# ALABAMA RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH CARE TRUST



GASB STATEMENT NO. 74 REPORT

PREPARED FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
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December 1, 2025

Alabama Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan Board of Control P.O. Box 302150 Montgomery, AL 36130-2150

### Dear Members of the Board:

Presented in this report is information to assist the Alabama Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) in meeting the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 74 for the Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust. The information is presented for the one-year period ending September 30, 2025. These calculations have been made on a basis that is consistent with our understanding of these accounting standards.

The annual actuarial valuation performed as of September 30, 2024 was used as the basis for much of the information presented as of September 30, 2025 in this report. The valuation was based upon data furnished by the Alabama Teachers' Retirement System and the PEEHIP staff, concerning active, inactive, and retired members along with pertinent claims data and financial information. This information was reviewed for completeness and internal consistency but was not audited. The valuation results depend on the integrity of the data. If any of the information is inaccurate or incomplete, our results may be different, and our calculations may need to be revised.

To the best of our knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate. These calculations were performed by, and under the supervision of, independent consulting actuaries with experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems and retiree health benefit plans. In addition, the valuation was prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, as well as with Actuarial Standards of Practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board.

Our calculation of the liability associated with the benefits described in this report was performed for the purpose of providing reporting and disclosure information that satisfies the requirements of GASB Statement No. 74. The calculation of the plan's liability for this report may not be applicable for funding purposes of the plan. A calculation of the plan's liability for purposes other than satisfying the requirements of GASB No. 74 may produce significantly different results.

In order to prepare the results in this report, we have utilized actuarial models that were developed to measure liabilities and develop actuarial costs. These models include tools that we have produced and tested, along with commercially available valuation software that we have reviewed to confirm the appropriateness and accuracy of the output. In utilizing these models, we develop and use input parameters and assumptions about future contingent events along with recognized actuarial approaches to develop the needed results.

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CavMac does not provide legal, investment, or accounting advice. Thus, the information in this report is not intended to supersede or supplant the advice and interpretations of PEEHIP or its audit partners.

This is to certify that the independent consulting actuaries are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and have experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems and retiree health benefit plans, that the valuations were prepared in accordance with principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries in accordance with accepted actuarial procedures, based on the current provisions of the medical plans and on actuarial assumptions that are internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of each plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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# SECTION I - SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS



# REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GASB STATEMENT NO. 74 REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR THE ALABAMA RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH CARE TRUST

### PREPARED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

| FREFARED AS OF SEPTEMBER   | 1 30, 2023           |                    |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| Malestine Buts (MB)  | 0 1 0 00 0001        | 0                  |
| Valuation Date (VD):   |                      | September 30, 2023 |
| Prior Measurement Date:  | September 30, 2024   | •                  |
| Measurement Date (MD):   | September 30, 2025   | September 30, 2024 |
| Membership Data as of Valuation Date:                            |                      |                    |
| Retired Members Currently Receiving Benefits                     | 100,192              | 97,905             |
| ·  | 1                    | ,                  |
| Surviving Spouses Currently Receiving Benefits                   | 2,761                | 2,557              |
| Inactive Members Entitled to Benefits but Not Yet Receiving      | 6,986                | 7,223              |
| Active Members   | <u>137,358</u>       | <u>135,931</u>     |
| Total Membership   | 247,297              | 243,616            |
| Discount Rate:   |                      |                    |
| Long-Term Expected Rate of Return                                | 7.00%                | 7.00%              |
| Municipal Bond Index Rate at Measurement Date                    | 4.62%                | 3.89%              |
| Municipal Bond Index Rate at Prior Measurement Date              | 3.89%                | 4.53%              |
| Year in which Fiduciary Net Position is Projected to be Depleted | 2042                 | 2040               |
| Single Equivalent Interest Rate at Measurement Date              | 5.05%                | 4.32%              |
| Single Equivalent Interest Rate at Prior Measurement Date        | 4.32%                | 7.00%              |
|  |                      |                    |
| Net OPEB Liability:  |                      |                    |
| Total OPEB Liability (TOL)                                       | \$ 10,462,870,061    | \$ 11,550,954,146  |
| Fiduciary Net Position (FNP)                                     | <u>2,625,976,000</u> | 2,357,479,000      |
| Net OPEB Liability (NOL = TOL – FNP)                             | \$ 7,836,894,061     | \$ 9,193,475,146   |
| FNP as a percentage of TOL                                       | 25.10%               | 20.41%             |
|  |                      |                    |
|  | •                    |                    |



### **SECTION II - INTRODUCTION**



The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 74 (GASB 74), "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans other than Pension Plans," in June 2015. The effective date for reporting under GASB 74 is plan years beginning after June 15, 2016. This report has been prepared as of September 30, 2025 (the Measurement Date) to assist the Alabama Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (Plan) in better understanding the requirements of GASB 74 and to identify the information to be provided by the Plan's actuary, CavMac. Much of the material provided in this report is based on the data, assumptions, and results of the annual actuarial valuation of the Plan as of September 30, 2024.

GASB 74 requires the determination of the Total OPEB Liability (TOL) utilizing the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. The Net OPEB Liability (NOL) is then set equal to the TOL minus the Plan's Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) (basically, the market value of assets). The benefit provisions recognized in the calculation of the TOL are summarized in Schedule B.

Among the assumptions needed for the liability calculation is a Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR), as described by GASB 74. To determine the SEIR, the FNP must be projected into the future for as long as there are anticipated benefits payable under the plan's provisions applicable to the members and beneficiaries of the Plan on the Measurement Date. If the FNP is not projected to be depleted at any point in the future, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments expected to be used to finance the benefit payments may be used as the SEIR.

If, however, the FNP is projected to be depleted, the SEIR is determined as the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by discounting all projected benefit payments through the date of depletion by the long term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion by a 20-year tax-exempt municipal bond (rating AA/Aa or higher) rate (Municipal Bond Index Rate). The Municipal Bond Index Rate used, if necessary, for this purpose is the average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index, and the Bloomberg (Barclays) General Obligation 20-year Muni Bond Index. The rates as of September 30, 2025 were 4.90%, 4.50%, and 4.47% for the Bond Buyer, S&P, and Barclays Municipal Bond Indices, respectively. These three rates resulted in an averaged Municipal Bond Index Rate of 4.62%. For the purpose of this report, we have determined that a discount rate of 5.05% as of September 30, 2025 meets the requirements of GASB 74, as it is our understanding that a portion of the health care premium rate paid on behalf of active employees will be used to fund the OPEB plan.

The sections that follow provide the results of all the necessary calculations, presented in the order laid out in GASB 74 for note disclosure and Required Supplementary Information (RSI).





The actuarial related information presented herein will follow the order presented in GASB 74. Paragraph numbers are provided for ease of reference.

Paragraphs 34.a. (1)-(3): This information will be supplied by the Plan.

**Paragraph 34.a. (4):** The data required regarding the membership of the Plan were furnished by the PEEHIP and the Alabama Teachers' Retirement System. The following table summarizes the membership of the Fund as of September 30, 2024, the date of the valuation used to determine the September 30, 2025 Total OPEB Liability.

| Member Type   | Total Number<br>TRS | Number Not<br>Eligible for or<br>Waiving PEEHIP | Total Number<br>PEEHIP |
|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| Retired Members or Surviving Spouses<br>Currently Receiving Benefits              | 109,312             | (6,359)   | 102,953                |
| Inactive Members Entitled To But Not Yet Receiving Benefits                       | 7,252               | (266)   | 6,986                  |
| Non-vested Inactive Members Who Have Not Contributed to TRS For More Than 5 Years | 36,195              | (36,195)  | 0                      |
| Active Members  | 139,806             | (2,448)   | 137,358                |
| Total   | 292,565             | (45,268)  | 247,297                |

| Inactive Membership                            | Male   | Female | Total   |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| Retired Members Currently Receiving Benefits   | 24,430 | 75,762 | 100,192 |
| Surviving Spouses Currently Receiving Benefits | 1,233  | 1,528  | 2,761   |
| Total  | 25,663 | 77,290 | 102,953 |

Paragraphs 34.a. (5)-(6) and Paragraphs 34.b.-e.: This information will be supplied by the Plan.





**Paragraphs 35.a. (1)-(4):** As stated earlier, the NOL is equal to the TOL minus the FNP. That result, as of September 30, 2025, is presented in the following table.

| Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025   |    |   |  |  |
|---|----|---|--|--|
| Total OPEB Liability Pre-Medicare Total OPEB Liability Post-Medicare Total OPEB Liability | \$ | 3,289,114,545<br><u>7,173,755,516</u><br>10,462,870,061 |  |  |
| Fiduciary Net Position  |    | 2,625,976,000   |  |  |
| Net OPEB Liability  | \$ | 7,836,894,061   |  |  |
| Ratio of Fiduciary Net Position to Total OPEB Liability                                   |    | 25.10%  |  |  |

**Paragraph 35.b.:** This paragraph requires information regarding the actuarial assumptions used to measure the TOL. The actuarial assumptions utilized in developing the TOL are outlined in Schedule C. The Total OPEB Liability as of September 30, 2025 was determined based on an actuarial valuation prepared as of September 30, 2024, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of September 30, 2025, using the following actuarial assumptions:

| Inflation   | 2.50 percent   |
|---|--|
| Salary Increases  | 5.00 – 3.25 percent, including 2.75 percent wage inflation |
| Long-Term Investment Rate of Return                               | 7.00 percent compounded annually, net of investment        |
| Municipal Bond Index Rate at Measurement Date                     | expense, and including inflation 4.62 percent              |
| Municipal Bond Index Rate at Prior Measurement Date               | 3.89 percent   |
| Year FNP is projected to be Depleted                              | 2042   |
| Single Equivalent Interest Rate at Measurement Date               | 5.05 percent   |
| Single Equivalent Interest Rate at Prior Measurement Date         | 4.32 percent   |
| Medical Cost Trend Rate<br>Initial Trend Rate                     |  |
| Pre-Medicare Eligible<br>Medicare Eligible<br>Ultimate trend rate | 6.50 percent **  |
| Pre-Medicare Eligible<br>Medicare Eligible                        | 4.50 percent in 2033 FYE<br>4.50 percent in 2028 FYE       |
| OPTIONAL PLANS TREND RATE   | 2.00 percent   |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Initial Medicare trend rates are set based on renewal premium rates through calendar year 2025 with an assumed 0% increase for the upcoming 2026 – 2028 negotiation period.





### Mortality

The rates of mortality are based on the Pub-2010 Public Mortality Plans Mortality Tables, adjusted generationally based on scale MP-2020, with an adjustment of 66-2/3% to the table beginning in year 2019. The mortality tables are adjusted forward and/or back depending on the plan and group covered, as shown in the table below.

| Group                | Membership Table                    | Set Forward (+) / Set Back (-) | Adjustment to Rates   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Active Members       | Teacher Employee<br>Below Median    | None                           | 65%   |
| Service Retirees     | Teacher Below<br>Median             | Male: +2<br>Female: +2         | Male: 108% ages < 63, 96% ages > 67; Phasing down 63 – 67 Female: 112% ages < 69, 98% ages > 74; Phasing down 69 – 74 |
| Disabled<br>Retirees | Teacher Disability                  | Male: +8<br>Female: +3         | None  |
| Beneficiaries        | Contingent Survivor<br>Below Median | Male: +2<br>Female: None       | None  |

The decremental assumptions used in the valuation were selected based on the actuarial experience study prepared as of September 30, 2020, submitted to, and adopted by the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama Board on September 13, 2021.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) were based on the September 30, 2024 valuation.





The long-term expected return on plan assets is to be reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every five years, in conjunction with similar analysis for the Alabama Teachers' Retirement System. Several factors should be considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges should be combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are to be summarized in a manner suggested by the following table:

| Asset Class                           | Target<br>Allocation | Long-term<br>Expected Real<br>Rate of Return* |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Fixed income                          | 30%                  | 4.40%   |
| US Large Stocks                       | 38%                  | 8.00%   |
| US Mid Stocks                         | 8%                   | 10.00%  |
| US Small Stocks                       | 4%                   | 11.00%  |
| International Developed Market Stocks | 15%                  | 9.50%   |
| Cash                                  | 5%                   | 1.50%   |
| Total                                 | 100.0%               |   |

<sup>\*</sup> Geometric mean, includes 2.50% inflation

**Discount rate (SEIR)**. For the purpose of this report, we have determined that a discount rate of 5.05% as of September 30, 2025 meets the requirements of GASB 74, because any premiums paid to the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Board for active employees shall include an amount to partially fund the cost of coverage for retired employees.





### Paragraph 35.b.(1)

**Sensitivity analysis**: Disclosure of the sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rate. The following presents the Net OPEB Liability of the Fund, calculated using the current healthcare trend rates, as well as the Net OPEB Liability calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rates:

|                    | 1%   | Current Healthcare   | 1%   |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
|                    | Decrease   | Trend Rate   | Increase   |
|                    | (5.50% decreasing to 3.50%<br>for Pre-Medicare, Known<br>decreasing to 3.50% for<br>Medicare eligible) | (6.50% decreasing to 4.50%<br>for Pre-Medicare, Known<br>decreasing to 4.50% for<br>Medicare eligible) | (7.50% decreasing to 5.50%<br>for Pre-Medicare, Known<br>decreasing to 5.50% for<br>Medicare eligible) |
| Net OPEB Liability | 6,236,563,424  | 7,836,894,061  | 9,890,033,405  |

### Paragraph 35.b.(2)

- (a) Discount rate (SEIR). The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability was 5.05%.
- (b) Projected cash flows: The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan contributions will be made at the current contribution rates. Each year, the State specifies the monthly employer rate that participating school systems must contribute for each active employee. Currently, the monthly employer rate is \$800 per non-university active member. 9.751% of the employer contributions were used to assist in funding retiree benefit payments in fiscal year 2024. In fiscal year 2025, 19.757% of the employer contributions were used to assist in funding retiree benefit payments. It is assumed that the 19.757% will increase at the same rate as expected benefit payments for the closed group with a cap of 20.00%. It is assumed the \$800 rate will increase to \$904 in fiscal year 2026, increase 20% to \$1,085 in fiscal year 2027, and then will increase with inflation at 2.50% starting in fiscal year 2028. Retiree benefit payments for University members are paid by the Universities and are not included in the cash flow projections.
- **(c)** Long term rate of return: The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments will be determined based on the allocation of assets by asset class and by the mean and variance of real returns.
- **(d) Municipal bond rate:** The discount rate determination will use a municipal bond rate to the extent the trust is projected to run out of money before all benefits are paid.
- **(e) Periods of projected benefit payments:** Projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2123.
- **(f) Assumed asset allocation**: The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class were summarized on the prior page.
- (g) Sensitivity analysis: This paragraph requires disclosure of the sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Net OPEB Liability, calculated using the discount rate of 5.05%, as well as the Net OPEB Liability calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.05%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.05%) than the current rate:

|                    | 1% Decrease<br>(4.05%) | Current Discount Rate (5.05%) | 1% Increase<br>(6.05%) |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Net OPEB Liability | 9,532,996,365          | 7,836,894,061                 | 6,472,147,667          |





**Paragraph 35.c.:** September 30, 2024 is the actuarial valuation date upon which the TOL is based. The result is rolled forward using standard actuarial techniques to the measurement date. The roll forward calculation adds the normal cost (also called the service cost) for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, subtracts the actual benefit payments for the same period and then applies the expected investment rate of return for the period. If applicable, actuarial gains and losses arising from benefit changes, the differences between estimates and actual experience, and changes in assumptions or other inputs are reconciled to the TOL as of the Measurement Date. The procedure was used to determine the TOL as of September 30, 2025, as shown in the following table:

| TOL Roll Forward   |    |                 |
|--|----|-----------------|
| (a) TOL as of September 30, 2024*  | \$ | 11,550,954,146  |
| (b) Actual Benefit Payments and Refunds, for the Period October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025     |    | (296,495,000)   |
| (c) Interest on TOL<br>= [(a) x (Prior SEIR)] + [(b) x (Prior SEIR * 0.5)]                       |    | 492,596,927     |
| (d) Service Cost for the Period October 1, 2024 -<br>September 30, 2025 at the End of the Period |    | 418,581,901     |
| (e) Change Due to Change in Experience**   |    | (502,572,682)   |
| (f) Change Due to Change in Assumptions***   |    | (1,200,195,231) |
| (g) Change Due to Change in Benefits   | _  | 0               |
| (h) TOL Rolled Forward to September 30, 2025<br>= (a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e) + (f) + (g)        | \$ | 10,462,870,061  |

<sup>\*</sup> The TOL as of September 30, 2024 used in the roll forward was calculated using the discount rate as of the Prior Measurement Date.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Change due to Experience includes demographic changes such as retirements, terminations, disabilities, and deaths differing from expected as well as claims costs different from expected. The primary reason for the claims gain was pre-65 medical and optional claims costs slightly lower than anticipated.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Change due to Assumptions was due to a change in the discount rate from 4.32% to 5.05%.

### SECTION IV - REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



There are several tables of Required Supplementary Information (RSI) that need to be included in the Plan's financial statements. Paragraph numbers are provided for ease of reference.

**Paragraphs 36.a.-c.**: The required tables of schedules are provided in Schedule A.

**Paragraph 36.d. and 37**: The required schedule presenting the annual money-weighted rates of return is to be supplied by the Plan.

**Paragraph 38**: The following information should be noted regarding the RSI, particularly for the *Schedule* of *Employer Contributions*:

### Changes in actuarial assumptions:

In 2024, assumptions regarding aging factors were adjusted to reflect actual and anticipated experience more closely. Additionally, future healthcare trend rates for the Medicare Advantage Plan were updated.

In 2022, rates of plan participation and tobacco usage assumptions were adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.

In 2021, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability, and mortality were adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely. In 2021, economic assumptions and the assumed rates of salary increases were adjusted to reflect actual and anticipated experience more closely.

In 2019, the anticipated rates of participation, spouse coverage, and tobacco use were adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.

### Recent Plan Changes:

The 9/30/2022 valuation reflects the impact of Act 2022-222.

Beginning in plan year 2021, the MAPD plan premium rates exclude the ACA Health Insurer Fee which was repealed on December 20, 2019.

Effective January 1, 2017, Medicare eligible medical and prescription drug benefits are provided through the MAPD plan.

The Health Plan is changed each year to reflect the ACA maximum annual out-of-pocket amounts.



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### Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined employer contributions.

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of September 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Therefore, the actuarially determined employer contribution for fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 is determined based on the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2022. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

| Actuarial Cost Method  | Entry Age Normal                  |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Amortization Method  | Level Percent of Pay, Closed      |
| Remaining Amortization Period                                      | 19 Years                          |
| Asset Valuation Method   | Market Value of Assets            |
| Inflation  | 2.50 percent                      |
| Healthcare Cost Trend Rate Pre-Medicare Eligible Medicare Eligible | 7.00 percent                      |
| Ultimate Trend Rate  |                                   |
| Pre-Medicare eligible  | 4.50 percent                      |
| Medicare Eligible  | 4.50 percent                      |
| Year of Ultimate Trend Rate  |                                   |
| Pre-Medicare Eligible  | 2033                              |
| Medicare Eligible  | 2033                              |
| Optional Plans Trend Rate  | 2.00 percent                      |
| Investment Rate of Return  | 5.00 percent, including inflation |

<sup>\*</sup> Initial Medicare claims are set based on scheduled increases through calendar year 2025.





# SCHEDULE A - REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TABLES

|   |                     |                     |                       | HANGES IN THE<br>ASB 74 Paragrap |      |                | '' |                    |             |      |                  |      |                   |      |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------|----------------|----|--------------------|-------------|------|------------------|------|-------------------|------|
|   | 2017                | 2018                | 2019                  | 2020                             |      | 2021           |    | 2022               | 2023        |      | 2024             |      | 2025              | 2026 |
| Total OPEB Liability                              |                     |                     |                       |                                  |      |                |    |                    |             |      |                  |      |                   |      |
| Service Cost                                      | \$<br>327,568,574   | \$<br>299,066,115   | \$<br>219,135,939     | \$<br>157,316,135                | \$   | 314,904,634    | \$ | 162,866,487 \$     | 79,386,6    | 83   | \$ 115,473,37    | 1 \$ | \$ 418,581,901    |      |
| Interest  | 366,376,223         | 399,883,205         | 421,915,790           | 283,401,380                      |      | 244,095,901    |    | 277,732,661        | 230,929,7   | 62   | 261,040,73       | 9    | 492,596,927       |      |
| Benefit changes                                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                                |      | 0              |    | 0                  | 73,910,2    | 203  |                  | 0    | 0                 |      |
| Difference between expected and actual experience | 0                   | 184,547,248         | (3,452,330,157)       | 81,989,858                       |      | (27,975,210)   |    | (2,685,297,272)    | (558,900,7  | '10) | 5,070,325,40     | 1    | (502,572,682)     |      |
| Changes of assumptions                            | (918,644,181)       | 266,452,038         | (1,296,563,101)       | 2,513,243,548                    | (    | 1,356,791,705) |    | (1,281,790,687)    | 752,790,8   | 379  | 2,445,748,22     | 5    | (1,200,195,231)   |      |
| Benefit payments                                  | (271,746,000)       | (278,411,000)       | (289,843,000)         | (194,185,000)                    |      | (176,933,000)  |    | (186,253,000)      | (154,346,0  | 000) | (141,574,00      | 0)   | (296,495,000)     |      |
| Refunds of contributions                          | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                                |      | 0              |    | 0                  |             | 0    |                  | 0    | 0                 |      |
| Net change in Total OPEB Liability                | \$<br>(496,445,384) | \$<br>871,537,606   | \$<br>(4,397,684,529) | \$<br>2,841,765,921              | \$ ( | 1,002,699,380) | \$ | (3,712,741,811) \$ | 423,770,8   | 317  | \$ 7,751,013,73  | 6 \$ | (1,088,084,085)   |      |
| Fotal OPEB Liability - beginning                  | \$<br>9,272,437,170 | \$<br>8,775,991,786 | \$<br>9,647,529,392   | \$<br>5,249,844,863              | \$   | 8,091,610,784  | \$ | 7,088,911,404 \$   | 3,376,169,5 | 93   | \$ 3,799,940,41  | 0 \$ | \$ 11,550,954,146 |      |
| Total OPEB Liability - ending (a)                 | \$<br>8,775,991,786 | \$<br>9,647,529,392 | \$<br>5,249,844,863   | \$<br>8,091,610,784              | \$   | 7,088,911,404  | \$ | 3,376,169,593 \$   | 3,799,940,4 | 110  | \$ 11,550,954,14 | 6 \$ | \$ 10,462,870,061 |      |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position                       |                     |                     |                       |                                  |      |                |    |                    |             |      |                  |      |                   |      |
| Contributions - employer                          | \$<br>243,146,000   | \$<br>245,545,000   | \$<br>284,411,000     | \$<br>198,014,000                | \$   | 172,676,000    | \$ | 191,109,000 \$     | 155,663,0   | 000  | \$ 143,286,00    | 0 \$ | \$ 296,142,000    |      |
| Contributions - non-employer                      | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                                |      | 0              |    | 0                  |             | 0    |                  | 0    | 0                 |      |
| Contributions - member                            | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                                |      | 0              |    | 0                  |             | 0    |                  | 0    | 0                 |      |
| Net investment income                             | 138,261,000         | 114,501,000         | 55,407,000            | 122,121,000                      |      | 325,661,000    |    | (292,022,000)      | 243,725,0   | 000  | 478,898,00       | 0    | 270,273,000       |      |
| Benefit payments*                                 | (271,746,000)       | (278,411,000)       | (289,843,000)         | (194,185,000)                    |      | (176,933,000)  |    | (186,253,000)      | (154,346,0  | 000) | (141,574,00      | 0)   | (296,495,000)     |      |
| Administrative expense                            | (1,354,000)         | (1,346,000)         | (1,653,000)           | (1,226,000)                      |      | (1,001,000)    |    | (1,161,000)        | (923,0      | 000) | (869,00          | 0)   | (1,368,000)       |      |
| Refund of contributions                           | 0                   | 0                   | 0                     | 0                                |      | 0              |    | 0                  |             | 0    |                  | 0    | 0                 |      |
| Other   | 56,000              | (49,000)            | (48,000)              | (51,000)                         |      | (55,000)       |    | (50,000)           | (50,0       | 000) | (52,00           | 0)   | (55,000)          |      |
| Net change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position         | \$<br>108,363,000   | \$<br>80,240,000    | \$<br>48,274,000      | \$<br>124,673,000                | \$   | 320,348,000    | \$ | (288,377,000) \$   | 244,069,0   | 000  | \$ 479,689,00    | 0 \$ | \$ 268,497,000    |      |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - beginning           | \$<br>1,240,200,000 | \$<br>1,348,563,000 | \$<br>1,428,803,000   | \$<br>1,477,077,000              | \$   | 1,601,750,000  | \$ | 1,922,098,000 \$   | 1,633,721,0 | 000  | \$ 1,877,790,00  | 0 \$ | \$ 2,357,479,000  |      |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - ending (b)          | 1,348,563,000       | 1,428,803,000       | 1,477,077,000         | 1,601,750,000                    |      | 1,922,098,000  |    | 1,633,721,000      | 1,877,790,0 | 000  | 2,357,479,00     | 0    | 2,625,976,000     |      |
| Net OPEB Liability - ending (a) - (b)             | \$<br>7,427,428,786 | \$<br>8,218,726,392 | \$<br>3,772,767,863   | \$<br>6,489,860,784              | \$   | 5,166,813,404  | \$ | 1,742,448,593 \$   | 1,922,150,4 | 10   | \$ 9,193,475,14  | 6 \$ | \$ 7,836,894,061  |      |

<sup>\*</sup> Benefit payments are net of member contributions.

Note: Schedule is intended to show 10-year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.





# SCHEDULE A - REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TABLES

| SCHEDULE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  GASB 74 Paragraph 36.b.                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |      |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
|   | 2017             | 2018             | 2019             | 2020             | 2021             | 2022             | 2023             | 2024              | 2025              | 2026 |
|   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |      |
| Total OPEB Liability  | \$ 8,775,991,786 | \$ 9,647,529,392 | \$ 5,249,844,863 | \$ 8,091,610,784 | \$ 7,088,911,404 | \$ 3,376,169,593 | \$ 3,799,940,410 | \$ 11,550,954,146 | \$ 10,462,870,061 |      |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position   | 1,348,563,000    | 1,428,803,000    | 1,477,077,000    | 1,601,750,000    | 1,922,098,000    | 1,633,721,000    | 1,877,790,000    | 2,357,479,000     | 2,625,976,000     |      |
| Net OPEB Liability  | \$ 7,427,428,786 | \$ 8,218,726,392 | \$ 3,772,767,863 | \$ 6,489,860,784 | \$ 5,166,813,404 | \$ 1,742,448,593 | \$ 1,922,150,410 | \$ 9,193,475,146  | \$ 7,836,894,061  |      |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position<br>as a percentage of the<br>Total OPEB Liability | 15.37%           | 14.81%           | 28.14%           | 19.80%           | 27.11%           | 48.39%           | 49.42%           | 20.41%            | 25.10%            |      |
| Covered-employee payroll  | \$ 6,491,805,798 | \$ 6,765,826,173 | \$ 6,821,741,975 | \$ 7,264,629,266 | \$ 7,061,296,255 | \$ 7,269,648,670 | \$ 8,037,740,320 | \$ 8,469,075,379  | \$ 8,893,779,322  |      |
| Net OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered-<br>employee payroll            | 114.41%          | 121.47%          | 55.31%           | 89.34%           | 73.17%           | 23.97%           | 23.91%           | 108.55%           | 88.12%            |      |

Note: Schedule is intended to show 10-year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

|  | Total               | No | ot Eligible for<br>PEEHIP | Eligible for PEEHIP |  |
|--|---------------------|----|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Active Members   | 139,806             |    | (2,448)                   | 137,358             |  |
| Compensation 9/30/2024                                       | \$<br>8,840,497,519 | \$ | (184,751,220)             | \$<br>8,655,746,299 |  |
| Compensation rolled forward to 9/30/2025 (2.75% wage growth) |                     |    |                           | \$<br>8,893,779,322 |  |





# SCHEDULE A - REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TABLES

| SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  GASB 74 Paragraph 36.c.          |                |             |                |             |             |                |                |             |             |      |
|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| (\$ in Thousands)  |                |             |                |             |             |                |                |             |             |      |
|  | 2017           | 2018        | 2019           | 2020        | 2021        | 2022           | 2023           | 2024        | 2025        | 2026 |
| Actuarially determined employer contribution                         | \$697,677      | \$516,343   | \$566,237      | \$626,062   | \$642,141   | \$408,740      | \$431,224      | \$260,056   | \$350,711   |      |
| Actual employer contributions  | <u>243,146</u> | 245,545     | <u>284,411</u> | 198,014     | 172,676     | <u>191,109</u> | <u>155,663</u> | 143,286     | 296,142     |      |
| Annual contribution deficiency (excess)                              | \$454,531      | \$270,798   | \$281,826      | \$428,048   | \$469,465   | \$217,631      | \$275,561      | \$116,770   | \$54,569    |      |
| Covered-employee payroll   | \$6,491,806    | \$6,765,826 | \$6,821,742    | \$7,264,629 | \$7,061,296 | \$7,269,649    | \$8,037,740    | \$8,469,075 | \$8,893,779 |      |
| Actual contributions as a percentage of covered-<br>employee payroll | 3.75%          | 3.63%       | 4.17%          | 2.73%       | 2.45%       | 2.63%          | 1.94%          | 1.69%       | 3.33%       |      |

Note: Schedule is intended to show 10-year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.





**ELIGIBILITY:** Retiree medical eligibility is attained when an employee retires and is immediately eligible to draw a retirement annuity from the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama.

**RETIREE CONTRIBUTIONS:** Retiree contributions vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, Medicare eligibility and election, tobacco usage and, for non-Medicare eligible retirees and spouses, wellness credits.

In November 2004, the Alabama Legislature enacted legislation (Act 2004-649) that required the Public Education Employees' Insurance Board to implement a sliding scale premium for all employees retiring after September 30, 2005, based on their years of service at retirement.

The premium for retiree coverage is broken down into the employer share (what PEEHIP pays) and the retiree share. Under the sliding scale, the retiree will still be responsible for the retiree share; however, the employer share will increase or decrease based upon a retiree's years of service. For those employees retiring with 25 years of service, the employer would pay 100% of the employer share of the premium. For each year less than 25, the employer share would be reduced by 2%, and the retiree share would be increased accordingly. For each year over 25, the employer share would be increased by 2% and the retiree share would be reduced accordingly.

The sliding scale premium will not apply to disability retirements for twenty-four (24) months from the member's date of retirement, provided the member submits to PEEHIP proof of application for Social Security Disability benefits. The exemption from the sliding scale premium can be extended beyond twenty-four (24) months from the member's date of retirement if the member qualifies for Social Security Disability benefits during the twenty-four (24) months following the member's date of retirement.

For members retiring on or after January 1, 2012, Act 2011-704 establishes changes to the sliding scale premium calculation. Under the law, there are three major changes to the retiree sliding scale premium. These changes are related to a retiree's years of service (Service Premium Component), age at the time of retirement (Age Component), and subsidy premium (Subsidy Component).

- Service Premium Component: An employee who retires with less than 25 years of service will contribute 4% of the employer share for each year under 25 years of service instead of 2% under the current law. The Service Premium Component continues for the retiree's lifetime.
- Age Component: An employee who retires before becoming Medicare eligible will contribute 1% of the employer share for each year less than 65. Upon Medicare entitlement, the age component will be removed.
- Subsidy Component: An employee will contribute the net difference between the active employee subsidy and the non-Medicare eligible retiree subsidy (subsidy premium). The Fiscal Year 2025 subsidy premium amount is \$195.50 per month. Upon Medicare entitlement, the subsidy component will be removed.





### **Retired Members**

The following health insurance premiums are the base rates set by the PEEHIP Board. Base rates are before the wellness premiums, tobacco premiums, or the retiree sliding scale adjustments are applied, if applicable. The monthly premiums for members who retired prior to October 1, 2005, or members who retired on or after October 1, 2005, and before January 1, 2012, with 25 years of service are listed in the chart below and show a retiree's out-of-pocket cost after subtracting the retiree insurance contribution.

For the purpose of the sample premium rate charts disclosed below, NME designates "non-Medicare eligible" and ME designates "Medicare-eligible." Effective January 1, 2023, UnitedHealthcare became the administrator for Medicare-eligible retirees and Medicare-eligible dependents of retirees.

| Sample Premium Rates Effective October 1, 2024 |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Coverage Type                                  | Premium if Retiree<br>Subscriber is NME | Premium if Retiree<br>Subscriber is ME |  |  |  |  |  |
| Individual Coverage                            | \$200                                   | \$25                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family Coverage:                               |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NME dependent(s) but no spouse                 | \$445                                   | \$280                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NME dependent(s) and NME spouse                | \$555                                   | \$380                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NME dependent(s) and ME spouse                 | \$455                                   | \$280                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NME spouse only                                | \$530                                   | \$355                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ME spouse only                                 | \$265                                   | \$90                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Spousal ME dependent only                  | \$265                                   | \$90                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Spousal ME dependent and ME spouse         | \$330                                   | \$155                                  |  |  |  |  |  |

These rates apply to the PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan, the VIVA Health Plan, and the Medicare Advantage PPO Plan for Medicare-eligible retired members and Medicare-eligible dependents and are the monthly amounts that will be deducted from a retiree's benefit. The VIVA Health Plan is not available to retired members who are Medicare-eligible or retired members with dependents who are Medicare-eligible.

The premium rates do not include the \$50 monthly tobacco surcharge for both retirees and their spouses.

Retirees participating in the PEEHIP Supplemental Plan were assumed to cost \$185 monthly effective October 1, 2024.

The University System makes a contribution to PEEHIP for every University retiree participating in PEEHIP plans regardless of age or plan tier election. For Fiscal Year 2025, the monthly amount is \$351 per retiree.





The State per member per month funding can be used to purchase the PEEHIP Supplemental Plan or two optional plans at no cost to the retiree if the retiree is not purchasing one of the hospital medical plans. Additional optional plans can be purchased for \$38.00 per month per plan.

Optional Coverage: Active and Retired Members

Cancer \$38.00/month Individual or Family Coverage Indemnity \$38.00/month Individual or Family Coverage

Dental \$38.00/month Individual Coverage

\$50.00/month Family Coverage

Vision \$38.00/month Individual or Family Coverage

Retiree premiums for the four optional plans, Hospital Indemnity, Dental, Cancer and Vision, are \$38 per retiree per month. Since these plans can be purchased for \$0 in lieu of taking the hospital medical coverage, it is assumed that 75% of future participants in the Dental plan and 50% of future participants in the other optional plans will make the \$38 per month (\$50 for Family Dental) contributions.







### **Surviving Dependent**

The following health insurance premiums are the base rates set by law and approved by the PEEHIP Board. Base rates are before wellness and tobacco premiums are applied, if applicable. These rates begin the first of the month following the member's date of death.

For the purpose of the sample premium rate chart disclosed below, NME designates "non-Medicare eligible" and ME designates "Medicare-eligible."

| Coverage Type   | Effective<br>January 1, 2025 |
|---|------------------------------|
| Individual Coverage   |                              |
| NME Survivor  | \$1,001                      |
| ME Survivor   | \$260                        |
| Family Coverage:  |                              |
| NME Survivor and more than 1 Dependent or Only Dependent NME            | \$1,586                      |
| NME Survivor and ME dependent only                                      | \$1,367                      |
| ME Survivor and more than 1 Dependent or Only Dependent NME             | \$1,091                      |
| ME Survivor and ME dependent only                                       | \$520                        |
| Supplemental Medical Plan (Individual or Family)                        | \$185                        |
| Optional (Each Plan) - Cancer, Indemnity, Vision, and Individual Dental | \$38                         |
| Optional - Family Dental Premium  | \$50                         |
| Tobacco Premium for Survivor Enrolling in Hospital Medical              | \$50                         |
| Wellness Premium/NME Survivor   | \$50                         |





# Benefit Policy and Premium Changes Effective October 1, 2024

(Unless otherwise notated)

### Teladoc<sup>®</sup>

• All members who are enrolled in the PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan Group #14000 have access to Teladoc<sup>®</sup>, which provides consultations with board-certified doctors via phone or video 24 hours a day/7 days a week. This service is available at zero copay and can be used to speak with a doctor about a variety of issues such as cold, flu, allergies, infections, and more. Plus, when necessary, the doctor can even prescribe the appropriate medication needed for treatment. This benefit can be used in place of the emergency room or urgent care for non-emergency situations.

### Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Plan Changes

- The annual maximum Health FSA will increase to \$3,200 effective October 1, 2024.
- ◆ The Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DCRA) annual maximum contribution remains unchanged at \$5,000 (\$2,500 each if married filing separately).
- The Carryover Limit will increase to \$640 effective October 1, 2024.

### **VIVA Health Plan Benefit Changes**

- PEEHIP members covered by the VIVA Health Plan have access to teleconsultation through Teladoc<sup>®</sup> just like members covered under the PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan Group #14000 administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. However, there is a \$25 copayment for primary or urgent care consultation and a \$40 copayment for behavioral health consultation.
- ♦ The calendar year limit on the dental plan will increase to \$750 for the 2025 calendar year.
- The \$0 copayment for oral contraceptives will include generics and select brands effective with the 2025 calendar year.
- The combined medical and prescription drug in-network maximum annual out-of-pocket amounts remain unchanged at \$9,100 for individual and \$18,200 per family for the 2025 calendar year. The deductible remains unchanged at \$300 for individual and \$900 per family contract for the 2025 calendar year.
- There is an added benefit giving members access to gyms within the state, providing digital exercise guidance, covering certain home fitness related items, access to Live Lifestyle coaching, etc.
- VIVA began covering ABA therapy effective October 1, 2018, and coverage will be at 80% of the allowed amount after members meet the deductible. ABA therapy is available to those members with a diagnosis of autism, autism spectrum disorder, or pervasive developmental delay.

### Maximum Annual Out-of-Pocket Amounts for Medical Plan Group #14000

The combined medical and prescription drug in-network maximum annual out-of-pocket amounts were \$9,450 per individual and \$18,900 per family contract for the 2024 calendar year and are \$9,200 per individual and \$18,400 per family contract for the 2025 calendar year. This is a benefit enhancement.





### **Supplemental Medical Changes**

- The annual maximum amount of claims paid under Group #61000 was \$9,450 per individual and \$18,900 per family contract for the 2024 calendar year and is \$9,200 per individual and \$18,400 per family contract for the 2025 calendar year.
- Members enrolled in High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP) are not eligible for the PEEHIP Supplemental Medical Plan. The IRS-defined minimum deductibles for the HDHPs for calendar year 2025 will increase to \$1,650 for individual and \$3,300 for family.

### **Blue Distinction Centers for Bariatric Surgery**

- Since both quality of care and cost of care vary significantly among the broad choice of providers in Alabama, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama has established Blue Distinction Centers as facilities within the state that are proven to show the best healthcare outcomes for certain procedures. To ensure members covered under the PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan Group receive the safest and highest level of care when seeking treatment for surgery for morbid obesity or related bariatric procedures, coverage for these procedures is available only at Alabama Blue Distinction Center facilities effective January 1, 2018. No coverage is available for these procedures when done at a non-Alabama Blue Distinction Center. By using these facilities with proven results of better outcomes, members will experience less avoidable complications and re-admissions. Higher quality care and less complications equates to lower costs for the plan.
- Any in-network facility within the state can become a Blue Distinction Center if they meet certain quality of care criteria as set by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

### **Pharmacy Changes**

• Due to the fast-moving nature of both new drugs becoming available and price changes amongst existing drugs, PEEHIP implements various utilization management programs throughout the plan year to the commercial plan formulary, including prior authorizations, step therapy, quantity limits and the exclusion of some drugs to drive utilization to lower cost therapeutic alternative medications. This is to ensure that the PEEHIP formulary covers the most effective drugs at the most reasonable price. No changes were made to the drug copay tiers.

### **Medicare Advantage PPO Plans**

 UnitedHealthcare® replaced Humana® in administering the PEEHIP Group Medicare Advantage (PPO) Plan for Medicare-eligible retirees and Medicare-eligible dependents of retirees effective January 1, 2023.

### **Wellness Program**

• For the 2025 fiscal year, the only required activity to earn the \$50 wellness premium waiver is the wellness screening, which members can now receive at an in-network participating pharmacy in addition to the other continued screening location options (ADPH at work site wellness clinics, county health departments, or primary care physician's office). All other activities of the wellness program are on a voluntary basis. The wellness premium applies separately to members and spouses for a potential combined wellness premium of \$100 per month. Dependent children are not required to get a wellness screening.





### **Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA)**

The following table shows the current plan year MHSA benefits which are in compliance with federal law and/or to provide higher benefits than required by law.

| PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan (PPO)   | Mental Health Parity Compliant and<br>Board Approved MHSA Benefit   |
|--|---|
| Inpatient Facility Benefits  |   |
| In-Network   | 100% of the allowance subject to a \$200 per admission deductible and a \$25 copay for days 2-5 (copays and inpatient hospital deductible can be less than but not greater than medical).  Precertification required. |
| Out-of-Network   | 100% of the allowance subject to a \$200 per admission deductible and a \$25 copay for days 2-5.  Precertification required.  |
| Residential Treatment  |   |
| In-Network   | 100% of the allowed amount subject to a \$200 per admission deductible and a \$25 copay for days 2-5.  Precertification required.   |
| Out-of-Network   | 80% of the allowed amount subject to a \$200 per admission deductible and a \$25 copay for days 2-5.  Precertification required.  |
| Inpatient Physician  |   |
| In-Network   | 100% of the allowed amount, subject to \$0 copay. No visit limits.  Precertification is required.   |
| Out-of-Network   | 80% of the allowed amount. No visit limits.  Precertification is required.  |
| Outpatient Physician   |   |
| In-Network   | 100% of the allowed amount, subject to a \$10 copay at Certified Community Mental Health Centers and \$15 copay at Blue Choice Behavioral Network Providers. No visit limits.   |
| Out-of-Network   | 80% of the allowed amount, subject to the \$300 calendar year deductible. No visit limits.  |
| Outpatient Facility Intensive Outpatient (IOP) and Partial Hospitalization (PHP) |   |
| In-Network   | 100% of the allowed amount, subject to \$150 copay per treatment episode. Precertification required.  |
| Out-of-Network   | 100% of the allowed amount subject to the \$300 calendar year deductible. Precertification required.  |
| Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy  |   |
| In-Network   | 100% of the allowed amount, subject to a \$15 copay per visit.  No dollar limits. Precertification required.  |
| Out-of-Network   | 100% of the allowed amount, subject to the \$300 calendar year deductible. No dollar limits.  Precertification required.  |





The decremental assumptions used in the valuation were selected based on the actuarial experience study prepared as of September 30, 2020, submitted to, and adopted by the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama Board on September 13, 2021, and are reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the Plan. The assumptions were used in the retiree health care valuation for consistency and are under PEEHIP Board jurisdiction. The combined effect of the assumptions is expected to have no significant bias.

VALUATION DATE: September 30, 2024

**PAYROLL GROWTH:** 2.75% per annum, compounded annually.

**HEALTH CARE COST TREND RATES**: Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements which are detailed in the "Annual Increase in Medical/Prescription Drug/Optional Plan Costs" table below.

| Annual Increas | Annual Increase in Medical/Prescription Drug/Optional Plan Costs |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|--|------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
|                | Pre-Medicare   | Medicare-        | Optional |  |  |  |  |
| Fiscal Year    | Medical  | Eligible Medical | Plans    |  |  |  |  |
| Ending         | Trend*   | Trend            | Trend    |  |  |  |  |
| 2025           | 6.50%  | 0.00%**          | 2.00%    |  |  |  |  |
| 2026           | 6.25   | 0.00             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |
| 2027           | 6.00   | 0.00             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |
| 2028           | 5.75   | 4.50             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |
| 2029           | 5.50   | 4.50             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |
| 2030           | 5.25   | 4.50             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |
| 2031           | 5.00   | 4.50             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |
| 2032           | 4.75   | 4.50             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |
| 2033           | 4.50   | 4.50             | 2.00     |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Also applies to sliding scale age and years of service premium to be contributed by retirees, surviving dependent contributions, University Contributions and the PEEHIP Supplemental Plan cost.

The "Annual Increase in Base Contributions Received from Covered Members" table details how the expected increase in the amounts contributed from covered retirees and dependents will increase over time. The trend rates are detailed below and apply to the base rate retiree premiums only. The sliding scale premiums are assumed to increase with health care trend. The premiums for surviving dependents are assumed to approximate the assumed claims cost over time.

| Annual Increase in Base Contributions Received from Covered Members |                        |         |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Retiree Shar  | Retiree Optional Plans |         |  |  |  |  |
| Pre-Medicare  | Medicare Eligible      | Premium |  |  |  |  |
| 2.0%  | 1.0%                   | 2.0%    |  |  |  |  |



<sup>\*\*</sup> Initial Medicare trend rates are set based on renewal premium rates through calendar year 2025 with an assumed 0% increase for the upcoming 2026 – 2028 contract negotiation period.



**ANTICIPATED PLAN PARTICIPATION:** The assumed annual rates of plan participation and spouse coverage are as follows:

### **Medical Coverage**

| Service Retirement<br>Years of Service | Under 65 | Over 65 |
|--|----------|---------|
| 10 – 14                                | 30%      | 85%     |
| 15 – 19                                | 45%      | 85%     |
| 20 – 24                                | 65%      | 90%     |
| 25+                                    | 75%      | 90%     |

|                      | Under 65 | Over 65 |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| Disabled Retirement* | 90%      | 90%     |
| Vested Retirement    | 10%      | 10%     |
| Spouse Coverage**    | 55%      | 45%     |

<sup>\* 100%</sup> of current disabled retirees and future disabled retirees who are not also eligible for service retirement are assumed to qualify for Social Security Disability benefits and thus would be exempt from sliding scale contributions.

It is assumed 10% of current Pre-Medicare inactive members waiving medical coverage will enroll in medical coverage once attaining Medicare eligibility.

### **Optional Plan Coverage**

| Optional Plans     |               |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Plan               | Participation |  |  |  |  |
| Hospital Indemnity | 5%            |  |  |  |  |
| Dental             | 55%           |  |  |  |  |
| Cancer             | 10%           |  |  |  |  |
| Vision             | 15%           |  |  |  |  |

Wives are assumed to be three years younger than husbands.

We assume 10% of males and 6% of females pay the \$50 monthly tobacco surcharge. This applies to both retirees and spouses.

We assume 100% of Pre-Medicare eligible retirees and covered spouses will qualify for the wellness credit.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Percentage of participating members who are assumed to cover a spouse.



### ANNUAL EXPECTED MEDICAL/RX DRUGS CLAIMS (AGE ADJUSTED):

Per capita costs are adjusted to reflect expected cost changes related to age. The relative value factors used were developed from the Society of Actuaries' June 2013 research report Health Care Costs—From Birth to Death by Dale Yamamoto and from the ASOP 6 practice note developed by the American Academy of Actuaries. Representative values of the expected annual claims are as follows:

| Pre-Medicare Retirees |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Age                   | Male    | Female  |  |  |  |  |
| 40                    | \$4,640 | \$7,572 |  |  |  |  |
| 45                    | 5,751   | 8,016   |  |  |  |  |
| 50                    | 7,511   | 9,340   |  |  |  |  |
| 55                    | 9,855   | 10,881  |  |  |  |  |
| 60                    | 12,695  | 12,690  |  |  |  |  |
| 64                    | 15,504  | 14,857  |  |  |  |  |

| Medicare-Eligible Retirees |         |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Age                        | Male    | Female  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 65                         | \$2,223 | \$2,119 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70                         | 2,703   | 2,605   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75                         | 3,209   | 3,042   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80                         | 3,725   | 3,504   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85                         | 4,197   | 3,953   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90                         | 4,608   | 4,293   |  |  |  |  |  |

Claims for Medicare-Eligible retirees are set based on the 2025 plan year known premium rates.

**ANNUAL EXPECTED OPTIONAL PLAN CLAIMS:** Following is a chart detailing expected Optional Plan claims for the year following the valuation date. Optional Plan claims are not age-adjusted.

| Dental | Vision | Cancer | Hospital Indemnity |
|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Plan   | Plan   | Plan   | Plan               |
| \$454  | \$66   | \$111  |                    |

**ACTUARIAL METHOD:** Costs were determined using the Entry Age Normal Cost Method. Under this method, the normal cost is determined as a level percentage of payroll which, if applied for the average new member during the entire period of his/her anticipated covered service from hire date through full retirement eligibility date, would be required to meet the cost of all benefits payable on behalf of the member. The unfunded accrued liability is determined by subtracting the present value of future normal costs together with the actuarial value of assets from the present value of expected benefits to be paid by the Plan.

**ASSET VALUATION METHOD**: Market value.





**FEDERAL LEGISLATION:** The impacts of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) were addressed in this valuation. Review of the information currently available did not identify any specific provisions of the legislation that are anticipated to directly impact results at this time other than plan design features and fees currently mandated by the ACA and incorporated in the plan designs, which are included in the current baseline claims costs, and the changes to Medicare due to the IRA, which are included in our baseline Medicare costs and trend assumption. Continued monitoring of the impact on the Plan's liability due to this and other legislation, if applicable, will be required.

**COVID-19:** The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was considered in this valuation; however, no changes were incorporated at this time due to the level of uncertainty regarding the impact on both plan costs and contribution levels going forward. Given the uncertainty regarding COVID-19 (e.g., the impact of routine care being deferred, direct COVID-19 treatment and prevention costs, changes in contribution and budget projections), continued monitoring of the impact on the Plan's liability will be required.





**SALARY INCREASES**: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of future salary increases are as follows:

| Service   | Annual Rate* |  |
|-----------|--------------|--|
| 0         | 5.00%        |  |
| 1 – 5     | 4.00         |  |
| 6 – 10    | 3.75         |  |
| 11 – 15   | 3.50         |  |
| 16 & Over | 3.25         |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes wage inflation at 2.75% per annum.

**SEPARATIONS BEFORE SERVICE RETIREMENT**: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of death and disability are as follows:

|     |               |         | Annual Rates            |         |                  |         |         |         |  |
|-----|---------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
|     | Death*        |         | Disability Retirement** |         |                  |         |         |         |  |
| AGE |               |         |                         | Tie     | er 1             |         | Tier 2  |         |  |
| AGE | Malas Famalas |         | Males Females Males     |         | Females          |         |         |         |  |
|     | Wales         | remaies | Years of                | Service | Years of Service |         | Males   | Females |  |
|     |               |         | < 25                    | >= 25   | < 25             | >= 25   |         |         |  |
| 25  | 0.0143%       | 0.0072% | 0.1000%                 |         | 0.0700%          |         | 0.1000% | 0.0700% |  |
| 30  | 0.0195        | 0.0111  | 0.1000                  |         | 0.0700           |         | 0.1000  | 0.0700  |  |
| 35  | 0.0267        | 0.0169  | 0.1000                  |         | 0.0700           |         | 0.1000  | 0.0700  |  |
| 40  | 0.0371        | 0.0260  | 0.1300                  |         | 0.1700           |         | 0.1300  | 0.1700  |  |
| 45  | 0.0585        | 0.0403  | 0.2500                  | 0.2000% | 0.3200           | 0.2000% | 0.2500  | 0.3200  |  |
| 50  | 0.0969        | 0.0605  | 0.5000                  | 0.2000  | 0.5800           | 0.2000  | 0.5000  | 0.5800  |  |
| 55  | 0.1508        | 0.0878  | 0.8000                  | 0.2000  | 0.9000           | 0.2250  | 0.8000  | 0.9000  |  |
| 60  | 0.2321        | 0.1326  | 0.5000                  | 0.2000  | 0.6500           | 0.3000  | 0.5000  | 0.6500  |  |
| 65  | 0.3809        | 0.2223  | 0.5000                  | 0.2000  | 0.6500           | 0.3000  | 0.5000  | 0.6500  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Base mortality rates as of 2010 before application of the improvement scale.



<sup>\*\*</sup> No rates of disability are assumed for members with less than 10 years of creditable service.



### **TERMINATION RATES:**

Values of the assumed annual rates of withdrawal are as follows:

|                  | Annual Rates of<br>Withdrawal* |        |  |  |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Years of Service | Male                           | Female |  |  |
| 0 - 3            | 12.00%                         | 11.00% |  |  |
| 4                | 10.00                          | 9.00   |  |  |
| 5                | 7.25                           | 6.50   |  |  |
| 6                | 6.25                           | 5.50   |  |  |
| 7                | 5.25                           | 5.00   |  |  |
| 8                | 5.00                           | 4.25   |  |  |
| 9                | 4.25                           | 3.50   |  |  |
| 10               | 3.25                           | 3.25   |  |  |
| 11               | 3.25                           | 3.00   |  |  |
| 12               | 3.00                           | 2.75   |  |  |
| 13               | 3.00                           | 2.50   |  |  |
| 14               | 2.75                           | 2.25   |  |  |
| 15               | 2.50                           | 2.25   |  |  |
| 16               | 2.00                           | 2.00   |  |  |
| 17               | 2.00                           | 1.90   |  |  |
| 18               | 2.00                           | 1.85   |  |  |
| 19               | 2.00                           | 1.70   |  |  |
| >= 20            | 1.00                           | 1.00   |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> No rates after eligibility for retirement.





### **SERVICE RETIREMENT:**

Values of the assumed annual rates of service retirement for Tier 1 are as follows:

|         |         | An        | es      |                  |        |  |
|---------|---------|-----------|---------|------------------|--------|--|
| AGE     | Males   |           | Females |                  |        |  |
|         | Years o | f Service | Yea     | Years of Service |        |  |
|         | < 25    | >= 25     | < 25    | 25               | >= 25  |  |
| 40 – 47 |         | 25.00%    |         | 25.00%           | 25.00% |  |
| 48      |         | 22.00     |         | 18.00            | 18.00  |  |
| 49      |         | 17.50     |         | 15.50            | 15.50  |  |
| 50      |         | 16.00     |         | 17.50            | 12.50  |  |
| 51      |         | 16.00     |         | 19.00            | 14.00  |  |
| 52      |         | 16.00     |         | 19.50            | 14.50  |  |
| 53      |         | 16.00     |         | 20.00            | 15.00  |  |
| 54      |         | 16.00     |         | 21.50            | 16.50  |  |
| 55      |         | 15.50     |         | 22.00            | 17.00  |  |
| 56      |         | 15.50     |         | 22.00            | 17.00  |  |
| 57      |         | 15.50     |         | 22.50            | 17.50  |  |
| 58      |         | 15.50     |         | 23.50            | 18.50  |  |
| 59      |         | 18.00     |         | 25.00            | 20.00  |  |
| 60      | 12.00%  | 18.00     | 15.00%  | 29.00            | 24.00  |  |
| 61      | 9.50    | 18.00     | 12.00   | 29.00            | 24.00  |  |
| 62      | 22.00   | 32.00     | 21.00   | 45.00            | 40.00  |  |
| 63      | 16.00   | 27.50     | 16.00   | 36.00            | 31.00  |  |
| 64      | 14.00   | 21.50     | 15.50   | 32.50            | 27.50  |  |
| 65      | 25.00   | 27.50     | 27.00   | 38.00            | 38.00  |  |
| 66      | 25.00   | 27.50     | 28.00   | 40.00            | 40.00  |  |
| 67      | 22.00   | 23.50     | 23.00   | 33.00            | 33.00  |  |
| 68      | 21.00   | 22.50     | 25.00   | 33.00            | 33.00  |  |
| 69      | 21.00   | 22.50     | 20.50   | 30.00            | 30.00  |  |
| 70      | 21.00   | 22.50     | 24.50   | 30.00            | 30.00  |  |
| 71 – 74 | 20.00   | 22.50     | 22.00   | 30.00            | 30.00  |  |
| 75 – 76 | 30.00   | 22.50     | 30.00   | 30.00            | 30.00  |  |
| 77 – 79 | 30.00   | 22.50     | 30.00   | 30.00            | 30.00  |  |
| 80      | 100.00  | 100.00    | 100.00  | 100.00           | 100.00 |  |





Values of the assumed annual rates of service retirement for Tier 2 (Non-FLC) are as follows:

|         |                  |         |        | A       | nnual Rate       | es     |         |        |        |
|---------|------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| AGE     | Males            |         |        | Females |                  |        |         |        |        |
|         | Years of Service |         |        |         | Years of Service |        |         |        |        |
|         | < 25             | 25 – 29 | 30     | >= 31   | < 25             | 25     | 26 – 29 | 30     | >= 31  |
| 40 – 47 |                  |         | 10.00% | 10.00%  |                  |        |         | 10.00% | 10.00% |
| 48      |                  |         | 10.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| 49      |                  |         | 10.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| 50      |                  |         | 10.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| 51      |                  |         | 10.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| 52      |                  |         | 10.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| 53      |                  |         | 10.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| 54      |                  |         | 10.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 10.00  | 10.00  |
| 55      |                  |         | 20.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 20.00  | 10.00  |
| 56      |                  |         | 20.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 20.00  | 10.00  |
| 57      |                  |         | 20.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 20.00  | 10.00  |
| 58      |                  |         | 20.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 20.00  | 10.00  |
| 59      |                  |         | 20.00  | 10.00   |                  |        |         | 20.00  | 10.00  |
| 60      |                  |         | 40.00  | 40.00   |                  |        |         | 45.00  | 45.00  |
| 61      |                  |         | 40.00  | 40.00   |                  |        |         | 45.00  | 45.00  |
| 62      | 50.00%           | 60.00%  | 60.00  | 60.00   | 50.00%           | 70.00% | 70.00%  | 70.00  | 70.00  |
| 63      | 16.00            | 27.50   | 27.50  | 27.50   | 16.00            | 36.00  | 31.00   | 31.00  | 31.00  |
| 64      | 14.00            | 21.50   | 21.50  | 21.50   | 15.50            | 32.50  | 27.50   | 27.50  | 27.50  |
| 65      | 25.00            | 27.50   | 27.50  | 27.50   | 27.00            | 38.00  | 38.00   | 38.00  | 38.00  |
| 66      | 25.00            | 27.50   | 27.50  | 27.50   | 28.00            | 40.00  | 40.00   | 40.00  | 40.00  |
| 67      | 22.00            | 23.50   | 23.50  | 23.50   | 23.00            | 33.00  | 33.00   | 33.00  | 33.00  |
| 68      | 21.00            | 22.50   | 22.50  | 22.50   | 25.00            | 33.00  | 33.00   | 33.00  | 33.00  |
| 69      | 21.00            | 22.50   | 22.50  | 22.50   | 20.50            | 30.00  | 30.00   | 30.00  | 30.00  |
| 70      | 21.00            | 22.50   | 22.50  | 22.50   | 24.50            | 30.00  | 30.00   | 30.00  | 30.00  |
| 71 – 74 | 20.00            | 22.50   | 22.50  | 22.50   | 22.00            | 30.00  | 30.00   | 30.00  | 30.00  |
| 75 – 76 | 30.00            | 22.50   | 22.50  | 22.50   | 30.00            | 30.00  | 30.00   | 30.00  | 30.00  |
| 77 – 79 | 30.00            | 30.00   | 22.50  | 22.50   | 30.00            | 30.00  | 30.00   | 30.00  | 30.00  |
| 80      | 100.00           | 100.00  | 100.00 | 100.00  | 100.00           | 100.00 | 100.00  | 100.00 | 100.00 |





Values of the assumed annual rates of service retirement for Tier 2 (FLC) (for both males and females) are as follows:

|         |        | Annual Rate | es     |
|---------|--------|-------------|--------|
| AGE     | Ye     | ice         |        |
|         | 10     | 11 – 29     | >= 30  |
| 40 – 47 |        |             | 2.50%  |
| 48      |        |             | 2.50   |
| 49      |        |             | 5.00   |
| 50      |        |             | 5.00   |
| 51      |        |             | 10.00  |
| 52      |        |             | 10.00  |
| 53      |        |             | 10.00  |
| 54      |        |             | 10.00  |
| 55      |        |             | 10.00  |
| 56      | 15.00% | 15.00%      | 15.00  |
| 57      | 15.00  | 15.00       | 15.00  |
| 58      | 15.00  | 15.00       | 15.00  |
| 59      | 15.00  | 15.00       | 15.00  |
| 60      | 17.00  | 17.00       | 17.00  |
| 61      | 40.00  | 18.50       | 18.50  |
| 62      | 40.00  | 30.00       | 30.00  |
| 63      | 40.00  | 25.00       | 25.00  |
| 64      | 40.00  | 22.00       | 22.00  |
| 65      | 40.00  | 27.00       | 27.00  |
| 66      | 40.00  | 38.00       | 38.00  |
| 67      | 40.00  | 30.00       | 30.00  |
| 68      | 40.00  | 30.00       | 30.00  |
| 69      | 40.00  | 30.00       | 30.00  |
| 70 – 74 | 60.00  | 30.00       | 30.00  |
| 75      | 100.00 | 100.00      | 100.00 |





**DEATHS AFTER RETIREMENT**: Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teacher tables with the following adjustments, projected generationally using scale MP-2020 through 2018 and scale MP-2020 adjusted by 66-2/3% beginning with year 2019:

| Group             | Membership Table    | SetForward(+)/ Setback (-) | Adjustment to Rates     |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Service Retirees  | Teacher Retiree -   | Male: +2, Female: +2       | Male: 108% ages < 63,   |
|                   | Below Median        |                            | 96% ages > 67;          |
|                   |                     |                            | Phasing down 63 – 67    |
|                   |                     |                            | Female: 112% ages < 69, |
|                   |                     |                            | 98% ages > 74;          |
|                   |                     |                            | Phasing down 69 – 74    |
| Beneficiaries     | Contingent Survivor | Male: +2, Female: None     | None                    |
|                   | Below Median        |                            |                         |
| Disabled Retirees | Teacher Disability  | Male: +8, Female: +3       | None                    |



# SCHEDULE D - ACTUARIAL COST METHOD



- 1. The valuation is prepared on the projected benefit basis, under which the present value, at the interest rate assumed to be earned in the future (currently 5.05%), of each participant's expected retiree health benefit at retirement or death is based on his age and service. The calculations take into account the probability of a participant's death or termination of employment prior to becoming eligible for a benefit, as well as the probability of his terminating with a service, disability or survivor's benefit. The present value of the expected benefits payable on account of the active participants is added to the present value of the expected future payments to retired participants and beneficiaries to obtain the present value of all expected benefits payable from the Plan on account of the present group of participants and beneficiaries.
- 2. The contributions required to support the benefits of the Plan are determined following a level funding approach and consist of a normal contribution and an accrued liability contribution.
- 3. The normal contribution is determined using the "entry age normal" method. Using this method, a calculation is made to determine the uniform and constant percentage rate of employer contribution which, if applied to the compensation of each participant during the entire period of his anticipated covered service, would be required in addition to the contributions of the participant to meet the cost of all benefits payable on his behalf.
- 4. The present value of future unfunded accrued liability contributions is determined by subtracting the present value of prospective normal contributions, together with the current assets held, from the present value of expected benefits to be paid from the Plan.

