# 2023 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 & 2022



EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND OF THE CITY OF DALLAS

DALLAS, TX

### 2023 AT - A - GLANCE

(unaudited)
(\$ in thousands)

Active Members	7,894
Benefit Recipients	7,914
Inactive Members	2,107
Fund Net Position	\$3,649,102
Benefits Paid	\$328,296
Refunds	\$12,700
Member Contributions	\$70,025
City Contributions	\$73,939
Investment Rate of Return	10.09%

The Employees' Retirement Fund provides retirement, disability and death benefits to permanent civilian employees of the City of Dallas.

# ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE 2023

FISCAL YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Prepared by the Staff of The Employees' Retirement Fund

CHERYL D. ALSTON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# INTRODUCTORY SECTION



#### **LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

July 24, 2024

Board of Trustees Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas 1920 McKinney Avenue - 10th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201

#### Dear Board Members:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("Annual Report" or "ACFR") of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas ("ERF" or "Plan") for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is submitted herewith. Our mission is to provide retirement benefits and superior service to advance the financial security of our members. The management of ERF assumes full responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P. have issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

#### Plan Overview

ERF was established by ordinance in November 1943 and became effective in January 1944 after ratification by the voters of the City of Dallas. ERF is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan sponsored by the City of Dallas, Texas (the "City"), and it provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to its members. All employees of the City are members except police officers, firefighters, elected officers, non-salaried appointee members of administrative boards or commissions, temporary employees, individuals working under contract, and individuals whose salaries are paid in part by another government agency. Members are entitled to retirement benefits at the date of eligibility for retirement or disability or to survivor benefits after two years of service.

#### **Investments**

The Board of Trustees oversees ERF's portfolio, managers, and performance, as well as reviews and approves potential investment opportunities, with input from the investment consultant and staff. The Board follows the "prudent person rule" which states that fiduciaries shall discharge their duties solely in the interest of ERF and its participants and beneficiaries with the degree of diligence, care and skill which a prudent person would ordinarily exercise under similar circumstances in such a position.



An integral part of the overall investment policy is the strategic asset allocation policy. This policy is designed to provide an optimal diversification to reduce risk and maximize the total rate of return relative to risk. This emphasizes a maximum diversification of the portfolio that protects ERF from declines that a particular asset class may experience in a given period. The Plan had a return of 10.09% for 2023 and -8.04% for 2022, and 16.4% for 2021. The Plan expects and assumes an investment rate of 7.25% over the long term, which encompasses many years in the future.

#### Additions to Plan Net Position

The collection of employer and member contributions, as well as income from investments, is intended to provide the reserves needed to finance retirement benefits. Contribution and net investment income, including unrealized gains and losses, for 2023 total \$484 million.

City and member contributions for the fiscal year were approximately \$144.0 million, an increase of \$13.2 million from the prior year. This is primarily attributed to merit pay increases for civilian employees and an overall increase in hiring. The City's net contribution rate toward the pension plan was 14.46% in 2023. The City's total contribution rate was 22.68%, of which 8.22% was for debt service payments on pension obligation bonds. The members' contribution rate remained unchanged at 13.32% in 2023. The City's contributions received in 2023 were \$74 million and members' contributions were \$70 million.

#### **Deductions to Plan Net Position**

The principal purpose for which ERF was established is to provide retirement benefits, survivor benefits, and total and permanent disability benefits to qualified members and their beneficiaries. The cost of such programs includes recurring benefit payments, refund of contributions to terminated employees, and the cost of administering ERF.

Deductions for fiscal year 2023 totaled \$351 million representing an increase of 3.63% compared to 2022. This increase can be attributed to several factors, including the average number of retirees and beneficiaries, the cost-of-living adjustment of 5% for Tier A and 3% for Tier B, as well as higher average benefit payments for new retirees compared to retirees who have passed away. Additionally, administrative expenses, which are controlled by a budget approved by the Board of Trustees, increased by \$977 million compared to the previous year due to inflation, merit increases and hiring.

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

This ACFR was prepared to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") that apply to government accounting for fiduciary funds. The accompanying financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Member and employer contributions are recognized in the period in which employee services are performed. Expenses are recorded when the corresponding liabilities are incurred, regardless of when payment is made.

The statistical section presents detailed information, typically in ten-year trends, that assists users in utilizing the basic financial statements, notes to basic financial statements, and required supplementary information to assess the economic condition of a government. The statistical section is a required part of an ACFR.

In developing and evaluating ERF's accounting system, it was determined that internal controls adequately safeguard assets and provide reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.



#### **Funding**

A pension fund is well funded when it is receiving enough money to meet all expected future obligations to its participants. ERF's funding objective is to meet long-term benefit payments through contributions that remain approximately level as a percent of member payroll. For Fiscal year 2023 the funded ratio is 70.10%. The actuarial accrued liability and actuarial value of assets of ERF as of December 31, 2023 amounted to \$5.48 billion and \$3.84 billion, respectively. A detailed discussion of funding is provided in the Actuarial Section of this report.

#### **Professional Services**

Consultants are appointed by the Board of Trustees to perform professional services that are essential to the effective and efficient operation of ERF. An opinion from the certified public accounting firm of Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., the actuarial report from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, and the investment consultant letter from Wilshire Associates Inc. are included in this report. The consultants appointed by the Board of Trustees are listed in the Introductory Section.

#### **Awards and Acknowledgments**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada ("GFOA") awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. This was the seventh consecutive year that ERF had achieved this prestigious award. To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the ERF had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that satisfied both GAAP and applicable program requirements.

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

The compilation of this report reflects the combined effort of the staff under the leadership of the Board of Trustees. It is intended to provide complete and reliable information as a basis for making management decisions, as a means of determining compliance with legal provisions, and as a means of determining responsible stewardship of the funds of ERF. The report is available to all members of ERF.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Board, staff, advisors, and others who have worked so diligently to ensure the successful operation of ERF.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl D. Alston Executive Director Edward R. Scott Chief Financial Officer



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For its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2022

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Executive Director/CEO

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As of December 31, 2023

#### **MASTER CUSTODIAN**

The Northern Trust Company

#### **CONSULTING ACTUARY**

Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company

#### **INVESTMENT CONSULTANT**

Wilshire Advisors LLC Bloomberg Inc

#### **INVESTMENT ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**STP Investment Services** 

#### **AUDITOR**

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.

#### **LEGAL ADVISORS**

Baker& Hostetler LLP Foster Garvey PC The Suster Law Group Locke Lord LLP

The Schedule of Investment Management Fees can be found on page 80.

#### **PLAN SUMMARY**

#### **Summary of Key Provisions**

Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas As of December 31, 2023

#### Membership

An employee becomes a member upon permanent employment and contributes to the Plan. Tier A members were hired prior to January 1, 2017. An amendment to the governing document passed by voters on November 8, 2016 created a new tier of benefits, Tier B, for members hired on or after January 1, 2017.

#### **Contributions**

**Member**: 37% of the current adjusted total obligation rate. New rates effective October 1 after the valuation date.

**City**: 63% of the current adjusted total obligation rate. New rates effective October 1 after the valuation date.

## **Definitions Final Average Salary**

#### Tier A

Average monthly salary over the member's highest three years of service.

#### Tier B

Average monthly salary over the member's highest five years of service.

#### **Credited Service:**

Length of time as an employee of the City of Dallas and while making contributions to the Plan.

# Retirement Pension Eligibility

#### Tier A

- a. Attainment of age 60; or
- b. Attainment of age 55 (if credited service began before May 9, 1972); or
- c. At any age after completion of 30 years of credited service with a reduced benefit before age 50; or
- d. Attainment of age 50, if the sum of an active member's age and credited service is at least equal to 78.

#### Tier B

- a. Attainment of age 65 and 5 years of service; or
- b. At any age after completion of 40 years of credited service; or
- c. At any age if the sum of an active member's age and credited service is at least equal to 80. Under this eligibility rule, the member's pension will be actuarially reduced for each year prior to the age of 65 that the member retires.
- d. Restricted prior service credit only applies to eligibility.

#### **Retirement Benefits**

#### Tier A

The retirement benefit equals 2-3/4% multiplied by average monthly salary multiplied by credited service limited to a maximum of 36.36 years plus a monthly \$125 health supplement (prorated for service less than 5 years).

#### Tier B

The retirement benefit equals 2-1/2% multiplied by average monthly salary multiplied by credited service limited to a maximum of 40 years (no monthly health supplement).

#### Form of Payment

#### Tier A

An unreduced pension benefit under a joint and one-half survivor option with 10 years guaranteed or a ten-year certain and life option. An actuarially equivalent joint and full survivor option is also available after 15 years of service.

#### Tier B

An unreduced pension payable for life with 10 years guaranteed. Actuarially equivalent joint and survivor options (50% and 100%) are also available.

#### Deferred Retirement

#### **Eligibility:**

Deferred retirement pension benefit commencing at age 60 for Tier A members or at age 65 for Tier B members with at least five (5) years of credited service if accumulated contributions are left on deposit with the Fund.

#### **Monthly Benefit:**

The deferred retirement benefit is equal to the retirement pension based on earnings and credited service at the time of termination.

## Disability Retirement Pension

#### **Non-Service Disability:**

#### **Eligibility:**

Five (5) years of service if active or ten (10) years of service if deferred vested and totally and permanently incapacitated for duty.

#### **Monthly Benefit:**

Computed based on average monthly earnings and credited service at time of disability but not less than 10 times the percentage multiplied by the average monthly earning.

#### **Service Disability:**

#### **Eligibility:**

Totally and permanently incapacitated from the further performance of duty as a result of injury while in the course of employment for the City.

#### **Monthly Benefit:**

Calculated as a non-service disability pension but not less than \$1,000 per month.

#### **Death Benefits**

#### Form:

Benefit paid in accordance with the option on file; or the eligible option; or, if no eligible beneficiary, a lump sum equivalent of 10 years of benefit payments to the member's or designee's estate.

#### **Monthly Benefit:**

Based on average monthly earnings and credited service at death but not less than 10 times the percentage multiplier multiplied by the average monthly earnings.

#### **Minimum Service Death Benefit:**

Not less than \$1,000 per month if death resulted from a service-related injury.

## Return of Accumulated Contributions

A member at the time of termination is entitled to be paid accumulated member contributions without interest.

# Cost-of-Living Adjustment

An annual cost-of-living adjustment to the base pension benefit shall be made based on the greater of:

- a. The percentage of change in the price index for October of the current year over October of the previous year, up to 5% for Tier A and 3% for Tier B or
- b. The percentage of annual average change in the price index for the 12-month period ending with the effective date of the adjustment, up to 5% for Tier A and 3% for Tier B.

# FINANCIAL SECTION

#### EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND OF THE CITY OF DALLAS

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 With Independent Certified Public Accountant's Report Thereon





#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas

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

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas (the Plan), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Plan's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

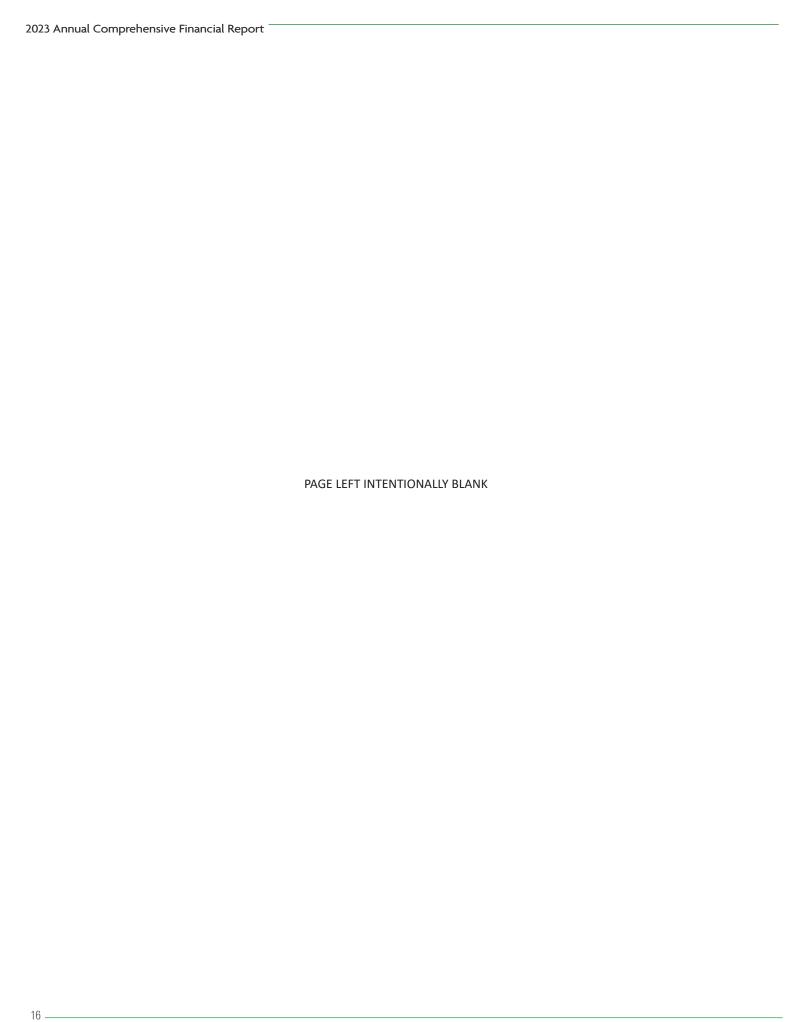
#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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



The Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in net pension liability and related ratios, schedule of money-weighted rates of return, and schedule of contributions, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information or provide any limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any



The Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Plan's basic financial statements. The schedule of administrative expenses, schedule of investment expenses, and schedule of payments for professional services are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the schedule of administrative expenses, schedule of investment expenses, and schedule of payments for professional services are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Information Included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Management is responsible for the other information included in the ACFR. The other information comprises the introductory section, investment section, actuarial section, and statistical section but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Weaver and Siduell, L. S. P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Dallas, Texas July 24, 2024



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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Required Supplementary Information



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#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas ("ERF" or "the Plan") financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities and funding conditions for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to give a narrative overview and analysis of the Plan's financial performance as a whole. For more detailed information regarding performance, readers should also review the Financial Statements, Notes to the Financial Statements, and Required Supplementary Information to enhance their understanding of the Plan's financial performance.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Plan is a defined benefit plan that provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to permanent full-time and part-time civilian employees of the City of Dallas ("the City"). The Plan has two basic Financial Statements:

- A Statement of Fiduciary Net Position that provides information about the fair value and composition of plan assets, plan liabilities, and fiduciary net position; and
- A Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position that provides information about the year-toyear Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

There are also notes to the Financial Statements that include a brief Plan description, a summary of significant accounting policies, and information about contributions, legally required reserves, investment concentrations, and the net pension liability. The report also contains the required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements. Collectively, this information presents the Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits and summarizes the changes in net position for those benefits.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal year 2023 experienced an increase in investments. The Plan's Financial Highlights for fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, are as follows:

- The Plan had a return of 10.09% for the year, a 5-year return of 7.70% and a 10-year return of 6.01%.
- As of December 31, 2023, the Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits was \$3.6 billion, reflecting a \$133 million increase from the previous year due to higher investments.
- Total contributions for fiscal year 2023 were \$143.96 million, an increase of approximately \$13.2 million from last fiscal year. This is primarily attributed to a merit pay increase for civilian employees and additional full-time employees eligible for retirement benefits.
- Pension benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries increased \$10.8 million in 2023 compared to 2022, bringing the total benefit payments to \$328 million. Refunds of contributions paid to former members after termination of employment were \$13 million for 2023 and \$12 million for 2022.
- Net Investment Income (net appreciation/depreciation) in the fair value of investments, plus interest and dividend income, less investment expenses), excluding Other Income, increased \$709 million compared to last fiscal year.
- Administrative Expenses of \$9.2 million in 2023 were higher than 2022 by \$977 thousand due to many factors such as inflation, employees' salary increments, and benefits.

#### CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(\$ in thousands)

As of and for the FY Ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021
Fiduciary Net Position			
Assets	\$4,520,902	\$4,199,708	\$4,745,318
Liabilities	871,800	683,428	652,103
Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits	\$3,649,102	\$3,516,280	\$4,093,215
Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Additions:			
Employer contributions	\$73,939	\$67,288	\$63,584
Employee contributions	70,025	63,427	59,256
Investment & other income/(loss), net	339,878	(368,929)	578,010
Deductions:			
Benefit payments	\$328,296	\$317,528	\$296,587
Refund of contributions	12,700	12,158	10,452
Administrative expenses	9,183	8,206	6,547
Depreciation expense	841	829	802
Change in Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits	\$132,822	(\$576,935)	\$386,462
Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits:			
Beginning of Year	3,516,280	4,093,215	3,706,753
End of Year	\$3,649,102	\$3,516,280	\$4,093,215

#### FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Plan's total investment return for fiscal year 2023 was 10.09% as compared to -8.38% in 2022 and 16.4% in 2021. The one-year return was below the policy benchmark of 13.11%. The Plan has performed well over longer time periods. The Plan's 5-year return is 7.70% which is slightly below the policy benchmark of 7.81%. The 10-year return is 6.01%, which is slightly above the policy benchmark of 5.91%.

ERF has a global, diversified investment program. The best performing asset classes in 2023 were Domestic Equity Composite and Global Equity Composite. ERF's Domestic Equity Composite and Global Equity Composite Portfolio earned 23.07% and 17.00% respectively. The Fund's real estate investments consist of real estate investment trust, core and value-add real estate funds. Real Estate earned -0.68% for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Additions to the Plan's Fiduciary Net Position consist of employer and employee contributions and investment income. The Plan's Fiduciary Net Position increased from \$3.516 billion in fiscal year 2022 to \$3.649 billion in 2023, an increase of approximately \$133 million. This increase is primarily due to

investments gains in almost all asset classes. City and employee contributions for fiscal year 2023 were \$74 million and \$70 million, respectively. Total contributions for 2023 were \$143.9 million compared to \$130.7 million in 2022 and \$122.8 million in 2021.

Net investment income/(loss) is presented net of investment expenses and is comprised of interest, dividend income, gains/(losses) from the sale of investments, net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) in the fair value of investments, and net income from securities lending activities. For fiscal year 2023, the Plan had a net investment gain of \$340 million, (excluding non-investment other income of \$285 thousand) compared to a net investment loss of \$369 million in fiscal year 2022 and a net investment income of \$578 million in 2021.

Fiscal year 2023 liabilities of \$872 million showed an increase of 28% from fiscal year 2022 liabilities of \$683 million. Liabilities for 2022 increased by \$31 million or 5% over 2021. The increase in 2023 was primarily due to an increase in the use of currency contracts by the managers to hedge against changes in foreign currency rates, in accordance with the managers' investment strategies and goals.

Year-end balances for securities purchased were \$37 million in 2023, \$47 million in 2022 and \$2 million in 2021. Foreign currency contracts at year-end were \$586 million in 2023, \$279 million in 2022 and \$287 million in 2021. The changes were due to the investment managers' portfolio management.

Deductions from fiduciary net position are largely from benefit payments. During fiscal year 2023, the increase in deductions is attributable to new retirements as well as a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), as was the increase between 2023 and 2022.

New retirements were 326, 293 and 320, respectively, for fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021. COLAs were 5% in 2023 for Tier A members, and 3% for Tier B members. For both Tiers, COLAs were 5.00% in 2022 and 3% in 2021. A COLA is granted effective January 1 of each year if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers ("CPI-W") based on the greater of either a) the change from October of the prior year to October of the current year; b) the monthly average change; or c) zero.

During fiscal year 2023, refunds of contributions amounted to \$13 million (919 refunds), compared to 2022 refunds of \$12 million (812 refunds) and 2021 refunds of \$10.4 million (641 refunds). The fiscal year 2023 refund amount reflects an increase in the number of members requesting refunds as compared to fiscal year 2022. Administrative expenses of approximately \$9 million represent approximately 2.6% of total deductions for the year.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

The Plan's investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2023, amounts to approximately \$5.6 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes \$63 thousand in furniture and fixtures, and \$5.6 million in intangible assets. The total net decrease in capital assets for the current fiscal year was -10% compared to last year due to depreciation expense.

Additional information on the Plan's capital assets can be found in Note 9 of this report.

#### **CURRENT ENVIRONMENT**

Plan membership for active members increased during fiscal year 2023 from 7,464 to 7,894 members, an increase of 6%. For 2023, the number of new retirements was 326 compared to 293 in 2022. The trend of benefit payments continues to increase. Similar to most mature plans, benefit payments exceed the level of contribution revenue received, and cash generated from investments is needed in order to meet benefit payments.

An actuarial valuation of the Plan's assets and benefit obligations is performed annually by an independent firm, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company ("GRS"). Based on the actuarial value of assets, the funded ratio of the Plan decreased from 73.28% in 2022 to 70.10% in 2023 primarily due to investment returns. The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability ("UAAL") increased from \$1,410 million as of December 31, 2022, to \$1,641 million as of December 31, 2023. Based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the Total Pension Liability was 54.90% in 2023 as compared to 54.07% in 2022 and 80.35% in 2021. This is due to a blended discount rate of 5.54% in 2023. See Note 10 (c) for more information.

#### CONTACTING THE PLAN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Plan's finances. Questions and requests for additional information should be addressed to the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas, 1920 McKinney Avenue, 10th Floor, Dallas, 752

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## EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND OF THE CITY OF DALLAS

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pensions December 31, 2023 and 2022 (\$ in thousands)

	2023	2022	
ASSETS:			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 95,324	\$ 109,754	
Collateral on loaned securities	237,524	342,361	
	332,848	452,115	
Capital Asset:			
Intangible Assets	5,551	6,155	
Furniture and Fixtures, net	63	77	
Total capital assets (net)	5,614	6,232	
Receivables:			
Currency contracts	585,982	278,970	
Accrued dividends	6,150	5,171	
Accrued interest	11,504	9,882	
Accrued real estate income	1,288	982	
Accrued securities lending	107	98	
Securities sold	14,111	17,967	
Employer contributions	878	785	
Employee contributions	808	741	
Total receivables	620,828	314,596	
Investments, at fair value:			
Commingled index funds	116,640	93,082	
Domestic equities	1,372,894	1,327,609	
United States and foreign government fixed income securities	316,628	244,514	
Domestic corporate fixed-income securities	731,923	650,083	
International equities	312,048	383,318	
Investments, at estimated fair value:			
Private equities	371,556	381,814	
Real estate	339,923	346,345	
Total investments	3,561,612	3,426,765	
Total assets	4,520,902	4,199,708	
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	7,269	10,872	
Payable for securities purchased	37,169	46,569	
Investment fees payable	3,081	3,566	
Currency contracts	585,982	278,970	
Currency contract losses	, 775	1,090	
Securities lending collateral	237,524	342,361	
Total liabilities	871,800	683,428	
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in capital assets	5,614	6,232	
Unrestricted	3,643,488	3,510,048	
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS :	\$ 3,649,102	\$ 3,516,280	

(A Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability is presented in the Required Supplementary Information) The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND OF THE CITY OF DALLAS

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position For the Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 (\$ in thousands)

	2023			2022	
ADDITIONS:					
Contributions:					
Employer	\$	73,939	\$	67,288	
Employee		70,025		63,427	
Total contributions		143,964		130,715	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME:					
Dividends		69,189		65,290	
Interest		55,464		40,413	
Real estate dividend income		8,769		8,461	
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments		225,506		(464,890)	
Securities lending rebates paid by borrowers		(16,251)		(6,514)	
Securities lending income		17,840		7,863	
Total investment income/(loss)		360,517		(349,377)	
LESS INVESTMENT EXPENSES:					
Investment management fees		(19,899)		(18,724)	
Custody fees		(111)		(112)	
Consultant fees		(597)		(516)	
Securities lending management fees		(317)		(269)	
Total investment expenses		(20,924)		(19,621)	
Net investment income/(loss)		339,593		(368,998)	
OTHER INCOME:		285		69	
Total additions		483,842		(238,214)	
DEDUCTIONS:					
Benefit payments		328,296		317,528	
Refund of contributions		12,700		12,158	
Administrative expenses		9,183		8,206	
Depreciation expense		841		829	
Total deductions		351,020		338,721	
Net increase/(decrease) in Net Position Restricted for Pensions		132,822		(576,935)	
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS :					
Beginning of year	:	3,516,280		4,093,215	
End of year	\$ :	3,649,102	\$ 3	3,516,280	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### 1) Description of the Plan

#### General

a) The Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas ("ERF" or the "Plan") is a single employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to its members, and is sponsored by the City of Dallas, Texas (the "City"). All employees of the City are members in the Plan, except police officers, firefighters, elected officers, non-salaried appointee members of administrative boards or commissions, part-time employees working less than one-half time, temporary employees, individuals working under contract, and individuals whose salaries are paid in part by another government agency. Members are entitled to retirement benefits after five years of service and to survivor benefits after two years of service or at the date of eligibility for retirement. The Plan was established and derives its authority to continue in operation from Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code ("Chapter 40A"). The description of the Plan provisions in this report is for financial disclosure only. It is not intended to create or reduce legal rights. The rights and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, the Plan, the members and the retirees are governed by the Plan as set forth in Chapter 40A. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan's membership consisted of:

	2023	2022
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and inactive members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them	10,021	9,958
Current members:		
Vested	4,138	4,249
Non-vested	3,756	3,215
Total current members	7,894	7,464
Total membership	17,915	17,422

#### Plan Administration

b) The Plan is governed by seven Board members, consisting of three members appointed by the City Council who may be Council members, three employee members of the Plan (elected by the membership) and the City Auditor (serving ex officio). The Board has general powers and duties to administer the Plan, including appointing an administrator to carry out the business of the Board, investing the assets of the Plan, making expenditures from the Plan, and determining members' eligibility for benefits.

Based on a Plan amendment passed by the voters of the City of Dallas in November 2004, the Board annually increases or decreases contribution rates in a ratio where the City pays 63% and the employee pays 37% of the contribution rate as determined by the actuarial valuation. The Plan requires notice to the City of the contribution rates and provides procedures by which the City may review and challenge those rates; codifying the Board's policies and procedures relating to the Plan's

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actuarial process and the City's participation in the selection of an actuarial firm to perform a peer review/audit; increasing the Board from five members to seven by adding another employee-elected representative and another council-appointed representative effective March 1, 2005; increasing from three to four the number of Board members required to constitute a quorum; increasing the terms of the employee-elected representatives from two to three years; requiring Council approval before the Board may grant temporary or permanent discretionary adjustments to retirement benefits over and above the regular cost-of-living increases; correcting section references to the term "qualified recipient"; and authorizing either the Council or the Board to propose amendments to Chapter 40A, subject to approval by the Board, the Council, and the voters of the City.

Based on a Plan amendment passed by the voters of the City of Dallas in November 2016, a new tier of benefits was added to the Plan (Tier B), effective January 1, 2017. Benefits provided to each tier of membership are outlined below.

The Plan may be terminated only by ordinance recommended by the Board adopted by the City Council and approved by a majority of the voters of the City voting in a general or special election. The Plan does not address allocation of the net position in the event of termination.

#### c) Pension Benefits

#### Tier A

Members of the Plan hired before January 1, 2017, are entitled to pension benefits equal to 2.75% of the average monthly earnings for each year of credited service. Average monthly earnings are based on the most beneficial to the member and are determined based on the member's earnings for the highest three calendars years, last 6,240 hours of credited service, or the length of credited service if less than three years. Normal retirement age is 55 if credited service began before May 9, 1972 or age 60.

Tier A members are also eligible to retire at age 50 if the sum of the member's age and credited service is equal to or greater than 78. Members who have completed 30 years of credited service may alternatively elect retirement before age 50; however, the pension benefits will be actuarially reduced based on the member's age at retirement.

#### Tier B

Members of the Plan hired on or after January 1, 2017, are entitled to pension benefits equal to 2.5% of the average monthly earnings of the member for each year of credited service. Average monthly earnings are based on the most beneficial to the member and are determined based on the member's earnings for the five highest calendar years, last 10,400 hours of credited service, or the length of credited service if less than five years. Normal retirement age is 65 with five years of credited service.

Tier B members who have completed 40 years of credited service may elect retirement at any age and are entitled to full pension benefits. Members who elect retirement before age 65 are entitled to an actuarially reduced pension benefit depending upon the age of the member. Active members may also elect to retire with actuarially reduced benefit once a combination of their age and years of credited service equal at least 80.

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#### d) Cost of Living Adjustments

Cost of living adjustments for retirees are made each year on the first of January by adjusting the pension base by the percentage change of the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"), not to exceed 5% for Tier A and 3% for Tier B members. The cost-of-living adjustment effective January 2023 was 5% for Tier A members and 3% for Tier B members.

#### e) Disability and Death Benefits

Members who become totally and permanently disabled may qualify for a service-connected disability with no minimum service requirement, or a non-service connected disability with five or more years of credited service. Non-service connected benefits are based on actual credited service or a minimum of 10 years. Service-connected benefits are equal to normal retirement benefits or a minimum of \$1,000.

Upon the death of an active married member with less than 15 years of service, the joint and one-half survivor option is the automatic death benefit.

If an active married member has at least 15 years of service and is eligible to retire or has reached normal retirement age, the member may elect the joint and full survivor option. Under this option, the member receives a reduced base pension payment which is actuarially computed based on the member's age, average monthly earnings, years of credited service at retirement, and the relative age of the spouse. Upon the death of the member, this option pays the full amount of the member's pension payment to the surviving spouse for life.

Upon the death of a member before retirement, death benefits equal to the normal retirement benefit will be paid to a qualified recipient: surviving spouse, minor child under age 18, a disabled child who became disabled before age 18, a dependent parent, or a parent over age 65. Death benefits vary depending on the beneficiary. The surviving spouse, the disabled child, or the dependent parent will receive a lifetime benefit unless the ten-year option is taken. The minor child under age 18 will receive the normal retirement benefit for ten years or until reaching age 18. If the member has less than two years of credited service, the member's contributions will be refunded.

Upon the death of a retired member, a death benefit is paid in accordance with the option selected by the member at retirement. If there are no qualified recipients at the time of death and benefits have not been paid for ten years, death benefits are paid to the designee (an estate, a person or an entity) named by the member. The designee will receive a lump-sum payment based on ten years of benefit payments when the member's death occurs before retirement. If death occurs after retirement, the designee will receive a commuted lump-sum payment representing the balance of a guaranteed ten-year period starting from the date of retirement.

If a member does not have an eligible beneficiary, death benefits will be paid to the designee or member's estate in one commuted value payment. Benefit payments will vary depending on whether death occurred before or after retirement. Upon the death of a member before retirement, the designee or member's estate will receive a lump-sum payment based on ten years of benefit payments. Upon the death of a retired member, the designee or estate will receive a commuted value lump-sum payment representing the balance of a guaranteed ten-year period starting from the date of retirement.

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#### f) Contributions

If employment ends before attaining five years of service and before attaining eligibility for retirement, the member's contributions will be refunded upon written request to the Plan.

If a member's employment is terminated after five years of service, the member may elect a refund of contributions upon a written request, or the member may elect to receive pension benefits at normal retirement age equal to the amount accrued to the date of termination.

In fiscal year 2023, the employees' contribution and the City's total contribution remain unchanged from fiscal year 2022 at 13.32% and 22.68%, respectively. Effective October 1, 2023, the City's 22.68% contribution is divided into 14.46% to the Plan and 8.22% for debt service payments on the pension obligation bonds. Effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, the City's total contribution of 22.68% was divided into 14.12% to the Plan and 8.56% to the debt service.

The percent contributed may vary from the legally required rate as the annual required contribution is based upon covered payroll as of the actuarial valuation date, December 31, whereas contributions are calculated and paid based upon actual payrolls throughout the year. Certain factors, such as changes in benefit provisions, the size or composition of the population covered by the Plan or the actuarial assumptions used, may significantly affect the identification of trends in the amounts reported in the Schedule of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability located in the Required Supplementary Information section.

#### 2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### a) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, interest earned but not received and dividends declared but not received as of the Plan's fiscal year-end are recorded as accrued interest and dividends receivable, respectively. Contributions owed but not received as of the Plan's fiscal year end are recorded as contributions receivable. Benefits and refunds are recorded when paid. In addition, unsettled investment purchases and sales are accrued.

#### b) Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are paid from the Plan's contributions. The contribution rates calculated by the actuary take into consideration the expected administrative expenses.

#### c) Use of Estimates

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

#### d) Investments and Investment Income

The Plan's investment policy requires that investments comply at all times with applicable local, state and federal regulations. The Plan's investment policy is based upon an asset allocation study that considers the current and expected condition of the Plan, the expected long-term capital

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market outlook and the Plan's risk tolerance. Unless specifically permitted in the investment manager guidelines or other governing document, the investment policy prohibits the purchase of non-negotiable securities, short sales, selling on margin, puts, calls, straddles, options, or "letter" (restricted) stock. Also, unless specifically authorized in a manager's individual guidelines, the investment policy prohibits the use of derivatives (See derivatives disclosure in footnote 3).

Marketable Securities are valued at fair value based on quoted market prices, where available. Purchases and sales of securities and any resulting gain or loss are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net appreciation/(depreciation) include the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. In May 2023, the Plan modified the asset allocation. The Plan's asset allocation is shown in the following table.

#### SUMMARY OF ASSET ALLOCATION TARGETS AND RANGES

	Target	Minimum	Maximum
Equity			
Domestic Equity	12.00%	10.00%	14.00%
International Equity	11.50%	9.50%	13.50%
Global Equity	5.00%	3.00%	7.00%
Global Low Volatility Equity	10.00%	8.00%	12.00%
Private Equity	10.00%	5.00%	15.00%
Total Equity	48.50%	46.50%	50.50%
Fixed Income			
Core Fixed Income	17.50%	15.50%	19.50%
High Yield	10.00%	8.00%	12.00%
Credit Opportunities	4.00%	2.00%	6.00%
Private Credit	2.50%	0.00%	5.00%
Total Fixed Income	34.00%	32.00%	36.00%
Real Assets			
Real Estate Investment Trusts	2.50%	0.50%	4.50%
Global Listed Infrastructure	5.00%	3.00%	7.00%
Private Real Estate	7.50%	2.50%	12.50%
Total Real Assets	15.00%	13.00%	17.00%
Diversifying Strategies	_		
Marketable Alternatives	2.50%	0.50%	4.50%
Total Diversifying Strategies	2.50%	0.50%	4.50%
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TOTAL PORTFOLIO	100.00%		

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#### e) Private Equity

To enhance the potential for earning higher rates of return relative to its other asset classes and to provide for broader portfolio diversification, the Plan allocates 10.00% of its total Plan portfolio to Private Equity. Recognizing that Private Equity investments have higher risk levels, this target of 10.00% is to be allocated within an acceptable range of 5.0% to 15.0% of private equity-oriented investments. Funding of committed capital in the Private Equity portfolio can occur over an extended time period and may take several years before the total allocation is fully invested. In order to reach the allocation target, a "committed" allocation up to 1.5 times the allocation is authorized. The Plan had three Private Equity managers at December 31, 2023.

Investments in these funds as a limited partner are carried at net asset value. Net asset values of investments in private limited partnerships are determined by the fund managers or general partner based on the latest investee information available, including audited financial statements and other similar data necessary to the valuation process. The Private Equity value at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were \$372 million and \$382 million, respectively.

#### f) Real Assets

The Plan is authorized to allocate 15% of its portfolio to Real Assets. The Plan has six managers that manage Real Assets for a total value of \$340 million at December 31, 2023 and \$346 million at December 31, 2022. The Plan invests in Heitman's core real estate fund, Invesco's core fund, Invesco II which manages 1900 McKinney, LLC, AEW Partners, Virtus Real Estate Capital III, L.P and Brasa Capital management. AEW Partners manages AEW Partners Real Estate Fund IX, L.P. and Pix Oakland Park Co-invest L.P. for the Plan.

Net asset values of investments are determined by the fund managers based on their best estimates using fair value estimation techniques substantiated, in part, by their audited financial statements and supported by the due diligence of the Plan investment staff.

#### g) Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)

The Plan is authorized to allocate 2.5% of its portfolio to REITs. The plan has two managers within this category: Adelante and Center Square. Investments are listed at net asset value.

#### h) Foreign Currency Transactions

The Plan may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts for the purchase or sale of a specific foreign currency at a fixed price on a future date as a hedge against specific transactions or to position the portfolio to protect the Plan against adverse currency movements. Entering into these arrangements involves the risk of dealing with counterparties and their ability to meet the terms of the contracts. These contracts are valued at fair value at the financial statement date, and any realized and unrealized gains and losses are recorded when they are incurred.

Investments denominated in foreign currencies at December 31, 2023 and 2022 were converted to U.S. dollars at the foreign exchange rates quoted at December 31, 2023 and 2022. These foreign exchange gains and losses are included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

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#### i) Securities Lending

The Board has authorized the Plan to enter into an agreement with The Northern Trust Company ("Northern Trust") for the lending of certain of the Plan's securities (the "Securities Lending Program" or "Program") including, but not limited to, stocks and bonds to counterparty brokers and banks ("borrowers") for a predetermined period of time and fee.

In 2009, the Board capped the securities lending exposure at \$538.2 million.

#### j) Rate of Return

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of investment fees, was 10.17%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expenses, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

#### Schedule of Money-Weighted Investment Returns

For Year Ended December 31	Annual Investment <u>Returns</u>
2014	6.52%
2015	-1.92%
2016	8.88%
2017	13.08%
2018	-4.99%
2019	17.33%
2020	5.75%
2021	16.25%
2022	-8.23%
2023	10.17%

#### k) Capital Assets

Capital Assets, which include furniture, fixture, and software, are reported in the Plan's Financial Statements. Capital Assets are defined by the Plan as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. As the Plan constructs or develops additional Capital Assets each period, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or increase its estimated useful life.

Furniture and fixtures are depreciated using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 5-20 years. Intangible Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 5-15 years. Construction in progress is not depreciated.

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#### Leases

The Plan does not have any material noncancellable leases. The Plan recognizes a lease liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-to-use lease asset (lease asset), reported with other capital assets, in the financial statements with an initial, individual value of \$50,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the Plan initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the Plan determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The Plan uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Plan generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease.
- Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, purchase option price that the Plan is reasonably certain to exercise, lease incentives receivable from the lessor, and any other payments that are reasonably certain of being required based on an assessment of all relevant factors.

It is the policy of the plan to monitor changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its leases and will remeasure the lease assets and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to be significant.

#### 3) Derivatives

Derivatives are generally defined as contracts whose values depend on, or are derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate, or index. The Plan has classified the following as derivatives:

#### a) Currency Forward Contracts

A Currency Forward is a contractual agreement between two parties to pay or receive specific amounts of foreign currency at a future date in exchange for another currency at an agreed upon exchange rate. Forward commitments are not standardized and carry credit risk due to the possible nonperformance by one of the counterparties. The maximum potential loss is the aggregate face value in U.S. dollars at the time the contract was opened; however, the likelihood of such loss is remote. No such losses occurred during the fiscal years 2023 and 2022. Currency Forwards are usually traded over the counter. These transactions are entered into in order to hedge risks from exposure to foreign currency rate fluctuation and to facilitate trade settlement of foreign security transactions. Currency Forwards carry market risk resulting from adverse fluctuations in foreign

exchange rates. Recognition of realized gain or loss depends on whether the currency exchange rate has moved favorably or unfavorably to the contract holder upon termination of the contract. Prior to termination of the contract, the Plan records the unrealized currency translation gain or loss based on the applicable exchange rates.

The Plan recognized a net realized loss on Currency Forward Contracts of \$2 million as of December 31, 2023, and a net realized gain of \$141 thousand as of December 31, 2022. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan had a net unrealized loss on Currency Forward contracts of \$746 thousand and a net unrealized loss of \$1.09 million at December 31, 2022. These gains and losses are included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

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Currency Forward Contracts outstanding at December 31, 2023 and 2022 were approximately \$586 million and \$279 million, respectively, with a fair value of \$598 million and \$283 million, respectively (\$ in thousands):

	2023 Currency Forward	2022 Currency Forward
Currency	Contracts Outstanding	Contracts Outstanding
Australian Dollar	\$30,404	\$21,040
Brazilian Real	2,518	3,694
Canadian Dollar	33,470	12,591
Chile Peso	2,452	1,903
Columbian Peso	1,694	1,482
Czech Koruna	2,338	994
Denmark Krone	823	216
Euro	55,529	26,728
Hong Kong Dollar	2,198	2,805
Hungary Forint	3,961	853
Indonesia-Rupiahs	452	947
Indian Rupee	4,768	4,219
Israel Shekel	196	24
Japanese Yen	31,266	5,935
Mexican Peso	10,051	2,161
New Zealand Dollar	11,555	5,804
Norwegian Krone	22,726	9,008
Peruvian Nuevo Sol	21	10
Philippine Peso	-	589
Qatari Riyal	179	-
Poland Zloty	5,739	1,740
Saudi Riyal	1,622	1,528
Singapore Dollar	952	1,876
South Africa Rand	1,981	3,696
South Korea Won	155	1,621
Swedish Krona	8,791	5,120
Switzerland Franc	21,896	6,778
Thailand Baht	268	327
Taiwan New Dollar	3,153	380
UK Pound	25,608	7,209
U.S. Dollar	299,216	147,692
Totals	\$585,982	\$278,970

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#### b) Other Forward Contracts

Forward Contracts other than Currency Forward Contracts include rights and warrants and various other contractual agreements between two parties to buy or sell an asset at a specified price on a certain future date. Forward Contracts carry credit risk due to the possible nonperformance by one of the counterparties. The maximum potential loss is the aggregate face value in U.S. dollars at the time the contract was opened; however, the likelihood of such loss is remote. No such losses occurred during the fiscal years 2023 and 2022. Forward Contracts are usually traded over the counter. These transactions are entered into in order to hedge risks from exposure to fluctuations in prices in securities, commodities, or other financial instruments. Forward Contracts carry market risk resulting from adverse fluctuations in price. Recognition of realized gain or loss depends on whether the price of the asset has moved favorably or unfavorably to the contract holder upon termination of the contract. Prior to termination of the contract, the Plan records the unrealized gain or loss based on the applicable rates.

The Plan recognized a net realized gain on Other Forward Contracts of \$160 thousand as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan had a net unrealized gain on Forward Contracts of \$326 thousand. The gains and losses are included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

#### c) Swaps

A Swap is an agreement between two or more parties to exchange a sequence of cash flows over a period of time in the future. No principal is exchanged at the beginning of the Swap. The cash flows that the counterparties exchange is tied to a "notional" amount. The agreements provide, at predetermined future dates that the Plan pays interest based upon a notional principal amount and receives a return based upon the underlying instrument. Notional amounts represent the volume of outstanding transactions and do not represent the potential gain or loss associated with market risk or credit risk of such instruments. Risk associated with Swaps includes adverse movements in the underlying instrument.

The Plan recognized a net realized gain on Swaps of \$104 thousand. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan recognizes unrealized gain of \$43 thousand on Swaps. The gains and losses are included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

#### d) Futures

Financial Futures are agreements to purchase or sell a specific amount of an asset at a specified delivery or maturity date for an agreed upon price. These derivative securities are used to improve yield, adjust the duration of the Fixed Income portfolio, circumvent changes in interest rates, or to replicate an index. Futures Contracts are standardized and traded on organized exchanges, thereby minimizing the Plan's risk. There were no outstanding Futures Contracts at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

The Plan recognized a net realized gain of \$1.5 million on futures. The gain is included in net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

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As of December 31, 2023, and 2022 open derivatives contracts values were as follows (\$ in thousands):

	12/31/2023		12/31/2	2022	
	Total	Total	Total	Total	
Derivative Type	Notional Value	Fair Value	Notional Value	Fair Value	
Forward Contracts	\$585,982	(\$746)	\$278,970	(\$1,088)	
Other Forwards	92,794	326	29,629	(170)	
Swap Agreements		43	-	31	
Totals	\$678,776	(\$377)	\$308,599	(\$1,227)	

#### 4) Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures

Deposits and investments of state and local governments are exposed to risks that have the potential to result in losses. The common deposit and investment risks include custodial credit risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. The required disclosures related to these risks and the Plan's exposures to these risks are disclosed in the following sections.

#### a) Custodial Credit Risk

In the event of a failure of the counterparty, custodial credit risk is the risk that the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Plan's custodial credit risk policy is set forth in Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code and in the master custody agreement which includes the Securities Lending Program. All investments are registered in the name of Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas or in the name of the Plan's custodian established through a master trust custodial agreement. The securities are held by the custodian in the name of the Plan.

As of December 31, 2023, the Plan had \$2.7 million or 0.1% of its approximate \$3.6 billion total investments (excluding short-term investments) exposed to custodial credit risk. The custodial credit risk exposure at December 31, 2022 was \$5.7 million or 0.2% of total investments (excluding short-term investments) of approximately \$3.4 billion. These exposures were uninsured and uncollateralized deposits held by custodian banks outside of the United States. The Plan has experienced no losses on these deposits during the year.

#### b) Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. A concentration of investments in any one single issuer of debt securities presents a greater risk for loss in the event that the issuer fails on its obligations.

The Board has contracted with third party investment managers to manage the investment portfolio of the Plan, subject to the policies and guidelines established by the Board. The Plan's Concentration of Credit Risk Policy is communicated to individual managers in their guidelines through limitations or restrictions to securities, sectors, debt ratings, and other factors that may be applicable to a particular manager. As the Plan's custodian bank, Northern Trust has responsibility for the safekeeping of certain investments, handling of transactions based on the instructions of investment managers, and recordkeeping for the investment transactions.

The Plan had no investments that individually represent 5% or more of the net position available for Plan benefits at December 31, 2023.

#### c) Credit Risk

Credit Risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Credit quality ratings for the Plan's investments in Fixed Income securities as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 are included in the following schedule. Securities are rated using Standard and Poor's quality ratings as presented following in the rating scale.

The Plan's strategic Fixed Income Investment Policy allocates 30% of the total assets to Fixed Income. The Plan's Investment Policy provides for investment of up to 15% of the Fixed Income allocation in Investment Grade assets, up to 10% of the Fixed Income allocation in High Yield (below Investment Grade) assets, and up to 5% for Opportunistic Credit. The Investment Grade allocation also allows selected managers to invest in non-U.S. dollar issues on an opportunistic basis up to 20% of their portfolio assets

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Long term bond ratings as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows (\$ in thousands):

<u>2023</u> <u>2022</u>

Quality Rating	Fair Value	Percentage of Bond Portfolio	Fair Value	Percentage of Bond Portfolio
AAA	\$108,738	10.37%	\$97,942	10.95%
AA+	19,402	1.85%	30,146	3.37%
AA	605	0.06%	605	.07%
AA-	47	0.00	104	.01%
A+	417	0.04%	552	.06%
A	828	0.08%	156	.02%
A-	17,137	1.63%	21,068	2.36%
BBB+	23,956	2.28%	21,338	2.39%
BBB	8,931	0.85%	4,456	0.50%
BBB-	15,259	1.49%	10,039	1.12%
BB+	14,160	1.35%	15,898	1.78%
ВВ	37,950	3.62%	24,667	2.76%
BB-	53,556	5.11%	44,380	4.96%
B+	51,370	4.90%	56,473	6.31%
В	50,844	4.85%	56,394	6.30%
B-	37,874	3.61%	32,068	3.58%
CC	988	0.09%	146	.02%
CCC+	12,170	1.16%	16,943	1.89%
CCC-	2,146	0.20%	-	-
CCC	5,672	0.54%	3,798	0.42%
D	913	0.09%	364	.04%
Not rated (NR)*	453,438	43.24%	369,741	41.33%
U.S. Government fixed income securities (NR)**	132,150	12.59%	87,319	9.76%
То	tal \$1,048,551	100%	\$894,597	100%

<sup>\*</sup> NR-Investments that are not rated.

<sup>\*\*</sup> NR-U.S. Treasury Bonds and Notes are obligations of the U.S. government or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and therefore are not considered to have a credit risk.

#### d) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign Currency Risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or deposit. The Plan's Foreign Currency Risk policy is communicated to those managers who are authorized to hedge currencies in their guidelines and sets specific parameters for each manager individually.

The Plan's investment policies limit the aggregate amount that can be invested in each class of investments. The Plan's General Investment Policy sets an allocation of 11.5% of assets to International Equity, 5.00% of assets to Global Equity and 10.00% to Global Low Volatility Equity.

The Plan's positions in International Equity securities, directly and through commingled funds, were 12.04% and 13.90% of invested assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Plan's position in Global Equity securities was 5.11% and 6.27% of invested assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Plan's position in Global Low Volatility Equity was 10.39% at December 31, 2023 and 13.52% at 2022. The Plan's positions in Global Fixed Income assets were 29.44% and 26.11% of invested assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Non-U.S. Dollar denominated investments at December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows (\$ in thousands):

2023 2022

	U.S. Dollars Balance of Investments		U. S. Dollars Balance of Investments			
		,	Currency			Currency
		Fixed	Forward		Fixed	Forward
Currency	Equities	Income	Contracts	Equities	Income	Contracts
Australian Dollar	\$20,644	\$-	\$30,404	\$24,498	\$-	\$21,040
Brazil Real	11,128	17	2,518	13,482	-	3,694
British Pound Sterling	61,609	466	25,608	65,609	981	7,209
Canadian Dollar	33,870		33,470	37,517	-	12,591
Chile Peso	34	-	2,452	16	-	1,903
Columbia Peso	-	-	1,694	-	-	1,482
Czech Republic-Koruna	-	-	2,338	-	-	994
Denmark Krone	9,243	-	823	7,178	-	216
Euro	139,783	5,958	55,529	122,281	3,027	26,728
Hong Kong Dollars	37,019	-	2,198	48,511	-	2,805
Hungary-Forint	106	-	3,961	279	-	853
Indian Rupee	18,269	958	4,768	14,882	-	4,219
Indonesia-Rupiahs	5,594	1,592	452	4,208	1,582	947
Israel Shekel	1,636	-	196	3,861	-	24
Japanese Yen	90,758	-	31,266	84,298	-	5,935
Malaysia Ringgit	2,078	-		1,514	-	-
Mexican Peso	5,376	6,155	10,051	6,688	4,882	2,161
New Zealand Dollar	1,365	-	11,555	2,339	-	5,804
Norwegian Krone	10,618	-	22,726	12,359	-	9,008
Offshore-Chinese-Renminbi	6,898	-	-	8,399	-	-
Peruvian Nuevo Sol	-	-	21	-	-	10
Philippines-Pesos	1,338	-	-	1,238	-	589
Poland-Zloty	2,133	-	5,739	2,756	-	1,740
Qatar-Riyal	1,815	-	179	2,179	-	-
Saudi Riyal		-	1,622	-	-	1,528
Singapore Dollar	5,825	-	952	5,902	-	1,876
South Africa Rand	2,324	-	1,981	2,844	-	3,696
South Korea-Won	16,691	-	155	18,092	-	1,621
Swedish Krona	8,053	-	8,791	7,184	-	5,120
Swiss Franc	35,342	-	21,896	41,382	-	6,778
Taiwan New Dollar	9,819	-	3,153	6,579	-	380
Thailand Baht	5,725	-	268	7,975	-	327
Turkish Lira	763	-	-	838	-	-
United Arab-Dirham	228	-	-	237	-	-
Uruguay-New Peso	106	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$546,190	\$15,146	\$286,766	\$555,125	\$10,472	\$131,278

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#### e) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that future changes in prevailing market rates of interest will have an adverse effect on the fair value of debt investments. The fair value of securities with long terms to maturity may be highly sensitive to interest rate changes.

As of December 31, 2023, and 2022 the weighted-average maturity of the bonds by bond type are as follows (\$ in thousands):

		2023			<u>2022</u>	
	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity	WAM	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity	WAM
<b>Bond Category</b>	12/31/2023	(years)	Factor	12/31/2022	(years)	Factor
Asset Backed						
Securities	\$42,656	14.79	0.60	\$31,624	14.08	0.50
Bank Loans	21,304	4.75	0.10	25,899	4.50	0.13
Commercial						
Mortgage-Backed	21,483	20.34	0.42	11,251	22.45	0.28
Corp Convertible						
Bonds	5,007	28.44	0.14	5,684	28.08	0.18
Corporate Bonds	608,396	10.30	5.98	551,965	10.63	6.56
Government						
Agencies	6,829	9.47	0.06	3,733	14.13	0.06
Government Bonds	161,687	15.29	2.36	124,325	15.67	2.18
Govt Commer Mtg						
Backed	1,227	28.32	0.03	672	41.15	0.03
Govt Mtg Backed	161,256	24.45	3.76	123,463	24.43	3.37
Index Linked						0.04
<b>Government Bonds</b>	4,392	12.06	0.05	4,487	8.59	0.04
Municipal/						
Provincial Bonds	1,176	9.64	0.01	1,286	8.94	0.01
Non-Government Backed CMOs	12,665	31.60	0.38	10,208	26.21	0.30
Unassigned	473	27.46	0.01	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ
Total	\$1,048,551			\$894,597		
Portfolio weighted average maturity			13.90			<b>13.64</b>

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Government Mortgage-Backed Securities are sensitive to changes in interest rates as their prepayments can vary significantly with interest rate changes. This change in prepayments will generally cause the duration, or Interest Rate Risk, of these securities to increase when interest rates rise and decrease when interest rates fall. These securities represent 16% and 14% of the total Fixed Income portfolio for 2023 and 2022 at year end. Their fair values at years ended 2023 and 2022 were \$162,483 million and \$124,135 million respectively. The Plan's Interest Rate Risk policy is communicated to the Fixed Income managers through the Fixed Income Asset Policy and each manager's guidelines.

#### 5) Appreciation or (Depreciation) of Investments

In 2023 and 2022, the Plan's investments, including investments bought, sold, and held during the year, appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows (\$ in thousands):

	2023	2022
Investments, at fair value:		
Commingled index funds	\$18,930	\$(95,055)
Domestic equities	166,378	(124,691)
United States and foreign government fixed income securities	(7,126)	(76,762)
Domestic corporate fixed income securities	51,210	(73,157)
International equities	38,150	(98,963)
Short-term investments	36	149
Currency contracts	(1,615)	(339)
	\$265,963	\$(468,818)
Investments, at estimated fair value:		
Real Assets	(20,594)	15,611
Private Equity	(19,863)	(11,683)
	\$225,506	\$(464,890)

#### 6) Fair Value Measurement

The Plan's investments are measured and categorized according to fair value hierarchy guidelines established by GAAP.

The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets.
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted market prices in active market; and,
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs.

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At December 31, 2023, the Plan had the following recurring fair value measurements (\$ in thousands):

## THE CITY OF DALLAS Investments at Fair Value Measurement As of December 31, 2023

	Total			Fair Value	Mea	asurements l	Jsing	
	1	2/31/2023		Level 1		Level 2	Le	vel 3
Investments by Fair Value Level								
Cash and Short Term Investment:								
Short-Term Investment Fund	\$	95,324	\$	95,324	\$	-	\$	-
Total Cash and Short Term Investment	\$	95,324	\$	95,324	\$	-	\$	-
Fixed Income:								
Domestic Asset and Mortgage Backed Securities	\$	71,789	\$	-	\$	71,789	\$	-
Government and US Agency Obligations		316,367		-		316,367		-
Corporate and Taxable Municipal Bonds		541,785		-		541,785		-
Index Commingled		90,679		17,428		73,251		-
Total Fixed Income	\$	1,020,620	\$	17,428	\$	1,003,192	\$	-
Equity:	•	070 040	•	070 005	•	404	_	4.50
Domestic Common and Preferred Stock	\$	979,942	\$	979,665	\$	121	\$	156
International Common and Preferred Stock		416,834		416,510		324		-
Total Equity	\$	1,396,776	\$	1,396,175	\$	445	\$	156
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$	2,512,720	\$	1,508,927	\$	1,003,637	\$	156
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value								
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Commingled Funds:								
Corporate bonds	\$	118,580						
Index Commingled-Corporate Bonds		25,961						
Domestic Equity and Collective Trust		281,190						
International Equity		7,006						
Total Commingled Funds	\$	432,737	_					
Alternative Investments:			-					
Private Equity	\$	371,556						
Real Estate		339,923						
Total Alternative Investments	\$	711,479	- -					
Total Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	\$	1,144,216						

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At December 31, 2022, the Plan had the following recurring fair value measurements (\$ in thousands):

#### THE CITY OF DALLAS Investments at Fair Value Measurement As of December 31, 2022

	Total Fair Value N		/leasurements		Using			
	1	2/31/2022	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	
Investments by Fair Value Level								
Cash and Short Term Investment:								
Short-Term Investment Fund	\$	109,754	\$	109,754	\$	-	\$	-
Total Cash and Short Term Investment	\$	109,754	\$	109,754	\$	-	\$	-
Fixed Income:								
Domestic Asset and Mortgage Backed Securities	\$	77,797	\$	-	\$	77,797	\$	_
Government and US Agency Obligations		244,514		-		244,514		_
Corporate and Taxable Municipal Bonds		475,103		_		475,103		_
Index Commingled		11,968		11,931		37		_
Total Fixed Income	\$	809,382	\$	11,931	\$	797,451	\$	
Equity:								
Domestic Common and Preferred Stock	\$	1,006,555	\$	1,005,206	\$	1,123	\$	226
International Common and Preferred Stock		374,264		374,159		105		-
Total Equity	\$	1,380,819	\$	1,379,365	\$	1,228	\$	226
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$	2,299,955	\$	1,501,050	\$	798,679	\$	226
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value								
Commingled Funds:								
Corporate bonds	\$	97,183						
Index Commingled-Corporate Bonds		81,114						
Domestic Equity and Collective Trust		321,054						
International Equity		9,054	_					
Total Commingled Funds	\$	508,405						
Alternative Investments:			_					
Private Equity	\$	381,814						
Real Estate		346,345	_					
Total Alternative Investments	\$	728,159	-					
Total Investments Measured at Net Asset Value	\$	1,236,564	=					

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#### **Private Placement Debt**

Private placement debt is initially stated at its fair value, which is adjusted for any transaction costs directly associated with its issuance. Subsequently, the debt is carried at its amortized cost, accounting for adjustments related to discounts or premiums over the term of the debt. They are included with Corporate Bonds.

#### **Commingled Funds**

Commingled funds are fund-structure investments reported by the fund managers at NAV per share. Neuberger Berman, Northern Trust Asset Management S&P 500 Index, Northern Trust ACWI Index, Northern Trust Aggregate Bond Index and BlackRock do not have a redemption period notice requirement. They may be redeemed at any time by the Plan. Earnest Partners has a redemption period notice requirement of 5 days.

#### **Real Estate**

Real Estate investments are held either in separate accounts, as a limited partner, or in a joint venture. These investments are illiquid and resold at varying rates, with distributions received over the life of the investments. They are typically not redeemed, nor do they have set redemption schedules. Estimated fair values of investments are determined by the fund managers based on their best estimates using fair value estimation techniques substantiated, in part, by their audited financial statements and supported by the due diligence of the Plan.

The Plan invests in:

AEW Partners
Brasa Capital Management
Heitman's core real estate fund
Invesco's core fund
Invesco II
Long Wharf Capital
Virtus Real Estate Cap

The redemption schedule for each Real Estate investment is as follows:

AEW Partners redemption is at the sole discretion of AEW's general partner; no limited partner of AEW has the right to cause a redemption.

Heitman's core real estate fund does not have a redemption period notice requirement. Heitman may be redeemed quarterly at any time by the Plan.

Invesco's core fund has a 45-day redemption period.

Invesco II manages 1900 McKinney, LLC. There is no redemption period.

Virtus Real Estate Cap's redemption is at the sole discretion of Virtus' general partner; no limited partner of Virtus has the right to cause a redemption.

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Unfunded commitments at December 31, 2023 for real estate are as follows: AEW Partners \$17 million
Brasa Capital Management \$8 million
Long Wharf Capital \$17 million
Virtus Real Estate Cap \$6 million

#### **Private Equity**

Private equity holdings include fund-structure investments with general partners. By their nature, these investments are illiquid and typically not resold or redeemed.

Private equity managers' expectations that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated in the future as follows:

Fairview Lone Star Fund: 12 years from subscription date with 3 one-year extensions; GCM Grosvenor: 15th anniversary of subscription date with 3 one-year extensions; and

Hamilton Lane: 10 -14 years after subscription date with 2 one-year extensions.

Upon initial investment with a general partner or in certain fund-structures, the Plan commits to a certain funding level for the duration of the contract. At will, the partners or fund managers may request that the Plan fund a portion of this amount. Such amounts remaining as of December 31, 2023, and 2022 for investments measured at NAV are disclosed as unfunded commitments.

Unfunded commitments at December 31, 2023 for Private Equity are as follows:

Fairview Lone Star Fund \$46 million; GCM Grosvenor \$59 million; and Hamilton Lane \$105 million.

#### 7) Securities Lending

During the year, Northern Trust lent, on behalf of the Plan, securities held by Northern Trust as Plan custodian and received cash, United States government securities, agency securities, and irrevocable bank letters of credit as collateral. Northern Trust did not have the ability to pledge or sell collateral securities absent a borrower default. Northern Trust's Core USA Collateral Section establishes requirements for participation, collateralization levels, cash and non-cash collateral guidelines, and investment guidelines for the collateral received from borrowers. Borrowers were required to put up collateral for each loan equal to: (i) in the case of loaned securities, the collateral for which is all denominated in the same currency as the loaned securities, 102% of the fair value of the loaned securities plus any accrued but unpaid distributions thereon, and (ii) in the case of loaned securities denominated in a different currency from the loaned securities, 105% of the fair value of the loaned securities plus any accrued but unpaid distributions thereon. Additionally, the guidelines set maturity/ liquidity requirements for the collateral received from borrowers.

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The following table shows for open loans at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the type of collateral held, the fair value of the securities on loan, and the fair value of the collateral held (\$ in thousands).

		12/31/2023		12/31/2022				
Type	Fair Value	Collateral Fair Value	Collateral Percentage	Fair Value	Collateral Fair Value	Collateral Percentage		
Cash	\$230,957	\$237,524	103%	\$333,251	\$342,361	103%		

The following represents the balances relating to the Securities Lending transactions as of December 31, 2023, and 2022 (\$ in thousands):

	-	12/31/2023		12/31/2022			
			Cash			Cash	_
		Securities	Collateral		Securities	Collateral	
Securities Lent	Underlying	Collateral	Investment	Underlying	Collateral	Investment	
Securities Lent	Securities	Value	Value	Securities	Value	Value	_
Lent for cash collateral:							
Domestic equities	\$36,960		\$38,125	\$120,870	-	\$124,047	
Domestic Agencies	157		162				
Domestic corporate fixed income	138,738		142,729	138,865	-	142,630	
Global corporate fixed income	2,006		2,117	2,138	-	2,265	
Global government fixed income	1,468		1,559	3,528	-	3,714	
International equities	747		791	7,425	-	7,901	
Global Agencies	226		234	360	-	380	
U.S. government fixed	50,655		51,807	60,065	_	61,424	
Subtotal	\$230,957	-	\$237,524	\$333,251	-	\$342,361	_

Disclosure of Securities Lending income is shown gross with the associated reductions for investment expenses on the Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, and the cash collateral and associated securities lending payable is shown on the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position for December 31, 2023, and 2022. The net income from Securities Lending in 2023 was \$1.27 million compared to \$1.08 million in 2022.

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#### 8) Federal Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service issued a determination letter dated August 15, 2016, stating that the Plan was designed in accordance with applicable Internal Revenue Code requirements as of that date. The Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax exempt as of the financial statement dates.

#### 9) Capital Assets

Capital Assets activity for the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, was as follows (\$ in thousands):

	alance 31/2021	Inc	crease	De	crease	_	alance 31/2022	Inc	rease	De	crease	Balance 12/31/2023
Capital asset not being depreciated/amortized												_
Construction in Progress	\$ -		-		-	\$	-		223		(223)	\$ -
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized												
intangible assets	8,158				-		8,158		223		-	8,381
Furniture, Fixture and Equipment	50		49		-		99		5		(5)	99
Less												
Accumulated amortization intangible Assets	(1,187)		(816)		-		(2,003)		(827)		-	(2,830)
Accumulated depreciation FF&E	\$ (11)	\$	(11)	\$	-	\$	(22)	\$	(14)	\$	-	\$ (36)
Total capital asset being depreciated/amortized												
net of accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	\$ 7,010	\$	(778)	\$	-	\$	6,232	\$	(390)	\$	-	\$ 5,614
Total Capital Assets, net of												
Accumulated depreciation amortization	\$ 7,010	\$	(778)	\$	-	\$	6,232	\$	(390)	\$	-	\$ 5,614

#### **Schedule of Net Pension Liability**

a) The components of the Net Pension Liability of the City at December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows (\$ in thousands).

<u>Description</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$6,647,257	\$6,502,684
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	3,649,102	3,516,280
Net Pension Liability	2,998,155	2,986,404
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	54.90%	54.07%

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2023 and 2022

#### b) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

Valuation date December 31, 2022, for most recent Actuarially Determined Employer

shown on Schedule of Contributions.

December 31, 2023, for Net Pension Liability

Actuarial cost method Entry Age Normal

Asset valuation method 5-year smoothed fair value

Amortization method The ADEC is initially based on a 30-year open amortization period. As

specified in City Ordinance No. 25695, the rate may not change from year-to-year if the calculated rate is 300 basis points higher or lower

than the current rate.

**Remaining Amortization** 

Period Not determined, see description of amortization method.

Investment rate of return 7.25%

Salary increases 3.00% to 8.25%, including inflation.

Inflation 2.50% per year

Retirement Age Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of

eligibility condition. Last updated for the December 31, 2019 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the 5-year period December 31,

2019.

Mortality For Healthy Retirees: The gender-distinct 2019 Texas Municipal

Retirees Mortality Tables are used for males and females respectively. The rates are projected from 2019 on a fully generational basis using

Scale UMP.

For Disabled Lives: The gender-distinct 2019 Texas Municipal Retirees Mortality Tables are used for males and females respectively, set forward 4 years for males and 3 years for females. The rates are projected from 2019 on a fully generational basis using Scale UMP.

For Actives: The PubG-2010 Employee Mortality Table is used for males and females. The rates are projected from 2010 on a fully

generational basis using Scale UMP.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2023 and 2022

#### Other Information

Notes: The assumptions described above were for the most recent ADEC shown in the Schedule of Contributions. The assumptions used in determining the Net Pension Liability as of December 31, 2023, were those used in the actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023.

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was estimated using a building block methodology in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real return rates by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The following table shows the best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each of the Plan's asset classes.

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	5.00%
International Equity	6.00%
Global Equity	5.60%
Global Low Volatility Equity	6.21%
Fixed Income	4.75%
Opportunities Credit	7.70%
REITS	5.60%
Private Real Estate-Value Add	7.40%
Private Real Estate-Core	5.35%
Private Equity	8.65%
Global Listed Infrastructure	7.36%
Marketable Alternatives	6.47%
Cash	3.80%

c) The single discount rate for 2022 was 5.41%. For 2023 a single discount rate of 5.54% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.25% and the municipal bond rate of 3.77%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions and employer contributions will be made at the projected future contribution rates assuming that the ERF annually earns 7.25% on its market value of assets and that the number of active members remains constant in the future. Based on these assumptions and the Plan's funding policy, the last year in the Single Discount Rate projection period for which projected benefit payments were fully funded was 2045, the resulting Single Discount Rate is 5.54%.

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2023 and 2022

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

#### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability for FY2023 To the Single Discount Rate Assumption (\$000)

1% Decrease	Current Single Discount Rate	1% Increase			
<u>4.54%</u>	<u>5.54%</u>	<u>6.54%</u>			
\$3,875,545	\$2,998,155	\$2,273,343			

#### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability for FY2022 To the Single Discount Rate Assumption (\$000)

1% Decrease	Current Single Discount Rate	1% Increase			
4.41%	<u>5.41%</u>	<u>6.41%</u>			
\$3,859,650	\$2,986,404	\$2,266,091			

#### 10) Implementation of New Accounting Standards

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (GASB 96), provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users. This statement 1) defines a SBITA; 2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset – an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; 3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments; and 4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022, with earlier application encouraged. GASB 96 was implemented in the Plan's 2023 financial statements with no impact to amounts reported under previous standards.

#### 11) Subsequent Events

On March 15, 2024, the Texas Supreme Court held that the veto power of the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas was unenforceable and could not prevent the otherwise valid term limits amendment passed by the City of Dallas from taking effect. The Court declined to analyze a separate issue about whether the amendment remained valid despite being passed without the City voters' approval. The Court remanded the case to the Dallas Court of Appeals to consider this issue. The case is now pending in the Dallas Court of Appeals.



## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

(unaudited)



#### SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

(\$ in thousands)

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FY ended December 31,	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Pension Liability	•	404 476	4444 650	4440 450	4404.000	404.040	404.470	4400 457	470.000	452.055
Service Cost	\$152,774	\$94,476	\$141,653	\$118,452	\$124,289	\$84,843	\$81,178	\$133,457	\$78,020	\$62,065
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	346,704	360,815	322,901	330,348	325,767	332,011	325,620	305,826	313,847	290,948
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	89,578	56,503	30,791	(82,641)	(7,819)	4,793	(59,066)	(38,327)	(26,829)	(21,967)
Assumption Changes	(103,487)	1,226,214	(1,303,800)	479,292	(43,032)	1,020,969	-	(1,227,079)	1,238,431	292,137
Benefit Payments	(328,296)	(317,528)	(296,586)	(287,465)	(278,007)	(263,981)	(253,534)	(243,775)	(235,106)	(225,614)
Refunds	(12,700)	(12,158)	(10,452)	(6,857)	(10,436)	(8,515)	(8,156)	(5,864)	(4,854)	(4,629)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	144,573	1,408,322	(1,115,493)	551,129	110,762	1,170,121	86,042	(1,075,762)	1,363,509	392,940
Total Pension Liability Beginning	6,502,684	5,094,362	6,209,855	5,658,726	5,547,964	4,377,844	4,291,802	5,367,564	4,004,055	3,611,115
Total Pension Liability Ending (a)	\$6,647,257	\$6,502,684	\$5,094,362	\$6,209,855	\$5,658,726	\$5,547,964	\$4,377,844	\$4,291,802	\$5,367,564	\$4,004,055
Plan Fiduciary Net Po	sition									
Employer Contributions	\$73,939	\$67,288	\$63,584	\$61,615	\$62,177	\$60,924	\$58,966	\$56,130	\$50,721	\$45,833
Employee Contributions	70,025	63,427	59,256	58,358	58,314	56,772	55,175	53,436	50,742	46,536
Pension Plan Net Investment Income	339,879	(368,929)	578,010	229,105	550,942	(167,783)	413,510	294,918	(53,344)	207,992
Benefit Payments	(328,296)	(317,528)	(296,587)	(287,465)	(278,007)	(263,981)	(253,534)	(243,775)	(235,106)	(225,614)
Refunds	(12,700)	(12,158)	(10,452)	(6,857)	(10,436)	(8,515)	(8,156)	(5,864)	(4,854)	(4,629)
Pension Plan Administrative Expense	(9,184)	(9,035)	(7,349)	(5,699)	(7,513)	(7,485)	(5,951)	(5,343)	(4,598)	(4,150)
Other	(841)	-	-	(392)	298	121	207	333	162	157
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Position	132,822	(576,935)	386,462	48,665	375,775	(329,947)	260,217	149,835	(196,277)	66,125
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	3,516,280	4,093,215	3,706,753	3,658,088	3,282,313	3,612,260	3,352,043	3,202,208	3,398,485	3,332,360
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Ending (b)	3,649,102	3,516,280	4,093,215	3,706,753	3,658,088	3,282,313	3,612,260	3,352,043	3,202,208	3,398,485
Net Pension Liability Ending (a)-(b)	\$2,998,155	\$2,986,404	\$1,001,147	\$2,503,102	\$2,000,638	\$2,265,651	\$765,584	\$939,759	\$2,165,356	\$605,570
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as Percentage of Total Pension Liability	54.90%	54.07%	80.35%	56.69%	64.65%	59.16%	82.51%	78.10%	59.66%	84.68%
Covered Payroll	\$530,702	\$476,601	\$442,863	\$428,824	\$433,890	\$423,083	\$410,913	\$402,077	\$383,669	\$363,109
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	564.94%	626.60%	226.06%	583.71%	461.09%	535.51%	186.31%	233.73%	564.38%	168.95%

The covered payroll is the sum of the active members' pay for valuation purposes as of the measurement date. An active member's valuation pay is the greater of their actual pay for the just completed calendar year or their current annual rate of pay.

#### SCHEDULE OF MONEY-WEIGHTED RATES OF RETURN

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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Rate of Return:	10.17%	-8.23%	16.25%	5.75%	17.33%	-4.99%	13.08%	8.88%	-1.92%	6.52%

#### SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Last 10 Fiscal Years (\$ in thousands)

FY Ending	Actuarially Determined	Actual	Contribution	Covered	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered
December 31,	Contribution <sup>1</sup>	Contributions <sup>2</sup>	Deficiency (Excess)	Payroll 	Payroll
2014	\$61,747	\$45,833	\$15,914	\$353,650	12.96%
2015	64,648	50,721	13,927	383,669	13.22%
2016	84,316	56,130	28,186	402,077	13.96%
2017	86,785	58,966	27,819	410,913	14.35%
2018	90,328	60,924	29,404	423,083	14.40%
2019	87,455	62,177	25,278	433,591	14.34%
2020	93,226	61,615	31,611	434,214	14.19%
2021	99,279	63,584	35,695	452,709	14.05%
2022	104,309	67,288	37,021	479,089	14.05%
2023	111,858	73,939	37,919	526,444	14.05%

#### **Notes to Schedule:**

- 1. The actuarially determined contribution (ADC) shown is based on employer contribution rates using a 30-year open amortization period and actual payroll.
- 2. The actual City contribution rate is set by City Ordinance No. 25695. The actual rate does not change from year to year unless the actuarially determined rate is at least 300 basis points higher or lower than the current contribution rate. If the actuarially determined rate is more than 300 basis points different, then the contribution rate is adjusted to halfway between the current rate and the actuarially determined rate, but the rate does not increase or decrease by more than 10% in any year. Since the City's fiscal year is October 1 to September 30 and the Fund's fiscal year is the calendar year, the contribution amounts shown above are a blend of the City's two fiscal year rates that occur during the calendar year.
- 3. For this exhibit, the covered payroll is the estimated payroll for the calendar year on which contributions were made.

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

(unaudited)



#### SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

FY 2023

(\$ in thousands)

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Total Administrative Expenses	\$9,183
Total Furniture & Fixtures	\$418
Other	403
Furniture	\$15
Furniture & Fixtures:	
Total Operating Services	\$2,250
Indirect and Other Costs	640
Board Expenses	10
Membership Dues	2
Travel and Training	197
Supplies and Services	28
Rent	539
Data Processing	\$834
Operating Services:	
Total Professional Services	\$825
Legal Fees	625
Accounting & Audit Fees	97
Actuary Service	\$103
Professional Services:	
Total Personnel Services	\$5,690
Insurance	425
Retirement	955
Salaries	\$4,310

#### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT EXPENSES

As of December 31, 2023

(\$ in thousands)

Manager Fees	\$19,899
Custodian Fees	111
Securities Lending Fees*	317
Investment Consultant Fees	597
Total Investment Expenses	\$20,924

<sup>\*</sup>Securities lending fees include broker rebates and the lending agent's fees.

#### SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

As of December 31, 2023 (\$ in thousands)

#### **Accounting and Audit:**

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P	\$47
STP Investment Services	50
Actuarial:	
Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company	\$103
Legal:	
BAKER & HOSTETLER LLP	\$73
THE SUSTER LAW GROUP	7
FOSTER GARVEY	287
LOCKE LORD	258
Total Professional Services Payments	\$825

# INVESTMENT SECTION

## **Wilshire**

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Ms. Cheryl Alston Executive Director Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas 1920 McKinney Ave. 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75201

Re: 2023 Performance Results

Dear Cheryl:

The purpose of this letter is to review the 2023 investment performance results of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas (hereby referred to as "ERF or "the Fund").

The major stories of 2022 – inflation and short-term interest rates – began to settle during 2023. Inflation slowed for much of the year – although it exhibited signs of new life during the third quarter. The Federal Open Market Committee lessened their overnight rate increases before pausing, raising the rate by 100 basis points (bp) through July. Further out on the Treasury curve, the bellwether 10-year Treasury began to push higher starting in May – nearly ending the inverted curve status – before retreating starting in November. The 10-year to 3-month portion of the curve has now been inverted for 14 months, the longest such period in the past 30+ years. The size of the spread is meaningful, as well – to a degree not seen since the early 1980's recession that was driven by high inflation and high unemployment. While far from being a guarantee, an inverted Treasury curve is widely followed as a possible signal of a future recession. Reported economic growth, however, has been solid for more than a year with a particularly strong 4.9% real GDP reported for the third quarter of 2023. The main driver of economic growth, consumer spending, continues to be positive, as well, and consumer sentiment surveys continue to improve. From a future return perspective, high valuations and lower rates in the intermediate portion of the curve (along with tighter spreads) has led to a drop in expected returns for both stocks and bonds.

The FT Wilshire 5000 Index was up 26.1% during 2023 as the U.S. market's largest sector, information technology, was up by more than 55% for the year. The annual return nearly matched the return for 2021 while the five-year return now equals a quite strong 14.7%, annualized. Non-U.S. equities were up, as well, but trailed the U.S. equity market. Developed markets (MSCI EAFE Index 18.2%) led emerging markets (MSCI EM Index 9.8%) due, largely, to a recent slowdown in the Chinese factory and services sectors, along with continued weakness in their housing market. With yields generally falling in the intermediate portion of the curve, fixed income allocations added to gains during 2023. Spread sectors were particularly strong as spreads fell throughout the year. Investment-grade bonds (Bloomberg Corporate Index 8.5%) trailed high yield for the year (Bloomberg High Yield Index 13.4%). The aggregate spread on the high yield market finished the year at 3.23% versus 4.69% a year earlier, steadily falling throughout the year. The Fund finished 2023 up 10.09% which underperformed its asset allocation benchmark return of 13.11%. The Fund lagged other funds in the InvestmentMetrics All Public Plans Universe, where it ranked in the fourth quartile over calendar year 2023. This was due in part to the Fund's performance in its domestic equity, global equity, real estate, and global listed infrastructure composites.



## Wilshire

When looking at segment level performance, most of the Fund's composites ended the year with positive returns in line with the market, with real estate the only negative performer. The domestic equity composite had the best performance in the portfolio with a 23.07% return for 2023 due to a strong year for U.S. equities overall. Global and International equities were strong performers as well, returning 17.00% and 16.30%, respectively. Global equity was led by T. Rowe Price's 29.90% return, accompanied by Northern Trust's 26.30% for the year, capping a strong year for large cap stocks. Global low volatility equity lagged other public equities on an absolute basis but outperformed its benchmark by 2.05%, led by Acadian's strategy outperforming the MSCI ACWI Min Vol by 3.36%. Among the Fund's major segments, private equity is the highest returning component with an annualized return of 13.51% since inception in 2009. Domestic equity also remains one of the higher returning components with an annualized return of 10.33% since inception in 1990. Global equity continues to be a strong performer with an annualized return of 8.74% since inception in 2012, and also provides downside protection in turbulent equity markets.

The approved allocations as of the end of 2023 were:

<u>Asset Class</u>	Allocation
Domestic Equity	12.0%
International Equity	11.5%
Global Equity	5.0%
Global Low Volatility Equity	10.0%
Investment Grade Fixed Income	17.5%
High Yield	10.0%
Credit Opportunities	6.5%
Global Public Infrastructure	5.0%
REIT	2.5%
Private Real Estate – Core	5.0%
Private Real Estate – Value Add	2.5%
Private Equity	10.0%
Marketable Alternatives	2.5%

<sup>\*</sup> All portfolios are valued at the end of each month. Wilshire calculates performance in accordance with the CFA Institute's Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS). Wilshire measures investment managers' performance using the Modified Dietz method, which is the GIPS recommended approximation of the time-weighted rate of return daily valuation method.



## Wilshire

Wilshire annually publishes a research paper detailing our long-term nominal return forecast for the next ten years. Our geometric return forecasts are shown below for the major asset classes. Changes in equity valuations, inflation expectations, and rising bond yields were drivers of year over year changes in our forward looking assumptions:

	1	Total Retur	'n		Risk	
		December			December	
	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	Change
Investment Categories						
U.S. Stock	6.50 %	5.00 %	-1.50 %	17.00 %	17.00 %	0.00 %
Dev Ex-U.S. Stock (USD)	7.25	6.00	-1.25	18.00	18.00	0.00
Emerging Market Stock	7.50	6.25	-1.25	26.00	26.00	0.00
Global Stock	7.05	5.60	-1.45	17.10	17.05	-0.05
U.S. Buyouts	8.50	7.00	-1.50	30.00	30.00	0.00
Cash Equivalents	4.00	3.80	-0.20	0.75	0.75	0.00
Core Bond	4.90	4.75	-0.15	4.70	4.70	0.00
LT Core Bond	4.90	4.70	-0.20	9.80	9.85	0.05
U.S. TIPS	3.95	4.15	0.20	6.00	6.00	0.00
High Yield Bond	6.55	5.90	-0.65	10.00	10.00	0.00
Direct Lending	8.50	8.35	-0.15	10.00	10.00	0.00
Non-U.S. Bond (HDG)	3.05	2.85	-0.20	4.00	4.00	0.00
U.S. RE Securities	5.65	5.60	-0.05	17.50	17.50	0.00
Core Prvt Real Estate	4.95	5.35	0.40	12.00	12.00	0.00
Commodities	6.25	6.05	-0.20	16.00	16.00	0.00
Inflation	2.25	2.25	0.00	1.75	1.75	0.00
Total Returns Minus Inflation	1					
U.S. Stocks	4.25	2.75	-1.50			
U.S. Bonds	2.65	2.50	-0.15			
Cash Equivalents	1.75	1.55	-0.20			
Stocks Minus Bonds	1.60	0.25	-1.35			
Bonds Minus Cash	0.90	0.95	0.05			

As always, we thank you for the opportunity to be of service to ERF.

Sincerely,

Thomas Toth, CFA Managing Director Wilshire Associates



#### INVESTMENT POLICIES SUMMARY

#### STATEMENT OF GOALS

The general investment goals are broad in nature to encompass the purpose of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas ("ERF" or the "Fund") and its investments. The goals articulate the philosophy by which the ERF Board of Trustees ("Board") will manage the Fund's assets within the applicable regulatory constraints.

- 1. The overall goal of the Fund is to provide benefits, as anticipated under the Plan document, Dallas City Code Chapter 40A, to its participants and their beneficiaries through a carefully planned and executed investment program.
- 2. The Fund seeks to produce the highest return on investments which is consistent with sufficient liquidity and investment risk that are prudent and reasonable, given prevailing capital market conditions. While the importance of the preservation of capital is recognized, the theory of capital market pricing which maintains that varying degrees of investment risk should be rewarded with compensating returns is also recognized. Consequently, prudent risk taking is reasonable and necessary.
- 3. The Fund investment program shall at all times comply with existing and applicable local, state and federal regulations.

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Fund is long term in nature, and the selection of investments is regulated by: the investment time horizon; the limits of acceptable risk; and the objective of optimizing the total rate of return. Each investment manager is authorized to execute investment transactions on behalf of the Board.

Investment decisions are made under the framework of the goal established for the rate of return, limits of acceptable risk, and Fund objectives. The goal is to optimize the return of the portfolio, as opposed to maximizing the rate of return.

The optimal portfolio mix is one that carefully equates expected rate of return with expected risk of all investment categories utilized in the portfolio. In setting the optimal mix of assets for the portfolio, the Board has developed a strategic asset allocation policy which incorporates a diversified asset mix. The strategic asset allocation is designed to provide an optimal diversification to reduce risk and maximize total rate of return relative to risk and the existing and projected liability structure.

The Board bases its investment strategy and goals on advice obtained from the investment consultant, the staff, and the external investment managers. The Board uses the annual external audit and annual actuarial valuation in its evaluation of the Fund's performance each year.

Article XVI, Section 67 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code give complete responsibility for the management and investment actions of the Employees' Retirement Fund to the Board of Trustees. The Board is held to the standard of conduct of fiduciaries in discharging their responsibilities. According to Chapter 40A the Trustees, as fiduciaries, must carry out their functions solely in the interest of the members and beneficiaries.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board considers the active voting of proxies an integral part of the investment process. Proxy voting may be delegated to the discretion of investment managers retained by the Board. The managers shall be required to establish a proxy voting policy and maintain records of proxy votes and shall make these records available quarterly to the Board or its designee. The Board may at its discretion establish an overall policy of voting proxies in which case the managers' proxy voting policy shall be in accordance with that of the Board's. The Board recognizes that in certain non-U.S. markets, investment managers may, balancing the costs and benefits, not exercise proxy voting.

## **INVESTMENT RESULTS**

The investment managers and the returns by investment category are shown in the following tables. Time-weighted rate of return, based on fair value.

Investment Category	2023 Rate of Return
Cash Equivalents	5.37%
Credit Opportunities	11.70%
Domestic Equities	23.07%
Global Equities	17.00%
Global Fixed Income	6.21%
Global Low Volatility	9.79%
High Yield Bonds	13.42%
International Equities	16.30%
Private Equity	1.90%
Global Listed Infrastructure	12.91%
Real Estate	-0.68%
Marketable Alternatives	6.01%
Total Portfolio	10.09%

### **INVESTMENT MANAGERS**

INVESTMENT MANAGERS	
Domestic Equities, REITs, Master Limited Partne	erships, & Commingled Index Funds
Adelante Capital Management, LLC Atlantic Trust CenterSquare Channing Capital Management, LLC Cohen & Steers Harvest Fund Advisors International Equities	Northern Trust Asset Management Redwood Investments, LLC Smith Graham & Co. Investment Advisors Systematic Financial Management, LLP T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
Acadian Asset Management, LLC AQR Capital Management, LLC Ativo Capital Management, LLC Global Equity	Baillie Gifford Earnest Partners
Acadian Global Low Volatility Ariel Investments BlackRock, Inc.  Marketable Alternatives	Northern Trust Asset Management Wellington Management Company, LLP
	Hudean Pay Capital
Davidson Kempner Capital Management	Hudson Bay Capital
Fixed Income  BlackRock, Inc. Garcia Hamilton & Associates, L.P.  Neuberger Berman	Oaktree Capital Management, LLC Western Asset Management Wellington - Core Bond
Cash Equivalents	
The Northern Trust Company	
Private Equity	
Fairview Capital Partners Grosvenor Capital Management	Hamilton Lane
Real Estate	
AEW Partners Brasa Capital Management Heitman Real Estate Investment Management	Invesco Real Estate Long Wharf Capital Virtus Real Estate Cap

#### TOTAL PLAN RESULTS

The Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas ("ERF", the "Fund") investment portfolio generated a 10.09% return net of fees for calendar year 2023. ERF has a 5-year return of 7.70%, which was slightly below its policy index of 7.81%.

ERF has a globally diversified and conservative investment program. The best performing asset class in 2023 was Domestic Equity Composite. In 2023, ERF's Domestic Equity Composite earned 23.07%. The investments in Global Equity had a return of Composite had a 3-year return of 5.09% and a 5-year return of 10.61%.

International Equity and Global listed infrastructure composite had a return of 16.30% and 12.91% respectively for 2023. Global Low Volatility Equity had a return of 9.79% surpassing the MSCI ACWI Minimum Volatility Index of 7.74%. The Fund's Real Estate investments generated –0.68% for the year. The Real Estate investments consist of publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and private core and value-add real estate funds.

Fixed Income is 34% of the ERF investment portfolio. The Global Fixed Income investment earned 6.21% return. The High Yield portfolio posted a return of 13.42% and the Opportunistic Credit portfolio posted a return of 11.70%.

At December 31, 2023, the Fund's total assets increased to \$3.633 billion from \$3.507 billion in 2022. This represents a \$126 million increase from last year. The "Market Value of Assets" graph below provides a pictorial history of the Fund's overall growth over the last 10 years.

## \$4,500 \$4,000 \$3,500 \$3,000 IN MILLIONS \$2,500 \$2,000 \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$0 2013 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2021 2022 2023 2014

#### FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS

#### **ASSET ALLOCATION**

The Fund's long-term strategic asset allocation policy sets the following targets: 66% in equity and 34% in fixed income. Although no specific allocation to cash and equivalents is targeted, cash must be available for the payment of benefits and other expenses of the Plan. To accommodate constantly changing fair values, the Board has approved ranges for each of the asset classes.

## ASSET ALLOCATION, (Continued)

As of December 31, 2023

Investment Category	% of Total Fund
Equity	1 4114
Domestic Equity	12.00%
International Equity	11.50%
Global Equity	5.00%
Global Low Volatility	10.00%
Private Equity	10.00%
Total Equity	48.50%
Fixed Income	
Core Fixed Income	17.50%
High Yield	10.00%
Credit Opportunities	4.00%
Private Credit	2.50%
Total Fixed Income	34.00%
REAL ASSETS	
Real Estate Investment Trusts	2.50%
Global Listed infrastructure	5.00%
Private Real Estate	7.50%
Total Real Assets	15.00%
Diversifying Strategies	
Marketable Alternatives	2.50%_
Total Diversifying Strategies	2.50%
Total Portfolio	100.00%

#### DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL EQUITY

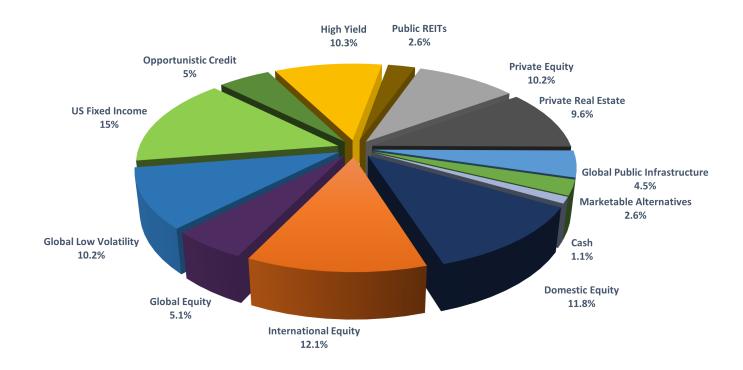
The Plan's asset allocation policy target for Equity is set at 48.50% of the Plan's total assets, which includes 12.0% to Domestic Equity and 10% to Private Equity, 2.5% to REITs.

Active and passive management strategies with different liquidity profile investments are utilized throughout the Domestic, International, and Global equity sleeve of the Fund.

Domestic equity had a return of 23.07% for the year while the custom benchmark had a return of 26.14%.

Non-U.S. Equity has a target allocation of 26.50%, and it is split between International Equity 11.5%, Global Equity 5.00%, and Global Low Volatility 10.00%. The Plan's International Equity composite return was 16.30% versus a custom Index of 15.62% for the year. The Global Equity allocation reported a return of 17.00% underperforming custom benchmark of 22.20%. Global Low Volatility reported a return of 9.79% vs MSCI AC World Minimum Volatility Index (Net) of 7.74%

#### **ACTUAL ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: 2023 Wilshire Report\*

#### CORE FIXED INCOME

Global Fixed Income has a target of 17.50% of total assets allocated amongst the three investment managers. For the year the Core Fixed Income had a return 6.21% while the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index returned 5.53%.

#### HIGH YIELD FIXED INCOME

High Yield Fixed Income has a target allocation of 10%. This allocation is evenly split between two investment managers. The High Yield Composite returned 13.42% compared to the FTSE High Yield Cash Pay Index of 13.51%.

#### PRIVATE EQUITY

Private Equity has a target allocation of 10%. This allocation is split between three investment managers. At year end the fair value was approximately 10.23% of the Fund. The rate of return for the year was 1.90%.

#### **REAL ESTATE**

Real Estate is comprised of Public Real Estate securities (REITs), and Private Core Real Estate and Value-add Real Estate with a target allocation of 10%. REITs, Core Real Estate, and Value-add Real Estate have a 2.5%, 5.0%, and 2.5% allocation. REITs returned 15.32% against the Wilshire U.S. Real Estate Securities Index of 16.19%.

#### GLOBAL LISTED INFRASTRUCTURE

Global Listed Infrastructure has a target allocation of 5.00%. The allocation is split between 3 investment managers. Public Real Assets returned 12.91% against the blended benchmark of the Alerian MLP and FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index at 20.23%.

## ANNUALIZED RATE OF RETURN

As of December 31, 2023 Time-weighted rate of return based on fair value

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Total Fund	10.09%	5.41%	7.70%
Domestic Equity	23.07	9.72	14.69
S&P 500 Index	26.29	10.00	15.69
Wilshire 5000 Index	26.14	8.97	15.42
International Equity	16.30	1.76	8.35
MSCI ACWI x-US IMI (Net)	15.62	1.53	7.19
MSCI EAFE Index	18.24	4.02	8.16
Global Equity	17.00	5.09	10.61
MSCI AC World Index (Net)	22.20	5.75	11.72
Global Low Volatility	9.79	4.98	7.10
MSCI AC World Minimum Volatility Index (Net)	7.74	3.26	6.48
MSCI AC World Index (Net)	22.20	5.75	11.72
Global Fixed Income	6.21	-2.84	1.67
Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index	5.53	-3.31	1.10
High Yield Fixed Income	13.42	2.33	5.44
FTSE High Yield Cash Pay	13.51	2.15	5.25
Real Estate	-0.68	8.01	7.32
Wilshire U.S. Real Estate Securities Index	16.19	7.56	7.58
Private Equity	1.90	17.35	13.21
S&P 500 Index	26.29	10.00	15.69
Public Real Assets	15.32	7.65	8.59
Wilshire U.S. Real Estate Securities Index	16.19	7.56	7.58
Credit Opportunities	11.70	0.83	3.84
Wilshire Custom Benchmark	12.68	1.43	4.27
Global Listed Infrastructure	12.91	12.20	8.11
Wilshire Custom Benchmark	20.23	25.06	7.48
Marketable Alternatives	6.01	0.00	0.00

Source: Wilshire 2023 presentation pages

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES

As of December 31, 2023 (\$ in thousands)

Investment	Assets Under Management	Fees	Basis Points
Domestic Equity	\$427,068	\$1,977	46.3
International Equity	423,842	2,783	65.7
Global Equity	182,108	894	49.1
Global Low Volatility	370,114	639	17.3
Core Fixed Income	548,961	1,555	28.3
High Yield Fixed Income	363,248	1,665	42.8
Real Estate	339,922	2,351	69.2
Global Listed Infrastructure	162,874	1,043	64.0
Marketable Alternatives	96,481	1,633	169.3
Private Equity	371,556	3,981	107.1
Credit Opportunities	180,863	514	28.4
REITs	94,574	564	59.6
Cash Equivalents	71,491	300	42.0
	Total \$3,633,102	\$19,899	54.8

## OTHER INVESTMENT SERVICES

As Of December 31, 2023 (\$ in thousands)

Total Investment expenses	\$20,924
Securities Lending Fees**	317
Custodian Fees	111
Investment Management Fees	19,899
Investment Consultant	\$597

## TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS - EQUITY

As of December 31, 2023 (\$ in thousands)

Equity	Shares	Fair Value
CF BLACKROCK MSCI ACWI MINIMUM	8,761,148	\$184,707,780
CF HEITMAN AMERICA REAL ESTATE	70,765	90,971,120
1900 MCKINNEY HARWOOD LLC	51,862,291	80,393,538
MFB NTGI-QM COLTV DAILY S&P 500	4,032	73,250,691
CF INVESCO CORE RE FUND	365	69,876,713
GCM GROSVENOR - DALLAS ERF PAR	35,047,966	56,816,527
FAIRVIEW LONE STAR FUND L.P.	30,546,531	51,679,549
HAMILTON LANE SECONDARY FUND V	37,920,864	49,453,822
DAVIDSON KEMPNER INSTITUTIONAL	45,000,000	48,366,570

A complete list of investments is available by contacting the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas at 1920 McKinney Avenue, 10th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201

## TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS - FIXED INCOME

As of December 31, 2023 (\$ in thousands)

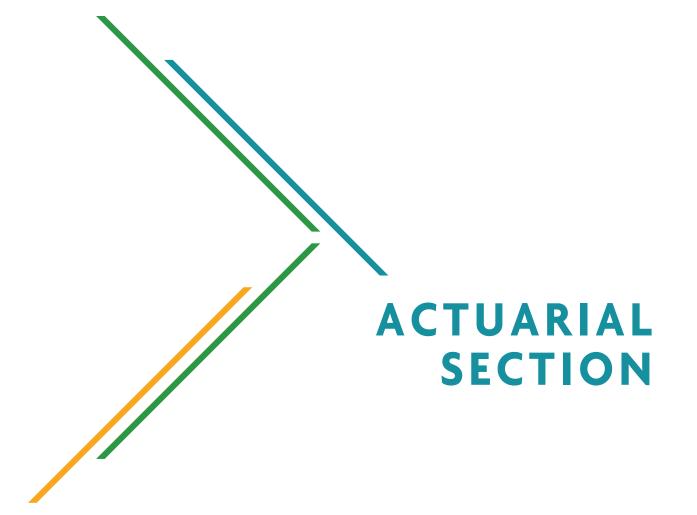
Fixed Income	Par Value	Fair Value
CF WTC CIF II CORE BND MB due 12/31/2049	\$4,494,780	\$52,633,872
MFO NEUBERGER BERMAN 12/31/2049	5,330,836	50,109,856
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TREASURY 3.500 % due 02/15/2033	21,965,000	21,342,073
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TREASURY 1.875 % due 02/15/2032	17,735,000	15,275,652
FEDERAL HOME LN MTG CORP POOL 3.000 % due 04/01/2052	13,840,168	12,258,708
U.S.A. TREASURY BD 2.500 % due 02/15/2045	15,655,000	11,903,905
CF WA US OPP STRCTRD SEC LLC 0.000 % due 12/31/2049	466,751	10,565,832
GNMA POOL # TBA 6.000 % due 01/15/2029	8,300,000	8,433,572
UNITED STS TREAS NTS 1.125 % due 02/15/2031	9,800,000	8,193,711
UNITED STATES TREAS BDS 2.875% due 05/15/2052	9,230,000	7,385,440

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## INVESTMENT HOLDINGS SUMMARY

As of December 31, 2023 (\$ in thousands)

		Percentage of
	Fair Value	Fair Value
Fixed Income		
Government Bonds	\$316,628	8.72%
Corporate Bonds	731,923	20.15%
Total Fixed Income	1,048,551	28.87%
Equity		
Common Stock	1,684,942	46.38%
Index & Commingled	116,640	3.21%
Total Equity	1,801,582	49.59%
Real Estate		
Real Estate	339,923	9.36%
Total Real Estate	339,923	9.36%
Alternative Investments		
Private Equity	371,556	10.23%
Total Alternative Investments	371,556	10.23%
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	71,490	1.97%
Total Fund	\$3,633,102	100.00%



The Report of the December 31, 2023 Actuarial Valuation of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas





June 13, 2024

Board of Trustees Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas 1920 McKinney Avenue 10th Floor Dallas, Texas 75201

#### Dear Members of the Board:

We are pleased to present our report of the actuarial valuation of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas ("ERF" or the "Fund") as of December 31, 2023.

This valuation provides information on the financial health of ERF. It includes a determination of the actuarially calculated contribution rates for the 2024 calendar year. In addition, it also contains the information necessary to determine the current total obligation rate and the current adjusted total obligation rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 per City Ordinance. The current adjusted total obligation rate is a function of the previous year's adjusted total obligation rate, this year's actuarially calculated contribution rate, and the rate necessary to make the debt service payment on the previously issued pension obligation bonds for fiscal year 2025.

In addition, the report provides various summaries of the data. A separate report is issued with regard to valuation results determined in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 67 and 68. Results of this report should not be used for any other purpose without consultation with the undersigned. Valuations are prepared annually as of December 31st, the last day of the ERF plan year. This report was prepared at the request of the Board and is intended for use by the ERF staff and those designated or approved by the Board. This report may be provided to parties other than ERF staff only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board.

As authorized in Chapter 40A-4(a)(16) of the Dallas City Code, the actuarial methods and assumptions are set by the Board of Trustees, based upon recommendations made by the plan's actuary. An experience study was performed for the five-year period ending December 31, 2019. As a result of that study, revised assumptions were adopted by the Board effective with the valuation as of December 31, 2019. There were no changes in the actuarial assumptions or methods since the prior valuation.

We believe the assumptions are internally consistent, reasonable, and, where appropriate, based on the actual experience of the ERF. All of the methods and assumptions used for funding purposes meet the parameters set by the Actuarial Standards of Practice. All actuarial methods and assumptions are described under Section P of this report. The results of the actuarial valuation are dependent on the actuarial assumptions used. Actual results can and almost certainly will differ, as actual experience deviates from the assumptions.

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Even seemingly minor changes in the assumptions can materially change the liabilities, calculated contribution rates and funding periods. Due to the limited scope of this assignment, GRS did not perform an analysis of the potential range of such possible future differences. The actuarial calculations are intended to provide information for rational decision making. Other than the sensitivity analysis shown in Section L, this report does not include a more robust assessment of the future experience not meeting the actuarial assumptions. Additional assessment of risks was outside the scope of this assignment.

This valuation is based on the provisions of ERF in effect as of the valuation date, data on the ERF membership and information on the asset values of the Fund as of December 31, 2023. The member, annuitant and asset data used in the valuation were all prepared and furnished by ERF staff. While certain checks for reasonableness were performed, the data used was not audited.

To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate and was conducted in accordance with the Actuarial Standards of Practice as set forth by the Actuarial Standards Board and in compliance with the provisions of the Dallas City Code. The undersigned are independent actuaries and consultants. Mr. White is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, an Enrolled Actuary, and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries and he meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries. Both Mr. White and Mr. Ward have significant experience in performing valuations for large public retirement systems.

The following schedules in the actuarial section of the ERF Annual Comprehensive Financial Report were prepared by GRS: Executive Summary, Report Highlights, Summary of Actuarial Values, Demonstration of Actuarially Required Contribution Rate, Information for City Ordinance 25695, Net Assets Available for Benefits, Change in Assets Available for Benefits, Development of Actuarial Assets, Historical Investment Performance, Analysis of Change in Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, Investment Experience (Gain) or Loss, Analysis of Actuarial (Gains) or Losses, Schedule of Funding Status, Summary of Data Characteristics, Distribution of Active Members and Payroll by Ange and Years of Service, Distribution of Benefit Recipients, Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data, Schedule of Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls, Solvency Test, Analysis of Pay Experience (Valuation Pay), Analysis of Retirement Experience – Each Age, Analysis of Retirement Experience – Age Groups, Analysis of Turnover Experience, Analysis of Active Mortality Experience, Analysis of Disability Experience, Analysis of Retiree Mortality Experience.

We would like to thank the ERF staff for their assistance in providing all necessary information to complete this valuation. Their courteous help is very much appreciated. We look forward to discussing this actuarial valuation report with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,
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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

(\$ in 000s)

The key results from the actuarial valuation of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas as of December 31, 2023 may be summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
Members		
- Actives	7,464	7,894
- Benefit recipients	7,766	7,914
- Deferred vested*	1,042	1,095
- Other terminated*	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,012</u>
- Total	17,422	17,915
- Covered payroll (including overtime)	\$ 476,601	\$ 530,702
- Normal cost	\$ 89,856	\$ 96,851
as % of expected payroll	19.17%	18.58%
- Actuarial accrued liability	\$ 5,276,469	\$ 5,483,251
- Actuarial value of assets	\$ 3,866,412	\$ 3,842,459
- Market value of assets	\$ 3,516,280	\$ 3,649,102
- Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	\$ 1,410,057	\$ 1,640,792
- Estimated yield on assets (market value basis)	(9.25)%	9.96%
- Estimated yield on assets (actuarial value basis)	5.36%	4.87%
- Contribution Rates		
- Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate	36.00%	36.00%
- Current Total Obligation Rate	43.62%	44.17%
- Current Adjusted Total Obligation Rate	36.00%	36.00%
- Actuarial gains/(losses)		
- Assets	\$ (71,539)	\$ (89,836)
- Actuarial liability experience	\$ (55,128)	\$ (71,075)
- Assumption and method changes	\$ 0	\$ 0
- 30-year level % of pay funding cost as % of payroll (Employee + City)	\$ 172,945 35.40%	\$ 195,463 35.93%
<ul><li>Funded ratio</li><li>Based on actuarial value of assets</li></ul>	73.3%	70.1%
- Based on market value of assets	66.6%	66.5%
Sasea on market value of assets	30.070	33.370

<sup>\*</sup> Deferred vested are members who have applied for a deferred pension. Other terminations are other members who have terminated and still have contribution balances in the Fund.

### PURPOSES OF THE ACTUARIAL VALUATION

At your request, we have performed the actuarial valuation of the Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas ("ERF" or the "Fund") as of December 31, 2023.

The purposes of an actuarial valuation are as follows:

- To determine the funding status of ERF as of the valuation date;
- To develop the actuarially determined level of contributions for ERF for the 2024 calendar year; and
- To develop the current total obligation rate and the current adjusted total obligation rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024.

## **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

The following is a set of key actuarial results from the prior year's valuation as compared to the current year:

	Valuation Date			
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023		
Contribution Rates (% of Payroll)				
Normal Cost (including administrative expense)	20.89%	20.31%		
Total Actuarial Contribution Rate	35.40%	35.93%		
Total Projected Actuarial Contribution	\$172,945	\$195,463		
Funded Status (on AVA basis)				
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$5,276,469	\$5,483,251		
Actuarial Value of Assets	3,866,412	3,842,459		
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$1,410,057	\$1,640,792		
Funded Ratio	73.28%	70.08%		

#### **FUNDING PROCESS**

Based on the previous work of the Employees' Retirement Fund Study Committee, which was ratified by the ERF Board, the Dallas City Council and the voters of Dallas, a new funding process commenced October 1, 2005. From this date forward, a new "current adjusted total obligation rate" will be contributed jointly by the City (63%) and the Membership (37%). This current adjusted total obligation rate will cover both the debt service tied to the pension obligation bonds issued in 2005 and the contributions to the ERF. In subsequent years, the contribution rate changes only if the actuarial valuation develops a "current total obligation rate" which differs from the "prior adjusted total obligation rate" by more than 3.00% (plus or minus).

As shown in Section N – Table 3 and discussed later in this report, the "current total obligation rate" (Item 4 in Table 3) exceeds the "prior adjusted total obligation rate" (Item 1 in Table 3) as of December 31, 2023. This means that the "current adjusted total obligation rate" will remain at 36.00% of active member payroll for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024. It should be noted that under the contribution corridor methodology, the "current adjusted total obligation rate" would have been higher if not for the maximum rate of 36.00% allowed under Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code.

#### **ACTUARIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

As shown in Section N – Table 2, the Actuarially Required Contribution Rate developed in this actuarial valuation is 35.93% of active member payroll. This rate excludes the amount needed to make the City's debt service payment on the pension obligation bonds in fiscal year 2025. This rate is the total level rate of pay (member + City) that would need to be contributed each of the next 30 years to pay off the unfunded liability of the Fund over that 30-year period. Note that because the total rate is assumed to remain level and the average normal cost as a percentage of pay is expected to decline over that time period (due to Tier B), the payment towards the unfunded liability as a percentage of pay is expected to increase over the 30-year period. In our opinion, this contribution rate satisfies the reasonable contribution rate requirements of ASOP No. 4.

As shown in Section N – Table 3 of this report, the debt service payment is determined to be 8.24% of projected payroll. The sum of these rates is 44.17% (the Current Total Obligation Rate), which is 8.17% more than the Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate of 36.00%. Because the total contribution rate cannot exceed 36.00%, the total contribution rate in fiscal year 2025 (the Current Adjusted Total Obligation Rate) to fund the ERF and make the debt service payment on the pension obligation bonds will be 36.00%, which is the maximum rate allowed under Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code.

The members contribute 37% of the Current Adjusted Total Obligation Rate and the City contributes 63%. Hence, the members' portion of the 36.00% total contribution rate will be 13.32% and the City portion will be 22.68%. All of the member contribution rate will be contributed to the ERF. As noted above, 8.24% of the City's contribution rate will go towards the debt service on the pension obligation bonds and the remaining 14.44% will be contributed towards the ERF. This means a total contribution rate of 27.76% will be contributed to the ERF for the 2025 fiscal year, which compares to the actuarially calculated rate of 35.93%.

## **ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**

Section P of this report includes a summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in this valuation. In short, costs are determined using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. The assumed annual investment return rate is 7.25% and includes an annual assumed rate of inflation of 2.50%.

There were no changes in the actuarial assumptions since the prior valuation report. Please see Section P of this report for a summary description of these methods and assumptions.

## **ERF BENEFITS**

There were no changes in the benefit provisions of ERF since the prior valuation. Please see Section Q for a summary description of the ERF benefits.

#### EXPERIENCE DURING PREVIOUS YEARS

An Actuarial (Gain)/Loss Analysis [(G)/L] reviews the effects of the actual experience on the expected Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL). If any unexpected difference increases assets or reduces liabilities (i.e., reductions in the UAAL), we have an actuarial gain. Unexpected increases in the UAAL results in an actuarial loss.

On a market value return basis, the Fund returned approximately 9.96% (calculated on a dollar-weighted basis, net of investment expenses). Given this return, the actual investment income was \$92 million more than the expected investment income on the market value of assets; therefore, an investment gain occurred. Please see Section N – Table 6 for the determination of the actuarial value of assets (AVA) and page 48 for a description of the AVA methodology. As developed on Section N – Table 9a, there was a \$89.8 million loss on the actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2023 due to deferred investment losses incurred prior to fiscal year 2023. The rate of return on the actuarial value of assets for 2023 was 4.87% (calculated on a dollar-weighted basis, net of investment expenses). Since this result was less than the investment return assumption of 7.25% there is an actuarial loss on the actuarial value of assets in 2023.

As developed on Section N – Table 8, ERF experienced an overall actuarial experience loss in calendar year 2023 in the amount of \$160.9 million. Since there was a \$89.8 million loss on the actuarial value of assets, this implies there was a liability actuarial loss of about \$71.1 million derived from demographic assumptions and non-investment economic assumptions (cost-of-living-adjustment). Please see Section N – Table 9b for an analysis of the experience loss by source.

The total (G)/L for the prior 5 years is broken down as follows (\$ in millions):

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1)	Actuarial (Gain)/Loss on Assets	\$35.80	16.03	(52.23)	\$71.54	\$89.84
2)	Actuarial (Gain)/Loss on Liabilities	(6.16)	(69.81)	29.37	55.13	71.07
3)	Total Actuarial (Gain) or Loss (1+2)	\$29.64	(\$53.78)	(\$22.86)	\$126.67	\$160.91

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) also increased \$41 million due to the shortfall between the calculated contribution rate and the actual contributions during calendar year 2023.

#### **ASSET INFORMATION**

The assets of the Fund (on a market value basis) increased from \$3,516 million as of December 31, 2022 to \$3,649 million as of December 31, 2023.

An asset smoothing method (adopted by the Board) is used to recognize asset gains and losses. The purpose of such a smoothing method is to allow the use of market values, and to dampen the effect of the typical year-to-year market fluctuations. Please see page 48 of this report for a description of the smoothing method (actuarial value of asset method). See Table 6 in Section N of this report for the determination of the actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2023.

The actuarial value of assets has decreased from \$3,866 million to \$3,842 million during 2023. The actuarial assets are less than the expected actuarial assets, \$3,933 million, due to unfavorable investment experience in calendar year 2022. This resulted in an actuarial loss on the actuarial assets of \$89.8 million.

The rate of return on investments for 2023 on the actuarial value of assets was 4.87%, compared to 5.36% in 2022. The detailed determinations of asset values utilized in this valuation and the change in assets in the last year are exhibited in Tables 4 and 5 of Section N of this report.

### **FUNDED STATUS**

The funded status of ERF is measured by the Funded Ratio and the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL). The Funded Ratio is the ratio of the actuarial value of assets available for benefits to the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) of the Fund on the valuation date. Therefore, it reflects the portion of the AAL thatis covered by ERF assets. The UAAL is the difference between these two amounts.

A Funded Ratio of 100% means that the funding of ERF is precisely on schedule as of the particular valuation date. In addition, an increasing funded ratio from year-to-year may also mean that the funding of ERF is on schedule. By monitoring changes in the Funded Ratio each year, we can determine whetheror not funding progress is being made.

Based on the market value of assets, the Funded Ratio of ERF of 66.6% as of December 31, 2022 and 66.5% as of December 31, 2023. Based on the actuarial value of assets, the Funded Ratio of ERF decreased from 73.3% as of December 31, 2022 and 70.1% as of December 31, 2023.

The UAAL increased from \$1,410.1 million asof December 31, 2022 to \$1,640.8 million as of December 31, 2023. Since the UAAL is positive, this implies the actuarial accrued liabilities exceed the actuarial assets of the Fund as of December 31, 2023.

The actual \$230.7 million increase in the UAAL was more than the expected increase of \$69.8 million (\$28.8 million due to negative amortization and \$41.0 million as a result of the actual contributions being less than the actuarially determined contribution rate), resulting in a net actuarial experience loss in total. The primary reasons the increase in the UAAL was more than expected were continued recognition of the unfavorable investment experience from 2022, the cost of living adjustment being greater than assumed and the larger than expected salary increases for employees.

The funded status is one of many metrics used to show trends and develop future expectations about the health of a retirement system. The funded status measure itself is not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligations or assessing the need for or the amount of future contributions since it does not reflect normal cost contributions, the timing of amortization payments, or future experience other than expected.

#### **GASB DISCLOSURE**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Numbers 67 and 68 detail the current accounting standards for ERF and the Fund's sponsor, the City of Dallas, Texas. These standards were effective with the plan year ending December 31, 2014 for the Fund and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 for the City. The standards created a clear distinction between the funding requirements of a pension plan and the accounting requirements. As a result, the GASB disclosure information is provided in a separate report.

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

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

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

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

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

# ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSURE OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH MEASURING PENSION OBLIGATIONS AND DETERMINING PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued)

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

The Current Adjusted Total Obligation Rate shown in the Executive Summary may be considered as a minimum contribution rate that complies with Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code. However, due to the contribution rate cap, this is less than the actuarially calculated rate. The timely receipt of the actuarially determined contributions is critical to support the financial health of the plan. Users of this report should be aware that contributions made at the actuarially determined rate do not necessarily guarantee benefit security.

#### **PLAN MATURITY MEASURES**

Risks facing a pension plan evolve over time. A young plan with virtually no investments and paying few benefits may experience little investment risk. An older plan with a large number of members in pay status and a significant trust may be much more exposed to investment risk. Several generally accepted plan maturity measures are described below and are followed by a table showing a 10-year history of the measurements for ERF.

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

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

#### RATIO OF ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY TO PAYROLL

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

# ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSURE OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH MEASURING PENSION OBLIGATIONS AND DETERMINING PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued)

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

#### RATIO OF ACTIVES TO RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES

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

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

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

#### **DURATION OF PRESENT VALUE OF BENEFITS**

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

#### ADDITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Additional assessment may include scenario tests, sensitivity tests, stochastic modeling, stress tests, and a comparison of the present value of accrued benefits at low-risk discount rates with the actuarial accrued liability. While a robust measurement of additional risk assessment is outside the scope of the annual actuarial valuation, we have included a scenario test of a 1% increase or 1% decrease in the investment return assumption. The results of this test are shown at the end of this section.

# ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSURE OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH MEASURING PENSION OBLIGATIONS AND DETERMINING PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued)

	2023_	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Ratio of the market value of assets to total payroll	6.88	7.38	9.24	8.64	8.43	7.71	8.55	8.13	8.12	9.34
Ratio of actuarial accrued liability to payroll	10.33	11.07	11.50	11.50	11.21	10.68	10.39	10.48	10.50	11.03
Ratio of actives to retirees and beneficiaries Ratio of net cash flow	1.00	0.96	0.94	0.96	1.00	1.05	1.11	1.10	1.11	1.09
tomarket value of assets	-5.7%	-5.9%	-4.7%	-4.9%	-4.8%	-5.1%	-4.3%	-4.4%	-4.5%	-4.2%
Duration of the actuarial present value of benefits*	12.52	12.47	12.54	12.69	12.37	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

<sup>\*</sup>Duration measure not available prior to 2019

#### Impact on Funding Metrics of Investment Return Assumption +/- 1%

	Investment Return Assumption					
Cost Item	6.25%	7.25%	8.25%			
Normal Cost % (excluding admin expenses)	22.94%	18.58%	15.34%			
UAAL (\$ in millions)	\$2,275.3	\$1,640.8	\$1,108.5			
30-year funding rate (employee + City)	43.87%	35.93%	28.72%			
Funded Ratio	62.8%	70.1%	77.6%			
Funding Period	Infinite	51 years	34 years			

#### LOW-DEFAULT-RISK OBLIGATION MEASURE

Actuarial Standards of Practice No. 4 (ASOP No. 4) was revised and reissued in December 2021 by the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB). It includes a new calculation called a low-default-risk obligation measure (LDROM) to be prepared and issued annually for defined benefit pension plans. The transmittal memorandum for ASOP No. 4 includes the following explanation:

"The ASB believes that the calculation and disclosure of this measure provides appropriate, useful information for the intended user regarding the funded status of a pension plan. The calculation and disclosure of this additional measure is not intended to suggest that this is the "right" liability measure for a pension plan. However, the ASB does believe that this additional disclosure provides a more complete assessment of a plan's funded status and provides additional information regarding the security of benefits that members have earned as of the measurement date."

The LDROM estimates the amount of money the plan would need to invest in low risk securities to provide the benefits with greater certainty. The current model expects lower costs but with higher investment risk, which creates less certainty and a possibility of higher costs. Thus, the difference between the two measures (Valuation and LDROM) is one illustration of the possible costs the sponsor could incur if there was a reduction in the investment risk in comparison to the current diversified portfolio. However, the downside risk would be limited in the scenarios where the current portfolio would fail to achieve returns in excess of the low-default-risk discount, in this case 4.80%.

The following information has been prepared in compliance with this new requirement. Unless otherwise noted, the measurement date, actuarial cost methods, and assumptions used are the same as for the funding valuation covered in this actuarial valuation report.

Valuation Accrued Liability	LDROM
\$5,483,251,000	\$7,279,757,000

Again, the difference between the two measures, or \$1,796,506,000, is one illustration of the savings the sponsor anticipates by assuming investment risk in a diversified portfolio.

Disclosures: Discount rate used to calculate LDROM: 4.80% Intermediate FTSE Pension Discount Curve as of December 31, 2023. This measure may not be appropriate for assessing the need for or amount of future contributions as the current portfolio is expected to generate significantly more investment earnings than the low-default-risk portfolio. This measure is also not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligation as this measure includes projections of salary increases and the ability for current members to continue to accrue eligibility and vesting service.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the Fund has increased by more than expected due to unfavorable experience from both the investments and liabilities.

The calculated contribution rate necessary to pay the Fund's normal cost and amortize the UAAL over 30 years is 35.93% of pay. When the debt service payment on the Pension Obligation Bonds is considered, the total contribution rate is 44.17% of payroll. However, Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code limits the contribution rate to 36.00% of payroll, therefore, the total rate to be contributed by the employees and the City for fiscal year 2025 will be 36.00% of pay.

Based on the current benefit and contribution provisions of the Fund, and assuming the actuarial assumptions are exactly met (including a 7.25% return on the actuarial value of assets), ERF is expected to be fully funded in approximately 51 years.

Given this calculated funding period and the risk the financial condition of ERF will continue to deteriorate, we recommend the ERF continue to have discussions with the City about ways to improve the sustainability of the Fund. Improvements to the Fund's sustainability includes increased contributions as well as a possible review of the benefits provided.



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#### Summary of Actuarial Values As of December 31, 2023 (\$ in 000s)

#### **Entry Age Actuarial Values**

	APV* of Projected Benefits	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Normal Cost \$	Normal Cost % of Pay**
1 Active Members				
a. Retirement	\$ 2,037,004	\$ 1,532,641	\$ 69,833	13.40%
b. Death	21,676	12,208	1,250	0.24%
c. Disability	14,270	5,184	1,223	0.23%
d. Termination	167,576	(7,227)	22,902	4.40%
e. Health Subsidy	37,061	28,559	1,643	0.31%
Total	\$ 2,277,587	\$ 1,571,365	\$ 96,851	18.58%
2 Benefit Recipients	3,758,969	3,758,969		
3 Other Inactive	152,917	152,917		
4 Total Actuarial Value of Benefits	\$ 6,189,473	\$ 5,483,251	\$ 96,851	18.58%
5 Actuarial Value of Assets		\$ 3,842,459		
6 Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (4 - 5)		\$ 1,640,792		
7 Funding Ratio		70.08%		
8 Market Value Measurements				
UAAL on market value		\$ 1,834,149		
Funded Ratio on market value		66.55%		

<sup>\*</sup> APV – Actuarial Present Value

<sup>\*\*</sup> Percentage of expected payroll for continuing active members.

#### DEMONSTRATION OF ACTUARIALLY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR FY 2025

Valuation as of December 31,	Actuarially Determined Total Contribution Rate	Projected Compensation for Plan Year (in \$M)	Total Contributions to Fund for Plan Year (in \$M)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL \$M)	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA \$M)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL \$M)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2023	35.93%	\$ 530.7	\$ 190.7	\$ 5,483.3	\$ 3,842.5	\$ 1,640.8
2024	35.93%	547.1	196.6	5,603.3	3,927.9	1,675.5
2025	35.93%	565.0	203.0	5,726.1	4,017.8	1,708.3
2026	35.93%	582.8	209.4	5,842.8	4,104.3	1,738.5
2027	35.93%	600.9	215.9	5,953.7	4,187.6	1,766.0
2028	35.93%	619.3	222.5	6,059.0	4,268.4	1,790.6
2029	35.93%	638.6	229.5	6,159.9	4,347.7	1,812.2
2030	35.93%	658.2	236.5	6,256.6	4,426.3	1,830.3
2031	35.93%	678.6	243.8	6,349.8	4,505.2	1,844.6
2032	35.93%	699.5	251.4	6,440.2	4,585.4	1,854.8
2033	35.93%	720.4	258.9	6,527.3	4,667.1	1,860.2
2034	35.93%	741.9	266.6	6,612.2	4,751.6	1,860.6
2035	35.93%	764.1	274.5	6,695.3	4,839.7	1,855.6
2036	35.93%	787.1	282.8	6,776.7	4,932.1	1,844.7
2037	35.93%	810.7	291.3	6,856.9	5,029.8	1,827.1
2038	35.93%	835.1	300.1	6,936.7	5,134.2	1,802.5
2039	35.93%	860.4	309.2	7,017.2	5,247.1	1,770.2
2040	35.93%	886.8	318.6	7,099.4	5,370.0	1,729.4
2041	35.93%	914.1	328.4	7,184.3	5,504.9	1,679.4
2042	35.93%	941.9	338.4	7,272.6	5,653.3	1,619.4
2043	35.93%	970.6	348.8	7,365.3	5,816.9	1,548.4
2044	35.93%	1,000.5	359.5	7,464.0	5,998.3	1,465.8
2045	35.93%	1,031.2	370.5	7,570.5	6,200.2	1,370.3
2046	35.93%	1,062.8	381.9	7,686.1	6,425.2	1,261.0
2047	35.93%	1,095.2	393.5	7,812.2	6,675.6	1,136.6
2048	35.93%	1,128.3	405.4	7,949.8	6,953.8	996.0
2049	35.93%	1,162.2	417.6	8,099.5	7,261.6	837.9
2050	35.93%	1,196.8	430.1	8,261.9	7,601.1	660.8
2051	35.93%	1,232.6	442.9	8,437.7	7,974.4	463.2
2052	35.93%	1,269.1	456.0	8,627.1	8,383.6	243.5
2053	35.93%	1,306.5	469.5	8,830.6	8,830.6	0.0

### Information for City Ordinance 25695 For the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2024

1 Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate				
2 Actuarially Required Contribution Rate*		35.93%		
3 Debt Service				
a Scheduled Debt Service Payment for FY 2025	\$	44,821,069		
b Projected Payroll	\$	543,969,644		
c Pension Obligation Bond Credit Rate (a/b)		8.24%		
4 Current Total Obligation Rate (2 + 3c)		44.17%		
5 Current Adjusted Total Obligation Rate		36.00%		
6 Allocation of Contribution Rates Commencing October 1, 2024 a Employee (5 x .37)		13.32%		
b City (5 x .63)		22.68%		

- \* Actuarially determined level contribution rate as demonstrated on Table 2.
- \*\* If the absolute value of the difference between the Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate (PATOR) and the Current Total Obligation Rate (CTOR) is less than or equal to 3.0% then:

  Current Adjusted Total Obligation Rate (CATOR) = PATOR

otherwise:

- 1) If PATOR CTOR > 3.00% then the CATOR is set equal to the greater of:
  - a) the average of the Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate and the Current Total Obligation Rate; or
  - b) 90% of the Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate

or

- 2) If PATOR CTOR < -3.00% then the CATOR is set equal to the lesser of:
  - a) the average of the Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate and the Current Total Obligation Rate; or
  - b) 110% of the Prior Adjusted Total Obligation Rate

Additionally, the CATOR cannot exceed 36.00%.

#### **EXCERPTS FROM CITY ORDINANCE 25695**

**ACTUARIALLY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION RATE** – means, for any fiscal year, a rate of contribution to the fund, expressed as a percentage of members' projected wages for such fiscal year, which is the sum of the following as determined in the actuarial valuation report for the preceding plan year:

- (A) the actuarial present value of the pension plan benefits and expenses that are allocated to avaluation period by the actuarial cost method; and
- (B) the contribution that will amortize the difference between the actuarial accrued liability of the fund and the actuarial value of the assets of the fund over the period of years required by generally accepted accounting principles.

**CITY CONTRIBUTIONS** – means, for each pay period ending during a transition year, the city shall contribute to the retirement fund an amount equal to:

- (A) 63% times the current total obligation rate for that fiscal year times the members' wages for the pay period, minus
- (B) The pension obligation bond credit rate for that fiscal year times the members' wages for the pay period;
  - and, for each pay period ending during each fiscal year, except for a transition year, the city shall contribute to the retirement fund an amount equal to:
- (C) 63% times the current adjusted total obligation rate for that fiscal year times the members' wages for the pay period, minus
- (D) The pension obligation bond credit rate for that fiscal year times the members' wages for the pay period.

**EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS** – means, for each pay period ending during a transition year, each member shall contribute to the retirement fund an amount equal to:

- (A) 37% times the current total obligation rate for that fiscal year times the member's wages for the pay period;
  - and, for each pay period ending during each fiscal year, except for a transition year, the member shall contribute to the retirement fund an amount equal to:
- (B) 37% times the current adjusted total obligation rate for that fiscal year times the member's wages for the pay period.

#### EXCERPTS FROM CITY ORDINANCE 25695 (Continued)

**CURRENT ADJUSTED TOTAL OBLIGATION RATE** – means, for any fiscal year, the rate determined by the board as follows, using whichever formula is applicable:

- (A) If the current total obligation rate minus the prior adjusted total obligation rate is greater than three, then the current adjusted total obligation rate for such fiscal year is equal to the lesser of:
  - (i) the prior adjusted total obligation rate plus one-half times the difference of the currenttotal obligation rate minus the prior adjusted total obligation rate; or
  - (ii) 110 percent times the prior adjusted total obligation rate; or
  - (iii) 36 percent.
- (B) If the difference between the current total obligation rate and the prior adjusted total obligation rate is less than three, then the current adjusted total obligation rate for such fiscalyear is equal to the prior adjusted total obligation rate.
- (C) If the prior adjusted total obligation rate minus the current total obligation rate is greater than three, then the current adjusted total obligation rate for such fiscal year is equal to the greater of:
  - (i) the prior adjusted total obligation rate minus one-half times the difference of the prior adjusted total obligation rate minus the current total obligation rate; or
  - (ii) 90 percent times the prior adjusted total obligation rate.

**CURRENT TOTAL OBLIGATION RATE** – means, for any fiscal year, the rate adopted by the board that is equal to the sum of the pension obligation bond credit rate for such fiscal year plus the actuarially required contribution rate for such fiscal year.

**PENSION OBLIGATION BOND CREDIT RATE** – means, for any fiscal year, the rate adopted by the board that is a percentage calculated by dividing:

- (A) the debt service due during such fiscal year on any pension obligation bonds, the proceeds of which have been deposited in the fund, by:
- (B) the total members' projected wages for such fiscal year, as reported in the relevant actuarial valuation report.

#### **PRIOR ADJUSTED TOTAL OBLIGATION RATE** – means:

- (A) for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2006, the current total obligation rate that was effective for the prior fiscal year; and
- (B) for each fiscal year commencing on or after October 1, 2007, the current adjusted total obligation rate that was effective for the prior fiscal year.

#### EXCERPTS FROM CITY ORDINANCE 25695 (Continued)

**PROJECTED PAYROLL** – means the covered payroll for the valuation proceeding the fiscal year multiplied by the payroll growth assumption.

#### **TRANSITION YEAR** – means each of the following:

- (A) the first fiscal year in which debt service payments related to pension obligation bonds are due from the city;
- (B) the first fiscal year in which no debt service payments related to pension obligation bonds are due from the city; and
- (C) the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2005.

## Net Assets Available for Benefits (\$ in 000s)

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
1 Assets		
a. Cash & Short-Term	\$ 458,347	\$ 338,462
2 Receivables		
a. Accrued Investment Income	\$ 16,036	\$ 18,942
b. Securities Sold	18,065	14,218
c. Employer Contribution	785	878
d. Employee Contribution	740	808
e. Pending Contracts	 278,970	585,983
3 Investments	\$ 314,596	\$ 620,829
a. Index Funds	\$ 93,082	\$ 116,640
b. Fixed Income	894,597	1,048,551
c. Equities	1,710,927	1,684,942
d. Real Estate	346,345	339,922
e Private Equity	 381,814	 371,556
	\$ 3,426,765	\$ 3,561,611
4 Total Assets	\$ 4,199,708	\$ 4,520,902
5 Liabilities		
a. Accounts Payable	\$ 10,872	\$ 7,270
b. Investment Transactions	672,556	864,530
	\$ 683,428	\$ 871,800
6 Net Assets Available For Benefits	\$ 3,516,280	\$ 3,649,102

#### Change in Assets Available for Benefits Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023 (\$ in 000s)

	2022	2023
1 Assets Available at Beginning of Year	\$ 4,093,215	\$ 3,516,280
Adjustment *	0	0
	\$ 4,093,215	\$ 3,516,280
2 Revenues		
a. Employer Contributions	\$ 67,288	\$ 73,939
b. Employee Contributions	63,427	70,025
c. Investment Income	114,233	133,707
d. Investment Expense	(19,621)	(20,924)
e. Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(464,890)	225,507
f. Other (Security Lending)	 1,349	 1,589
Total Revenues	\$ (238,214)	\$ 483,843
3 Expenses		
a. Benefits	\$ 317,528	\$ 328,296
b. Refunds	12,158	12,700
c. Administrative Expenses	8,209	9,184
d. Depreciation Expense	826	841
Total Expense	\$ 338,721	\$ 351,021
4 Assets Available at End of Year (1 + 2 - 3)	\$ 3,516,280	\$ 3,649,102

<sup>\*</sup> Change due to difference between unaudited asset value used for prior valuation and audited asset value reported the following year.

## Development of Actuarial Value of Assets (\$ in 000s)

December 31, 202							mber 31, 2023		
1.	Market v	alue	of assets at	beginning of	year		•	\$	3,516,280
2.	External	cash	flow						
	a. Conti	ributi	ons					\$	143,964
	b. Benefits and refunds paid								(340,996)
	c. Adm	inistr	ative and mi	scellaneous	expenses		_		(10,025)
	d. Subtotal								(207,057)
3.	Assumed	l inve	estment retu	rn rate for fis	cal year				7.25%
4.	Assumed	d inve	stment inco	me for fiscal	year			\$	247,556
5.	Expected	d Mai	ket Value at	end of year	(1+2+4)			\$	3,556,779
6.	6. Market value of assets at end of year						\$	3,649,102	
7.	Difference	e (6	- 5)					\$	92,323
8.	Develop	ment	of amounts	to be recogn	ized as of Dece	mber 31, 202	23		
Fi:	scal Year End	(SI	emaining Deferral of Excess nortfall) of vestment Income	Offsetting of Gains/(Losses)	Net Deferrals Remaining	Years Remaining	Recognized for this valuation		maining after nis valuation
			(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) + (2)	(4)	(5) = (3) / (4)	(	6) = (3) - (5)
	2019	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	\$ 0	\$	0
	2020		0	0	0	2	0		0
	2021		0	0	0	3	0		0
	2022		(350,132)	92,323	(257,809)	4	(64,452)		(193,357)
	2023		92,323	(92,333)	0	5	0		0
	Total	\$	(257,809)	\$ 0	\$ (257,809)		\$ (64,452)		\$(193,357)
9.	9. Final actuarial value of plan net assets, end of year (Item 6 - Item 8, Column 6) \$ 3,842,459								

10. Ratio of actuarial value to market value

Notes: Remaining deferrals in Column (1) for prior years are from last year's report Table 6, column 6. The number in the current year is Item 7, above. Column 2 is a direct offset of the current year's excess/(shortfall) return against prior years' excess/(shortfall) of the opposite type.

Table 6

105.3%

#### Historical Investment Performance Dollar Weighted Basis Net of Investment Expenses

<u>Calendar Year</u>	On Market Value	On Actuarial Value
2004	15.22%	9.38%
2005	7.93%	13.71%
2006	16.90%	13.03%
2007	3.56%	9.58%
2008	-31.31%	-3.76%
2009	30.35%	6.79%
2010	15.77%	4.30%
2011	0.86%	1.15%
2012	14.29%	2.82%
2013	16.75%	10.65%
2014	6.14%	10.29%
2015	-1.83%	7.02%
2016	8.65%	8.51%
2017*	12.34%	8.99%
2018	-5.15%	5.23%
2019	17.30%	6.74%
2020	6.42%	6.81%
2021	16.01%	8.68%
2022	-9.25%	5.36%
2023	9.96%	4.87%
5-year average ending in 2023	7.64%	6.48%
10-year average ending in 2023	5.71%	7.24%
20-year average ending in 2023	7.59%	6.69%

<sup>\*</sup> The yield on the actuarial value of assets for 2017 includes the impact of the method change for the Actuarial Value of Assets.

#### **Analysis of Change in Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability** For the Year Ending December 31, 2023

(\$ in 000s)

1. UAAL as of December 31, 2022		\$ 1,410,057
2. Expected Change in UAAL during 2023  a. Expected Amortization Payment for CY 2023 based on		
the Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate	(70,882)	
b. Interest adjustments on 1 & 2a to Year End @ 7.25%	99,705	
c. Expected change in UAAL		28,823
3. Increase/(Decrease) in UAAL Due to Difference Between the Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate and Actual Contribution Rate		41,001
4. Net Actuarial Experience (Gains) & Losses		160,911
5. Assumption and Method Changes		0
6. UAAL as of December 31, 2023		\$ 1,640,792

# Investment Experience (Gain) or Loss (\$ in 000s)

	Item	Valuation as of cember 31, 2023
1.	Actuarial assets, beginning of year	\$ 3,866,412
2.	Contributions	143,964
3.	Benefits and refunds paid with administrative expenses	(351,021)
4.	Assumed net investment income at 7.25% on	
	a. Beginning of year assets	280,315
	b. Contributions	5,127
	c. Benefits and refunds paid with administrative expenses	 (12,502)
	d. Total	\$ 272,940
5.	Expected actuarial assets, end of year	
	(Sum of Items 1 through 4)	3,932,295
6.	Actual actuarial assets, end of year	3,842,459
7.	Asset experience (gain)/loss for year	89,836

## Analysis of Actuarial (Gains) and/or Losses for 2023 (\$ in 000s)

	2023
Investment Return	\$ 89,836
Salary Increase	52,299
Age and Service Retirement	(1,511)
General Employment Termination	(4,055)
Disability Incidence	(236)
Active Mortality	(93)
Benefit Recipient Mortality	(10,464)
Actual vs. Expected Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)*	45,368
Other	(10,233)
Total Actuarial (Gain)/ Loss	\$ 160,911

<sup>\*</sup> Actual COLA of 4.43% for Tier A and 3.00% for Tier B versus expected COLAs of 2.50% for Tier A and 2.20% for Tier B.

#### Schedule of Funding Status (\$ in 000s)

End of Year	Actuarial Value of Assets	AAL (b)	UAAL (b-a)	Funding Ra- tio (a/b)	Payroll* (c)	UAAL as % of Payroll ((b-a)/c)
2004	2,482,082	2,488,270	6,188	99.75%	331,201	1.87%
2005	2,739,269	2,606,173	(133,096)	105.11%	332,446	-40.04%
2006	2,998,099	2,761,404	(236,695)	108.57%	344,997	-68.61%
2007	3,183,260	2,915,164	(268,096)	109.20%	370,150	-72.43%
2008	2,957,506	3,075,385	117,879	96.17%	389,362	30.27%
2009	3,031,652	3,192,120	160,468	94.97%	375,164	42.77%
2010	3,027,439	3,282,126	254,687	92.24%	332,045	76.70%
2011	2,916,746	3,391,652	474,906	86.00%	318,972	148.89%
2012	2,846,124	3,518,356	672,232	80.89%	340,452	197.45%
2013	3,074,284	3,610,845	362,477	85.14%	352,486	102.83%
2014	3,241,053	4,004,055	763,002	80.94%	374,002	204.01%
2015	3,320,387	4,129,133	808,746	80.41%	404,981	199.70%
2016	3,451,463	4,291,802	840,339	80.42%	420,693	199.75%
2017	3,601,612	4,377,844	776,232	82.27%	432,854	179.33%
2018	3,620,319	4,526,996	906,677	79.97%	435,375	208.25%
2019	3,682,959	4,863,325	1,180,366	75.73%	444,737	265.41%
2020	3,747,078	4,932,886	1,185,808	75.96%	439,544	269.78%
2021	3,872,601	5,094,362	1,221,761	76.02%	453,934	269.15%
2022	3,866,412	5,276,469	1,410,057	73.28%	488,516	288.64%
2023	3,842,459	5,483,251	1,640,792	70.08%	543,970	301.63%

<sup>\*</sup> Projected to following year.

#### **Summary of Data Characteristics**

As of December 31,	2021	2022	2023
Active Members			
Number	7,175	7,464	7,894
Total Annualized Earnings of Members as of 12/31 (000s)	\$ 442,863	\$ 476,601	\$ 530,702
Average Earnings	61,723	63,853	67,229
Benefit Recipients			
Number	7,655	7,766	7,914
Total Annual Retirement Income (000s)	\$ 294,130	\$ 309,799	\$ 327,190
Total Annual Health Supplement (000s)	11,077	11,234	11,440
Average Total Annual Benefit	39,870	41,338	42,789
Inactive Members*			
Deferred Vested	974	1,042	911
Deferred Nonvested	1,007	1,150	799
Total	1,981	2,192	1,095

<sup>\*</sup> The number of inactives on 12/31/2023 includes 1,095 members who have applied for a deferred pension and 1,012 other members who have terminated and still have contribution balances in the Fund.

# Distribution of Active Members and Payroll by Age and Years of Service

i				Yea	Years of Service				
Age	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 & Over	Totals
Under 20	13								13
	\$531,002								\$531,002
20-24	181	121							302
	\$8,122,438	\$6,339,316							\$14,461,754
25-29	270	369	75						714
	\$13,185,283	\$20,051,313	\$4,547,084						\$37,783,680
30-34	229	377	223	38					867
	\$12,231,255	\$22,277,962	\$14,258,962	\$2,742,994					\$51,511,173
35-39	162	335	225	110	58				890
	\$9,064,054	\$21,398,127	\$15,408,573	\$8,269,330	\$4,483,010				\$58,623,094
40-44	161	271	203	127	134	26	ω		925
	\$9,009,653	\$17,933,198	\$14,886,100	\$9,809,239	\$10,820,165	\$2,237,859	222,851		\$64,919,065
45-49	124	247	219	126	163	106	50	1	1,036
	\$6,647,336	\$16,000,945	\$15,815,463	\$10,343,277	\$12,527,696	\$9,003,262	\$3,878,477	\$109,632	\$74,326,088
50-54	113	242	189	106	159	125	95	19	1,048
	\$6,047,377	\$15,972,010	\$14,368,091	\$8,151,533	\$12,688,896	\$9,234,718	\$7,300,009	\$1,526,505	\$75,289,139
55-59	78	199	198	110	193	106	65	27	976
	\$4,275,784	\$13,557,054	\$13,559,331	\$8,125,906	\$15,568,673	\$8,855,191	\$5,509,334	\$2,244,123	\$71,695,396
60-64	56	139	165	86	154	56	48	24	728
	\$3,211,508	\$9,696,280	\$11,648,108	\$5,766,389	\$11,320,272	\$4,440,812	\$3,931,896	\$2,212,373	\$52,227,638
65&Over	17	52	75	58	74	50	32	37	395
	\$952,177	\$3,376,875	\$5,161,338	\$4,685,520	\$5,627,032	\$3,989,947	\$2,458,299	\$3,082,875	\$29,334,063
Totals	1,404	2,352	1,572	761	935	469	293	108	7,894
	\$73,277,867	\$146,603,080	\$109,653,050	\$57,894,188	\$73,035,744	\$73,035,744 \$37,761,789 \$23,300,866	\$23,300,866	\$9,175,508	\$530,702,092

Table 12

# **Distribution of Benefit Recipients**As of December 31, 2023

Age	Number	A	nnual Benefit*	Annual Average Benefit*
Under 50	31	\$	613,682	\$ 19,796
50-54	131		6,186,722	47,227
55-59	528		27,447,996	51,985
60-64	1,296		56,144,796	43,322
65-69	1,657		70,298,468	42,425
70-74	1,719		72,644,100	42,260
75-79	1,293		53,942,932	41,719
80-84	706		23,552,340	33,360
85-89	344		10,779,264	31,335
90 & Over	209		5,579,510	26,696
Total	7,914	\$	327,189,809	\$ 41,343

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include Health Benefit Supplement.

#### **Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data**

Year Ending December 31,	Active Participants	Percent Change	Covered Payroll	Percent Change	Average Salary	Percent Change
2007	8,117	-	\$ 359,369,000	-	\$ 44,274	-
2008	8,371	3.1%	378,021,000	5.2%	45,158	2.0%
2009	7,654	-8.6%	364,237,000	-3.6%	47,588	5.4%
2010	7,034	-8.1%	322,374,000	-11.5%	45,831	-3.7%
2011	6,745	-4.1%	309,682,000	-3.9%	45,913	0.2%
2012	6,864	1.8%	330,536,000	6.7%	48,155	4.9%
2013	6,993	1.9%	342,219,000	3.5%	48,937	1.6%
2014	7,180	2.7%	363,109,000	6.1%	50,572	3.3%
2015	7,477	4.1%	393,186,000	8.3%	52,586	4.0%
2016	7,619	1.9%	409,433,000	4.1%	53,738	2.2%
2017	7,838	2.9%	421,269,000	2.9%	53,747	0.0%
2018	7,584	-3.2%	423,723,000	0.6%	55,871	4.0%
2019	7,427	-2.1%	433,890,000	2.4%	58,421	4.6%
2020	7,244	-2.5%	428,824,000	-1.2%	59,197	1.3%
2021	7,175	-1.0%	442,863,000	3.3%	61,723	4.3%
2022	7,464	4.0%	476,601,000	7.6%	63,853	3.5%
2023	7,894	5.8%	530,702,000	11.4%	67,229	5.3%

Schedule of Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

	Average Annual Allowances	\$ 26,823	28,249	29,062	29,990	31,271	31,981	32,578	33,215	33,455	34,477	34,758	35,726	36,362	36,736	38,423	39,892	41,343 Table 14b
	% Increase in Annual Allowances	ı	8.7%	7.2%	8.4%	7.9%	4.3%	3.9%	4.3%	3.1%	5.3%	2.8%	5.4%	4.3%	3.0%	%0.9	5.3%	5.6%
Rolls-End of Year	Annual Allowances	\$142,267,609	154,692,846	165,826,328	179,730,384	193,851,170	202,120,582	210,027,512	219,150,070	226,019,290	237,992,528	244,768,143	258,085,328	269,263,106	277,428,698	294,130,270	309,799,134	327,189,809
Rolls-E	Number	5,304	5,476	5,706	5,993	6,199	6,320	6,447	6,598	6,756	6,903	7,042	7,224	7,405	7,552	7,655	7,766	7,914
Removed from Rolls	Annual Allowances	\$ 4,551,742	4,684,964	4,795,982	4,907,000	4,396,317	4,529,539	4,327,990	4,821,713	6,847,464	5,562,549	6,375,641	5,976,286	8,368,302	11,614,128	8,655,976	8,500,245	8,098,656
Remove	Number	205	211	216	221	198	204	197	219	318	237	244	220	297	308	321	273	256
Added to Rolls	Annual Allowances	\$ 7,250,468	8,905,680	9,268,740	12,798,268	10,012,165	9,795,464	11,246,955	12,415,771	13,777,204	12,746,549	9,893,931	14,905,595	17,715,050	28,634,730	16,109,924	14,364,767	15,039,143
Adde	Number	239	383	446	208	404	325	324	370	476	384	383	402	478	455	424	384	404
	Year Ending December 31,	2007	2008	5009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Solvency Test (\$ in 000s)

Aggregated Accrued Liabilities for

		Aggr	egate	Aggregated Accrued Liabilities for	oilities	for			p	by Reported Assets	ets
	Active	Active and Inactive			A	Active and Inactive Members		ı			
Valuation Date	Me Cont	Members Contributions	B 7	Retirees and Beneficiaries	_	(Employer Financed Portion)		Reported Assets	(5)/(2)	[(5)-(2)]/3	[(5)-(2)-(3)]/(4)
(I)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)	(6)	S	(8)
December 31, 2007	↔	206,090	-ζ>	1,591,731	↔	1,117,343	❖	3,183,260	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
December 31, 2008		221,667		1,707,599		1,146,119		2,957,506	100.0%	100.0%	89.7%
December 31, 2009		228,666		1,834,491		1,128,963		3,031,652	100.0%	100.0%	85.8%
December 31, 2010		232,727		2,041,322		1,008,077		3,027,439	100.0%	100.0%	74.7%
December 31, 2011		240,821		2,181,731		969,100		2,916,746	100.0%	100.0%	51.0%
December 31, 2012		257,716		2,250,533		1,010,107		2,846,124	100.0%	100.0%	33.4%
December 31, 2013		278,892		2,319,424		1,012,529		3,074,284	100.0%	100.0%	47.0%
December 31, 2014		301,567		2,578,071		1,124,417		3,241,053	100.0%	100.0%	32.1%
December 31, 2015		325,607		2,650,638		1,152,888		3,320,387	100.0%	100.0%	29.9%
December 31, 2016		350,646		2,770,533		1,170,623		3,451,463	100.0%	100.0%	28.2%
December 31, 2017		373,193		2,854,818		1,149,833		3,601,612	100.0%	100.0%	32.5%
December 31, 2018		392,004		2,989,597		1,145,395		3,620,319	100.0%	100.0%	20.8%
December 31, 2019		408,984		3,228,576		1,225,766		3,682,959	100.0%	100.0%	3.7%
December 31, 2020		430,411		3,312,228		1,190,247		3,747,078	100.0%	100.0%	0.4%
December 31, 2021		448,149		3,456,659		1,189,554		3,872,601	100.0%	99.1%	0.0%
December 31, 2022		467,549		3,603,830		1,205,090		3,866,412	100.0%	94.3%	0.0%
December 31, 2023		490,401		3,758,969		1,233,881		3,842,459	100.0%	89.2%	0.0%
											Table 14c

Portions of Accrued Liabilities Covered



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## Pay Experience for Employees who are Active at Beginning and End of Year

#### Valuation Pay Analysis Analyzed by Years of Service

		Experience for	2023	
Service Beginning of Year	Number	Expected Pay	Actual Pay	Ratio A/E
Under 5	2,167	\$ 125,952,594	\$ 133,911,334	106%
5-9	1,632	107,232,638	112,642,488	105%
10-14	832	60,485,012	63,092,682	104%
15-19	912	67,846,736	70,752,867	104%
20-24	477	36,969,925	38,189,786	103%
25-29	346	27,386,177	28,079,642	103%
30 & Over	121	9,936,744	10,138,345	102%
Total	6,487	\$ 435,809,826	\$ 456,807,144	105%
Over 10 Years	2,688	\$ 202,624,594	\$ 210,253,322	104%

		Experience for 2020	0-2023	
Service Beginning of Year	Number	Expected Pay	Actual Pay	Ration A/E
Under 5	7,594	\$ 424,110,637	\$ 438,604,014	103%
5-9	6,720	413,282,858	421,643,673	102%
10-14	3,514	239,619,785	242,640,709	101%
15-19	3,438	243,996,803	247,686,994	102%
20-24	2,326	165,625,696	166,742,830	101%
25-29	1,291	98,826,398	99,238,392	100%
30 & Over	517	43,231,924	42,994,523	99%
Total	25,400	\$ 1,628,694,101	\$ 1,659,551,135	102%
Over 10 Years	11,086	\$ 791,300,606	\$ 799,303,448	101%

Table 15

# Analysis of Retirement Experience Each Age

	2023 Retirement		
Age	Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E
46	-	-	N/A
47	-	-	N/A
48	-	-	N/A
49	-	0.10	0%
50	2	2.45	82%
51	3	8.35	36%
52	13	12.10	107%
53	6	8.00	75%
54	4	8.85	45%
55	10	11.20	89%
56	14	13.25	106%
57	11	10.60	104%
58	12	10.45	115%
59	7	10.45	67%
60	30	19.59	153%
61	15	16.03	94%
62	13	16.18	80%
63	16	12.69	126%
64	13	13.10	99%
65	21	16.02	131%
66	17	14.64	116%
67	17	15.56	109%
68	8	10.76	74%
69	6	5.70	105%
70 & Over	22	94.00	23%
Total	260	330.07	79%
Total Under			
70	238	236.07	101%

2020-2023 Retirement			
Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E	
-	-	N/A	
-	-	N/A	
-	-	N/A	
1	0.80	125%	
15	19.10	79%	
17	33.15	51%	
36	37.90	95%	
35	43.40	81%	
32	39.65	81%	
49	44.95	109%	
47	49.50	95%	
60	52.95	113%	
45	45.05	100%	
42	50.20	84%	
109	79.14	138%	
62	66.78	93%	
62	65.21	95%	
53	56.93	93%	
39	59.11	66%	
69	67.11	103%	
59	60.64	97%	
49	50.22	98%	
33	33.80	98%	
21	22.36	94%	
80	355.00	23%	
1,105	1,332.95	76%	
935	977.95	96%	

# Analysis of Retirement Experience Age Groups

	2023 Retirements		
Age Group	Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E
Under 55	28	39.85	70%
55-59	54	55.95	97%
60-64	87	77.59	112%
65-69	69	62.68	110%
70 & Over	22	94.00	23%
Total	260	330.07	79%
Total Under 70	238	236.07	101%

2020-2023 Retirements			
Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E	
136	174.00	78%	
243	242.65	100%	
325	327.17	99%	
231	234.13	99%	
80	355.00	23%	
1,015	1,332.95	76%	
935	977.95	96%	

#### **Analysis of Turnover Experience**

	2023 Quits		
Years of Service	Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E
0-4	463	444.67	104%
5-9	167	121.13	138%
10-14	38	27.23	140%
15-19	24	13.21	182%
20-24	5	4.01	125%
25-29	1	0.53	187%
Total	698	610.79	114%

2020-2023 Quits			
Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E	
1,857	1,545.34	120%	
683	502.64	135%	
164	109.08	150%	
81	52.06	156%	
26	19.22	135%	
4	1.97	203%	
2,815	2,230.30	126%	

#### **Analysis of Active Mortality Experience**

	2023 Deaths		
Age Group	Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E
20-24	1	0.04	2752%
25-29	0	0.10	0%
30-34	0	0.21	0%
35-39	1	0.31	320%
40-44	0	0.48	0%
45-49	2	0.84	239%
50-54	3	1.34	224%
55-59	3	1.87	160%
60 & Over	6	3.60	167%
Total	16	8.79	182%

2020-2023 Deaths			
Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E	
2	0.11	1749%	
2	0.41	485%	
2	0.83	242%	
6	1.22	494%	
2	1.97	102%	
7	3.40	206%	
13	5.63	231%	
11	7.94	139%	
27	13.52	200%	
72	35.02	206%	

## **Analysis of Disability Experience**

	2023 Disabilities			
Age	Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E	
20-24	0	0.00	0%	
25-29	0	0.03	0%	
30-34	0	0.13	0%	
35-39	0	0.29	0%	
40-44	0	0.53	0%	
45-49	0	0.93	0%	
50-54	0	1.29	0%	
55-59	1	1.43	70%	
60 & Over	1	1.14	88%	
Total	2	5.77	35%	

2020-2022 Disabilities			
Actual	Actual Expected		
0	0.01	0%	
0	0.10	0%	
0	0.49	0%	
0	1.12	0%	
0	2.15	0%	
0	3.75	0%	
0	5.23	0%	
1	5.82	17%	
1	3.84	26%	
2	22.52	9%	

### **Analysis of Retiree Mortality Experience\***

	2023 Experience					
Age	Actual Expected Ratio A/E					
Under 60	5	2.38	210%			
60-64	18	8.56	210%			
65-69	22	18.15	121%			
70-74	31	33.18	93%			
75-79	48	37.76	127%			
80-84	36	36.18	100%			
85-89	39	30.94	126%			
90 & Over	43	44.26	97%			
Total	242	211.39	114%			

2020-2023 Experience				
Actual	Expected	Ratio A/E		
17	9.55	178%		
52	32.82	158%		
98	70.78	138%		
155	120.28	129%		
146	119.30	122%		
121	113.76	106%		
120	93.17	129%		
117	117.04	102%		
826	676.70	122%		

<sup>\*</sup>This analysis does not include beneficiary, QDRO, or disabled deaths.

#### **ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

The most recent experience study was completed in conjunction with the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation. Please see our experience study, dated June 2020, to see more detail of the rationale for the current assumptions. As authorized under Sec. 40A-9 of Chapter 40A, the actuarial methods and assumptions are established set by the Board of Trustees based upon recommendations from the Fund's actuary.

#### **Entry Age Normal Method**

The Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method is the actuarial valuation method used for all purposes under ERF. The concept of this method is that funding of benefits for each member should be affected as a, theoretically, level contribution (as a level percentage of pay) from entry into ERF to termination of active status.

The Normal Cost (NC) for a fiscal year under this method is determined as described in the prior paragraph for each individual member. The ERF NC for the year is the total of individual normal costs determined for each active member. The Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) under this method is the theoretical asset balance of the normal costs that would have accumulated to date based upon current actuarial assumptions. To the extent that the current assets of the fund are insufficient to cover the AAL, an Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) develops.

#### **Actuarially Determined Contribution**

The actuarially determined contribution rate is developed using an open group projection. The total contribution rate (member plus City) is the level percentage of pay needed to fund the Normal Cost for each year and pay off the UAAL over 30 years.

In the open group projection, the demographic assumptions are applied to the current active employees and any employees that are assumed to leave employment are replaced one for one with a new employee. Over time this results in the change of the employee group from mostly Tier A members to Tier B members. The projection is built to assume no gains or losses on the actuarial accrued liability or the actuarial value of assets.

In the projection, new members' pay is assumed to increase at 3.00% year over year (i.e. a new employeein 2024 is assumed to be hired at a salary that is 3.00% greater than a new employee hired in 2023). The 3.00% growth rate is equal to our wage inflation assumption of 3.00% (ultimate salary increase assumption). Note that this is not an assumption that payroll will grow at 3.00% per year. Payroll could grow more slowly in the near-term due to membership demographics.

#### **New Entrant Profile**

For the purposes of determining the funding period, an open group projection is used which replaces on a one-to-one basis each active member who leaves employment with an average new hire. The average new hire is determined based on a new entrant profile, which is created from the valuation data by determining the entry age and entry pay for anyone with between one and six years of service as of the valuation date, with salaries normalized to the valuation date. A summary of the new entrant profile is shown in the table below, with 60% of the population being male. The salaries below would be applicable for the year preceding the valuation date. Future cohorts of new hires have starting salaries that are assumed to grow at the General Wage Inflation of 3.00% over the salaries of the previous year.

New Entrant Profile			
Entry Age	# of Employees	Average Salary	
15-19	7	\$ 51,244	
20-24	278	49,616	
25-29	440	52,096	
30-34	409	55,477	
35-39	334	60,163	
40-44	313	61,928	
45-49	282	61,221	
50-54	274	61,956	
55-59	195	61,816	
60-64	109	64,260	
65-69	10	50,491	
Total	2,651	\$57,731	

#### **Actuarial Value of Asset Method**

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

**Annual Rate of Investment Return:** For all purposes under the Fund, the rate of investment return is assumed to be 7.25% per annum, net of investment expenses. This rate includes an annual assumed rate of inflation of 2.50%. In addition, annual cost-of-living adjustments are assumed to occur on average at the rate of 2.50% per annum for Tier A members and 2.20% for Tier B members (due to the lower maximum on cost-of-living-adjustments).

**Annual Compensation Increases:** Each member's compensation is assumed to increase in accordance with a table based on actual ERF experience. Sample rates follow:

Years of Service	Merit, Promotion, Longevity	General	Total
0	5.25 %	3.00 %	8.25
1	4.25	3.00	7.25
2	3.25	3.00	6.25
3	2.50	3.00	5.50
4	2.00	3.00	5.00
5	1.75	3.00	4.75
6	1.75	3.00	4.75
7	1.25	3.00	4.25
8	1.25	3.00	4.25
9	1.00	3.00	4.00
10	1.00	3.00	4.00
11	1.00	3.00	4.00
12	0.75	3.00	3.75
13	0.75	3.00	3.75
14	0.75	3.00	3.75
15	0.75	3.00	3.75
16	0.75	3.00	3.75
17	0.75	3.00	3.75
18	0.50	3.00	3.50
19 & Over	0.00	3.00	3.00

#### Mortality:

<u>Disabled Lives</u>: The gender-distinct 2019 Texas Municipal Retirees Mortality Table for males and females respectively, set forward 4 years for males and 3 years for females. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the ultimate rates from the scales published through 2019 by Retirement Plans Experience Committee of the Society of Actuaries ("Ultimate MP") and projected from the year 2019.

Sample rates as of 2023 follow (rate per 1,000), with projected mortality applied:

**Disability Mortality Rate** 

Male	Female
35	30
35	30
35	30
35	30
35	30
35	30
81	49
232	158
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Other Benefit Recipients: The gender-distinct 2019 Texas Municipal Retirees Mortality Tables are used for males and females respectively. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the ultimate rates from the scales published through 2019 by Retirement Plans Experience Committee of the Society of Actuaries ("Ultimate MP") and projected from the year 2019.

Sample rates as of 2023 follow (rate per 1,000), with projected mortality applied:

**Mortality Rate** 

Age	Male	Female	
30	0.4	0.1	
40	0.8	0.3	
50	2.7	1.1	
60	7.2	3.4	
70	19.4	10.8	
80	53.7	34.4	
90	151.4	110.0	

#### Mortality, Continued:

<u>Active Members</u>: The PubG-2010 Employee Mortality Table for General Employees tables are used for males and females respectively. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the ultimate rates from the scales published through 2019 by Retirement Plans Experience Committee of the Society of Actuaries ("Ultimate MP") and projected from the year 2010.

Sample rates as of 2023 follow (rate per 1,000), with projected mortality applied:

	Mortality Rate		
Age	Male	Female	
30	0.3	0.1	
40	0.6	0.3	
50	1.3	0.7	
60	2.8	1.6	
70	6.2	4.3	
80	15.2	11.7	
90	129.9	101.7	

10% of active deaths are assumed to be service related.

**Disability:** A client-specific table of disability incidence with sample rates follows (rate per 1,000):

Age	Disability Rate		
30	0.1		
40	0.5		
50	1.2		
60	2.2		

20% of disabilities are assumed to be service related. There is a 0% assumption of disability for members who have over 10 years of service and are eligible for retirement.

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**Retirement:** Upon eligibility, active members are assumed to retire as follows (rate per 1,000):

Tier A:

Age	Male		Fem	nale
	First Year Eligible	Thereafter	First Year Eligible	Thereafter
48-49	100	100	100	100
50	550	550	450	350
51	500	450	400	350
52	500	300	400	300
53	400	300	350	300
54	350	250	350	250
55	300	250	350	250
56	300	250	350	250
57	300	250	350	250
58-59	300	250	250	200
	Service < 18 yrs.	Service 18 yrs. +	Service < 18 yrs.	Service 18 yrs. +
60	80	230	90	200
61	90	230	90	180
62	100	230	90	200
63	100	230	150	150
64	150	230	120	130
65	150	230	120	300
66	200	230	150	300
67	200	230	250	300
68	200	230	150	300
69	200	230	150	300
70	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Retirement, Continued: Upon eligibility, active members are assumed to retire as follows (rate per 1,000):

Tier B:

Age	Male		Fer	nale
	Service < 40 yrs.	Service 40 yrs. +	Service < 40 yrs.	Service 40 yrs. +
<55	10	350	10	350
55-56	20	350	20	350
57-58	30	350	30	350
59-60	40	350	40	350
61-62	50	350	50	350
63-64	60	350	60	350
65	180	600	200	450
66	200	250	250	250
67	200	250	250	250
68	200	250	150	250
69	200	250	150	250
70	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

<sup>\*</sup>For service < 40 yrs, rates shown are for those who met the rule of 80.

### **Retirement of Deferred Vested Members:**

All deferred vested members are assumed to commence payment at their normal retirement age, which is age 60 for Tier A members and age 65 for Tier B members.

General Turnover: A table of termination rates based on ERF experience as shown below.

Terminations (per 1,000)

	Terriniation	13 (per 1,000)
Years of Service	Male	Female
0	228	200
1	180	165
2	144	150
3	110	120
4	90	95
5	75	90
6	67	80
7	60	65
8	51	48
9	43	48
10	33	45
11	33	32
12	30	30
13	30	30
14	22	20
15	22	14
16	19	14
17	19	14
18	19	14
19	19	14
20	12	14
21	12	14
22	12	6
23	12	6
24	12	6
25	12	6
26 & Over	5	6

There is 0% assumption of termination for members eligible for retirement.

**Refunds of Contributions:** Members are assumed to choose the most valuable termination benefit.

**Operational Expenses:** The amount of estimated administrative expenses expected in the next year is assumed to be equal to the prior year's expenses and is incorporated in the Normal Cost.

*Marital Status:* 75% of active male members and 50% of active female employees are assumed to be married.

**Vacation Leave Conversions:** Members with 20 or more years of service are assumed to convert unused vacation leave to 1.5 months of service. Other members are assumed to convert unused vacation leave to 1 month of service. No vacation leave conversion is assumed for disability retirement.

**Spouse Age:** The female spouse is assumed to be 3 years younger than the male spouse.

**Payroll Growth Rate:** Used to estimate projected payroll for the following fiscal year only. Assumed to be equal to the inflation rate of 2.50%. This assumption is not used as part of the open group projection used to calculate the Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate.

**Member's Pay:** In determining the member's valuation salary, the greater of the prior calendar year's gross pay and the member's rate of compensation is used.

**Form of Payment:** For Tier A it is assumed that 60% of married active male members and 84% of married active female employees will elect a Joint & 50% Survivor form of payment. Taking into consideration the marriage assumption and the inherent subsidy in the ERF's Joint & 100% Survivor factors, the male employees are valued with Joint and 28.0% Survivor annuities and the female employees are valued with Joint and 19.5% Survivor annuities. It is also assumed that 100% of Tier B employees will elect the normal form of payment under Tier B.

**Data Adjustments:** Certain records are missing spousal information. For these records we use the marital status assumption and spousal age difference assumption to value these records. No other adjustments are made to the data.

**Actuarial Equivalence Assumptions:** for form of payment conversion and Tier B early retirement factor sare based on the following assumptions:

- a. Interest Rate of 8.00%.
- b. Mortality: Unisex blend (60% male and 40% female) of the following assumptions for males and females. 109% of the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Table for males with Blue Collar adjustment projected to 2026 using improvement scale BB for males. 103% of the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Table for females with Blue Collar adjustment projected to 2026 using improvement scale BB for females.
- c. Cost-of-living-adjustments (COLA): a 3.00% COLA assumption for Tier A members and a 2.50% COLA assumption for Tier B members.

**Actuarial Model:** This report was prepared using our proprietary valuation model and related software which in our professional judgment has the capability to provide results that are consistent with the purposes of the valuation and has no material limitations or known weaknesses. We performed tests to ensure that the model reasonably represents that which is intended to be modeled.

Changes in Methods and Assumptions Since Prior Valuation: None.

#### **Summary of Benefit Provisions**

## Employees' Retirement Fund of the City of Dallas As of December 31, 2023

#### Membership

An employee becomes a member upon permanent employment and contributes to the Fund.

#### Tier A

A person who was employed by the City prior to January 1, 2017, or who was reemployed by the City on or after January 1, 2017 and whose pre January 1, 2017 credited service was not canceled by withdrawal or forfeiture or was reinstated.

#### Tier B

A person who was employed by the City on or after January 1, 2017, or who was re-employed by the City on or after January 1, 2017 and whose pre January 1, 2017 credited service has been canceled by withdrawal orforfeiture.

#### Contributions

Member: 37% of the current adjusted total obligation rate. New rates effective October 1 after the valuation date.

City: 63% of the current adjusted total obligation rate. New rates effective October 1 after the valuation date.

#### Definitions

Final Average Salary:

#### Tier A

Average monthly salary over the member's highest three years (or 36 months) of service.

#### Tier B

Average monthly salary over the member's highest five years (or 60 months) of service.

Credited Service: Length of time as an employee of the City of Dallas and while making contributions to the Fund.

#### **Retirement Pension**

#### Eligibility:

#### Tier A

- a. Attainment of age 60; or
- b. Attainment of age 55 (if credited service began before May 9, 1972); or
- c. At any age after completion of 30 years of credited service with a reduced benefit before age 50; or
- d. Attainment of age 50, if the sum of an active member's age and credited service is at least equal to 78.

#### Tier B

- a. Attainment of age 65 and 5 years of service; or
- b. At any age after completion of 40 years of credited service; or
- c. At any age if the sum of an active member's age and credited service is at least equal to 80 (under this eligibility the member's pension will be actuarially reduced for each year prior to the age of 65 that the member retires).
- d. Restricted Prior Service Credit included for eligibility (if approved).

#### Retirement Benefits:

#### Tier A

The retirement benefit equals 2-3/4% multiplied by average monthly earnings multiplied by credited service limited to a maximum of 36.3636 years plus a monthly \$125 health supplement (prorated for service less than 5 years).

#### Tier B

The retirement benefit equals 2-1/2% multiplied by average monthly earnings multiplied by credited service limited to a maximum of 40 years (no monthly health supplement).

#### Form of Payment:

#### Tier A

An unreduced pension benefit under a joint and one-half survivor option with 10 years guaranteed or a ten-year certain and life option. An actuarially equivalent joint and full survivor option is also available.

#### Tier B

An unreduced pension payable for life with 10 years guaranteed. Actuarially equivalent joint and survivor options (50% and 100%) are also available.

Early Retirement Factors:

Tier A

For members retiring prior to age 50 with 30 or more years of service, the pension shall be multiplied by the following percentage:

Age	Percentage
49	93.3
48	87.2
47	81.5
46	76.3
45	71.5
44	67.0

Tier B

For members retiring prior to age 65 with 40 or more years of service, the pension shall be multiplied by the following percentage:

Age	Percentage	Percentage Age	
64	89.72	56	40.03
63	80.66	55	36.41
62	72.64	54	33.15
61	65.53	53	30.22
60	59.21	52	27.57
59	53.58	51	25.18
58	48.56	50	23.01
57	44.06	49	21.05

#### **Deferred Retirement**

Eligibility: Deferred retirement pension benefit commencing at age 60 for Tier A members or at age 65 for Tier B members, with at least five (5) years of credited service, and accumulated contributions are left on deposit withthe Fund.

Monthly Benefit: The deferred retirement benefit is equal to the retirement pension based on earnings and credited service at the time oftermination.

## Disability Retirement Pension

Non-Service Disability:

- 1. Eligibility: Five (5) years of service and totally and permanently incapacitated for duty.
- 2. Monthly Benefit: Computed based on average monthly earnings and credited service at time of disability but not less than 10 times the percentage multiplier multiplied by the average monthly earnings.

Service Disability:

- 1. Eligibility: Totally and permanently incapacitated from the further performance of duty as a result of injury while in the course of employment for the City.
- 2. Monthly Benefit: Calculated as a non-service disability pension but not less than \$1,000 per month.

#### **Death Benefits**

Eligibility: active or inactive members who die prior to retirement

Benefit: For members with less than 2 years of service or inactive member with less than 5 years of service: refund of the members contributions.

Benefit: For members with more than 2 years of service but less than 15 years of service: an unreduced pension to designated beneficiary for 120 months or a one-half survivor option for life with 120 payments guaranteed.

Benefit: For members eligible for retirement or members and inactive members with more than 15 years of service: an unreduced pension to designated beneficiary for 120 months or a Full Survivor option for life with 120 payments guaranteed.

Form: Benefit paid in accordance with the option on file, or the eligible option, or if no eligible beneficiary, a lump sum equivalent of 10 years of benefit payments to the member's estate.

Minimum Benefit for Service Death: For job-related death a minimum of 10 years of service used in calculation of benefit. Benefit will not be less than \$1,000 per month.

## Return of Accumulated Contributions

A member at the time of termination is entitled to be paid accumulated contributions without interest.

## Cost-of-Living Adjustments

An annual cost-of-living adjustment to the base pension benefit shall be made based on the greater of:

#### Tier A

- a. The percentage of change in the price index for October of the current year over October of the previous year, up to 5%, or
- b. The percentage of annual average change in the price index for the 12-month period ending with the effective date of the adjustment, up to 5%.

#### Tier B

- c. The percentage of change in the price index for October of the current year over October of the previous year, up to 3%, or
- d. The percentage of annual average change in the price index for the 12-month period ending with the effective date of the adjustment, up to 3%.

# STATISTICAL SECTION

The Statistical Section provides additional historical perspective, context and detail to assist the reader using the information in the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information to understand the economic condition of the Plan. The schedules presented contain information on financial trends, operations, and additional analytical information on employees' membership and retirement benefits. The information in this section is obtained from Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for relevant years, actuarial reports, and various internal sources.

**Schedule of Additions by Source:** Presents contributions, investment revenue and contributions as a percent of covered payroll for ten years.

**Schedule of Deductions by Type:** Presents benefit payments, administrative expenses and refunds for ten years.

**Schedule of Changes in Net Position:** Presents the increase or decrease in net position for ten years.

**Schedule of Benefit Expenses by Type:** Presents retiree, beneficiary, disability and supplemental benefit expenses for ten years.

**Average Benefit Payment:** Presents the average monthly benefit payment, average final salary, and number of retired members based on years of credited service for nine years. An additional year will be displayed as it becomes available.

**Retired Members by Type of Benefit:** Presents the number or retirees receiving various ranges of monthly benefit amounts. The information is further broken out by type of retirement and retirement option selected.

**Average Age and Monthly Pension at Retirement:** Presents the average age, average monthly pension, and average age at retirement based on status (members only, members and survivors, and survivors only).

## SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS BY SOURCE

(\$ in thousands)

Year Ending	Member Contributions	Employer Contributions	% of Annual Covered P/R	Investment Income	Investment Professional Expenses	Other Income	Total Increases
2014	\$46,536	\$45,833	12.6	\$226,670	(\$18,678)	\$157	\$300,518
2015	50,742	50,721	13.2	(35,158)	(18,185)	162	48,282
2016	53,436	56,130	13.9	310,730	(15,812)	333	404,817
2017	55,175	58,966	14.4	430,396	(16,886)	207	527,858
2018	56,772	60,924	14.4	(150,098)	(17,685)	121	(49,966)
2019	58,314	62,177	14.3	569,071	(18,129)	301	671,734
2020	58,358	61,615	14.2	246,936	(17,915)	84	349,078
2021	59,256	63,584	14.0	599,003	(21,074)	81	700,850
2022	63,427	67,288	14.0	(349,377)	(19,621)	69	(238,214)
2023	70,025	73,939	14.0	360,517	(20,924)	285	483,842

## SCHEDULE OF DEDUCTIONS BY TYPE

(\$ in thousands)

		Administrative and Depreciation		
Year Ending	<b>Benefit Payments</b>	Expenses	Refunds	<b>Total Deductions</b>
2014	\$225,614	\$4,150	\$4,629	\$234,393
2015	235,106	4,594	4,854	244,554
2016	243,775	5,343	5,864	254,982
2017	253,534	5,951	8,156	267,641
2018	263,981	7,485	8,515	279,981
2019	278,007	7,516	10,436	295,956
2020	287,465	6,091	6,857	300,413
2021	296,586	7,349	10,452	314,387
2022	317,528	9,035	12,158	338,721
2023	328,296	10,024	12,700	351,020

## SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION

(\$ in thousands)

Year Ending	Change in Net Position
2014	\$66,125
2015	(196,277)
2016	149,835
2017	259,392
2018	(329,947)
2019	375,775
2020	48,665
2021	386,462
2022	(576,935)
2023	132,822

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS BY TYPE

(\$ in thousands)

Year Ending	Retiree	Beneficiary	Disability	Supplement	Total
2014	\$205,172	\$6,147	\$4,743	\$9,552	\$225,614
2015	214,343	6,101	4,908	9,754	235,106
2016	220,979	7,926	4,884	9,986	243,775
2017	229,843	8,317	5,194	10,180	253,534
2018	240,186	8,276	5,109	10,410	263,981
2019	253,635	8,640	5,046	10,686	278,008
2020	263,182	8,436	4,947	10,900	287,465
2021	271,984	8,682	4,823	11,099	296,587
2022	288,006	13,336	4,924	11,262	317,528
2023	305,307	6,632	4,901	11,456	328,296

## AVERAGE BENEFIT PAYMENT

As of December 31, 2023

Retirement Effective Dates	Years of Credited Service						
	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 25	25 - 30	30+
Period 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2023							
Average monthly benefit	\$555.95	\$1,018.13	\$1,729.63	\$2,581.71	\$3,346.25	\$4,514.87	\$7,371.77
Average final average salary	7,553.71	\$4,944.93	\$3,061.69		\$5,453.90		\$8,285.17
Number of retired members	2	49	46	70	65	56	38
Period 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022							
Average monthly benefit	\$359.97	\$832.04	\$1.625.48	\$2,431.09	\$3,435,22	\$4.640.07	\$5,828.64
Average final average salary	•	•	\$4,660.34				
Number of retired members	7	42	43	49	68	54	26
Period 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021							
Average monthly benefit	\$512.73	\$883 59	\$1,662.03	\$2 390 70	\$3 315 48	\$4 346 92	\$5 826 24
Average final average salary	•	\$4,589.03	\$5,013.79		\$5,478.37		\$6,592.88
Number of retired members	2	48	48	41	86	61	36
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Period 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020	4	44 000 4=	4	40 4-0 00	40.456.40	4.000 =0	45.004.10
Average monthly benefit			\$1,544.86				
Average final average salary Number of retired members		\$4,261.10 39		\$4,874.51 43	\$5,077.47 93		\$6,554.32
Number of retired members	13	39	37	43	93	39	44
Period 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019							
Average monthly benefit	\$411.49	\$868.60	\$1,559.50			\$4,360.05	
Average final average salary		\$3,200.67	\$3,625.18		\$4,531.23		\$6,132.39
Number of retired members	13	50	51	56	106	68	39
Period 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018							
Average monthly benefit	\$452.84	\$901.30	\$1,727.75	\$2,169.69	\$3,120.36	\$4,181.67	\$5,731.43
Average final average salary	\$2,312.10	\$2,700.97	\$4,721.44	\$3,588.84	\$5,033.05	\$5,807.68	\$6,395.12
Number of retired members	18	28	43	47	65	62	55
Period 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017							
Average monthly benefit	\$395.27	\$840.28	\$1,456.48	\$2,422.33	\$3,365.92	\$4,441.36	\$5,039.49
Average final average salary	\$4,260.11		\$3,470.15				
Number of retired members	12	41	51	44	53	56	37
Period 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016							
Average monthly benefit	\$325.38	\$762.64	\$1,487.94	\$2 427 06	\$2488 97	\$4 170 49	\$4 974 11
Average final average salary		-	\$4,840.13		•		
Number of retired members	20	37	40	65	45	50	65
Period 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015							
Average monthly benefit	\$144.71	\$222 40	\$1,36.61	¢2 125 50	¢2 025 21	\$4 105 72	\$4 922 06
Average final average salary			\$4,059.07				
Number of retired members	33,340.37 4	33	24	50	46	62	57
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Period 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014	¢227.07	¢C42.0C	Ć1 4E1 34	ć1 022 FC	¢2.040.54	¢4.042.22	ĆE ECO 20
Average monthly benefit  Average final average salary	\$327.07		\$1,451.21 \$4,108.76				
Number of retired members	\$3,844.96 7	\$3,210.89 42	36	\$4,164.61 56	\$4,888.48 45	\$5, <del>444</del> .86	38
	,	42	30	20	43	/1	30
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### RETIRED MEMBERS BY TYPE OF BENEFIT

As of December 31, 2023

Amount of	Monthly		Type of Retirement						C	Option Se	lected	
Bene	fits	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	#1	#2	#3	#4
\$1	\$250	62	0	23	0			0	20	35	24	6
\$251	\$500	168	1	101	0		2	13	34	160	65	26
\$501	\$750	233	2	84	4		4	12	38	189	89	23
\$751	\$1,000	260	8	70	18		15	11	52	202	104	24
\$1,001	\$1,250	243	3	81	2	4	8	11	57	184	91	20
\$1,251	\$1,500	235	4	85	1	7	10	4	80	167	76	24
\$1,501	\$1,750	232	9	81		9	9	7	70	156	112	11
\$1,751	\$2,000	257	9	71		9	7	2	92	132	117	15
over	\$2,000	4,765	90	497		7	33	31	1,395	2,431	1,568	25
Total		6,455	126	1,093	25	36	88	91	1,838	3,656	2,246	174

- a) Type of Retirement
- 1) Normal retirement
- 2) Early retirement
- 3) Beneficiary payment, normal or early retirement
- 4) Beneficiary payment, service connected death
- 5) Service connected disability retirement
- 6) Non-Service connected disability retirement
- 7) Beneficiary payment, disability retirement

#### b) Option Selected

- 1) Joint & 100%-beneficiary receives 100% of member's benefit
- 2) Joint & 50%-beneficiary receives 50% of member's benefit
- 3) 10 Year Certain-beneficiary receives member's unused benefits
- 4) QDRO retirement

### AVERAGE AGE AND MONTHLY PENSION AT RETIREMENT

As of December 31, 2023

Status	Average Age	Average Pension	Average Age at Retirement
Members Only	72	\$3,333	58
Members and Survivors	73	\$2,667	N/A
Survivors Only	74	\$2,000	N/A



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