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Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund of New Jersey

Actuarial Valuation Report as of July 1, 2022

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

February 3, 2023

Board of Trustees
Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund of New Jersey
State of New Jersey
Department of the Treasury
Division of Pension and Benefits, CN 295
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295

Dear Board Members:

We have performed the July 1, 2022 Actuarial Valuation of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund of New Jersey (TPAF or Fund).

In preparing our report, we relied on information (some oral and some written) supplied by the Division of Pensions and Benefits (DPB). This information includes, but is not limited to, plan provisions, employee data, and financial information. We performed an informal examination of the obvious characteristics of the data for reasonableness and consistency in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23, Data Quality.

The results of this report are only applicable to the Fund's contribution for Fiscal Year Ending 2024. Future results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the assumptions; changes in assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law.

The demographic and economic (other than the investment rate of return) actuarial assumptions are based on the recommended assumptions from the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021 Experience Study, approved by the Board of Trustees on December 1, 2022. The investment rate of return assumption of 7.00% is based on the recommendation of the State Treasurer.

This report and its contents have been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices and our understanding the Code of Professional Conduct and applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice set out by the Actuarial Standards Board as well as applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, as credentialed actuaries we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the opinion contained in this report. This report does not address any contractual or legal issues. We are not attorneys, and our firm does not provide any legal services or advice.

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This actuarial valuation report was prepared exclusively for TPAF, the DPB and the Fund auditors for the purposes described herein and in preparing financial reports in accordance with applicable law and annual report requirements. Other users of this report are not intended users as defined in the Actuarial Standards of Practice, and Cheiron assumes no duty or liability to such other users.

Sincerely, Cheiron

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SECTION I – BOARD SUMMARY

The primary purpose of the actuarial valuation and this report is to disclose the following as of the valuation date:

- The financial condition of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund of New Jersey,
- Past and expected future trends and risks to the Fund's financial condition, and
- The State's Statutory pension contribution for Fiscal Year End (FYE) 2024.

In this Section we present a summary of the principal valuation results. This includes the basis on which the July 1, 2022 valuation was completed and an examination of the current financial condition of the Fund. In addition, we present a review of the key historical trends as well as the Fund's projected financial outlook. The stress testing in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 277, P. L. 2017 follows in Section II.

This report does not include calculations under GASB Statements Nos. 67 and 68 which were provided in separate reports.

Results shown in this report for years prior to July 1, 2018 are based on the prior actuary's valuation reports.



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Valuation Basis

The July 1, 2022 valuation results are based on the same actuarial methods as used in the July 1, 2021 valuation. The demographic and economic assumptions, aside from the valuation interest rate, are based on the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021 Experience Study, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 1, 2022. The valuation interest rate is 7.00% as recommended by the State Treasurer.

This report is prepared using census data, plan provisions, and financial information as of July 1, 2022 provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits, and does not reflect any changes in the membership, plan provisions, or assets that occur after the valuation date. Events following that date are not, and should not be, reflected in this report. Actual experience, both demographic and economic, will be reflected in subsequent valuations as experience emerges.

This report reflects two changes to the plan provisions. Chapter 296, P.L. 2021 permits a certified school nurse who is retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment into TPAF. Chapter 408, P.L. 2021 permits teachers and professional staff members who provide special services and retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment into TPAF if the return to employment begins during the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 school years. There was no change in the actuarial liability resulting from these changes in plan provisions for the July 1, 2022 valuation. The impact of these changes will be recognized in subsequent years as experience emerges.

The Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2022 increased the State pension contribution from the Statutory amount of \$3,821,395,432 to \$4,135,337,913. The \$4,135,337,913 is based on an appropriation of 107.91% of the Statutory contribution and includes revenue of \$864,201,913 from the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act.

The potential impact of the Appropriations Act of 2023 increases the State pension contribution for Fiscal Year Ending 2023 from the Statutory amount of \$3,946,564,204 to \$4,063,521,758 (100.00% of the State Statutory contribution less the Lottery Enterprise Contribution offset plus expected revenue from the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act {100.00% x \$3,946,564,204 - \$740,981,498 + \$857,939,052}). This valuation reflects the potential impact of the Appropriations Act of 2023.

Chapter 83, P.L. 2016 calls for the State to make the required pension contributions on a quarterly basis in each fiscal year according to the following schedule: at least 25% by September 30, at least 50% by December 31, at least 75% by March 31, and at least 100% by June 30. As such, State contributions are assumed to be made on a quarterly basis with the first contribution 15 months after the associated valuation date, with the exception of the FYE 2022 contribution. For FYE 2022 only, the entire contribution was made in a single payment on July 1, 2021 based on information provided by the DPB.



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In accordance with Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, a pension committee is to be established for the State when the "target funded ratio" is achieved. The "target funded ratio" is defined as the ratio of the actuarial value of assets divided by the actuarial liability expressed as a percentage that is 75% in fiscal year 2012 and increased annually by equal increments in each of the subsequent seven fiscal years, until the funded ratio equals 80% at which time it will remain at 80% for all subsequent fiscal years. The Fund has not attained the required "target funded ratio" and thus the pension committee has not been established for the Fund.



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Under Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act, the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund receives 77.78% of the proceeds of the Lottery Enterprise, based on their members' past or present employment in schools and institutions in the State for a term of 30 years. As of the July 1, 2022 valuation, 24 years remain. Revenues from Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act, are assumed to be contributed to the trust on a monthly basis. The Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 "target funded ratio" is based on the actuarial value of assets plus the allocable Special Asset Value (SAV). The special asset value is the present value of the projected future lottery contributions to the retirement systems. As per N. J. Statute the special asset value is to be appraised once every five years. The values shown in this report reflect the New Jersey Lottery Valuation Report as of December 31, 2021 as provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits. Effective with Fiscal Year 2018, the State's pension contribution shall be reduced by the product of the allocable percentage for such retirement system, the adjustment percentage for such retirement system and the special asset adjustment.

The valuation excludes assets and liabilities under the Non-Contributory Group Insurance Premium Fund. The Non-Contributory Group Insurance premiums are separately funded monthly on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Key Results

Table I-1 on the following page summarizes the key results of the valuation with respect to the Fund's membership, assets and liabilities, and contributions. The results are presented and compared for both the current and prior year.



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Table I-1 Summary of Key Valuation Results									
Valuation Date Fiscal Year End		July 1, 2022 2024		July 1, 2021 2023	% Change				
Member Data									
Contributing Actives ¹		143,071		141,521	1.1%				
Non-Contributing Members ^{1,2}		15,085		14,526	3.8%				
Deferred Vested		316		354	-10.7%				
Retirees and Beneficiaries ³		111,420		109,677	1.6%				
Total Members		269,892		266,078	1.4%				
Appropriation Payroll ⁴	\$	11,866,192,351	\$	11,509,652,923	3.1%				
Annual Allowances for Retirees and Beneficiaries	\$	4,673,383,001	\$	4,578,893,564	2.1%				
Assets and Liabilities									
Actuarial Liability	\$	72,609,415,596	\$	70,520,215,914	3.0%				
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) ⁵		30,555,283,645		29,103,426,597	5.0%				
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$	42,054,131,951	\$	41,416,789,317	1.5%				
Funded Ratio (AVA)		42.1%		41.3%	0.8%				
Actuarial Value of Assets ⁵ including									
Special Asset Value (AVA + SAV)	\$	40,268,774,185	\$	38,886,013,570	3.6%				
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$	32,340,641,411	\$	31,634,202,344	2.2%				
Funded Ratio (AVA + SAV)		55.5%		55.1%	0.4%				
Market Value of Assets (MVA) ⁵	\$	28,543,336,431	\$	30,630,748,379	-6.8%				
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$	44,066,079,165	\$	39,889,467,535	10.5%				
Funded Ratio (MVA)		39.3%		43.4%	-4.1%				
Contribution Amounts ⁶									
State Normal Cost at End of Year	\$	600,559,270	\$	534,155,068	12.4%				
Amortization Payment of UAL		3,508,396,827		3,412,409,136	2.8%				
Total Statutory Contribution for FYE	\$	4,108,956,097	\$	3,946,564,204	4.1%				
Percent Appropriated		100.00%		100.00%	0.0%				
State Appropriation for Pension	\$	4,108,956,097	\$	3,946,564,204	4.1%				
Lottery Enterprise Contribution Offset		(741,605,733)		(740,981,498)	0.1%				
Net State Contribution	\$	3,367,350,364	\$	3,205,582,706	5.0%				

¹ Reflects all records for multiple members, who are employed by multiple participating employers at the same time

⁶ In addition, Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) Contributions are payable by certain Local employers. See Appendix E.



² Includes 15 and 17 members reported as deferred beneficiaries as of July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2021, respectively

³ QDRO recipients are excluded from member counts

⁴ Limited annual compensation for contributing actives only

⁵ Includes discounted State receivable contributions and Lottery proceeds as shown in Table III-2

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The key results of the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation are as follows:

- The total Statutory contribution increased from \$3,947 million for FYE 2023 to \$4,109 million for FYE 2024 prior to any adjustments for the State appropriations or the Lottery Enterprise offset.
- The funded ratio, the ratio of actuarial asset value over liabilities, increased from 41.3% as of July 1, 2021 to 42.1% as of July 1, 2022. The funded ratio based on the actuarial value of assets plus special asset value increased from 55.1% to 55.5%. Using the market value of assets, the funded ratio decreased from 43.4% to 39.3%.
- The unfunded actuarial liability used in determining the Statutory contributions (excess of actuarial liability over the actuarial value of assets) increased from \$41.4 billion to \$42.1 billion. The unfunded actuarial liability based on the actuarial asset value plus special asset value increased from \$31.6 billion as of July 1, 2021 to \$32.3 billion as of July 1, 2022.
- During the year there was a total actuarial experience loss of \$672 million, consisting of an asset loss of \$516 million and a liability loss of \$156 million. The liability loss of \$156 million represents 0.21% of liabilities. The rate of return on the actuarial value of assets was 5.12% compared to the expected return of 7.00%, resulting in the \$516 million asset loss.
- The updates in the salary increase rates, termination rates, ordinary disability rates, mortality improvement scale, family composition assumptions, and the percentage of members electing a deferred retirement benefit, as a result of the recently completed experience study, increased the actuarial liability by \$492 million.

Recent Trends

Although most of the attention given to the valuation reflects the current computed unfunded actuarial liability, funded ratio, and contribution amounts, each valuation is merely a snapshot of the long-term progress of a pension fund. It is important to take a step back from the current year results and view them in the context of the Fund's recent history as well as trends expected into the future. Below, we present a series of graphs which display historical trends for key factors in the valuations of the last 10 years. Additionally, in Appendix D we provide the numerical values of the historical unfunded actuarial liability, funded ratio, and contribution amounts.

In reviewing the historic trends over the 10-year period, the declining funded status coupled with significant negative net cash flow highlights the potential risk of running out of assets to pay benefits unless the State consistently contributes the full amount of the Statutory required contributions.



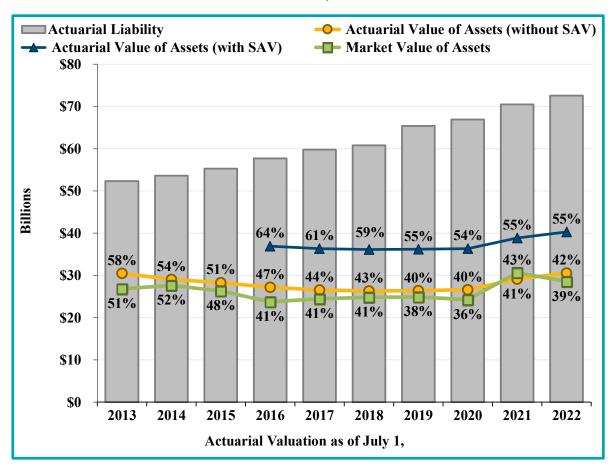
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Assets and Liabilities

The gray bars represent the Actuarial Liability (AL). The green line is the Market Value of Assets (MVA), the gold line is the Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) and the blue line (which starts in 2016) is the AVA plus the Special Asset Value (SAV). The Fund's funded ratio (ratio of assets to actuarial liability) on the MVA, AVA basis and AVA+SAV basis, is shown next to the respective asset lines.

The liability has been increasing over time in part due to additional benefit accruals but also due to decreases in the discount rate and other changes in actuarial assumptions.

Until 2021, the funded ratio had been decreasing over time in part due to decreases in the discount rate, recognition of the 2008/2009 market losses and because the State had not been making the full Statutory contribution. The funding ratio reversed that trend in 2021 and increased due to higher than expected asset returns and State contributions in excess of the Statutory contribution amount. The funded ratio on an actuarial basis increased again in 2022, despite poor investment returns due to asset smoothing, liability losses, and assumption changes, as the State continued to contribute the full Statutory contribution amount.



The information above is based on the final actuarial valuation reports for the given years. The amounts do not reflect differences between the discounted State appropriations receivable and the actual State contribution amounts that became known after the issuance of the reports.



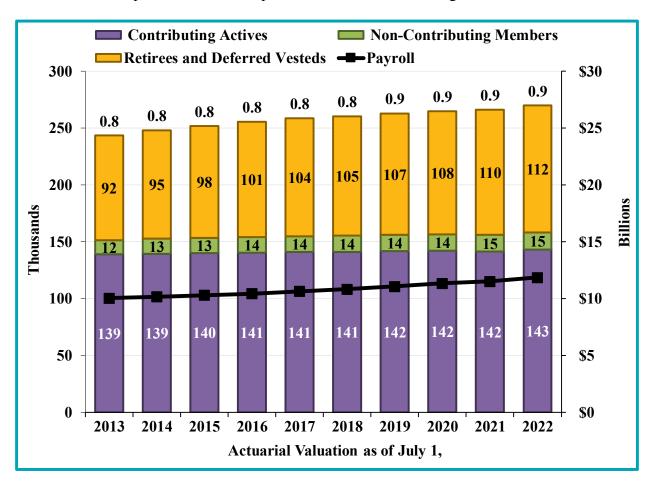
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Membership Trends

The graph below shows the membership counts of the Fund for the last ten valuations. The numbers which appear at the top of each bar represent the ratio of the number of inactive members and non-contributing members to active contributing members at each valuation date, and provide a measure of the maturity of the Fund. We refer to this as the *support ratio*. The support ratio has increased over the period. As more of the liability moves from actives to inactives, the Fund will experience more volatility in contribution rates when actuarial gains and losses are recognized. With the current inactive-to-active ratio of 0.9, there are more active members than inactive members implying that the risk factor is not at a high level relative to other mature pension funds.

Starting with the 2018 valuation, the membership counts reflect all records for multiple members, which are active members employed by more than one participating employer at the same time.

The numbers that are shown in the middle of the bars represent the number of actives or inactive members in thousands. The black line represents the appropriation payroll for active contributing members over the period, and it corresponds with the scale on the right.



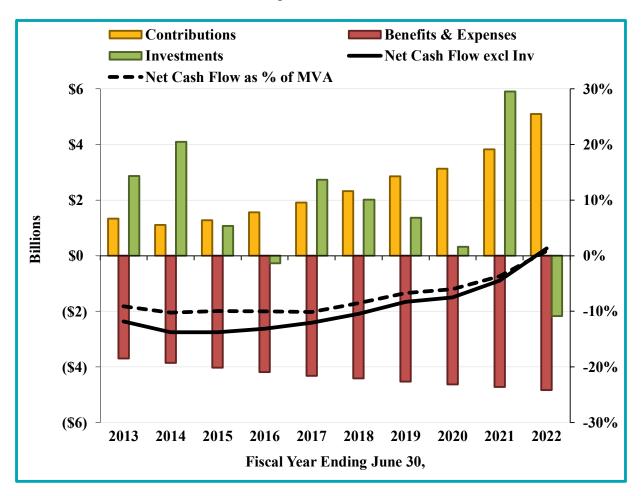


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Cash Flows

The following graph shows the Fund net cash flow (contributions less benefit payments and expenses) at the end of each fiscal year. Prior to 2022, the net cash flow, which excludes investment returns, was negative. This illustrates that contributions had not been sufficient during that period to cover benefits and expenses. The major implication of a negative cash flow is that the difference each year must be met first from cash generated by investments and then paid out of the principal assets, representing additional risk for the Fund if investments need to be sold in a down market to cover benefit payments.

The black dotted line shows the net cash flow as a percent of the market assets and corresponds to the right-hand axis. For the 10-year period shown the average net cash flow as a percent of assets is -7.3%, which is greater than the long-term investment return assumption. This indicates that the Fund would be expected to defund with an increased risk of insolvency if the contributions do not consistently cover a higher portion of the benefit payments and expenses. However, the net cash flow improved significantly over the last three years, and turned positive for the first time in 2022, as a result of the increase in the State appropriation percentage. For 2022, the positive net cash flow of 0.9% indicates that the Fund did not need to rely on investment returns to cover benefit and expenses.





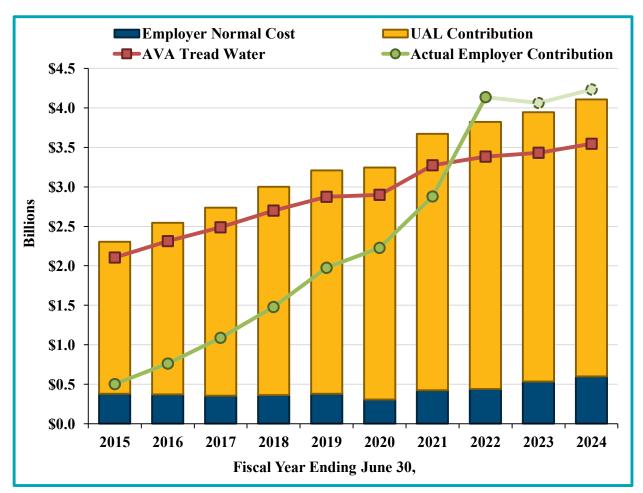
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Contributions

This graph shows the historical trends for the State contributions. The Statutory contributions are comprised of the State normal cost (blue bars) and the amortization of the UAL (gold bars). The green line shows the actual State contributions over the period. For FYE 2023 and FYE 2024, the green line has a lighter shade to indicate that these are expected, rather than actual, contributions. Beginning in FYE 2023, the expected State contribution is larger than the Statutory contribution because expected lottery revenue is greater than the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Offset. The expected State appropriations are shown in Table I-1.

The red line is the **tread water** line, which is the State normal cost plus the interest on the UAL. The tread water line shows the minimum contributions needed to avoid an increase in the UAL.

The graph shows that, prior to 2022, not only had the State been making contributions less than required by Statute, but that the State contributions had been significantly below the tread water line. When contributions are lower than the normal cost plus interest on the UAL, the UAL is expected to grow from one year to the next. In 2022, actual State contributions were greater than the tread water amount for the first time during the period. State contributions are expected to be greater than the tread water amount going forward as the State continues to contribute 100% of the Statutory contribution.





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Projected Future Outlook

The analysis of projected financial trends is perhaps the most important component of the valuation. This has been recognized by the State Legislature in their adoption of Chapter 277, P.L. 2017 requiring the System to have stress testing performed annually. The charts presented in this section show the expected progress of the TPAF's funded status over the next 30 years, measured in terms of the expected funded ratios and State contributions assuming that the Fund is ongoing.

While experience will not conform exactly to the assumptions every year, the trends reflect reasonable expectations. As a result, in addition to the baseline projection, we provided additional **stress testing** in Section II based on varying investment returns in the future. It is our opinion that the stress testing analyses shown in Section II meet the requirements of Chapter 277, P. L. 2017.

The projections assume a constant active population. As members retire, terminate and die based on the current valuation assumptions, it is assumed that new members will replace them based on characteristics (age/gender/salary) similar to recent new members.

Additional assumptions used for these projections, including the investment rate of return for each subsequent valuation as recommended by the State Treasurer, as well as the anticipated appropriation percentages, are shown in Appendix B.

Baseline Scenario

The baseline projection shows the outcome if all actuarial assumptions, including the long-term rate of return assumption of 7.00%, as recommended by the State Treasurer, are exactly met. For each scenario we show two graphs.

The top graph compares the Market Value of Assets (green line), the Actuarial or smoothed Value of Assets (gold line), and the Actuarial Value of Assets plus Special Asset Value (blue line) to the Fund's Actuarial Liabilities (gray bars). In addition, at the top of the graph, we show the Fund's funded ratio on an Actuarial Value of Assets basis (ratio of Actuarial Value of Assets to Actuarial Liabilities). The years shown in the graph signify the valuation date as of July 1 of the labeled year.

The Fund's funded ratio on an Actuarial Value of Assets basis is projected to steadily increase to 100% by 2050.

The bottom graph shows the contributions by fiscal year. The member contributions are in purple and the State contributions are in gold.



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The projected lottery revenue is provided by the DPB and is outlined in blue. Lottery revenue amounts shaded in gold are offsets to Statutory contributions. Lottery revenue amounts shaded white are additional contributions in excess of the Statutory contributions that pay down the UAL. Beginning with FYE 2023, the lottery revenue includes additional payments toward the UAL. The lottery offsets during the projection period are calculated based on the methodology as defined in Chapter 98, P.L. 2017.

The projection assumes the State appropriates 100% of the Statutory contribution in FYE 2023 and each year thereafter. Both the appropriated State contributions and the member contributions are also shown in dollar amounts.

The dashed black line in the bottom graph shows the gross normal cost. The difference between the dashed black line and the purple bar is the State portion of the normal cost.

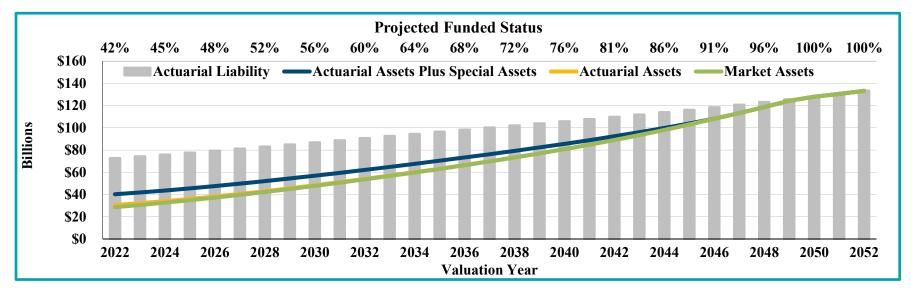
The solid black line is the tread water line based on the Actuarial Value of Assets. Because the tread water metric equals the normal cost plus interest on the UAL, the difference between the solid black line and the dashed black line is the interest on the UAL. When contributions fall below the solid black line, the UAL grows and the funded ratio falls. When the contributions exceed the solid line, as is the case throughout the projection period, the UAL is expected to decrease and the funded ratio is expected to increase.

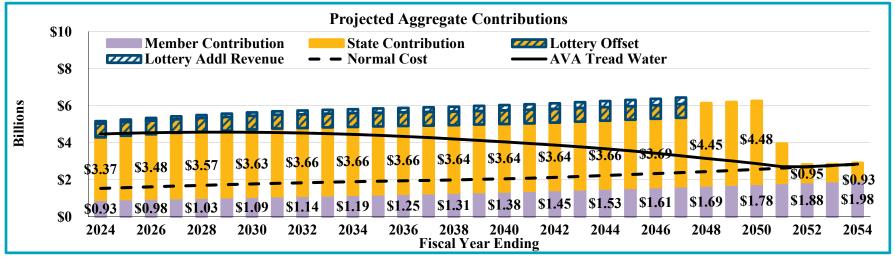
While total member contributions are expected to increase throughout the projection period based on payroll increases, the State's Statutory contributions remain relatively steady (increases in the first five years are due to the recognition of the FYE 2022 market investment losses in the AVA) until the projected lottery revenue offsets run out in FYE 2047 at which point there is an increase. Following that when the System reaches 100% funded, the contributions drop down to the normal cost level. Because the appropriated amounts equal the Statutory contributions, the contributions are at the level necessary to pay down the UAL and the tread water line decreases relative to the Statutory contribution. Additionally, expected lottery revenue that is contributed each year in excess of the Statutory contributions also helps pays down the UAL sooner.



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Baseline: 7.0% return for all years







SECTION II - ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSURE OF RISK

Actuarial valuations are based on a set of assumptions about future economic and demographic experience. These assumptions represent a reasonable estimate of future experience, but actual future experience will undoubtedly be different and may be significantly different. This section of the report is intended to identify the primary risks to the plan, provide some background information about those risks, and provide an assessment of those risks.

Identification of Risks

The fundamental risk to the Fund is that the contributions needed to pay the benefits become unaffordable. While there are a number of factors that could lead to contribution amounts becoming unaffordable, we believe the primary risks are:

- Investment risk,
- Assumption change risk, and
- Contribution risk.

Other risks that we have not identified may also turn out to be important.

Investment risk is the potential for investment returns to be different than expected. Lower investment returns than anticipated will increase the unfunded actuarial liability necessitating higher contributions in the future unless there are other gains that offset these investment losses. The potential volatility of future investment returns is determined by the Fund's asset allocation and the affordability of the investment risk is determined by the amount of assets invested relative to the size of the plan sponsor or other contribution base.

Assumption change risk is the potential for the environment to change such that future valuation assumptions are different than the current assumptions. For example, declines in interest rates over the last three decades resulted in higher investment returns for fixed income investments, but lower expected future returns necessitating either a change in investment policy, a reduction in discount rate, or some combination of the two. Assumption change risk is an extension of the other risks identified, but rather than capturing the risk as it is experienced, it captures the cost of recognizing a change in environment when the current assumption is no longer reasonable.

Contribution risk is the potential for actual future contributions to deviate from expected future contributions. There are different sources of contribution risk ranging from the sponsor choosing to not make contributions in accordance with the funding policy to material changes in the contribution base (e.g., covered employees, covered payroll, sponsor revenue) that affect the amount of contributions the Fund can collect.

The following chart shows the components of changes in the Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) for the Fund over the last 10 years, including investment gains and losses on the Actuarial Value of Assets, liability gains and losses, assumption and plan/policy changes, and contributions compared to the tread water level of contributions (normal cost plus interest on the UAL). The net UAL change is shown by the dark blue line. Table II-1 below the chart summarizes the changes in the UAL over the last 10 years.



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These total changes in UAL support our identification of investment returns, assumption changes, and contributions as the primary risks to the Fund.

Historical Changes in UAL 2013-2022

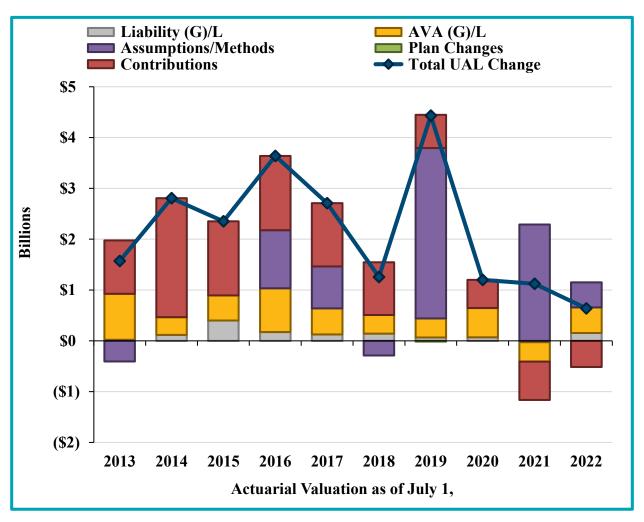


Table II-1 Changes in Unfunded Actuarial Liability (Dollar amounts in millions)																			
		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	2019	2020	20	21	2022		Total
Discount Rate		7.90%		7.90%		7.90%		7.65%		7.50%		7.50%	7.30%	7.30%	7	.00%	7.00%		
Source Source																			
AVA (G)/L	\$	902.6	\$	350.4	\$	495.2	\$	859.3	\$	513.5	\$	367.6	\$ 374.4	\$ 575.9	\$ (3	81.8)	\$ 503.0	\$	4,559.9
Liability (G)/L		22.1		114.9		398.7		173.7		126.6		140.4	67.1	70.0	((26.5)	156.0		1,242.9
Assumptions/Methods		(404.3)		0.0		0.0		1,144.2		822.6		(286.8)	3,353.5	0.0	2,2	86.9	491.8		7,408.0
Plan/Policy Changes		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	(15.6)	0.0		0.0	0.0		(15.6)
Contributions ¹		1,051.0		2,343.1		1,458.9		1,461.1		1,246.2		1,036.8	652.8	553.1	(7	56.2)	(513.5)		8,533.4
Net UAL Change	\$	1,571.4	\$	2,808.4	\$	2,352.8	\$	3,638.2	\$	2,708.9	\$	1,258.0	\$ 4,432.3	\$ 1,199.0	\$ 1,1	22.4	\$ 637.3	\$	21,728.7

¹ UAL change due to contributions (greater)/less than normal cost plus interest on the UAL.



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On a smoothed asset basis, the investment gains and losses (gold bars) from 2013 to 2022 reflect material investment losses driven by the market decline of 2008 and 2009, which were spread over the five successive years. Notably, the Fund experienced its only investment gain during FYE 2021. In aggregate, over the 10-year period, investment losses have added approximately \$4,559.9 million to the UAL.

On the liability side (gray bars), the Fund has experienced a combination of gains and losses, however much smaller in magnitude compared to the assets, increasing the UAL by approximately \$1,242.9 million over the 10-year period.

Assumption and method changes (purple bars) over the last 10 years have increased the UAL by approximately \$7,408.0 million. The significant assumption changes have included reductions in the discount rate from 7.90% to 7.00%, as well as decreases in mortality rates, projected mortality improvement and adjustments to salary increases. It is important to note that the discount rate changes simply reflect a downward revision to the estimate of future investment earnings and ultimately costs will be determined by actual investment earnings.

Plan and policy changes (green bars) over the last 10 years have decreased the UAL by approximately \$15.6 million.

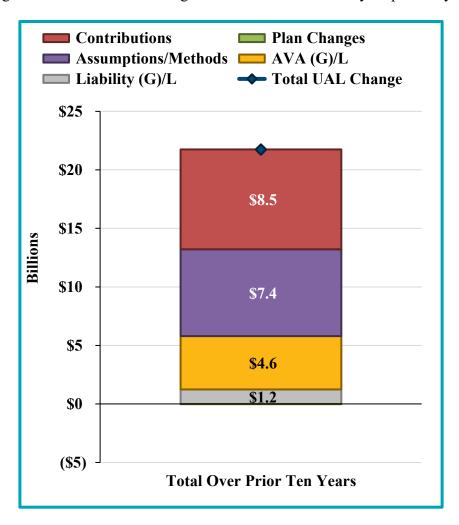
Each year the UAL is expected to increase for benefit accruals attributable to the current year (the normal cost) and interest on the UAL. This expected increase is referred to as the tread water level. If contributions are greater than the tread water level, the UAL is expected to decrease. Conversely, if contributions are less than the tread water level, the UAL is expected to increase. Changes due to contributions greater or less than the tread water level (red bars) have increased the UAL by approximately \$8,533.4 million over the last 10 years.

In general, the amortization methods used to determine the Statutory contributions are designed to collect more than the tread water level. However, contributions may be less than this threshold due to the State appropriating less than the Statutory contributions. Notably, the trend of contributions less than the tread water level reversed beginning in FYE 2021, which resulted in the contributions decreasing the UAL since then.



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The following chart shows the total changes to the UAL over the 10-year period by source.



Plan Maturity Measures

The future financial condition of a mature pension plan is more sensitive to each of the risks identified above than a less mature plan. Before assessing each of these risks, it is important to understand the maturity of the plan compared to other plans and how the maturity has changed over time.

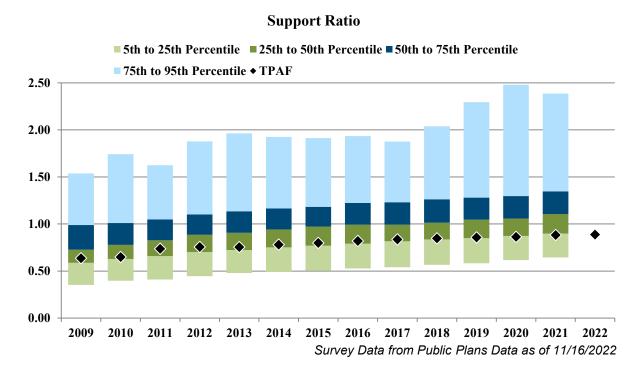
Plan maturity can be measured in a variety of ways, but they all get at one basic dynamic - the larger the plan is compared to the contribution or revenue base that supports it, the more sensitive the plan will be to risk. The measures below have been selected as the most important in understanding the primary risks identified for the Fund.



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Inactives per Active (Support Ratio)

One simple measure of plan maturity is the ratio of the number of inactive members (those receiving benefits or entitled to a deferred benefit) to the number of active members. We refer to this ratio as the *support ratio*. The revenue base supporting the plan is usually proportional to the number of active members, so a relatively high number of inactives compared to actives indicate a larger plan relative to its revenue base as well. We also discussed this risk metric in Section I.



The chart above shows the distribution from the 5th to 95th percentile of support ratios for the plans in the Public Plans Database. The black diamond shows how TPAF compares dating back to 2009. TPAF has been less mature than the median plan. Though the support ratio increased following the Great Recession, it has remained stable at about the 25th percentile.

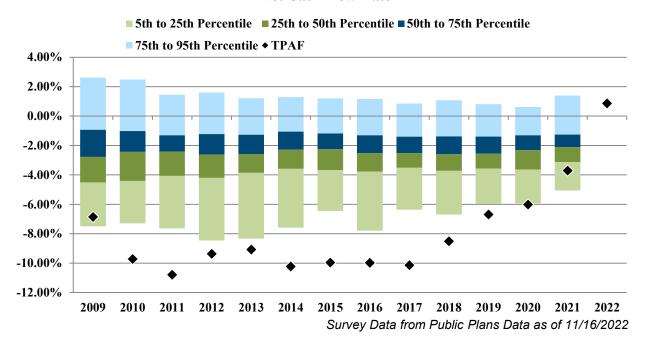
Net Cash Flow

The net cash flow of the plan as a percentage of the beginning of year assets indicates the sensitivity of the plan to short-term investment returns. Net cash flow is equal to contributions less benefit payments and administrative expenses. Mature plans can have large amounts of benefit payments compared to contributions, particularly if they are well funded. Investment losses in the short-term are compounded by the net withdrawal from the plan leaving a smaller asset base to try to recover from the investment losses. Large negative cash flows can also create liquidity issues. We also discussed this risk metric in Section I.



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Net Cash Flow Rate



The chart above shows the distribution from the 5th to 95th percentile of net cash flow for the plans in the Public Plans Database. The black diamond shows how TPAF compares to other public plans. Since the Great Recession, TPAF had generally been at or below the 5th percentile compared to the database of other public plans in terms of negative cash flow as a percentage of assets, which caused a serious defunding risk for the Fund. With the State's increased appropriation percentages, TPAF's net cash flow has improved considerably since 2017. In 2022 the net cash flow is positive for the first time and the Fund is likely going to be at a much higher percentile.

Assessing Costs and Risks

The fundamental risk to the Fund is that the contributions needed to fund the benefits become unaffordable. Assessing this risk, however, is complex because there is no bright line of what is unaffordable and the contribution amounts themselves are affected not just by the experience of the Fund, but also by the interaction of that experience and decisions by the State and the Board related to the amount of contributions appropriated, assumptions, asset smoothing methods, and amortization periods.

Investment Risk - Stress Testing

This section illustrates stress testing of the investment return assumption and is an extension of the baseline projections provided in the Summary section. Under the baseline results, we assumed the ultimate 7.00% investment return assumption each year.



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For stress testing purposes, we developed six hypothetical scenarios to illustrate the impact actual investment returns may have on future funded status and contribution amounts. The scenarios are balanced between positive and negative scenarios and are based on a lognormal distribution of one and five year expected returns as shown in the following table using the capital market assumptions from the New Jersey Division of Investments (geometric return of 7.25%, standard deviation of 11.58%).

Distribution of Expected Average Annual Returns									
Percentile	1 Year	5 Year							
5%	-10.0%	-0.8%							
25%	-0.2%	3.9%							
50%	7.3%	7.3%							
75%	15.3%	10.8%							
95%	28.0%	16.1%							

The scenarios include: a one-year shock using the 5th and 95th percentile returns for one year; a 5-year moderate scenario using the 25th and 75th percentile returns for five years; and a 5-year significant scenario using the 5th and 95th percentile returns for five years. The table below summarizes the theoretical scenarios.

Theoretical Scenarios												
	1-Yr Shock 5-Yr Moderate 5-Yr Significant											
FYE	Neg	Pos	Neg	Pos	Neg	Pos						
2023	-10.0%	28.0%	3.9%	10.8%	-0.8%	16.1%						
2024	7.0%	7.0%	3.9%	10.8%	-0.8%	16.1%						
2025	7.0%	7.0%	3.9%	10.8%	-0.8%	16.1%						
2026	7.0%	7.0%	3.9%	10.8%	-0.8%	16.1%						
2027	7.0%	7.0%	3.9%	10.8%	-0.8%	16.1%						
2028+	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%						

In reviewing each of these projections, it is the future trends, not necessarily the actual values, that are important to observe in consideration of the risks of the Fund and the potential volatility of future funded ratios and Statutory contribution levels.

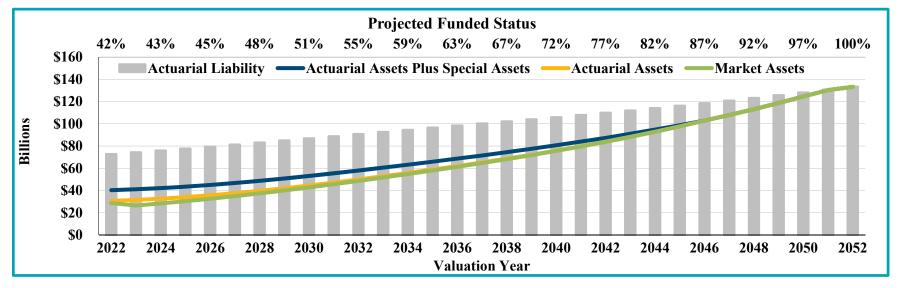
We note that when asset returns are high, excess assets may be used to offset employer costs. We have not shown the implications of a surplus and assume that the State will always contribute at least the normal cost.

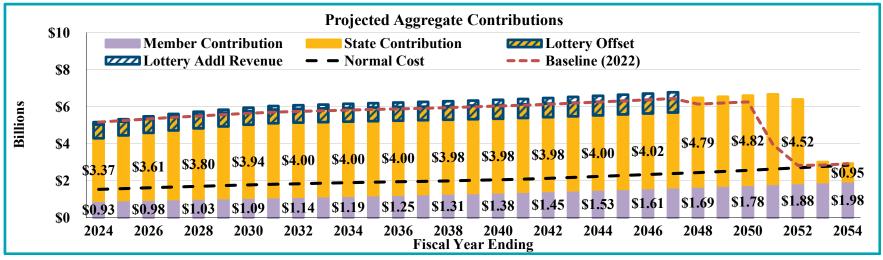
The graphs on the following pages show the projections under each of these theoretical scenarios. Instead of the tread water line shown for the baseline projection, the contribution graphs include a dashed red line representing the expected contributions under the baseline projections shown in the Summary section to facilitate the comparison between the particular scenario and the baseline projections assuming all assumptions are met.



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One-Year Negative Shock Scenario: -10.0% return FYE 2023, 7.0% after

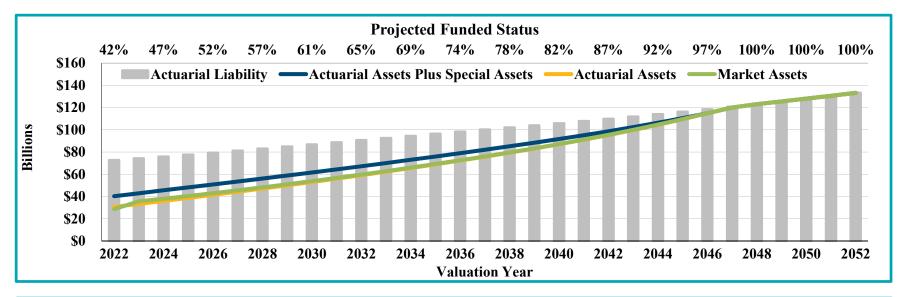


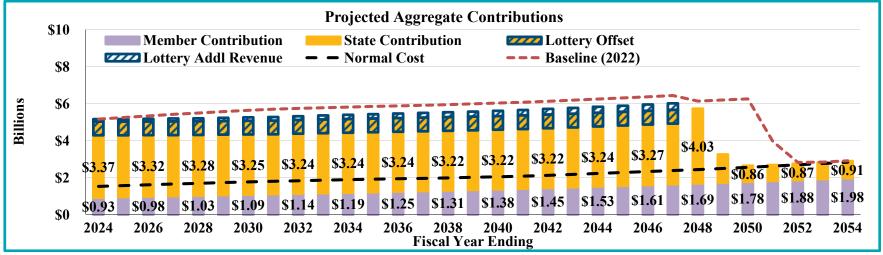




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One-Year Positive Shock Scenario: 28.0% return FYE 2023, 7.0% after

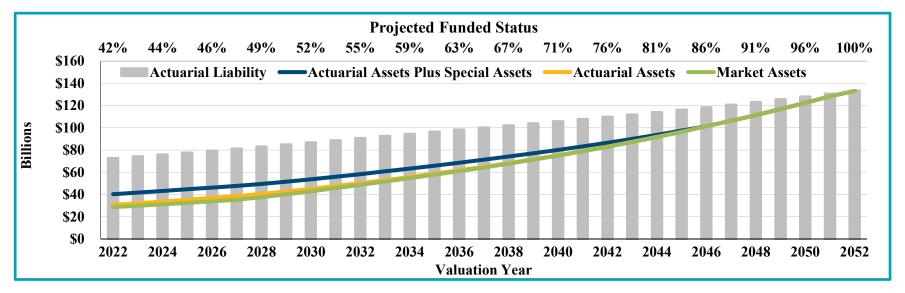


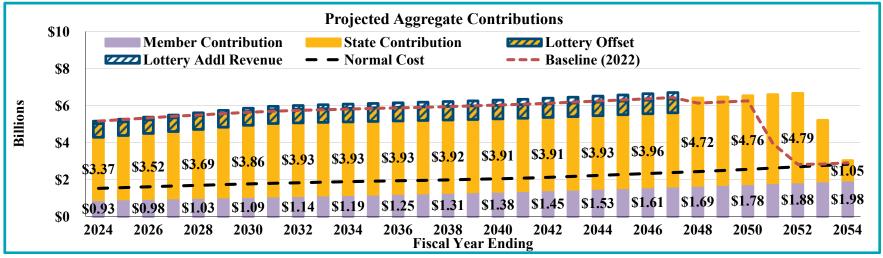




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Five-Year Moderate Negative Scenario: 3.9% return FYE 2023-2027, 7.0% after

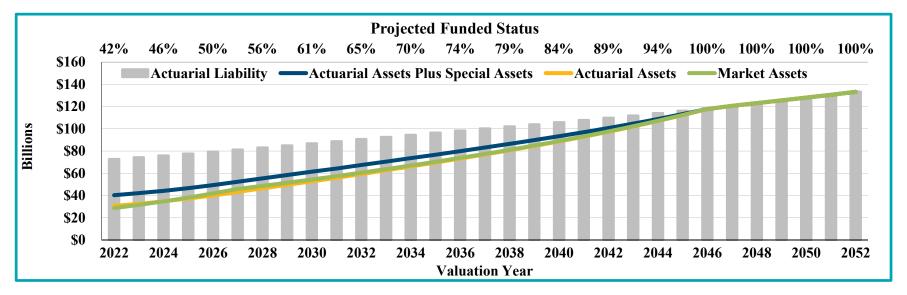


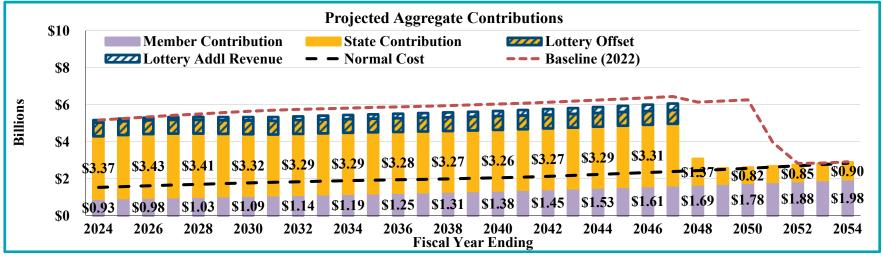




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Five-Year Moderate Positive Scenario: 10.8% return FYE 2023-2027, 7.0% after

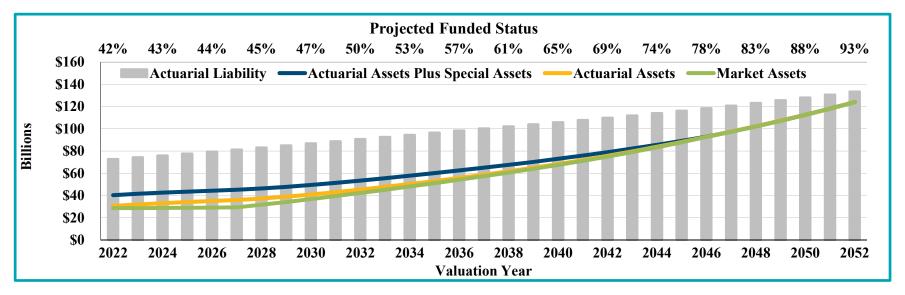


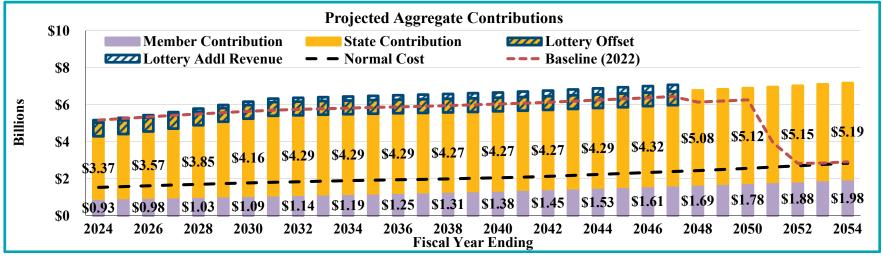




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Five-Year Significant Negative Scenario: -0.8% return FYE 2023-2027, 7.0% after

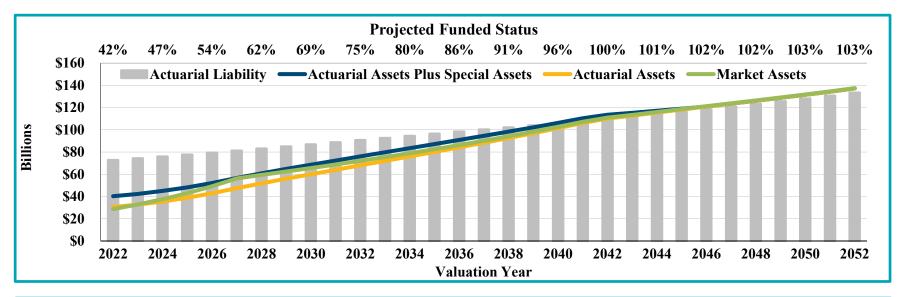


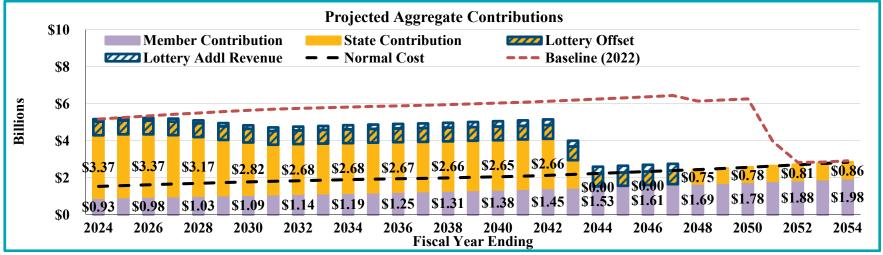




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Five-Year Significant Positive Scenario: 16.1% return FYE 2023-2027, 7.0% after







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These scenarios show that actual future investment returns have a significant impact on future State contribution amounts. The following table summarizes the impact on the State contributions in FYE 2036 for each of the investment return scenarios.

Table II-2 Impact on Contributions for FYE 2036 (dollar amounts in billions)										
	1-Yr	Shock	5-Yr M	Ioderate	5-Yr Significant					
	Neg	Pos	Neg	Pos	Neg Pos					
Amount	\$0.34	(\$0.42)	\$0.27	(\$0.38)	\$0.63	(\$0.99)				
Percent	9%	-11%	7%	-10%	17%	-27%				

The positive scenarios show the Fund achieving a 100% funded status during the 30-year projection period, which results in the State contribution decreasing to equal the employer normal cost.

The investment returns used in the projections above were selected solely to illustrate the impact of investment volatility on the pattern of future funded status and contribution amounts. They are not intended to be predictive of actual future contributions or funded status or even to represent a realistic pattern of investment returns.

Assumption Change Risk – Sensitivity Testing

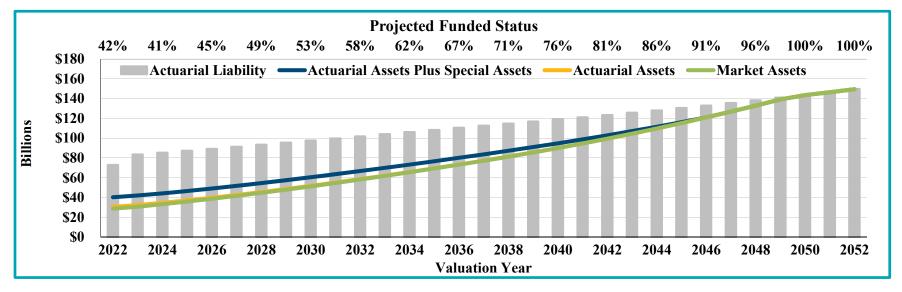
As shown in Table II-1, assumption changes over the last decade have increased the UAL by approximately \$7,408.0 million. The most significant changes were reductions in the discount rate, decreases in mortality rates, projected mortality improvement, and changes to the salary increase rates. The reductions in discount rates have been largely driven by declines in interest rates that affect expectations of future investment returns. If there are further declines in interest rates or if there is a desire or need to reduce investment risk that reduces expected returns, the discount rate and expected returns may need to be reduced further. The charts on the following page show the impact on projected future funded status and contribution amounts if the discount rate and expected returns were reduced by 100 basis points to 6.00% beginning with the July 1, 2023 valuation.

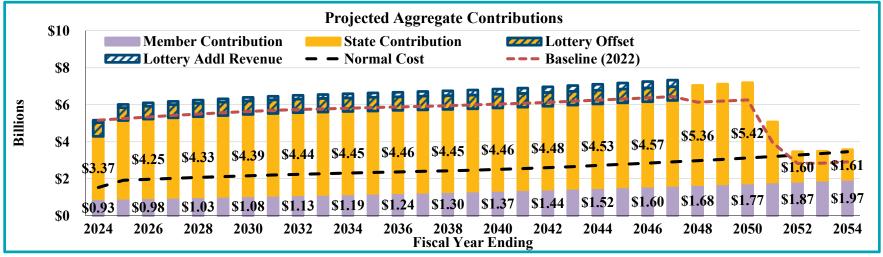
This scenario results in Statutory contributions in FYE 2036 that are approximately 22% higher than the baseline.



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6.00% Discount Rate and Investment Return Assumption Effective July 1, 2023







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Contribution Risk – Sensitivity Testing

The amortization method used to determine the Statutory contributions is designed to collect more than the tread water level and, therefore, gradually pay down the UAL. Appropriated contributions had consistently been less than the Statutory contributions and the tread water level, causing an increase in the UAL of approximately \$8,533.4 million over the last 10 years. However, the most recent two years, FYE 2022 and FYE 2023, were notable exceptions to this pattern. The baseline projections assume the State appropriates 100% of the Statutory contribution each year.

Contribution risk is the potential for actual future contributions to deviate from expected future contributions. The charts on the following page illustrate the impact on projected future funded status and contribution amounts if the State changes its appropriation to 80% of the Statutory contribution for each year in the future, rather than remaining at 100% of the Statutory contribution.

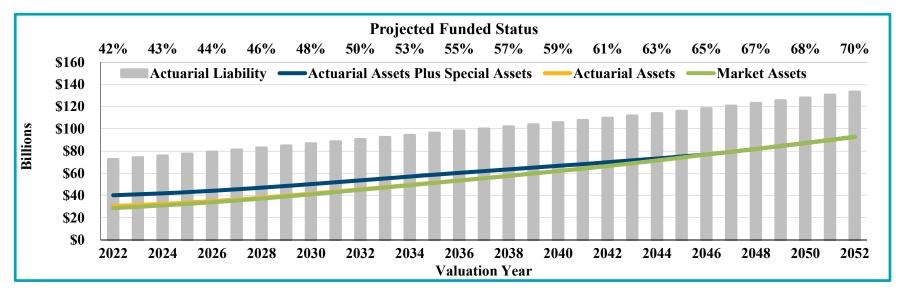
The gold outline in the bottom graph shows the State's full Statutory contributions with the shaded portion showing the anticipated appropriated amount.

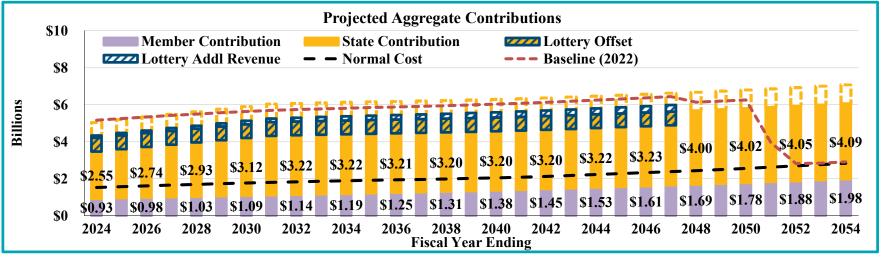
This scenario shows the Statutory and appropriated State contributions gradually increasing over time. The Statutory contributions quickly exceed the baseline. The appropriated contributions are below the baseline initially but eventually grow to reach a similar level, with a lower funded ratio. The funded ratio at the end of the projection period is 70% compared to 100% under the baseline projection.



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State Appropriates 80% of Statutory Contribution for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 and Thereafter







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More Detailed Assessment

While a more detailed assessment is always valuable to enhance the understanding of the risks identified above, we believe the scenarios illustrated above cover the primary risks facing the Fund at this time. We would be happy to provide the Board with a more in-depth analysis at their request.



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The Fund uses and discloses two different asset measurements for funding, which are presented in this section of the report: market value and actuarial value of assets. The market value represents the value of the assets if they were liquidated on the valuation date. The actuarial value of assets is a value that smooths annual investment returns to reduce annual investment volatility and is used in determining contribution levels. In compliance with New Jersey Statute, the method used to calculate the actuarial value of assets recognizes 20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets each year.

Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOP) No. 44 states that the asset valuation method should produce an actuarial value of assets that falls within a reasonable range of market value, recognizes the difference between the market value and actuarial value of assets within a reasonably short period of time, and is likely to produce actuarial value of assets that are sometimes greater than and sometimes less than the corresponding market values. The asset method required under N. J. Statute does not meet the requirements of ASOP No. 44 because this method has produced actuarial value of assets which have consistently been greater than the market value of assets and recognizes investment losses slowly over time. Additionally, the method may produce an actuarial value of assets that falls outside of what is generally considered to be a reasonable range of the market value.

On the following pages, we present detailed information on the Fund's assets:

- Disclosure of assets at July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022,
- Statement of cash flows during the year,
- Development of the actuarial value of assets,
- Disclosure of investment performance for the year,
- Development of the Special Asset Value (SAV), and
- Development of the Actuarial Balance Sheet.

Disclosure

The market value of assets represents a "snap-shot" value as of the last day of the fiscal year that provides the principal basis for measuring financial performance from one year to the next. Market values, however, can fluctuate widely with corresponding swings in the value of the investments. Because these fluctuations would cause volatility in employer contributions, an actuarial value of assets is developed. Table III-1 on the following page presents the market value as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Table III-2 presents the Fund's net cash flows from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Table III-3 presents the development of the Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2022. Tables III-4 and III-5 show the market and actuarial value of assets historical investment returns compared to the assumed return for each year, as well as the cumulative returns over various periods and durations of time.



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Table III-1 Statement of Assets at Market Value								
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021						
Assets								
Cash	\$ 3,772,940	\$ 5,190,499						
Investment Holdings	24,704,071,159	26,593,440,427						
Employers' Contributions Receivable - State	0	0						
Employers' Contributions Receivable - NCGI	7,002,045	7,907,637						
Employers' Contributions Receivable - Common L	98,002,800	81,669,000						
Employers' Contributions Receivable - Local Employers	808	808						
Employers' Contributions Receivable - Local Employers ERI	2,660,969	2,817,747						
Employers' Contributions Receivable - Delayed Enrollments	530,507	568,979						
Employers' Contributions Receivable - Delayed Appropriations	0	0						
Members' Contributions Receivable	96,518,716	97,194,186						
Accrued Interest on Investments	24,033	11,988						
Accounts Receivable	36,133,246	33,864,234						
Loans Receivable	256,037,629	251,970,605						
Securities Lending Collateral	439,831,221	426,247,645						
Total Assets	\$ 25,644,586,073	\$ 27,500,883,755						
Liabilities								
Pension Payroll Payable	\$ (336,444,892)	\$ (326,313,328)						
Pension Adjustment Payroll Payable	(21,578,527)	(22,558,530)						
Withholdings Payable	(46,257,638)	(46,161,654)						
Administrative Expenses Payable	(16,749,749)	(12,672,576)						
Death Benefits Payable	(7,002,045)	(7,907,637)						
Securities Lending Collateral & Rebates Payable	(439,513,326)	(426,074,261)						
Other Accounts Payable	(136,509,364)	(126,053,254)						
Total Liabilities	\$ (1,004,055,541)	\$ (967,741,240)						
Preliminary Market Value of Assets	\$ 24,640,530,532	\$ 26,533,142,515						
Discounted Receivables								
State Appropriations	\$ 3,073,404,912	\$ 3,271,136,272						
Expected Lottery Revenue	829,400,987	826,469,592						
Market Value of Assets	\$ 28,543,336,431	\$ 30,630,748,379						



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Fund Cash Flows as of June 30, 2022

Table III-2	
Changes in Market Value for FYE June 30, 2022	
Additions	
Contributions	
Member Contributions	\$ 907,326,471
Member Transfer Contributions	16,041,066
State Appropriations	3,271,136,000
State Lottery	864,201,913
NCGI Contributions	56,578,899
Employer Transfer Contributions from Other Systems	3,816,043
Other Contributions - Delayed Enrollments	395,540
Other Contributions - Delayed Appropriations	0
Total Contributions	\$ 5,119,495,932
Net Investment Income	(2,166,014,956)
Total Additions	\$ 2,953,480,976
Deductions	
Withdrawal of Member Contributions	\$ 72,211,228
Withdrawal of Member Transfer Contributions	8,280,172
Withdrawal of Employer Transfer Contributions	2,189,649
Adjustment for Member Loans	(201,568)
Retirement Allowances	4,447,741,072
Pension Adjustment Benefits	246,657,591
NGCI Premiums	56,578,899
Administrative Expenses	12,635,916
Total Deductions	\$ 4,846,092,959
Net Increase/(Decrease)	\$ (1,892,611,983)
Preliminary Market Value of Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 26,533,142,515
Preliminary Market Value of Assets End of Year	\$ 24,640,530,532
Discounted Receivables	
State Appropriations	\$ 3,073,404,912
Expected Lottery Revenue	 829,400,987
Market Value of Assets End of Year	\$ 28,543,336,431
Approximate Return	-7.66%



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Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)

To determine on-going funding requirements, most pension systems utilize an actuarial value of assets that differs from the market value of assets. The actuarial value of assets represents an asset value based on averaging or smoothing year-to-year market value returns for purposes of reducing contribution volatility. Each year, 20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is added to the expected actuarial value of assets.

	Table III-3 Development of Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2	022	
1.	Preliminary Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2021 ¹	\$	25,005,820,733
2.	Net Cash Flow excluding Investment Income		273,402,973
3.	Expected Investment Income ²		1,876,240,843
4.	Expected Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2022: [1 + 2 + 3]	\$	27,155,464,549
5.	Preliminary Market Value as of June 30, 2022	\$	24,640,530,532
6.	20% of Difference from MVA = $[(5-4) \times 0.2]$	\$	(502,986,803)
7.	Preliminary Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2022 ¹ : [4 + 6]	\$	26,652,477,746
8.	Discounted Receivables State Appropriations Expected Lottery Revenue Total	\$ 	3,073,404,912 829,400,987 3,902,805,899
9.	Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2022: [7 + 8]	\$	30,555,283,645
10.	Rate of Return on Actuarial Value of Assets		5.12%
11.	Ratio of Actuarial Value of Assets to Market Value of Assets		107.0%

¹Excludes discounted State appropriations receivable



² Refer to Appendix B, Actuarial Methods, for details on the assumed timing of contributions

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Investment Performance

The market value of assets rate of return was -7.66% for the year ending June 30, 2022. This is compared to an assumed return of 7.00% for the same period. On an actuarial value of assets basis, the return for FYE 2022 was 5.12%. In the table below, we show historical asset returns compared to the investment return assumption, beginning with the year ending on June 30, 2000. As of July 1, 1999, the actuarial value of assets was reset to equal the market value of assets.

Table III-4 Annual Rates of Return						
	Annual Rates of	Keturn				
Year Ended	Investment Return					
June 30	Assumption	Market Value	Actuarial Value ¹			
2000	8.75%	11.57%	9.33%			
2001	8.75%	-9.70%	5.47%			
2002	8.75%	-8.25%	2.98%			
2003	8.75%	2.97%	2.79%			
2004	8.75%	14.22%	4.32%			
2005	8.25%	8.84%	4.50%			
2006	8.25%	10.30%	5.35%			
2007	8.25%	15.95%	7.15%			
2008	8.25%	-2.27%	5.31%			
2009	8.25%	-16.29%	1.36%			
2010	8.25%	13.83%	2.74%			
2011	8.25%	17.91%	4.71%			
2012	7.95%	2.46%	3.85%			
2013	7.90%	11.69%	4.86%			
2014	7.90%	16.58%	6.67%			
2015	7.90%	4.15%	6.10%			
2016	7.90%	-1.12%	4.68%			
2017	7.65%	13.05%	5.64%			
2018	7.50%	9.19%	5.97%			
2019	7.50%	6.18%	5.91%			
2020	7.30%	1.46%	4.83%			
2021	7.30%	28.27%	8.95%			
2022	7.00%	-7.66%	5.12%			

¹The prior actuary reported an actuarial value return for 2000 based on the prior actuarial value of assets method. The return shown for that year was recalculated based on available information.



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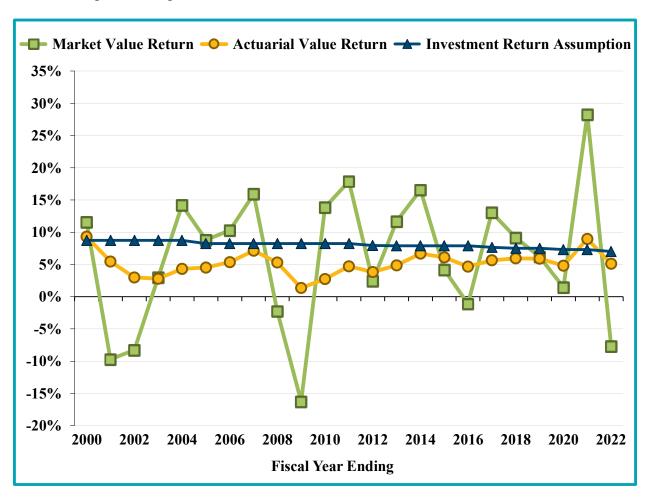
Additionally, we show the compound annualized rates of return for various periods since the July 1, 1999 AVA reset in the following table. On a cumulative basis, there are periods where the market value return exceeds the actuarial value return. This is due to the recognition of market value losses from earlier years in the actuarial value. We present compound annualized rates of return over consecutive five-year periods to help illustrate this point.

Table III-5 Compound Annualized Rates of Returns									
Investment Return Period Assumption Market Value Actuarial Value									
Since July 1, 1999	8.06%	5.72%	5.14%						
20-Year	7.95%	7.03%	5.03%						
15-Year	7.79%	5.94%	5.10%						
10-Year	7.58%	7.76%	5.87%						
5-Year	7.32%	6.86%	6.15%						
Consecutive Five-Year Perio	ods								
2000 to 2004	8.75%	1.69%	4.95%						
2005 to 2009	8.25%	2.63%	4.72%						
2010 to 2014	8.05%	12.36%	4.56%						
2015 to 2019	7.69%	6.18%	5.66%						
2020 to 2022 (Three-Year)	7.20%	6.32%	6.28%						



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The annual rates of return from Table III-4 are presented in the following graph. The market value returns (green) show significant volatility with years above and below the investment return assumption (blue). The largest deviations from expectations are losses in 2001 and 2002 and again in 2008 and 2009, as well as the mostly offsetting gain and loss in 2021 and 2022, respectively. The actuarial value returns (yellow) follow the direction of market value returns, but much more gradually as gains and losses are recognized over time. For nearly the entire period, the actuarial value returns fall short of the investment return assumption and result in AVA losses and UAL increases. When the actuarial return approaches the assumption, the MVA is closing in on the AVA with the possibility of AVA gains in the near future. However, two such instances (2007 and 2014) are followed by market value losses (large, sharp losses in 2008-2009 and small cumulative losses in 2015-2020). In contrast, the 2021 market return of 28.27% was sufficiently large so that the market value of assets exceeded the actuarial value of assets and the actuarial value return was slightly greater than the investment return assumption, which resulted in an actuarial asset gain for the July 1, 2021 valuation. However, the significant negative market return in 2022 resulted in the actuarial value return falling below the investment return assumption and again resulted in an actuarial asset loss.





SECTION III - ASSETS

Development of Special Asset Value (SAV)

Under Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act, TPAF receives 77.78% of the proceeds of the Lottery Enterprise for a term of 30 years. The value of the Lottery Enterprise is classified as a special asset, and is included in the actuarial value of assets used for the purpose of calculating the target funding ratio under Chapter 78, P.L. 2010. The special asset value is the present value of remaining lottery contributions to the retirement systems.

Table III-6 shows the development of the special asset value as of July 1, 2022. The depreciated value is a roll forward of the Lottery Enterprise value from the appraisal date.

	Table III-6	
	Development of Special Asset Value for July 1, 2022	
1.	Lottery Enterprise Value as of Appraisal Date of June 30, 2017 ¹	\$ 13,535,103,380
2.	Depreciated Value at end of Valuation Year at June 30, 2023 ¹	13,362,605,911
3.	Discounted Value as of July 1, 2022 at 7.00%	12,488,416,739
4.	Allocation to TPAF	77.78%
5.	Special Asset Value as of July 1, 2022	\$ 9,713,490,540

¹ Provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits



SECTION III – ASSETS

Actuarial Balance Sheet

Table III-7		
Actuarial Balance Sheet as of June 30, 20	22	
Assets		
Retirement Fund Reserve (RFR)		
Credited to Fund with Distribution of Income	\$	44,796,080,999
Add/(Deduct) reserve transferable from/(to) ECR ¹		(72,664,812) 44,723,416,187 ³
Adjusted RFR ²	\$	44,723,416,187
Members' Contributions Reserve (MCR) ²	\$	9,036,399,238
Accumulative Interest Reserve (AIR) with Distribution of Income ²	\$	7,712,587,592
Employers' Contributions Reserve (ECR)		
Credited to Fund with Distribution of Income	\$	(30,989,784,184)
Add/(Deduct) reserve transferable from/(to) RFR		72,664,812
Adjusted CRF ²	\$	(30,917,119,372)
Benefit Enhancement Fund (BEF) ²	\$	0
Special Asset Value as of July 1, 2022	\$	9,713,490,540
Present Value of Prospective Contributions to ECR and BEF	\$	32,340,641,411
Total Assets	\$	72,609,415,596
Liabilities		
Payable from RFR		
Retirees, Disableds, and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	\$	44,723,416,187 ³
Payable from Annuity Savings Fund and ECR		
Active and Deferred Vested Members due a future benefit	\$	27,885,999,409
Total Liabilities	\$	72,609,415,596

¹ It is recommended that the RFR be put into balance each year by transferring assets between the ECR and the RFR so that the RFR will contain sufficient assets to cover the retiree and beneficiary liability.

³ Includes the present value of Local ERI payments of \$2,334,044.



² Actuarial Value of Assets equals RFR + MCR + AIR + ECR + BEF.

SECTION IV – LIABILITIES

In this section, we present detailed information on liabilities of the Fund, including:

- Disclosure of liabilities at July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022,
- Active liabilities broken down by Tier, and
- The development of the actuarial gain and loss.

Disclosure

The Actuarial Liability is used for determining employer contributions. For TPAF, the funding method employed is the Projected Unit Credit (PUC) Actuarial Cost Method. Under this funding method, the actuarial liability is calculated as the actuarial present value of the projected benefits allocated to periods prior to the valuation year.

This liability is determined for funding purposes and is not appropriate for measuring the cost of settling plan liabilities by purchasing annuities or paying lump sums.



SECTION IV – LIABILITIES

Table IV-1 shows the actuarial liability, unfunded actuarial liability and funded ratios as of July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2021 for the Fund. The unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) and funded ratio based on the actuarial value of assets plus the special asset value (AVA + SAV) are used to compare against the "target funded ratio" and is different from the UAL used in determining the Statutory contributions which is based on just the actuarial value of assets (AVA).

Table IV-1 Disclosure of Liabilities							
		July 1, 2022		July 1, 2021			
Actuarial Liability							
Contributing Actives	\$	26,730,824,243	\$	24,891,954,985			
Non-Contributing Members		1,106,086,660		1,062,974,009			
Deferred Vested		49,088,506		56,984,536			
Retirees		42,010,094,063		41,858,432,682			
Disabled		1,039,876,958		1,033,627,481			
Beneficiaries		1,673,445,166		1,616,242,221			
Total Actuarial Liability	\$	72,609,415,596	\$	70,520,215,914			
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$	30,555,283,645	\$	29,103,426,597			
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$	42,054,131,951	\$	41,416,789,317			
Funded Ratio (AVA)		42.1%		41.3%			
Actuarial Value of Assets + Special Asset Value	\$	40,268,774,185	\$	38,886,013,570			
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$	32,340,641,411	\$	31,634,202,344			
Funded Ratio (AVA + SAV)		55.5%		55.1%			



SECTION IV – LIABILITIES

Tables IV-2 and IV-3 show the number of members, total appropriation salary, actuarial liability, and gross normal cost for contributing and non-contributing members by Tier as of July 1, 2022.

Table IV-2 Contributing Active Liabilities by Tier									
Number of Appropriation Actuarial Gross Members Payroll ¹ Liability Normal Cost									
Tier 1	65,416	\$	6,461,532,427	S	3 22,385,352,486	\$	940,294,474		
Tier 2	9,575		788,775,286		1,491,275,008		100,322,777		
Tier 3	4,779		375,959,195		613,409,836		46,227,498		
Tier 4	2,795		215,030,332		267,133,345		22,237,189		
Tier 5	60,506		4,024,895,111		1,973,653,568		319,438,465		
Total	143,071	\$	11,866,192,351	5	5 26,730,824,243	\$	1,428,520,403		

¹ Tier 1 members limited to the 401(a)(17) pay limit. Other tiers limited to the Social Security Wage Base.

Table IV-3 Non-Contributing Member Liabilities by Tier									
	Number of Last Reported Actuarial Members Payroll Liability								
Tier 1	7,249	\$	468,578,994	\$	900,839,892	\$	0		
Tier 2	965		65,593,977		63,614,269		0		
Tier 3	460		31,539,985		25,061,098		0		
Tier 4	271		18,556,187		12,052,792		0		
Tier 5	6,140		362,919,630		104,518,609		0		
Total	15,085	\$	947,188,773	\$	1,106,086,660	\$	0		

Table IV-4 presents the change in the actuarial liabilities, actuarial assets, and unfunded actuarial liability during the plan year. In general, the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) of any retirement system is expected to change at each subsequent valuation for a variety of reasons. In each valuation, we report on those elements of change in the UAL which are of particular significance, potentially affecting the long-term financial outlook of the Fund. For this purpose, we focus on the UAL without considering the SAV because this UAL is used to determine the Statutory contribution.



SECTION IV – LIABILITIES

	Table IV-4							
	Develop	ment	of 2022 Experienc	e (Ga	nin)/Loss			
			Actuarial Liability	A	Actuarial Value of Assets		Unfunded Actuarial Liability	
1.	Value as of July 1, 2021	\$	70,520,215,914	\$	(29,103,426,597)	\$ 4	41,416,789,317	
2.	Additions Normal Cost Statutory State Contributions Expected Member Contributions Total Additions	\$	1,332,403,872 0 0 1,332,403,872	\$	0 (3,946,564,204) (861,862,087) (4,808,426,291)		1,332,403,872 (3,946,564,204) (861,862,087) (3,476,022,419)	
3.	Decreases Benefit Payments Expected Administrative Expenses Total Deductions	\$	(4,766,408,323) 0 (4,766,408,323)	\$	4,766,408,323 0 4,766,408,323	\$	0 0 0	
4.	Net Transfers from Other Systems Employer Contributions Member Contributions Total Net Transfers	\$	1,626,394 7,760,894 9,387,288	\$	(1,626,394) (7,760,894) (9,387,288)	\$	0 0	
5.	Expected Interest	\$	4,866,003,599	\$	(1,903,215,064)	\$	2,962,788,535	
6.	Expected Value as of July 1, 2022: $[1+2+3+4+5]$	\$	71,961,602,350	\$	(31,058,046,917)	\$ 4	40,903,555,433	
7.	Other Changes Appropriation Adjustment Contribution Timing Actual Lottery Revenue Other Employer Contributions Actual Member Contributions Change in Methods/Assumptions Change in Benefits/Policy Total Other Changes	\$	0 0 0 0 0 491,814,993 0 491,814,993	\$	291 160,715,859 (126,572,500) (409,150) (47,028,724) 0 0 (13,294,224)	\$	291 160,715,859 (126,572,500) (409,150) (47,028,724) 491,814,993 0 478,520,769	
8.	Expected Value after Changes: [6 + 7]	\$	72,453,417,343	\$	(31,071,341,141)	\$ 4	41,382,076,202	
9.	Actual Value as of July 1, 2022	\$	72,609,415,596	\$	(30,555,283,645)	\$ 4	42,054,131,951	
10.	Actuarial (Gain)/Loss: [9 - 8]	\$	155,998,253	\$	516,057,496	\$	672,055,749	



SECTION IV – LIABILITIES

Table IV-5 shows the components of the Actuarial (gain)/loss.

Table IV-5 Actuarial (Gain)/Loss Analysis								
Components	July 1, 2022			July 1, 2021				
Actuarial Value of Assets								
Investment Return	\$	502,986,803	\$	(381,830,446)				
Administrative Expenses		13,070,693		9,366,832				
Total	\$	516,057,496	\$	(372,463,614)				
Actuarial Liability								
Salary Increases	\$	130,801,213	\$	19,666,763				
New Entrants		61,842,663		37,826,558				
Demographic Experience and Census Data Updates								
Contributing Actives		81,756,559		72,512,744				
Non-Contributing Members		(53,714,307)		(56,330,878)				
Inactives		(54,977,589)		(98,857,419)				
Sub-Total	\$	165,708,539	\$	(25,182,232)				
Impact of Net Transfers from Other Systems		(9,710,286)		(1,333,925)				
Total	\$	155,998,253	\$	(26,516,157)				
Actuarial (Gain)/Loss	\$	672,055,749	\$	(398,979,771)				



SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS

In the process of evaluating the financial condition of any pension plan, the actuary analyzes the assets and liabilities to determine what level (if any) of contributions is needed to properly maintain the funding status of the Plan. Typically, the actuarial process will use a funding technique that will result in a pattern of contributions that are both stable and predictable.

Under the current funding policy, the State funding requirement contains two components: the employer normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL). The UAL for this purpose does not include the special asset value. The funding methodology prescribed by NJ State Statute does not include a cost component for administrative expenses, and therefore administrative expenses are implicitly covered by the investment rate of return assumption. Because the investment rate of return assumption is recommended by the State Treasurer, we provide no opinion on the reasonableness of the assumption.

For TPAF, the funding method employed is the Projected Unit Credit (PUC) Actuarial Cost Method. Under this funding method, the actuarial liability is calculated as the actuarial present value of the projected benefits linearly allocated to periods prior to the valuation year. Refunds are valued as the Accumulated Deductions with interest as of the valuation date as provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits. The unfunded actuarial liability is the actuarial liability on the valuation date less the actuarial value of assets.

In accordance with Chapter 78, P. L. 2011, beginning with the July 1, 2019 valuation, the unfunded actuarial liability was amortized over a closed 30-year period as a level dollar amount. As of the July 1, 2022 valuation, the remaining amortization period is 27 years.

Under Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act, TPAF receives 77.78% of the proceeds of the Lottery Enterprise for a term of 30 years. As of the July 1, 2022 valuation, 24 years remain. The State's pension contribution shall be reduced by the product of the allocable percentage for such retirement system, the adjustment percentage for such retirement system and the special asset adjustment.



SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS

Table V-1 shows the development of the Lottery Enterprise contribution offset based on N.J. Statute.

Table V-1 Development of Lottery Enterprise Contribution Offset for Fiscal Year I	Endin	g 2024
1. Special Asset Value Allocated to TPAF as of July 1, 2022	\$	9,713,490,540
2. 24-Year Level Dollar Amortization payable June 30, 2023	\$	846,909,728
3. Initial Special Asset Value Allocated to TPAF as of July 1, 2016	\$	9,779,398,978
4. Maximum Special Asset Adjustment: 30-Year Level Dollar Amortization at 7.65%	\$	840,156,036
5. Special Asset Adjustment as of June 30, 2023 [lesser of 2 and 4]	\$	840,156,036
6. Adjustment Percentage		88.27%
7. Funded Ratio based on Actuarial Value + Special Asset Value		55.46%
8. Applicable Adjustment Percentage [If 7 < 50%, 6 - 3 x (50% - 7), otherwise 6]		88.27%
9. Lottery Enterprise Contribution Offset as of June 30, 2023 [5 x 8]	\$	741,605,733



SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS

Table V-2 shows the development of the Statutory pension contributions for the FYE 2024 and 2023 in dollar amounts. Table V-3 shows the components of the Statutory pension contribution as a percent of appropriation payroll.

Table V-2 Development of Statutory Pension Contributions												
Valuation Date		July 1, 2022		July 1, 2021								
Fiscal Year Ending		2024		2023								
1. Unfunded Actuarial Liability Contribution ¹												
a. Actuarial Liability	\$	72,609,415,596	\$, , ,								
b. Actuarial Value of Assets		30,555,283,645		29,103,426,597								
c. Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL): [a - b]	\$	42,054,131,951	\$	41,416,789,317								
d. Amortization Period (years)		27		28								
e. Amortization of UAL Payable at Valuation Date (Level Dollar)	\$	3,278,875,539	\$	3,189,167,417								
f. UAL Contribution Payable Beginning of Fiscal Year												
[1e with one year of interest]	\$	3,508,396,827	\$	3,412,409,136								
2. Normal Cost Contribution												
a. Gross Basic Normal Cost	\$	1,341,356,200	\$	1,249,074,195								
b. Expected Member Contributions		(867,250,057)		(833,193,528)								
c. State Basic Normal Cost	\$	474,106,143	\$	415,880,667								
d. Chapter 133, P.L. 2001		87,164,203		83,329,677								
e. State Normal Cost at Valuation Date	\$	561,270,346	\$	499,210,344								
f. State Normal Cost Payable Beginning of Fiscal Year												
[2e with one year of interest]	\$	600,559,270	\$	534,155,068								
3. Total Statutory Pension Contribution as of												
Beginning of Fiscal Year [1 + 2]	\$	4,108,956,097	\$	3,946,564,204								
4. Lottery Enterprise Contribution Offset	\$	(741,605,733)	\$	(740,981,498)								
5. Net Pension Contribution as of Beginning of Fiscal Year [3 + 4]	\$	3,367,350,364	\$	3,205,582,706								

¹ Includes UAL contributions due to State ERI programs.

Table V-3 Statutory Pension Contributions as a Percent of Appropriation Payroll										
Valuation Date	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2021								
Fiscal Year Ending	2024	2023								
State Basic Normal Cost Rate	4.28%	3.87%								
Chapter 133, P.L. 2001 Rate	0.79%	0.77%								
UAL Contribution Rate ¹	<u>29.57%</u>	<u>29.65%</u>								
Total Statutory Pension Contribution	34.64%	34.29%								

¹ Includes UAL contributions due to State ERI programs.



SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS

Table V-4 shows the breakdown of the Statutory contributions payable by various State departments and certain State colleges.

	Fiscal Year End	ding	2024 Statutory	Con	Table V-4 tributions Payab	le b	y the State and (Certa	in State College	es		
	Appropriation	1	Basic Normal Cost		a. 133, P.L. 2009 Normal Cost		UAL Co	ntrib	ution	Lo	ttery Enterprise	Net Pension
Group	Payroll		Contribution		Contribution		Basic		State ERI		ntribution Offset	Contribution
Certain State Colleges												
NJ Institute for Technology	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	75,953	\$	0	\$ 75,953
Rowan University	0		0		0		0		64,065		0	64,065
New Jersey City University	0		0		0		0		377,692		0	377,692
Kean University	0		0		0		0		197,554		0	197,554
William Patterson University	0		0		0		0		72,944		0	72,944
Monclair State University	0		0		0		0		156,286		0	156,286
The College of New Jersey	0		0		0		0		40,169		0	40,169
Stockton State College	0		0		0		0		0		0	0
Total Certain State Colleges	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	984,663	\$	0	\$ 984,663
State												
Department of Higher Education	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0
Department of Education	8,389,790		358,673		65,942		2,477,878		2,798,694		(524,340)	5,176,847
County Colleges	199,323		8,521		1,567		58,869		0		(12,457)	56,500
Charter Schools	328,075,990		14,025,631		2,578,606		96,895,407		0		(20,503,884)	92,995,760
Other	11,529,527,248		492,900,748		90,619,582		3,405,181,316		0		(720,565,052)	3,268,136,594
Total State	\$ 11,866,192,351	\$	507,293,573	\$	93,265,697	\$	3,504,613,470	\$	2,798,694	\$	(741,605,733)	\$ 3,366,365,701
Total System	\$ 11,866,192,351	\$	507,293,573	\$	93,265,697	\$	3,504,613,470	\$	3,783,357	\$	(741,605,733)	\$ 3,367,350,364



APPENDIX A – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The data for this valuation was provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits as of July 1, 2022. Cheiron did not audit any of the data. However, we did perform an informal examination of the obvious characteristics of the data for reasonableness and consistency in accordance with Actuarial Standards of Practice No. 23. The following is a list of data charts contained in this section:

- A-1: Contributing Active Member Data by Tier
- A-2: Non-Contributing Member Data by Tier
- A-3: Inactive Member Data by Status
- A-4: Reconciliation of Membership
- A-5 to A-6: Contributing Active Member Data by Age and Service
- A-7 to A-8: Inactive Member Data by Age and Status



APPENDIX A – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

				Contribut		le A-1 Member Data by Tier					
		July 1, 2022		July 1, 2021	% Change		J	July 1, 2022		July 1, 2021	% Chang
Tier 1						Tier 2					
Count		65,416		69,217	-5.5%	Count		9,575		9,796	-2.3%
Average Age		51.1		50.7	0.8%	Average Age		44.5		43.7	2.0%
Average Service		22.0		21.3	3.3%	Average Service		14.5		13.5	7.3%
Average Appropriation Pay	\$	98,776	\$	95,996	2.9%	Average Appropriation Pay	\$	82,379	\$	78,287	5.2%
Total Appropriation Payroll	\$	6,461,532,427	\$	6,644,589,038	-2.8%	Total Appropriation Payroll	\$	788,775,286	\$	766,899,838	2.9%
Tier 3						Tier 4					
Count		4,779		4,898	-2.4%	Count		2,795		2,852	-2.0%
Average Age		43.5		42.6	2.0%	Average Age		41.7		40.9	2.2%
Average Service		12.9		11.9	8.3%	Average Service		11.7		10.7	9.2%
Average Appropriation Pay	\$	78,669	\$	74,986	4.9%	Average Appropriation Pay	\$	76,934	\$	73,128	5.2%
Total Appropriation Payroll	\$	375,959,195	\$	367,282,082	2.4%	Total Appropriation Payroll	\$	215,030,332	\$	208,560,958	3.1%
<u>Tier 5</u>						<u>Total</u>					
Count		60,506		54,758	10.5%	Count		143,071		141,521	1.1%
Average Age		37.0		36.4	1.5%	Average Age		44.3		44.2	0.1%
Average Service		5.6		5.3	6.2%	6 Average Service 14.1 1		14.0	0.2%		
Average Appropriation Pay	\$	66,521	\$	64,325	3.4%	Average Appropriation Pay	\$	82,939	\$	81,328	2.0%
Total Appropriation Payroll	Appropriation Payroll \$ 4,024,895,111 \$ 3,522,321,007 14.3% Total Appropriation Payroll \$ 11,866,192,351 \$ 11,509,652,923					3.1%					

Reflects all records for multiple members, which are active members employed by more than one TPAF-participating employer at the same time.



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				Non-Cont		e A-2 Iember Data by Tier					
	J	July 1, 2022	J	July 1, 2021	% Change		J	uly 1, 2022	J	July 1, 2021	% Change
<u>Tier 1</u>						Tier 2					
Count		7,249		7,433	-2.5%	Count		965		906	6.5%
Average Age		52.0		51.6	0.6%	Average Age		44.5		43.5	2.3%
Average Service		13.6		13.6	0.7%	Average Service		11.4		10.6	7.3%
Average Last Reported Pay	\$	68,970	\$	67,772	1.8%	Average Last Reported Pay	\$	69,485	\$	67,062	3.6%
Total Last Reported Pay	\$	468,578,994	\$	470,877,167	-0.5%	Total Last Reported Pay	\$	65,593,977	\$	59,014,804	11.1%
<u>Tier 3</u>						Tier 4					
Count		460		439	4.8%	Count		271		268	1.1%
Average Age		43.6		42.6	2.4%	Average Age		41.8		40.5	3.3%
Average Service		10.6		9.6	10.3%	Average Service		9.6		8.2	17.6%
Average Last Reported Pay	\$	69,625	\$	65,508	6.3%	Average Last Reported Pay	\$	70,023	\$	65,991	6.1%
Total Last Reported Pay	\$	31,539,985	\$	28,299,460	11.5%	Total Last Reported Pay	\$	18,556,187	\$	17,355,593	6.9%
<u>Tier 5</u>						<u>Total</u>					
Count		6,140		5,480	12.0%	Count		15,085		14,526	3.8%
Average Age		37.6		37.5	0.2%	Average Age		45.2		45.3	-0.3%
Average Service		4.1		3.6	12.5%	Average Service		9.4		9.4	0.4%
Average Last Reported Pay	\$	63,018	\$	60,991	3.3%	Average Last Reported Pay	Pay \$ 66,633 \$ 65,075		65,075	2.4%	
Total Last Reported Pay	\$	362,919,630	\$	312,335,817	16.2%	Total Last Reported Pay	\$	947,188,773	\$	887,882,841	6.7%

Average pay calculations exclude 870 and 882 members with no reported pay information as of July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2021, respectively. Includes 15 and 17 members reported as deferred beneficiaries as of July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2021, respectively.



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Table A-3 Inactive Member Data by Status											
			~~~		%						
		July 1, 2022		July 1, 2021	Change						
Retirees											
Count		99,963		98,582	1.4%						
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$	4,342,838,831	\$	4,261,814,061	1.9%						
Average Retirement Allowance	\$	43,444	\$	43,231	0.5%						
Beneficiaries											
Count		7,775		7,418	4.8%						
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$	216,563,763	\$	204,475,851	5.9%						
Average Retirement Allowance	\$	27,854	\$	27,565	1.0%						
Ordinary Disability											
Count		3,401		3,397	0.1%						
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$	100,587,516	\$	99,513,291	1.1%						
Average Retirement Allowance	\$	29,576	\$	29,294	1.0%						
Accidental Disability											
Count		281		280	0.4%						
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$	13,392,891	\$	13,090,361	2.3%						
Average Retirement Allowance	\$	47,662	\$	46,751	1.9%						
In-Pay Total											
Count		111,420		109,677	1.6%						
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$	4,673,383,001	\$	4,578,893,564	2.1%						
Average Retirement Allowance	\$	41,944	\$	41,749	0.5%						
Deferred Vested Members											
Count		316		354	-10.7%						
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$	5,745,240	\$	6,566,904	-12.5%						
Average Retirement Allowance	\$	18,181	\$	18,551	-2.0%						

QDRO benefits included with member records for valuation purposes.



#### **APPENDIX A – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

	Reco	nciliation of Plai	Table A- n Membership fro		to July 1, 2022			
	Contributing Actives	Non-Contrib. Members	Deferred Beneficiaries	Deferred Vested	Retired	Disabled	Beneficiaries	Total
1. July 1, 2021	141,521	14,509	17	354	98,582	3,677	7,418	266,078
2. Additions								
a. New Entrants	8,597	404						9,001
b. New Beneficiaries							154	154
c. Data Corrections		3			11			14
d. Total	8,597	407	0	0	11	0	154	9,169
3. Reductions								
a. Withdrawal/Certain Period End	(655)	(2,108)						(2,763)
b. Died without Beneficiary	(83)	(74)		(1)	(1,951)	(116)	(360)	(2,585)
c. Data Corrections	(4)		(2)	, ,		(1)	, ,	(7)
d. Total	(742)	(2,182)	(2)	(1)	(1,951)	(117)	(360)	(5,355)
4. Changes in Status								
a. Contributing Actives	2,087	(2,085)		(2)				0
b. Non-Contributing Members	(4,794)	4,794		. ,				0
c. Deferred Beneficiary								0
d. Deferred Vested	(3)	(29)		32				0
e. Retired	(3,517)	(263)		(67)	3,847			0
f. Disabled	(70)	(78)				148		0
g. Died with Beneficiary	(8)	(3)			(526)	(26)	563	0
h. Total	(6,305)	2,336	0	(37)	3,321	122	563	0
5. July 1, 2022	143,071	15,070	15	316	99,963	3,682	7,775	269,892

Reflects all records for multiple members, which are active members employed by more than one TPAF-participating employer at the same time.

QDRO benefits included with member records for valuation purposes.



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Table A-5 Counts by Age and Service Distribution of Contributing Active Members												
	Years of Service											
Attained -	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 & up	Total			
Age	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Under 30	866	10,626	2,945	1	0	0	0	0	14,438			
30 to 34	373	4,795	11,020	2,245	13	0	0	0	18,446			
35 to 39	331	2,682	5,438	9,128	3,229	3	0	1	20,812			
40 to 44	290	2,065	2,693	3,915	11,221	3,304	7	0	23,495			
45 to 49	194	1,686	2,004	2,085	4,719	9,386	1,332	3	21,409			
50 to 54	163	1,220	1,650	1,817	3,051	5,453	5,167	904	19,425			
55 & up	141	1,114	1,547	2,308	4,909	6,889	3,730	4,408	25,046			
Total	2,358	24,188	27,297	21,499	27,142	25,035	10,236	5,316	143,071			

# Table A-6 Average Appropriation Pay by Age and Service Distribution of Contributing Active Members

						Years of	f Serv	ice					
Attained	Under 1	1 to 4		5 to 9		0 to 14		to 19	20 to 24		25 to 29	30 & up	Total
Age	Comp.	Comp.		Comp.	Comp.		Co	omp.	np. Comp.		Comp.	Comp.	Comp.
Under 30	\$ 57,954	\$ 58,90	5 \$	63,041	\$	56,767	\$	0	\$ (	) \$	0	\$ 0	\$ 59,691
30 to 34	62,487	61,52	0	66,214		73,697	(	66,624	(	)	0	0	65,829
35 to 39	63,903	64,43	6	68,859		76,788	8	87,073	79,164	1	0	114,996	74,517
40 to 44	64,730	66,83	9	72,405		79,645	g	91,696	100,764	1	124,958	0	86,244
45 to 49	69,999	68,00	9	72,571		81,229	ç	92,834	101,726	6	109,190	88,460	92,561
50 to 54	68,736	68,47	6	73,370		79,562	g	91,432	100,702	2	107,649	111,839	95,021
55 & up	70,016	70,05	4	73,866		79,746	Š	90,418	98,197	7	104,454	111,008	95,245
Total	\$ 62,797	\$ 62,34	5 \$	68,342	\$	77,967	\$ 9	91,071	\$ 100,402	2 \$	106,697	\$ 111,137	\$ 82,939



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	Table A-7 Counts by Age and Status of Inactive Members												
	Status												
Attained			Ordinary	Accidental									
Age	Retiree	Beneficiary	Disability	Disability	Total								
Under 45	0	99	84	7	190								
45 to 49	22	50	124	8	204								
50 to 54	392	86	223	7	708								
55 to 59	2,920	155	284	22	3,381								
60 to 64	8,630	271	465	30	9,396								
65 to 69	18,421	616	657	55	19,749								
70 to 74	27,404	1,283	673	61	29,421								
75 to 79	21,818	1,765	507	53	24,143								
80 to 84	10,806	1,474	235	28	12,543								
85 & up	9,550	1,976	149	10	11,685								
Total	99,963	7,775	3,401	281	111,420								

	Table A-8 Average Retirement Allowances by Age and Status of Inactive Members Status													
Attained					O	rdinary	Ac	cidental						
Age	J		Total											
Under 45	\$	0	\$	13,808	\$	27,224	\$	54,002	\$	21,220				
45 to 49		37,012		20,150		30,201		54,439		29,423				
50 to 54		44,600		19,577		33,289		55,215		38,103				
55 to 59		51,710		23,091		31,369		55,848		48,716				
60 to 64		45,445		25,771		31,403		47,779		44,190				
65 to 69		44,471		27,903		30,862		51,097		43,520				
70 to 74		44,990		28,953		29,593		44,280		43,937				
75 to 79		43,360		29,153		27,374		46,111		41,992				
80 to 84		41,131		28,903		25,670		44,573		39,412				
85 & up		35,473		27,100		23,607		32,748		33,903				
Total	\$	43,444	\$	27,854	\$	29,576	\$	47,662	\$	41,944				

QDRO benefits included with member records for valuation purposes.



#### APPENDIX B – ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

#### A. Actuarial Assumptions

1. Investment Rate of Return

7.00% per annum, compounded annually.

2. Administrative Expenses

No explicit assumption is made for administrative expenses for funding purposes per the funding methodology prescribed by NJ State Statute.

3. Interest
Crediting Rate
on Accumulated
Deductions

7.00% per annum, compounded annually. Interest credits are assumed to end upon termination.

4. Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs)

No future COLAs are assumed. Previously granted COLAs are included in the data.



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**5. Salary Increases** Salary increases vary by years of service. Annual salary increases are shown below.

Years of Service	Salary Increase
0-2	4.25%
3	4.40
4	4.55
5	4.70
6	4.85
7	5.00
8	5.15
9	5.30
10	5.40
11	5.50
12-16	5.65
17	4.90
18	4.50
19	4.25
20	4.05
21	3.85
22	3.65
23	3.45
24	3.25
25	3.05
26	2.95
27-28	2.85
29+	2.75

Salary increases are assumed to occur on October 1.

Non-contributing members reported with a salary are assumed to have no future salary increases.

- **6. 401(a)(17) Pay** \$305,000 in 2022 increasing 2.75% per annum, compounded annually.
- 7. Social Security \$147,000 in 2022 increasing 3.25% per annum, compounded annually.



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#### **8. Termination** Termination rates are as follows:

Service	Rates
0	6.75%
1	6.75
2	5.50
3	4.50
4	4.00
5	3.00
6	2.75
7	2.50
8	2.50
9	2.25
10	2.25
11	2.10
12	1.95
13	1.65
14	1.35
15	1.05
16	1.00
17	0.90
18	0.70
19	0.55
20	0.55
21	0.50
22	0.40
23	0.30
24-29	0.30

No termination is assumed after attainment of retirement eligibility.

70% of members with 10 or more years of service at termination are assumed to elect a deferred retirement benefit.

All other members are assumed to receive a refund of Accumulated Deductions with credited interest.



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#### 9. Disability

Representative disability rates are as follows:

Age	Ordinary	Accidental
25	0.005%	0.006%
30	0.005	0.006
35	0.040	0.006
40	0.085	0.006
45	0.110	0.006
50	0.160	0.006
55	0.245	0.006

Accidental disability rates apply at all ages.

Ordinary disability rates apply upon attainment of 10 years of service until the attainment of age 55 with at least 25 years of service.

Members are assumed to receive the greater of the applicable disability benefit or the early or service retirement benefit, depending on eligibility.

Tier 4 and Tier 5 members are not eligible for the Ordinary or Accidental Disability benefits but the disability rates still apply. Such members terminating under the disability decrement are assumed to separate from service and elect a deferred retirement benefit.



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10. Mortality

Pre-Retirement Mortality (Non-Annuitants): The Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table [PubT-2010(A) Employee] as published by the Society of Actuaries with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis using SOA's Scale MP-2021. All pre-retirement deaths are assumed to be ordinary deaths.

Healthy Retirees and Beneficiaries (Healthy Annuitants): The Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table [PubT-2010(A) Healthy Retiree] as published by the Society of Actuaries with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis using SOA's Scale MP-2021.

<u>Disabled Retirees (Disabled Annuitants)</u>: The Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table [PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree] as published by the Society of Actuaries with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis using SOA's Scale MP-2021.



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#### 11. Retirement

Retirement rates for Tier 1-4 members are as follows:

	Less Than 25	25 Years of	26 or More
Age	Years of Service	Service	Years of Service
< 50	N/A	1.5%	1.5%
50	N/A	1.5	1.5
51	N/A	2.0	2.0
52	N/A	3.0	2.5
53	N/A	4.0	3.0
54	N/A	6.0	3.5
55	N/A	10.0	13.0
56	N/A	18.0	17.0
57	N/A	18.0	17.0
58	N/A	20.0	17.0
59	N/A	25.0	17.0
60	4.0	25.0	20.0
61	6.0	25.0	22.0
62	6.0	33.0	27.0
63	8.0	42.0	30.0
64	8.0	42.0	30.0
65	12.0	42.0	30.0
66	18.0	55.0	35.0
67	18.0	55.0	40.0
68	18.0	55.0	30.0
69	18.0	55.0	30.0
70	18.0	55.0	30.0
71	18.0	55.0	30.0
72	18.0	55.0	30.0
73	18.0	55.0	30.0
74	18.0	55.0	30.0
75	100.0	100.0	100.0

Rates apply upon retirement eligibility by tier.



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Retirement rates for Tier 5 members are as follows:

	Less Than 25	25 Years of	26 to 29 Years	30 Years of	31 or More
Age	Years of Service	Service	of Service	Service	Years of Service
< 50	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.5%	1.5%
50	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.5	1.5
51	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.0	2.0
52	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.0	2.5
53	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.0	3.0
54	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.0	3.5
55	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.0	13.0
56	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.0	17.0
57	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.0	17.0
58	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.0	17.0
59	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.0	17.0
60	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.0	20.0
61	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.0	22.0
62	N/A	N/A	N/A	33.0	27.0
63	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.0	30.0
64	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.0	30.0
65	12.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	30.0
66	18.0	55.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
67	18.0	55.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
68	18.0	55.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
69	18.0	55.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
70	18.0	55.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
71	18.0	55.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
72	18.0	55.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
73	18.0	55.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
74	18.0	55.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
75	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



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# 12. Family Composition Assumptions

For members not currently in receipt, 60% of members are assumed married to spouses of the opposite sex. Males are assumed to be two years older than females.

For purposes of the optional form of payment death benefit for members currently in receipt, beneficiary status is based on the beneficiary allowance reported. If no beneficiary date of birth is provided, the beneficiary is assumed to be the member's spouse of the opposite sex with males assumed to be two years older than females.

No additional dependent children or parents are assumed.

#### 13. Form of Payment

Current actives are assumed to elect the Maximum Option.

#### 14. Data

Information provided by the prior actuary was relied upon for the purposes of setting the status of and valuing non-contributing records. For non-contributing terminated members, a deferred retirement benefit is estimated, when applicable, based on the last known salary. For non-contributing members with incomplete information, the benefit is based on the Annuity Savings Fund.

Deferred beneficiaries were reported separately from other non-contributing members for the first time in 2021. The benefit is based on the Annuity Savings Fund.

For current beneficiaries with incomplete information, reasonable assumptions were made based on information available in prior years.

Inactive participants receiving benefits according to the 2021 data but omitted from the 2022 data are assumed to have died without a beneficiary.

Tier 4 and 5 members on long-term disability appeared on the active data for the first time in 2019. The number of members on long-term disability is immaterial for valuation purposes. Therefore, we valued these members as regular contributing and non-contributing members while we gain clarity on what happens with these members.

# 15. Rationale for Assumptions

The demographic and economic assumptions used in this report, except for the investment return assumption, reflect the results of the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021 Experience Study, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 1, 2022. The investment return assumption was recommended by the State Treasurer.



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16. Changes in Assumptions since Last Valuation

Termination rates, the percentage of members electing a deferred retirement benefit, ordinary disability rates, the mortality improvement scale, salary increase rates, and family composition assumptions were updated based on the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021 Experience Study, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on December 1, 2022. For a detailed description of each of the assumptions before and after the changes reflected in this valuation, please reference the Experience Study.



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#### **B.** Projection Assumptions

1. Investment Rate of Return

7.00% per annum, compounded annually.

2. Appropriation Percentages

The State is assumed to appropriate 100% of the Statutory contribution in FYE 2024 and each year thereafter.

3. Administrative Expenses

The actual administrative expenses paid in FYE 2022 are assumed to increase by 2.75% per annum, compounded annually.

4. New Entrants

- Contributing active population assumed to remain at 2022 levels.
- Assumed to join mid-year.
- Age/sex distributions based on the last three years of new hires.
- Salary based on salary for most recent hires reported on 2022 data.
- New entrant salary assumed to increase with the salary increase rates applicable for members with 29 or more years of service (i.e., 2.75%).
- 5. Demographic Assumptions

Same as those used for valuation purposes.

6. Projection Basis

This report includes projections of future assets, liabilities, funded status and contributions for the purpose of assisting the Board of Trustees with the management of the Fund.

The projections are based on the same census data and financial information as of July 1, 2022 which has been used for the actuarial valuation. The projections assume continuation of the plan provisions and actuarial assumptions in effect as of July 1, 2022 and do not reflect the impact of any changes in benefits or actuarial assumptions that may be adopted after July 1, 2022 unless otherwise indicated. While the assumptions individually are reasonable for the underlying valuation that supports the projections, specifically for projection purposes, they are also considered reasonable in the aggregate.

The projections are based on our proprietary model *PScan*, developed by our firm, that utilizes the results shown in this valuation report. The projections assume that all future assumptions are met except where indicated with respect to future investment returns and demographic assumptions. The future outcomes become increasingly uncertain over time, and therefore the general trends and not the absolute values should be considered in the review of these projections.



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#### C. Actuarial Methods

The actuarial methods used for determining State contributions are described below.

#### 1. Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial cost method for funding calculations is the Projected Unit Credit Cost Method. Non-contributing members reported with a salary use the Projected Unit Credit Cost Method without any future projected salary increases.

The actuarial liability is calculated as the actuarial present value of the projected benefits linearly allocated to periods prior to the valuation year based on service. Refunds are valued as the Accumulated Deductions with interest as of the valuation date as provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits. The unfunded actuarial liability is the actuarial liability on the valuation date less the actuarial value of assets.

In accordance with Chapter 78, P.L. 2011:

- Beginning with the July 1, 2010 actuarial valuation, the accrued liability contribution shall be computed so that if the contribution is paid annually in level dollars, it will amortize the unfunded accrued liability over an open 30-year period.
- Beginning with the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation, the accrued liability contribution shall be computed so that if the contribution is paid annually in level dollars, it will amortize the unfunded accrued liability over a closed 30-year period (i.e., for each subsequent actuarial valuation the amortization period shall decrease by one year).
- Beginning with the July 1, 2029 actuarial valuation, when the remaining amortization period reaches 20 years, any increase or decrease in the unfunded accrued liability as a result of actuarial losses or gains for subsequent valuation years shall serve to increase or decrease, respectively, the amortization period for the unfunded accrued liability, unless an increase in the amortization period will cause it to exceed 20 years. If an increase in the amortization period as a result of actuarial losses for a valuation year would exceed 20 years, the accrued liability contribution shall be computed for the valuation year using a 20-year amortization period.

To the extent that the amortization period remains an open period in future years and depending upon the specific circumstances, it should be noted that in the absence of emerging actuarial gains or contributions made in excess of the actuarially determined contribution, any existing unfunded accrued liability may not be fully amortized in the future.

The non-contributory group life insurance benefit is funded separately through a term cost.



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#### 2. Asset Valuation Method

For the purposes of determining contribution rates, an actuarial value of assets is used that dampens the volatility in the market value of assets, resulting in a smoother pattern of contributions.

The actuarial value of assets is adjusted to reflect actual contributions, benefit payments and administrative expenses, and an assumed rate of return on the previous year's assets and current year's cash flow at the prior year's actuarial valuation interest rate, with a further adjustment to reflect 20% of the difference between the resulting value and the actual market value of Fund assets.

#### 3. Contributions

Chapter 83, P.L. 2016 requires the State to make the required pension contributions on a quarterly basis in each fiscal year according to the following schedule: at least 25% by September 30, at least 50% by December 31, at least 75% by March 31, and at least 100% by June 30. As such, contributions are assumed to be made on a quarterly basis with the first contribution 15 months after the associated valuation date, with the exception of the FYE 2022 contribution. For FYE 2022 only, the entire contribution was made in a single payment on July 1, 2021 based on information provided by the DPB.

Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act, allows the TPAF to receive 77.78% of the proceeds of the Lottery Enterprise, based upon their members' past or present employment in schools and institutions in the State for a term of 30 years. Revenues from Chapter 98, P.L. 2017, the Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act, are assumed to be contributed to the trust on a monthly basis. The State's pension contribution is reduced by the product of the allocable percentage for the TPAF, the adjustment percentage, and the special asset value.

Contributions payable in the fiscal year starting on the valuation date are included in the actuarial value of assets as receivable contributions, discounted by the applicable valuation interest rate.

Legislation has provided for additional benefits and/or funding requirements which are included in this valuation and are described as follows.

#### Early Retirement Incentive Programs

State and Local employers which elected to participate in various early retirement incentive programs authorized by NJ Statute make contributions to cover the cost of these programs over amortization periods elected by the employer to the extent permitted by NJ Statute.



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Chapter 133, P.L. 2001

Chapter 133, P.L. 2001 increased the accrual rate from 1/60 to 1/55. In addition, it lowered the age required for a veteran benefit equal to 1/55 of highest 12-month Compensation for each Year of Service from 60 to 55.

Chapter 133, P.L. 2001 established the Benefit Enhancement Fund (BEF) to fund the additional annual employer normal contribution due to the Statute's increased benefits. (Chapter 353, P.L. 2001 extended this coverage to this Statute's additional annual employer normal contribution). If the assets in the BEF are insufficient to cover the normal contribution for the increased benefits for a valuation period, the State will pay such amount. As of July 1, 2022, there are no assets in the BEF.

#### 4. Valuation Software

Cheiron utilizes ProVal, an actuarial valuation software leased from Winklevoss Technologies (WinTech) to calculate liabilities and project benefit payments. We have relied on WinTech as the developer of ProVal. We have reviewed ProVal and have a basic understanding of it and have used ProVal in accordance with its original intended purpose. We have not identified any material inconsistencies in assumptions or output of ProVal that would affect this actuarial valuation.

## 5. Changes in Methods since Last Valuation

None.



### APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

This summary of Plan provisions provides an overview of the major provisions of the TPAF used in the actuarial valuation. It is not intended to replace the more precise language of the NJ State Statutes, Title 18A, Chapter 66, and if there is any difference between the description of the plan herein and the actual language in the NJ State Statutes, the NJ State Statutes will govern. This valuation is prepared based on plan provisions in effect as of July 1, 2022 and does not reflect the impact of any changes in benefits that may have been approved after the valuation date.

### 1. Eligibility for Membership

Employees appointed to positions requiring certification by the New Jersey Department of Education as members of a regular teaching or professional staff of a public school system in New Jersey are required to enroll as a condition of employment. Employees of the Department of Education holding unclassified, professional and certificated titles are eligible for membership. Temporary or substitute employees are not eligible. The eligible employee must be scheduled to work at least 32 hours per week effective May 22, 2010, per Chapter 1, P.L. 2010.

- a) Class B (or Tier 1) Member: Any member hired prior to July 1, 2007.
- b) <u>Class D (or Tier 2) Member</u>: Any member hired on or after July 1, 2007 and before November 2, 2008.
- c) <u>Class E (or Tier 3) Member</u>: Any member hired after November 1, 2008 and before May 22, 2010.
- d) <u>Class F (or Tier 4) Member</u>: Any member hired after May 21, 2010 and before June 28, 2011.
- e) Class G (or Tier 5) Member: Any member hired on or after June 28, 2011.

### 2. Plan Year

The 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.

### 3. Years of Service

A year of service for each year an employee is a Member of the Retirement System plus service, if any, covered by a prior service liability. Tier 4 members must be scheduled to work at least 32 hours per week, Tier 3 members must have an annual salary of \$7,500 (indexed for inflation) and other members must have an annual salary of \$500.

### 4. Compensation

Base salary upon which contributions by a Member to the Annuity Savings Fund were based. Chapter 113, P.L. 1997 provides that Compensation cannot exceed the compensation limitation of Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code. Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 provides that for a Tier 2, 3, 4 or 5 Member, Compensation cannot exceed the annual maximum wage contribution base for Social Security, pursuant to the Federal Insurance Contribution Act.



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### 5. Final Compensation

The average annual compensation upon which contributions by a Member are made for the three consecutive years of service immediately preceding retirement, or the highest three fiscal years of service, if greater. Chapter 1, P. L. 2010 provides that for a Tier 4 or Tier 5 Member, Final Compensation is the average annual compensation upon which contributions by a Member are made for the five consecutive years of service immediately preceding retirement, or the highest five fiscal years of service, if greater.

### 6. Final Year Compensation

The compensation upon which contributions by a Member to the Annuity Savings Fund are based in the last year of service.

### 7. Accumulated Deductions

The sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a Member or contributed by the Member or on the Member's behalf without interest.

### 8. Interest Credits on Accumulated Deductions

Members receive interest credits while contributing and for the first two years of inactivity. The rate depends on the type of benefit. Prior to July 1, 2018, members received interest credits for the entire period of inactivity until retirement or death.

### 9. Member Contributions

Each Member contributes a percentage of Compensation. Effective October 1, 2011, Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 set the member contribution rate at 6.5% and increased it by 1/7 of 1% each July thereafter until it attained an ultimate rate of 7.5% on July 1, 2018.

#### 10. Benefits

a) Service Retirement: For a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Member, age 60. For a Tier 3 or Tier 4 Member, age 62. For a Tier 5 Member, age 65.

Benefit is an annual retirement allowance comprised of a member annuity plus an employer pension which together will provide a total allowance of:

- (1) For a Tier 1, 2 or 3 Member, 1/55 of Final Compensation for each Year of Service.
- (2) For a Tier 4 or 5 Member, 1/60 of Final Compensation for each Year of Service.
- b) Early Retirement: Prior to eligibility for Service Retirement. For a Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4 Member, 25 Years of Service. For a Tier 5 Member, 30 Years of Service.



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Benefit is an annual retirement allowance comprised of a member annuity plus an employer pension which together will provide a total allowance of:

- (1) For a Tier 1 Member, the Service Retirement benefit reduced by 1/4 of one percent for each month the retirement date precedes age 55.
- (2) For a Tier 2 Member, the Service Retirement benefit reduced by 1/12 of one percent for each month the retirement date precedes age 60 through age 55 and by 1/4 of one percent for each month the retirement date precedes age 55.
- (3) For a Tier 3 or 4 Member, the Service Retirement benefit reduced by 1/12 of one percent for each month the retirement date precedes age 62 through age 55 and by 1/4 of one percent for each month the retirement date precedes age 55.
- (4) For a Tier 5 Member, the Service Retirement benefit reduced by 1/4 of one percent for each month the retirement date precedes age 65.
- c) <u>Veteran Retirement:</u> Age 55 with 25 Years of Service or Age 60 with 20 Years of Service for a qualified military veteran who retires directly from active service.

Benefit is an annual retirement allowance comprised of a member annuity plus an employer pension which together will provide a total allowance of the greater of:

- (1) 54.5% of highest 12-month Compensation, or
- (2) For a member who is at least age 55 with 35 Years of Service, 1/55 of highest 12-month Compensation for each Year of Service.

Veterans may receive a Service Retirement benefit if greater.

d) <u>Deferred Retirement:</u> Termination of service prior to eligibility for Service Retirement with 10 Years of Service.

### Benefit is either:

- (1) A refund of Accumulated Deductions plus, if the member has completed three years of service, interest accumulated at 2.0% per annum; or
- (2) A deferred life annuity, commencing at age 60 for a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Member, age 62 for a Tier 3 or Tier 4 Member or age 65 for a Tier 5 Member, comprised of a member annuity plus an employer pension which together will provide a total allowance of the Service Retirement benefit based on Final Compensation and Years of Service at date of termination.

For Members who die during the deferral period, the benefit is a return of Accumulated Deductions with credited interest.



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e) <u>Non-Vested Termination</u>: Termination of service prior to eligibility for Service Retirement and less than 10 Years of Service.

Benefit is a refund of Accumulated Deductions plus, if the member has completed three Years of Service, interest accumulated at 2.0% per annum.

## f) Death Benefits

- (1) Ordinary Death Before Retirement: Death of an active contributing Member. Benefit is equal to:
  - a. Lump sum payment equal to 150% of Final Year Compensation, also known as the non-contributory group life insurance benefit, plus
  - b. Accumulated Deductions with credited interest.
- (2) <u>Accidental Death Before Retirement:</u> Death of an active Member resulting from injuries received from an accident during performance of duty and not a result of willful negligence. Benefit is equal to:
  - a. Lump sum payment equal to 150% of Final Year Compensation, also known as the non-contributory group life insurance benefit, plus
  - b. Spouse life annuity of 50% of Final Year Compensation payable until spouse's death or remarriage. If there is no surviving spouse or upon death or remarriage, a total of 20% (35%, 50%) of Final Year Compensation payable to one (two, three or more) dependent child(ren). If there is no surviving spouse or dependent child(ren), 25% (40%) of Final Year Compensation to one (two) dependent parent(s). If there is no surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or parent(s), the benefit is a refund of Accumulated Deductions with credited interest.
- (3) <u>Death After Retirement:</u> Death of a retired Member. Benefit is equal to:
  - a. Lump sum payment equal to 3/16 of Final Year Compensation for a Member retired under service, early, veteran or deferred retirement with 10 Years of Service. For a Member receiving a disability benefit, lump sum payment of 150% of Final Year Compensation if death occurs prior to age 60 and 3/16 of Final Compensation if death occurs after age 60. This benefit is also known as the non-contributory group life insurance benefit, plus
  - b. Any survivor benefit due under the Member's optional form of payment election. Previously granted COLAs also apply to life annuities.

Members are also eligible for a voluntary, employee-paid life insurance policy, known as the contributory group life insurance policy. This benefit is not paid through the Fund and is not considered for valuation purposes.



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### g) <u>Disability Retirement</u>

(1) Ordinary Disability Retirement: 10 years of service and totally and permanently incapacitated from the performance of normal or assigned duties. Only available to Tier 1, 2 and 3 Members.

Benefit is an annual retirement allowance comprised of a member annuity plus an employer pension which together will provide a total allowance of:

- a. 1.64% of Final Compensation for each Year of Service; or
- b. 43.6% of Final Compensation.
- (2) <u>Accidental Disability Retirement:</u> Total and permanent incapacitation as a direct result of a traumatic event occurring during and as a result of the performance of regular or assigned duties. Only available to Tier 1, 2 and 3 Members.

Benefit is an annual retirement allowance comprised of a member annuity plus an employer pension which together will provide a total allowance of 72.7% of the Compensation at the date of injury.

The pension portion of the benefit will be offset for any periodic Workers' Compensation benefits.

Tier 4 and Tier 5 Members are eligible for long-term disability coverage. This benefit is not paid through the Fund and is not considered for valuation purposes. Both Member and employer contributions to the Fund continue while on long-term disability, with the policy covering the Member portion. The long-term disability benefit equals 60% of Final Year Compensation and may be offset for other periodic benefits, such as Workers' Compensation, short-term disability or Social Security. The long-term disability benefit may continue through the earlier of age 70 or commencement of a retirement benefit under the Fund.

### 11. Optional Forms of Payment

The member may elect the following forms of payment.

- a) Maximum Option: Single life annuity with a return of the balance of the Accumulated Deductions with credited interest.
- b) Option 1: Single life annuity with a return of the balance of the initial reserve.
- c) Option 2: 100% joint and survivor annuity.
- d) Option 3: 50% joint and survivor annuity.
- e) Option 4: Other percentage joint and survivor annuity.
- f) Option A: 100% pop-up joint and survivor annuity.
- g) Option B: 75% pop-up joint and survivor annuity.
- h) Option C: 50% pop-up joint and survivor annuity.
- i) Option D: 25% pop-up joint and survivor annuity.



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### 12. Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Also known as Pension Adjustments. Provided annually to retirees and survivors after 24 months of retirement prior to July 1, 2011. Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 eliminated future adjustments effective July 1, 2011. Adjustments may be reinstated in the future subject to certain conditions outlined in Chapter 78, P.L. 2011.

### 13. Changes in Plan Provisions since Last Valuation

Chapter 296, P.L. 2021 permits a certified school nurse who is retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF.

Chapter 408, P.L. 2021 permits teachers and professional staff members who provide special services and retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if the return to employment begins during the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 school years.



### APPENDIX D – HISTORICAL DATA AND REQUIRED EXHIBITS

	Table D-1 Historical Summary of Assets and Liabilities										
Valuation Date July 1,	N	Aarket Value of Assets	Ac	ctuarial + Special Asset Value ¹		Actuarial Liability	<u>Funded</u> Market Value	d Ratio Actuarial + Special Asset Value ¹			
2022	\$	28,543,336,431	\$	40,268,774,185	\$	72,609,415,596	39.31%	55.46%			
2021		30,630,748,379		38,886,013,570		70,520,215,914	43.44%	55.14%			
2020		24,279,469,173		36,358,679,516		66,877,318,975	36.30%	54.37%			
2019		24,877,874,495		36,188,020,515		65,470,847,885	38.00%	55.27%			
2018		24,838,481,325		36,127,247,378		60,971,919,315	40.74%	59.25%			
2017		24,495,303,183		36,367,511,298		59,954,548,700	40.86%	60.66%			
2016		23,732,571,086		36,949,157,326		57,865,971,163	41.01%	63.85%			
2015		26,320,738,690		28,301,404,184		55,359,377,071	47.55%	51.12%			
2014		27,643,078,116		29,044,777,902		53,749,976,641	51.43%	54.04%			
2013		26,859,612,370		30,469,857,304		52,366,655,055	51.29%	58.19%			

¹ Includes Special Asset Value beginning with July 1, 2016 valuation

	Table D-2 Historical Summary of State Appropriation for Pension ¹										
Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Gross Statutory Contribution	Actual State Appropriation		Actual Lottery Revenue		Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Percentage of Contribution Covered				
$2023^{2}$	\$ 3,946,564,204	\$ 3,205,582,706	\$	857,939,052	\$	(116,957,554)	102.96%				
2022	3,821,395,432	3,271,136,000		864,201,913		(313,942,481)	108.22%				
2021	3,672,624,754	2,021,236,000		859,469,000		791,919,754	78.44%				
2020	3,244,013,909	1,439,027,000		789,467,000		1,015,519,909	68.70%				
2019	3,208,116,552	1,114,920,000		859,469,000		1,233,727,552	61.54%				
2018	2,999,577,684	721,230,000		759,134,509		1,519,213,175	49.35%				
2017	2,737,175,151	1,087,919,000		0		1,649,256,151	39.75%				
2016	2,544,811,534	764,489,000		0		1,780,322,534	30.04%				
2015	2,306,611,715	504,320,000		0		1,802,291,715	21.86%				
2014	2,158,287,358	392,035,985		0		1,766,251,373	18.16%				

¹Excludes contributions for NCGI

The information above is based on the final actuarial valuation reports for the given years. The amounts do not reflect differences between the discounted State appropriations receivable and the actual State contribution amounts that became known after the issuance of the reports.



²Reflects the State's planned contribution of 100% of the Statutory contribution and expected lottery revenue

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In accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and their recommended checklist for Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports, we have prepared the following schedules for the Fund. The GFOA checklist uses the term Actuarial Accrued Liability, which is the same as the Actuarial Liability used elsewhere in this report.

	Table D-3 Schedule Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed From Rolls										
Valuation	n Added to Rolls		Remove	Removed from Rolls		End of Year	Average	% Increase in			
Date July 1,	Number	Annual Allowance	Number ¹	Annual Allowance	Number ¹	Annual Allowance	Annual Allowance ¹	Average Annual Allowance ¹			
2022	4,723	\$ 202,806,854	2,980	\$ 109,642,204	111,420 \$	\$ 4,673,383,001	\$ 41,944	0.47%			
2021	4,838	208,732,721	3,051	109,537,806	109,677	4,578,893,564	41,749	0.58%			
2020	4,485	190,920,500	2,983	104,839,770	107,890	4,478,447,877	41,509	0.57%			
2019	4,500	190,652,924	2,815	95,949,554	106,388	4,391,260,795	41,276	0.61%			
2018	4,634	192,293,599	2,511	82,862,457	104,703	4,295,446,681	41,025	1.50%			
2017	4,792	N/A	2,510	N/A	103,528	4,184,662,175	40,421	0.61%			
2016	5,460	N/A	2,444	N/A	101,246	4,067,574,984	40,175	0.75%			
2015	5,789	N/A	2,381	N/A	98,230	3,916,956,144	39,875	0.81%			
2014	5,284	N/A	2,191	N/A	94,822	3,750,680,254	39,555	1.04%			
2013	4,614	N/A	2,193	N/A	91,729	3,591,007,462	39,148	0.96%			

¹ Beginning with the 2018 valuation, QDRO records excluded from headcounts and QDRO benefits included with member records.

This change resulted in 948 fewer records on the rolls as of July 1, 2018.

	Table D-4										
Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data											
Valuation Date July 1,	Number of Contributing Active Members ¹	Annual Compensation ¹	Annual Average Compensation ¹	% Increase in Average Annual Compensation ¹	Number of Participating Employers ²						
2022	143,071	\$ 11,866,192,351	\$ 82,939	1.98%	678						
2021	141,521	11,509,652,923	81,328	2.05%	678						
2020	142,283	11,338,928,538	79,693	2.16%	680						
2019	141,795	11,061,603,138	78,011	1.72%	677						
2018	141,128	10,823,504,797	76,693	1.84%	678						
2017	143,092	10,775,872,458	75,307	1.59%	N/A						
2016	142,845	10,588,493,706	74,126	1.02%	N/A						
2015	142,454	10,453,176,648	73,379	0.82%	N/A						
2014	141,874	10,325,972,743	72,783	2.83%	N/A						
2013	151,318	10,710,424,746	70,781	1.36%	N/A						

Prior to July 1, 2018, includes non-contributing members reported on active data with compensation. Prior to July 1, 2014, includes all non-contributing members.



² Number of locations reporting contributing active members. For GASB reporting purposes, the State may be considered the participating employer for multiple locations.

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	Table D-5 Schedule of Funding Progress											
Valuation Date July 1,	Actuarial Value of Assets ¹ (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)		urplus)/Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (c) = (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a)/(b)	Covered Payroll (d)	(Surplus)/Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as % of Covered Payroll (c)/(d)					
2022	\$ 30,555,283,645	\$ 72,609,415,596	\$	42,054,131,951	42.08%	\$ 11,866,192,351	354.40%					
2021	29,103,426,597	70,520,215,914		41,416,789,317	41.27%	11,509,652,923	359.84%					
2020	26,582,892,740	66,877,318,975		40,294,426,235	39.75%	11,338,928,538	355.36%					
2019	26,375,429,936	65,470,847,885		39,095,417,949	40.29%	11,061,603,138	353.43%					
2018	26,308,754,955	60,971,919,315		34,663,164,360	43.15%	10,823,504,797	320.26%					
2017	26,549,410,215	59,954,548,700		33,405,138,485	44.28%	10,775,872,458	310.00%					
2016	27,169,758,348	57,865,971,163		30,696,212,815	46.95%	10,588,493,706	289.90%					
2015	28,301,404,184	55,359,377,071		27,057,972,887	51.12%	10,453,176,648	258.85%					
2014	29,044,777,902	53,749,976,641		24,705,198,739	54.04%	10,325,972,743	239.25%					
2013	30,469,857,304	52,366,655,055		21,896,797,751	58.19%	10,710,424,746	204.44%					

¹ Includes receivable amounts. Excludes Special Asset Value.

		Schedule of Fund	Table D-6 .iabilities by Type	(Solvency Test)				
	Actua	rial Accrued Liabil	ity f	or				
				ntributing Active				
	Contributing Active & Non-Contributing			Non-Contributing Tember Benefits		Portion of Actuarial Accrued		
Valuation Date	Member Contributions			Financed by Employer	Actuarial Value	Liabilities Covered by Actuarial Value of Asse		
July 1,	(1)	Vesteds (2)		(3)	of Assets ¹	(1)	(2)	(3)
2022	\$ 16,635,719,916	\$ 44,772,504,693	\$	11,201,190,987	\$ 30,555,283,645	100.00%	31.09%	0.00%
2021	15,771,203,493	44,565,286,920		10,183,725,501	29,103,426,597	100.00%	29.92%	0.00%
2020	14,960,290,939	42,958,862,310		8,958,165,726	26,582,892,740	100.00%	27.06%	0.00%
2019	14,079,166,893	42,467,777,887		8,923,903,105	26,375,429,936	100.00%	28.95%	0.00%
2018	13,283,767,530	40,171,903,581		7,516,248,204	26,308,754,955	100.00%	32.42%	0.00%
2017	12,466,587,057	39,224,970,512		8,262,991,131	26,549,410,215	100.00%	35.90%	0.00%
2016	11,709,150,079	38,027,977,392		8,128,843,692	27,169,758,348	100.00%	40.66%	0.00%
2015	11,129,745,608	36,128,130,029		8,101,501,434	28,301,404,184	100.00%	47.53%	0.00%
2014	10,624,778,098	34,587,834,921		8,537,363,622	29,044,777,902	100.00%	53.26%	0.00%
2013	10,079,938,128	33,312,970,535		8,973,746,392	30,469,857,304	100.00%	61.21%	0.00%

¹ Includes receivable amounts. Excludes Special Asset Value.



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	Table D-7 Analysis of Financial Experience Change in Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability										
Valuation Date July 1,	Actuarial Value Of Assets Investment (Gain)/Loss	Actuarial Accrued Liability (Gain)/Loss	Assumption & Method Changes	Plan/Policy Changes	Contributions ¹	Change in Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability					
2022	\$ 502,986,803	\$ 155,998,253	\$ 491,814,993	\$ 0	\$ (513,457,415)	\$ 637,342,634					
2021	(381,830,446)		2,286,940,239	0	(756,230,554)						
2020	575,855,892	70,026,855	0	0	553,125,539	1,199,008,286					
2019	374,388,860	67,077,019	3,353,517,001	(15,561,490)	652,832,199	4,432,253,589					
2018	367,568,407	140,440,865	(286,796,037)	0	1,036,812,640	1,258,025,875					
2017	513,526,758	126,550,240	822,620,195	0	1,246,228,477	2,708,925,670					
2016	859,296,816	173,672,067	1,144,195,634	0	1,461,075,411	3,638,239,928					
2015	495,166,374	398,659,572	0	0	1,458,948,202	2,352,774,148					
2014	350,424,947	114,878,752	0	0	2,343,097,289	2,808,400,988					
2013	902,561,234	22,121,971	(404,297,149)	0	1,050,981,941	1,571,367,997					

¹ Change due to contributions (greater)/less than normal cost plus interest on the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.



### APPENDIX E – EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

	Table E-1 ERI Contribution Schedule - Local Employers										
			ERI 2 Information								
	Location		Fiscal Year			Present Value					
Group	Number	Name	2024	<b>Payment</b>	as	of 7/1/2022					
3	981	NJ Institute of Technology	\$	39,629	\$	295,337					
6	911	Allamuchy Board of Education		9,755		65,122					
6	956	Hudson County Vocational Schools		65,526		437,459					
6	8070	West New York Township Board of Education		230,094		1,536,126					
		Total	\$	345,004	\$	2,334,044					

Consistent with established methodology, payment amounts are calculated using a payment date 21 months after the valuation date. Present values as of July 1, 2022 exclude expected payments for fiscal year ending 2023.



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Group	Location Number			Fiscal Year 2024 Payment		Present Value as of 7/1/2022		Fiscal Year 2024 Payment		Present Value as of 7/1/2022	
2	90400	Education Department	\$	1,819,134	\$	20,378,908	\$	448,140	\$	5,020,299	
2	90416	Marie Katzenback School for Deaf		323,726		3,626,553		131,099		1,468,640	
2	90207	Office of Adm. Law		76,595		858,054		N/A		N/A	
3	981	NJ Institute of Technology		75,953		850,867		N/A		N/A	
4	90411	New Jersey City University		377,692		4,231,102		N/A		N/A	
4	90412	Kean University		197,554		2,213,102		N/A		N/A	
4	90414	Montclair State University		156,286		1,750,798		N/A		N/A	
4	90410	Rowan University		64,065		717,690		N/A		N/A	
4	90415	The College of New Jersey		40,169		449,997		N/A		N/A	
4	90413	William Paterson University		72,944		817,160		N/A		N/A	
		Total	\$	3,204,118	\$	35,894,231	\$	579,239	\$	6,488,939	

Consistent with established methodology, payment amounts are calculated using a payment date 24 months after the valuation date.

Present values as of July 1, 2022 exclude expected payments for fiscal year ending 2023.



### APPENDIX F – GLOSSARY OF TERMS

### 1. Actuarial Assumptions

Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting pension costs, such as: mortality, withdrawal, disability, and retirement; changes in compensation; inflation; rates of investment earnings, and asset appreciation or depreciation; and other relevant items.

#### 2. Actuarial Cost Method

A procedure for determining the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses and for developing an allocation of such value to each year of service, usually in the form of a Normal Cost and an Actuarial Liability.

### 3. Actuarial Gain/(Loss)

A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of Actuarial Assumptions during the period between two Actuarial Valuation dates, as determined in accordance with a particular Actuarial Cost Method.

### 4. Actuarial Liability

The portion of the Actuarial Present Value of Projected Benefits which will not be paid by future Normal Costs. It represents the value of the past Normal Costs with interest to the valuation date.

### 5. Actuarial Present Value (Present Value)

The value as of a given date of a future amount or series of payments. The Actuarial Present Value discounts the payments to the given date at the assumed investment return and includes the probability of the payment being made. As a simple example: assume you owe \$100 to a friend one year from now. Also, assume there is a 1% probability of your friend dying over the next year, in which case you won't be obligated to pay him. If the assumed investment return is 10%, the actuarial present value is:

<u>Amount</u>		Probability of		1/(1+Investment Return)		
		<b>Payment</b>				
\$100	X	(101)	X	1/(1+.1)	=	\$90

### 6. Actuarial Valuation

The determination, as of a specified date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Liability, Actuarial Value of Assets, and related Actuarial Present Values for a pension plan.



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#### 7. Actuarial Value of Assets

The value of cash, investments and other property belonging to a pension plan as used by the actuary for the purpose of an Actuarial Valuation. The purpose of an Actuarial Value of Assets is to smooth out fluctuations in market values. This way long-term costs are not distorted by short-term fluctuations in the market.

### 8. Actuarially Equivalent

Of equal Actuarial Present Value, determined as of a given date with each value based on the same set of Actuarial Assumptions.

## 9. Amortization Payment

The portion of the pension plan contribution which is designed to pay interest and principal on the Unfunded Actuarial Liability in order to pay for that liability in a given number of years.

#### 10. Funded Ratio

The ratio of the Actuarial Value of Assets to the Actuarial Liabilities.

### 11. Investment Return Assumption

The assumed interest rate used for projecting dollar related values in the future.

### 12. Mortality Table

A set of percentages which estimate the probability of death at a particular point in time. Typically, the rates are annual and based on age and sex.

#### 13. Normal Cost

That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses, which is allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method.

### 14. Projected Benefits

Those pension plan benefit amounts which are expected to be paid in the future under a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions, taking into account such items as the effect of advancement in age and increases in future compensation and service credits.



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## 15. Projected Unit Credit Cost Method

A method under which the Actuarial Liability is calculated as the Actuarial Present Value of the Projected Benefits allocated to periods prior to the valuation year.

## 16. Unfunded Actuarial Liability

The excess of the Actuarial Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets.

