over a closed period from the point the UAAL is incurred. Finally, some amortization methods are defined by a schedule of payments, where a new schedule of payments is added with each valuation. Regardless of the amortization type or period, the funding policy should generate a contribution that pays off the UAAL, which results in the funded ratio trending to 100% over time. Caution should be used when an open method is used, because typically an open amortization policy does not result in the UAAL being paid off. North Carolina pays off a much larger amount of UAAL compared to other states. While many states struggle to pay a 30-year level percent of pay UAAL contribution, which doesn't even reduce the amount of UAAL, North Carolina pays down the UAAL with level dollar payments over a 12-year period. This aggressive payment schedule of the UAAL results in North Carolina being home to many of the best funded Public Retirement Systems in the United States.

To satisfy the requirements of the State of North Carolina, the actuary calculates the total annual contribution to the Retirement System as the normal cost plus a contribution towards UAAL. Said another way, this contribution is sufficient to pay for the cost of benefits accruing during the year (normal cost) plus the mortgage payment (UAAL payment). The total contribution is reduced by the amount of member contributions, if any, to arrive at the employer contribution. Continuing to follow the aggressive North Carolina contribution policy will keep the North Carolina Retirement Systems among the best funded in the United States.



An actuarial valuation report is produced annually, which contains the contribution for the fiscal year as well as the funded ratio of the Retirement System. The primary purpose of performing an actuarial valuation annually is to replace the estimated activities from the previous valuation, which were based on assumptions, with the actual experience of the Retirement System for the prior year. The experience gain (loss) is the difference between the expected and the actual UAAL of the Retirement System. An experience loss can be thought of as the amount of additional UAAL over and above the amount that was expected from the prior year due to deviation of actual experience from the assumption. Similarly, an experience gain can be thought of as having less UAAL than that which was expected from the prior year assumptions. As an example, if the Retirement System achieves an asset return of 15% when the assumption was a 7.00% return, an actuarial gain is said to have happened, which typically results in lower contributions and higher funded ratio, all else being equal. Alternatively, a return of 2% under the same circumstances would result in an actuarial loss, requiring an increase in contributions and a funded ratio that is lower than anticipated. Experience gains and losses are common within the valuation process. Typically gains and losses offset each other over time. To the extent that does not occur, the reasons for the gains and losses should be understood, and appropriate recommendations should be made by the actuary after an experience review to adjust the assumptions.

The actuarial valuation report will contain histories of key statistics from prior actuarial valuation reports. In particular, a history of the funded ratio of the Retirement System is an important exhibit. Trustees should understand the reason for the trend of the funded ratio of the Retirement System over time. The actuary will discuss the reasons for changes in the funded ratio of the Retirement System with each valuation report. To the extent that there are unexplained changes in funded ratio corrective action should be explored and the actuary will make recommendations as to whether there should be changes in the assumptions, funding policy, or some other portion of the actuarial valuation process.

In addition to historical information, projections of contributions and funded ratio based on current assumptions can sometimes be found in an actuarial valuation report. Projections of contributions can allow the employer to plan their budget accordingly. Surprises in Retirement System contributions to be paid by the employer serve no one. A one-year projection based on "bad" asset returns can provide ample time for the employer to plan, or allow for a discussion of changing the funding policy to occur. Contribution surprises are a primary contributor to employers considering pension reform. It is important to keep the employer apprised of future contribution requirements. A projection of funded ratio can serve the Trustees by illustrating the trend of the funded ratio over time. The funded ratio, under a prudent funding policy, should trend to 100% over a period of less than 30 years. (It is worthwhile to note that while 30 years has served as an industry standard for the longest period over which 100% funding should be achieved, that period is coming under scrutiny by the actuarial community and will likely be shortened.) If a projection of funded ratio does not trend to 100% over time, consideration should be given to fixing the funding policy to achieve this goal.



The actuarial report will contain schedules of information about the census, plan and asset information submitted by Retirement System staff upon which the actuarial valuation is based. It is important that the Board of Trustees review that information and determine if the information is consistent with their understanding of the Retirement System. If after questioning staff, the Board of Trustees is not comfortable that the information provided is correct, the actuary should be notified to determine if the actuarial valuation report should be corrected.

Finally, the valuation report and/or presentation should contain sufficient information in an understandable fashion to allow the Board to take action and adopt the contribution rate for the upcoming year. It should also allow stakeholders to understand key observations over the past year that resulted in contributions increasing (or decreasing) and where contributions are headed. The actuary is always open to making the results understandable. CMC works with the North Carolina Retirement Systems Division to make your reports and presentations understandable and actionable. If something doesn't make sense – speak up!!



#### **Glossary**

Note that the first definitions given are the "official" definitions of the term. For some terms there is a second definition, in italics, which is the unofficial definition.

**Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL).** The portion of the Present Value of Projected Benefits (PVFB) allocated to past service. Also difference between (i) the actuarial present value of future benefits, and (ii) the present value of future normal cost. Sometimes referred to as "accrued liability" or "past service liability." The amount of money that should be in the fund. The funding target.

**Actuarial Assumptions.** Estimates of future plan experience with respect to rates of mortality, disability, retirement, investment income and salary increases. Demographic ("people") assumptions (rates of mortality, separation, and retirement) are generally based on past experience, often modified for projected changes in conditions. Economic ("money") assumptions (salary increases and investment income) consist of an underlying rate appropriate in an inflation- free environment plus a provision for a long-term average rate of inflation. Estimates of future events used to project what we know now- current member data, assets, and benefit provisions — into an estimate of future benefits.

**Actuarial Cost Method**. A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the dollar amount of the Present Value of Projected Benefits (PVFB) between the normal costs to be paid in the future and the actuarial accrued liability. Sometimes referred to as the "actuarial funding method."

**Actuarial Methods**. The collective term for the Actuarial Cost Method, the Amortization Payment for UAAL Method, and the Asset Valuation Method used to develop the contribution requirements for the Retirement System. *The funding policy*.

**Actuarial Equivalent.** Benefits whose actuarial present values are equal.

**Actuarial Present Value**. The amount of funds presently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting the future payments at a predetermined rate of interest, taking into account the probability of payment.

**Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA).** A smoothed value of assets which is used to limit contribution volatility. Also known as the funding value of assets. *Smoothed value of assets.* 

**Amortization Payment for UAAL**. Payment of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by means of periodic contributions of interest and principal, as opposed to a lump sum payment. The components of the amortization payment for UAAL include:

- Amortization Period Length Generally amortization periods up to 15 to 20 years (and certainly not longer than 30) are allowed. Similar to a mortgage, the shorter the amortization period, the higher the payment and the faster the UAAL is paid off.
- Amortization payment increases Future payments can be level dollar, like a mortgage, or as a level
  percent of pay. Most Retirement Systems amortize UAAL as a level percent of pay which when
  combined with the employer normal cost that is developed as a level percent of pay can result in
  contributions that are easier to budget.
- Amortization type An amortization schedule can be closed or open. A closed amortization schedule is similar to a mortgage – at the end of the amortization period the UAAL is designed to be paid off. An open amortization period is similar to refinancing the UAAL year after year.
- Amortization schedule UAAL can be amortized over a single amortization period, or it can be amortized over a schedule.

The amortization payment for UAAL can be thought of as the UAAL mortgage payment.



**Asset Valuation Method.** The components of how the actuarial value of assets is to be developed. FRSWPF uses a five-year smoothing of asset gains and losses, which is the most commonly used method

**Experience Gain (Loss).** A measure of the difference between actual experience and experience anticipated by a set of actuarial assumptions during the period between two actuarial valuation dates, in accordance with the actuarial cost method being used. *The experience Gain (Loss) represents how much the actuary missed the mark in a given year.* 

**Funded Ratio.** The percent of the actuarial accrued liabilities covered by the actuarial value of assets. Also known as the funded status. The ratio of how much money you actually have in the fund to the amount you should have in the fund.

**Normal Cost.** The annual cost assigned, under the actuarial funding method, to current and subsequent plan years. Sometimes referred to as "current service cost." An amortization payment toward the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is paid in addition to the normal cost to arrive at the total contribution in a given year. The cost of benefits accruing during the year.

**Present Value of Future Normal Cost (PVFNC).** The portion of the Present Value of Projected Benefits (PVFB) allocated to future service. The value in today's dollars of the amount of contribution to be made in the future for benefits accruing for members in the Retirement System as of the valuation date.

**Present Value of Future Benefits (PVFB).** The projected future benefit payments of the plan are discounted into today's dollars using an assumed rate of investment return assumption to determine the Present Value of Future Benefits (PVFB) of the Retirement System. The PVFB is the discounted value of the projected benefits promised to all members as of a valuation date, including future pay and service for members which has not yet been earned. If the Retirement System held assets equal to the PVFB and all the assumptions were realized, there would be sufficient funds to pay off all the benefits to be paid in the future for members in the Retirement System as of the valuation date.

**Reserve Account.** An account used to indicate that funds have been set aside for a specific purpose and are not generally available for other uses.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL).** The difference between the actuarial accrued liability (AAL) and actuarial value of assets (AVA). The UAAL is sometimes referred to as "unfunded accrued liability." *Funding shortfall, or prefunded amount if negative.* 

**Valuation Date.** The date that the actuarial valuation calculations are performed as of. *Also known as the "snapshot date"*.



Table B-1: The Number of Active and Lapsed Members Distributed by Age and Service as of December 31, 2018

Arra		Years of Service									
Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & Up	Total
Under 25	280	2,778	362	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,420
25 to 29	281	2,815	1,901	266	1	0	0	0	0	0	5,264
30 to 34	258	2,519	1,661	1,342	199	1	0	0	0	0	5,980
35 to 39	182	1,922	1,247	1,175	937	128	3	0	0	0	5,594
40 to 44	139	1,443	1,026	921	890	767	141	1	0	0	5,328
45 to 49	108	1,205	878	796	845	1,018	675	107	1	0	5,633
50 to 54	62	797	633	509	621	1,024	793	507	48	0	4,994
55 to 59	30	442	356	313	337	147	46	34	14	0	1,719
60 to 64	15	181	166	135	185	38	7	0	1	1	729
65 to 69	9	103	74	67	72	24	2	1	0	0	352
70 & Over	7	57	69	42	40	14	1	1	1	0	232
Total	1,371	14,262	8,373	5,566	4,127	3,161	1,668	651	65	1	39,245



Table B-2: The Number of Active and Lapsed Members Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2018

	Active Members	Lapsed Members
Age	Number	Number
18	21	0
19	177	3
20	333	31
21	377	100
22	505	175
23	578	253
24	572	296
25	584	310
26	634	317
27	663	392
28	720	426
29	766	452
30	775	458
31	754	409
32	725	485
33	762	426
34	764	422
35	710	423
36	760	439
37	719	412
38	700	382
39	627	421
40	689	383
41	659	409
42	715	391
43	638	379
44	697	368
45	692	392
46	705	410
47	741	380
48	791	409
49	729	384
50	700	385
51	658	402
52	578	389
53	568	384



Table B-2: The Number of Active and Lapsed Members Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2018 (continued)

	Active Members	Lapsed Members
Age	Number	Number
54	516	414
55	293	224
56	242	132
57	196	140
58	165	103
59	136	88
60	122	73
61	117	53
62	75	58
63	76	41
64	85	29
65	56	42
66	53	25
67	34	31
68	40	23
69	31	17
70	30	18
71	24	13
72	17	7
73	11	7
74	8	6
75	9	10
76	9	6
77	7	6
78	3	4
79	2	5
80	4	2
81	2	4
82	2	4
83	1	2
84	1	2
85	0	0
86	0	1
87	0	2
88	1	1
89	0	0
91	0	1
Total	25,154	14,091



Table B-3: The Number of Active and Lapsed Members Distributed by Service as of December 31, 2018

	Active Members	Lapsed Members
Service	Number	Number
0	470	901
1	2,341	3,138
2	1,636	1,953
3	1,381	1,417
4	1,356	1,040
5	1,299	849
6	1,454	601
7	950	481
8	1,062	377
9	941	359
10	854	282
11	1,182	257
12	837	212
13	840	179
14	759	164
15	734	134
16	692	120
17	725	110
18	686	106
19	718	102
20	582	192
21	539	264
22	431	169
23	397	151
24	316	120
25	324	98
26	319	85
27	252	55
28	258	37
29	197	43
30	185	37
31	129	36
32	130	7
33	69	8



Table B-3: The Number of Active and Lapsed Members Distributed by Service as of December 31, 2018 (continued)

Service	Active Members Number	Lapsed Member Number
34	47	3
35	28	2
36	19	2
37	13	0
38	1	0
43	1	0
Total	25,154	14,091



Table B-4: The Number and Annual Retirement Pensions of Retired Members Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2018

		Annual
Age	Number	Pensions
54	11	\$ 22,440
55	464	946,560
56	522	1,064,880
57	564	1,150,560
58	600	1,224,000
59	546	1,113,840
60	618	1,260,720
61	526	1,073,040
62	627	1,279,080
63	574	1,170,960
64	647	1,319,880
65	617	1,258,680
66	616	1,256,640
67	586	1,195,440
68	572	1,166,880
69	535	1,091,400
70	486	991,440
71	518	1,056,720
72	528	1,077,120
73	380	775,200
74	402	820,080
75	388	791,520
76	407	830,280
77	303	618,120
78	313	638,520
79	287	585,480
80	236	481,440
81	206	420,240
82	190	387,600
83	197	401,880
84	179	365,160
85	155	316,200
86	133	271,320
87	100	204,000



Table B-4: The Number and Annual Retirement Pensions of Retired Members Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2018 (continued)

		Annual
Age	Number	Pensions
88	87	\$ 177,480
89	69	140,760
90	50	102,000
91	48	97,920
92	42	85,680
93	38	77,520
94	25	51,000
95	10	20,400
96	7	14,280
97	5	10,200
98	1	2,040
99	5	10,200
100	2	4,080
Total	14,422	\$ 29,420,880



Table B-5: The Number and Annual Retirement Pensions of Disabled Members Eligible for Deferred Pensions Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2018

		Annual
Age	Number	Pensions
30	1	\$ 2,040
33	1	2,040
35	2	4,080
36	4	8,160
38	1	2,040
39	1	2,040
40	3	6,120
41	1	2,040
43	4	8,160
44	5	10,200
45	2	4,080
46	1	2,040
47	7	14,280
48	10	20,400
49	11	22,440
50	8	16,320
51	9	18,360
52	12	24,480
53	10	20,400
54	16	32,640
55	2	4,080
56	3	6,120
57	1	2,040
58	2	4,080
59	1	2,040
60	1	2,040
61	1	2,040
62	2	4,080
65	1	2,040
67	4	8,160
69	1	2,040
70	1	2,040
Total	129	\$ 263,160

### **Appendix C:** Summary of Main Benefit & Contribution Provisions

All regular and volunteer firefighters of the State of North Carolina whose qualifications are certified by their respective Boards of County Commissioners are eligible to be members of the Fund. All rescue squad workers who are eligible for membership in the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc. are eligible to be members of the Fund. Credit for prior service (that is, service rendered prior to July 1, 1959) is granted to firefighters who were eligible on July 1, 1959 and became members on or before June 30, 1961. Credit may also be given for certain special purchased service.

#### Benefits:

Service Retirement Pension

Condition for Pension A member who retires after attaining age 55 and with credit for 20

years of service as a firefighter or rescue squad worker in North

Carolina is entitled to a monthly pension.

Amount of Pension The amount of the pension is equal to \$170 per month.

Deferred Early Retirement Pension

Condition for Pension A member whose service is terminated after credit for 20 years of

service as a firefighter or rescue squad worker in North Carolina but before age 55 is eligible to receive a deferred retirement pension, starting at age 55, provided he or she continues to make regular contributions until age 55 or until he or she has contributed for a total of 20 years, whichever event occurs earlier. Any member who is totally and permanently disabled while in the discharge of official duties and leaves service as a result of such disability is eligible for a deferred retirement pension commencing at age 55 without continuing to make contributions. Any member who becomes totally and permanently disabled for any cause, other than line of duty, after 10 years of credited service under the Pension Fund may continue to make monthly contributions until he or she has paid \$2,400 into the Fund and receive a pension upon

attainment of age 55.

Amount of Pension The deferred pension is \$170 per month.

prior to retirement, the member's aggregate contributions are

refunded in a lump sum.

Upon the death (not in the line of duty) of a retired member, the excess, if any, of the member's aggregate contributions over the

total of the pension payments the member has received is refunded.

Line of Duty Death Benefit Upon the death (in the line of duty) of a retired or active member,

an amount of \$170 per month is payable to the member's beneficiary, if living, beginning the month following the month the member would have attained age 55, or if the member had already attained age 55, beginning the month following the member's

death, payable until the beneficiary's death.

# **Appendix C:** Summary of Main Benefit & Contribution Provisions

#### **Contributions**

By Members Each member contributes \$10 per month until retirement or until the

member has contributed for a total of 20 years, whichever event

occurs earlier.

By State The State makes annual contributions sufficient, with the members'

contributions, to meet the cost of the benefits under the Fund.

Changes Since Prior Valuation: None.



# **Appendix D: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

The withdrawal rates and return to service assumptions are based on the findings of the data audit of the FRSWPF and adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2016. The interest rate of 7.00% was adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 26, 2018 based upon a review of the existing portfolio structure as well as recent and anticipated experience. All other assumptions are based on the experience investigation prepared as of December 31, 2014 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 21, 2016 for use with the December 31, 2017 annual actuarial valuation.

Interest Rate: 7.00% per annum, compounded annually.

**Separations from Active Service:** Representative values of the assumed annual rates of withdrawal and vesting, retirement, death and disability are as follows:

#### **Annual Rates of**

Service	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Age</u>	Retirement*
0	0.0754	55+	1.00
1	0.0609		
2	0.0551		
3	0.0493		
4	0.0435		

<sup>\*</sup>These rates apply only after 20 years of membership in the system.

#### **Annual Rates of**

<u>Age</u>	Withdrawal	and Vesting	Base I	<u>Mortality</u>	<u>Disa</u>	bility
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
25	.0203	.0203	.0005	.0002	.0010	.0006
30	.0232	.0232	.0005	.0002	.0010	.0009
35	.0174	.0174	.0005	.0003	.0015	.0024
40	.0145	.0145	.0006	.0004	.0040	.0038
45	.0145	.0145	.0010	.0007	.0055	.0048
50	.0145	.0145	.0017	.0011	.0100	.0076
55	.0145	.0145	.0028	.0017	.0150	.0176
60	.0145	.0145	.0047	.0024	.0150	.0276
65			.0083	.0037		
69			.0125	.0057		

<sup>\*</sup> These rates apply only after 5 years of membership in the system.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Base mortality rates as of 2014



### **Appendix D: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

**Return to Service:** The assumed rates in which lapsed member returns to active service are based on the number of years that member has been lapsed. These rates are as follows:

Number of Years the Member has been Lapsed	Percentage of Members Assumed to Return to Active Service*	Number of Years the Member has been Lapsed	Percentage of Members Assumed to Return to Active Service*
1 Year	42.0%	5 Years	6.0%
2 Years 3 Years	23.0% 6 Years 14.0% 7 Years		4.5% 3.0%
4 Years	10.0%	8 Years	0.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Members who are assumed to return to service are assumed to do so at the valuation date. Members who are assumed to not return to service (and have not yet attained 20 years of service) are assumed to receive a refund of contribution at age 55.

**Post-Retirement Mortality:** Representative values of the assumed post-retirement mortality rates as of 2014 prior to any mortality improvements are as follows:

#### **Annual Rate of Death after Retirement**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Healthy</u>	Retirees_	Disabled	Retirees_
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
55	.0057	.0036	.0241	.0143
60	.0078	.0052	.0274	.0168
65	.0110	.0080	.0326	.0207
70	.0168	.0129	.0416	.0279
75	.0268	.0209	.0559	.0406
80	.0447	.0348	.0789	.0604

**Deaths After Retirement (Healthy at Retirement):** Mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Total Data Set for Healthy Annuitants Mortality Table. The RP-2014 annuitant tables have no rates prior to age 50. The RP-2014 Total Data Set Employee Mortality Table (with no adjustments) is used for ages less than 50.

**Deaths After Retirement (Disabled Members at Retirement):** Mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Total Data Set for Disabled Annuitants Mortality Table. Rates for male members are multiplied by 103% for all ages. Rates for female members are multiplied by 99% for all ages.

**Deaths Prior to Retirement:** Mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Total Data Set Employee Mortality Table

**Mortality Projection:** All mortality rates are projected from 2014 using generational improvement with Scale MP-2015.

Line of Duty Death Assumption: 10% of pre-retirement deaths are assumed to be line of duty.

**Timing of Assumptions:** All withdrawals, deaths, disabilities, retirements and salary increases are assumed to occur July 1 of each year.

Future Expenses: Equal to prior year actual administrative expenses added to Normal Cost.

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry age normal cost method. Entry age is established on an individual basis.

**Amortization Period:** 12-year closed, level-dollar amount. The first amortization base was created for the contribution payable for fiscal year ending 2012.



# **Appendix D: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

**Asset Valuation Method:** Actuarial value, as developed in Table 8. The actuarial value of assets is based upon a smoothed market value method. Under this method, asset returns in excess of or less than the expected return on market value of assets will be reflected in the actuarial value of assets over a five-year period. The Actuarial Value of Assets was reset to the market value of assets at December 31, 2014. The calculation of the Actuarial Value of Assets is based on the following formula:

$$MV - 80\% \times G/(L)_1 - 60\% \times G/(L)_2 - 40\% \times G/(L)_3 - 20\% \times G/(L)_4$$

MV = the market value of assets as of the valuation date  $G/(L)_i$  = the asset gain or (loss) for the i-th year preceding the valuation date

Changes Since Previous Valuation: Calculation of investment return no longer net of administrative expenses.



**Table E-1: Projection of Fiduciary Net Positions (in thousands)** 

Calendar Year	Beginning Fiduciary Position	Member Contributions	Employer Contributions	Benefit Payments	Administrative Expenses	Investment Earnings	Ending Fiduciary Position
2019	\$ 408,110	\$ 2,737	\$ 14,373	\$ 30,951	\$ 942	\$ 28,059	\$ 421,386
2020	421,386	2,600	14,058	31,197	895	28,966	434,917
2021	434,917	2,430	14,355	31,881	836	29,896	448,881
2022	448,881	2,279	14,716	32,634	784	30,857	463,314
2023	463,314	2,138	14,688	33,440	736	31,835	477,800
2024	477,800	2,011	14,789	34,153	692	32,825	492,580
2025	492,580	1,884	11,389	34,925	648	33,713	503,993
2026	503,993	1,763	7,171	35,757	607	34,336	510,899
2027	510,899	1,634	6,135	36,387	562	34,759	516,479
2028	516,479	1,511	6,323	37,107	520	35,128	521,814
2029	521,814	1,359	7,211	37,677	468	35,509	527,749
2030	527,749	1,244	6,311	38,214	428	35,873	532,534
2031	532,534	1,126	4,680	38,731	387	36,131	535,354
2032	535,354	1,001	3,685	39,222	344	36,275	536,749
2033	536,749	890	3,055	39,772	306	36,329	536,945
2034	536,945	743	2,550	40,255	256	36,306	536,033
2035	536,033	608	1,807	40,597	209	36,201	533,843
2036	533,843	478	1,302	41,039	165	36,012	530,431
2037	530,431	353	656	41,588	122	35,730	525,460
2038	525,460	221	40	42,305	76	35,333	518,672
2039	518,672	67	-	42,579	23	34,844	510,980
2040	510,980	_	-	42,668	-	34,301	502,613
2041	502,613	_	-	42,726	-	33,713	493,600
2042	493,600	_	-	42,688	-	33,083	483,994
2043	483,994	-	=	42,610	=	32,413	473,798
2044	473,798	-	-	42,600	-	31,700	462,898
2045	462,898	-	-	42,511	-	30,940	451,327
2046	451,327	-	-	42,311	-	30,137	439,153
2047	439,153	-	-	42,016	-	29,295	426,431
2048	426,431	-	-	41,641	-	28,417	413,208
2049	413,208	-	=	41,186	=	27,507	399,529
2050	399,529	-	-	40,685	-	26,567	385,411
2051	385,411	-	-	40,168	-	25,597	370,840
2052	370,840	-	-	39,518	-	24,599	355,921
2053	355,921	-	-	38,673	-	23,584	340,832
2054	340,832	-	=	37,749	=	22,559	325,642
2055	325,642	-	-	36,633	-	21,534	310,544
2056	310,544	-	=	35,346	=	20,522	295,720
2057	295,720	-	=	34,047	=	19,529	281,202
2058	281,202	-	-	32,757	-	18,557	267,002
2059	267,002	-	-	31,480	-	17,607	253,129
2060	253,129	-	-	30,215	-	16,679	239,593
2061	239,593	-	-	28,965	-	15,775	226,404
2062	226,404	-	-	27,730	-	14,894	213,568
2063	213,568	-	-	26,512	-	14,038	201,094
2064	201,094	-	-	25,312	-	13,206	188,987
2065	188,987	-	-	24,132	-	12,399	177,253
2066	177,253	-	-	22,972	-	11,617	165,898
2067	165,898	-	-	21,834	-	10,862	154,926
2068	154,926	-	-	20,717	-	10,132	144,341



Table E-1: Projection of Fiduciary Net Positions (in thousands) (continued)

Table E-1: Projection of Fiduciary Net Positions (in thousands) (continued)							
Calendar Year	Beginning Fiduciary Position	Member Contributions	Employer Contributions	Benefit Payments	Administrative Expenses	Investment Earnings	Ending Fiduciary Position
2069	\$ 144,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,623	\$ -	\$ 9,429	\$ 134,147
2070	134,147	· <u>-</u>	· <u>-</u>	18,552	· -	8,752	124,347
2071	124,347	_	_	17,506	_	8,102	114,943
2072	114,943	_	_	16,483	_	7,479	105,939
2073	105,939	_	_	15,485	_	6,883	97,337
2074	97,337	_	_	14,512	_	6,314	89,139
2075	89,139	_	_	13,565	_	5,773	81,347
2076	81,347	_		12,643		5,259	73,964
2077	73,964	_	_	11,747		4,773	66,989
2077	66,989	_	_	10,879	_	4,773	60,425
		-	_		-		
2079	60,425	-	-	10,039	-	3,884	54,271
2080	54,271	-	-	9,227	-	3,481	48,526
2081	48,526	-	-	8,444	-	3,106	43,188
2082	43,188	-	-	7,693	=	2,758	38,254
2083	38,254	-	-	6,973	-	2,438	33,719
2084	33,719	-	-	6,287	-	2,144	29,576
2085	29,576	-	-	5,635	-	1,876	25,817
2086	25,817	-	-	5,020	=	1,634	22,432
2087	22,432	-	=	4,441	=	1,417	19,408
2088	19,408	-	-	3,901	-	1,224	16,731
2089	16,731	-	-	3,400	-	1,054	14,385
2090	14,385	-	-	2,939	-	906	12,352
2091	12,352	-	-	2,517	-	778	10,613
2092	10,613	-	-	2,136	-	669	9,147
2093	9,147	-	-	1,793	-	579	7,933
2094	7,933	-	-	1,488	-	504	6,949
2095	6,949	-	-	1,220	=	444	6,173
2096	6,173	-	-	987	=	398	5,584
2097	5,584	-	-	787	-	364	5,161
2098	5,161	_	_	617	-	340	4,884
2099	4,884	_	_	476	-	325	4,733
2100	4,733	_	_	361	-	319	4,691
2101	4,691	_	_	268	_	319	4,742
2102	4,742	_	_	195	_	325	4,872
2103	4,872	_	_	138	_	336	5,070
2104	5,070	_	_	96	_	352	5,326
2104	5,326	_	_	65	_	371	5,632
2106	5,632	-	_	43	-	393	5,982
2107	5,982	-	-	43 27	-	418	6,372
		-	-		-		
2108	6,372	-	-	17	-	445	6,801
2109	6,801	-	-	10	-	476	7,266
2110	7,266	-	-	6	-	508	7,769
2111	7,769	-	-	3	-	544	8,310
2112	8,310	-	-	2	-	582	8,889
2113	8,889	-	-	1	-	622	9,511
2114	9,511	-	-	0	-	666	10,176
2115	10,176	-	-	0	-	712	10,888
2116	10,888	-	-	0	-	762	11,650
2117	11,650	-	-	0	-	815	12,465
2118	12,465	-	-	0	=	873	13,338



Table E-2: Actuarial Present Value of Projected Benefit Payments (in thousands)

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Calendar Year	Beginning Fiduciary Position	Benefit Payments	Funded Benefit Payments	Unfunded Benefit Payments	Funded Payments at 7.00%	Unfunded Payments at 3.50%	Using Single
2019	\$ 408,110	\$ 30,951	\$ 30,951	\$ -	\$ 29,922	\$ -	\$ 29,922
2020	421,386	31,197	31,197	-	28,186	-	28,186
2021	434,917	31,881	31,881	· <u>-</u>	26,920		26,920
2022	448,881	32,634	32,634	_	25,753	-	25,753
2023	463,314	33,440	33,440	-	24,662	_	24,662
2024	477,800	34,153	34,153	-	23,541	_	23,541
2025	492,580	34,925	34,925	-	22,498	_	22,498
2026	503,993	35,757	35,757	_	21,527	_	21,527
2027	510,899	36,387	36,387	_	20,473	_	20,473
2028	516,479	37,107	37,107	_	19,512	_	19,512
2029	521,814	37,677	37,677	_	18,516	_	18,516
2030	527,749	38,214	38,214	_	17,551	_	17,551
2030	532,534	38,731	38,731	_	16,625	_	16,625
2031	535,354		39,222	-		-	
	•	39,222		-	15,734	-	15,734
2033	536,749	39,772	39,772	-	14,911	-	14,911
2034	536,945	40,255	40,255	-	14,105	-	14,105
2035	536,033	40,597	40,597	-	13,294	-	13,294
2036	533,843	41,039	41,039	-	12,560	-	12,560
2037	530,431	41,588	41,588	-	11,895	-	11,895
2038	525,460	42,305	42,305	-	11,309	-	11,309
2039	518,672	42,579	42,579	-	10,637	-	10,637
2040	510,980	42,668	42,668	-	9,962	-	9,962
2041	502,613	42,726	42,726	-	9,323	-	9,323
2042	493,600	42,688	42,688	-	8,705	-	8,705
2043	483,994	42,610	42,610	-	8,121	-	8,121
2044	473,798	42,600	42,600	-	7,588	-	7,588
2045	462,898	42,511	42,511	-	7,077	-	7,077
2046	451,327	42,311	42,311	-	6,583	-	6,583
2047	439,153	42,016	42,016	-	6,109	-	6,109
2048	426,431	41,641	41,641	-	5,658	-	5,658
2049	413,208	41,186	41,186	-	5,231	-	5,231
2050	399,529	40,685	40,685	-	4,829	-	4,829
2051	385,411	40,168	40,168	-	4,456	-	4,456
2052	370,840	39,518	39,518	-	4,097	-	4,097
2053	355,921	38,673	38,673	-	3,747	-	3,747
2054	340,832	37,749	37,749	-	3,418	-	3,418
2055	325,642	36,633	36,633	-	3,100	-	3,100
2056	310,544	35,346	35,346	-	2,795	-	2,795
2057	295,720	34,047	34,047	-	2,517	-	2,517
2058	281,202	32,757	32,757	-	2,263	-	2,263
2059	267,002	31,480	31,480	-	2,032	_	2,032
2060	253,129	30,215	30,215	-	1,823	_	1,823
2061	239,593	28,965	28,965	-	1,633	_	1,633
2062	226,404	27,730	27,730	-	1,461	_	1,461
2063	213,568	26,512	26,512	-	1,306	_	1,306
2064	201,094	25,312	25,312	_	1,165	_	1,165
2065	188,987	24,132	24,132	_	1,038	_	1,038
2066	177,253	22,972	22,972	- -	924	_	924
2067	165,898	21,834	21,834	_	820	-	820
2067	154,926	20,717	20,717	-	727	-	727
2000	134,320	20,717	20,111	-	121	-	121



Table E-2: Actuarial Present Value of Projected Benefit Payments (in thousands) (continued))

						Present Value of Benefit Payments		
Calendar Year	Beginning Fiduciary Position	Benefit Payments	Funded Benefit Payments	Unfunded Benefit Payments	Funded Payments at 7.00%	Unfunded Payments at 3.50%	Using Single	
2069	\$ 144,341	\$ 19,623	\$ 19,623	\$ -	\$ 644	\$ -	\$ 644	
2070	134,147	18,552	18,552	Ψ - -	569	Ψ -	569	
2071	124,347	17,506	17,506	· _	502		502	
2072	114,943	16,483	16,483	_	442		442	
2072	105,939	15,485	15,485	_	388	_	388	
2073	97,337	14,512	14,512	_	340	_	340	
2074	89,139	13,565	13,565	_	297	-	297	
2075	81,347	12,643	12,643	_	258	-	258	
2077	73,964	11,747	11,747	_	224	-	224	
2077				_	194	-		
2078	66,989	10,879	10,879	-	194	-	194 167	
2079	60,425	10,039 9,227	10,039 9,227	-	144	-	144	
	54,271			-		-		
2081	48,526	8,444	8,444	-	123	-	123	
2082	43,188	7,693	7,693	-	105	-	105	
2083	38,254	6,973	6,973	-	89	-	89	
2084	33,719	6,287	6,287	-	75	-	75	
2085	29,576	5,635	5,635	-	63	-	63	
2086	25,817	5,020	5,020	-	52	-	52	
2087	22,432	4,441	4,441	-	43	-	43	
2088	19,408	3,901	3,901	-	35	-	35	
2089	16,731	3,400	3,400	-	29	-	29	
2090	14,385	2,939	2,939	-	23	-	23	
2091	12,352	2,517	2,517	-	19	-	19	
2092	10,613	2,136	2,136	-	15	-	15	
2093	9,147	1,793	1,793	-	12	-	12	
2094	7,933	1,488	1,488	-	9	-	9	
2095	6,949	1,220	1,220	-	7	-	7	
2096	6,173	987	987	-	5	-	5	
2097	5,584	787	787	-	4	-	4	
2098	5,161	617	617	-	3	-	3	
2099	4,884	476	476	-	2	-	2	
2100	4,733	361	361	-	1	-	1	
2101	4,691	268	268	-	1	-	1	
2102	4,742	195	195	-	1	-	1	
2103	4,872	138	138	-	=	-	-	
2104	5,070	96	96	-	-	-	-	
2105	5,326	65	65	-	=	-	-	
2106	5,632	43	43	-	-	-	-	
2107	5,982	27	27	-	-	-	-	
2108	6,372	17	17	-	-	-	-	
2109	6,801	10	10	-	-	-	-	
2110	7,266	6	6	-	-	-	-	
2111	7,769	3	3	-	-	-	-	
2112	8,310	2	2	-	-	-	-	
2113	8,889	1	1	-	-	-	-	
2114	9,511	0	0	-	-	-	-	
2115	10,176	0	0	-	-	-	-	
2116	10,888	0	0	-	-	-	-	
2117	11,650	0	0	-	-	-	-	
2118	12,465	0	0	-	-	-	-	



# **Appendix F: Data for Section 2 Graphs**

The tables below provide the numbers associated with the graphs in Section 2 of this report.

**Graph 1: Active Members** 

	Lapsed Member Count	Active Member Count
2014	17,164	25,970
2015	17,295	25,526
2016	17,235	25,210
2017	13,134	25,068
2018	14,091	25,154

**Graph 2: Retired Members and Survivors of Deceased Members** 

	Retired Member Count	Retirement Pension
2014	12,730	\$ 25,969,200
2015	13,463	27,464,520
2016	13,940	28,437,600
2017	14,308	29,188,320
2018	14,422	29,420,880

**Graph 3: Market Value of Assets and Asset Returns** 

	Market Value of Assets	Asset Return
2014	383,327,980	6.24%
2015	372,572,223	0.35%
2016	383,865,563	6.24%
2017	424,211,921	13.33%
2018	408,109,943	-1.40%



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**Graph 5: Actuarial Value and Market Value of Assets** 

	Actuarial Value of Assets	Market Value of Assets		
2014	380,885,154	383,327,980		
2015	393,387,721	372,572,223		
2016	402,431,609	383,865,563		
2017	418,265,538	424,211,921		
2018	429,031,975	408,109,943		

**Graph 6: Asset Returns** 

	Actuarial Value Value of Assets	Market Value Asset Return		
2014	7.42%	6.24%		
2015	5.87%	0.35%		
2016	5.33%	6.24%		
2017	6.54%	13.33%		
2018	5.08%	-1.40%		

**Graph 7: Actuarial Accrued Liability** 

Fiscal Year Ending	Liability for Active and Lapsed Members	Liability for Retired and Deferred Members	Total
2014	198,286,225	220,628,896	418,915,121
2015	180,540,546	260,259,878	440,800,424
2016	181,107,137	270,958,443	452,065,580
2017	187,805,856	282,113,410	469,919,266
2018	189,040,602	284,919,963	473,960,565



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**Graph 8: Actuarial Accrued Liability and Actuarial Value of Assets** 

	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Actuarial Value of Assets		
2014	418,915,121	380,885,154		
2015	440,800,424	393,387,721		
2016	452,065,480	402,431,609		
2017	469,919,266	418,265,538		
2018	473,960,565	429,031,975		

**Graph 9: Funded Ratios** 

	Funded Ratio (Actuarial Basis)	Funded Ratio (Market Value Basis)		
2014 2015 2016 2017 2018	90.9% 89.2% 89.0% 89.0% 90.5%			

**Graph 10: Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution Rates** 

Fiscal Year Ending	Co	Normal ontribution	Accrued Liability Contribution		C	Total ontribution
2017* 2018 2019 2020 2021**	\$	7,083,948 6,082,027 5,591,401 5,775,743 5,930,372	\$	10,621,260 8,205,274 8,952,682 9,694,236 9,488,384	\$	17,705,208 14,287,301 14,544,083 15,469,979 15,418,756

<sup>\*</sup> The actuarially determined employer contribution shown for fiscal year ending 6/30/2017 includes the impact of the experience study and legislative changes but does not include the impact of the return to service assumption, which would have reduced the contribution by approximately \$3.3 million for fiscal year ending 6/30/2017. The contribution shown for fiscal years ending 6/30/2020 and 6/30/2021, are the amounts before applying direct rate smoothing.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Subject to the impact of future legislative changes during that fiscal year