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Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama Report of the Actuary on the Annual Valuation Prepared as of September 30, 2009





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June 21, 2010

Board of Control Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama Montgomery, Alabama

Members of the Board:

In this report are submitted the results of the annual valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama, prepared as of September 30, 2009 in accordance with Section 367(15) of the act governing the operation of the System.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the funded status of the System as of September 30, 2009, to recommend rates of State contribution and to provide accounting information under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 25 and 27 (GASB 25 and 27). While not verifying the data at source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonability. On the basis of this valuation, it is recommended that the State make contributions to the Retirement System at the rate of 12.75% of payroll for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, based on a 30-year amortization period.

The promised benefits of the System are included in the actuarially calculated contribution rates which are developed using the Entry Age Normal cost method. Five-year market related value of assets is used for actuarial valuation purposes. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability that is being amortized by regular annual contributions as a level percentage of payroll, on the assumption that payroll will increase by 4.50% annually. The assumptions recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Board are in the aggregate reasonably related to the experience under the Fund and to reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the Fund and meet the parameters for the disclosures under GASB 25 and 27.

We have prepared the Schedule of Funding Progress and Trend Information shown in the financial section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and all supporting schedules including the Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data, the Solvency Test and the Analysis of Financial Experience shown in the actuarial section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

This is to certify that the independent consulting actuary is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and has experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems, that the valuation was 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 retirement system and on actuarial assumptions that are internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the System.



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Future actuarial 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 economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

In our opinion the System is operating on an actuarially sound basis. Assuming that contributions to the System are made by the employer from year to year in the future at the rates recommended on the basis of the successive actuarial valuations, the continued sufficiency of the retirement fund to provide the benefits called for under the System may be safely anticipated.

The Table of Contents, which immediately follows, outlines the material contained in the report.

Respectfully submitted,

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TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA REPORT OF THE ACTUARY ON THE ANNUAL VALUATION PREPARED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS

1. For convenience of reference, the principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the preceding year's results are summarized below:

VALUATION DATE	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
Active members Number Annual compensation*	137,935 \$ 5,908,098,156	141,528 \$ 5,969,302,850
Retired members and beneficiaries Number Annual allowances*	69,281 \$ 1,437,159,759	66,928 \$ 1,375,347,821
DROP participants Number Annual compensation* Annual allowances	5,340 \$ 328,823,442 164,115,842	5,169 \$ 325,038,414 155,708,179
Assets		
Actuarial value Market value	\$ 20,582,348,079 15,971,029,120	\$ 20,812,477,194 17,958,423,518
Unfunded accrued liability	\$ 6,955,052,270	\$ 5,991,639,989
Funded Ratio	74.7%	77.6%
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING	September 30, 2012	September 30, 2011**
Employer contribution rate Normal Accrued liability Death benefit Term life Administration Total	6.42% 5.95 0.12 0.05 <u>0.21</u> 12.75%	6.39% 5.74 0.12 0.05 <u>0.21</u> 12.51%
Amortization period	30 years	25 years

^{*}Amounts shown do not include any increase in effect after the valuation date.

- Comments on the valuation results as of September 30, 2009 are given in Section IV and further discussion of the contribution levels is set out in Section V.
- 3. Schedule B shows the development of the actuarial value of assets. Schedule D of this report outlines the full set of actuarial assumptions and methods employed in the current valuation. There have been no changes since the previous valuation.

^{**}The contribution rate has been revised since the previous valuation to reflect Act 2010-221, which increased the maximum allowed amortization (liquidation) period from 20 to 30 years.



- 4. Provisions of the System, as summarized in Schedule F, were taken into account in the current valuation.
- 5. Section VI of this report shows the certification of the liquidation period used to determine the accrued liability contribution rate.

SECTION II - MEMBERSHIP

 The following table shows the number of active members and their annual compensation as of September 30, 2009 on the basis of which the valuation was prepared.

TABLE 1

THE NUMBER AND ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

GROUP	NUMBER	COMPENSATION*
Males	36,412	\$ 1,888,395,411
Females	101,523	4,019,702,745
Total	137,935	\$ 5,908,098,156
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*In addition, there are 5,340 members with compensation of \$328,823,442 who are currently participating in the DROP. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.

The table reflects the active membership for whom complete valuation data were submitted. The results of the valuation were adjusted to take account of an additional 17,265 inactive members.



2. The following table shows a six-year history of active member valuation data.

TABLE 2 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVE MEMBER VALUATION DATA

Valuation <u>Date</u>	Number	Annual <u>Payroll</u>	Annual Average Pay	% Increase in Average Pay
9/30/2009 ¹	137,935	\$ 5,908,098,156	\$ 42,832	1.55%
9/30/2008 ²	141,528	5,969,302,850	42,178	6.55
9/30/2007 ³	141,217	5,589,726,297	39,583	7.41
9/30/2006 ⁴	138,613	5,108,187,755	36,852	5.20
6/30/2005 ⁵	135,126	4,733,415,807	35,030	2.73
6/30/2004 ⁶	131,814	4,494,548,521	34,098	(1.48)

¹ In addition, there are 5,340 employees with annual compensation of \$328,823,442 who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.

In addition, there are 5,169 employees with annual compensation of \$325,038,414 who are currently participating in

the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.

In addition, there are 5,071 employees with annual compensation of \$308,045,402 who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.

⁴ In addition, there are 5,375 employees with annual compensation of \$350,255,378 who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.

In addition, there are 4,839 employees with annual compensation of \$291,497,474 who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.

6 In addition, there are 4,468 employees with annual compensation of \$252,128,959 who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.

3. The following table shows the number and annual retirement allowances payable to retired members and their beneficiaries on the roll of the Retirement System as of the valuation date.

TABLE 3 THE NUMBER AND ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OF RETIRED MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES ON THE ROLL AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

GROUP	NUMBER	ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES
Service Retirements	61,345	\$ 1,342,111,091
Disability Retirements	4,373	47,570,038
Beneficiaries of Deceased Members	3,563	47,478,630
DROP Participants	5,340	164,115,842
Total	74,621	\$ 1,601,275,601



4. Schedule G shows the distribution by age and service of the number and average annual compensation of active members included in the valuation.

SECTION III - ASSETS

 The current retirement law provides for the maintenance of four funds for the purpose of recording the fiscal transactions of the System, namely, the Annuity Savings Fund, the Pension Accumulation Fund, the Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund, and the Deferred Retirement Option Plan Fund.

(a) Annuity Savings Fund

The Annuity Savings Fund is the fund to which are credited all contributions made by members together with regular interest thereon. When a member retires or when a survivor allowance becomes payable the amount of the member's accumulated contributions are transferred from the Annuity Savings Fund to the Pension Accumulation Fund. The market value of assets credited to the Annuity Savings Fund on September 30, 2009, which represent the accumulated contributions of active members to that date, including interest, amounted to \$3,233,664,229.

(b) Pension Accumulation Fund

The Pension Accumulation Fund is the fund to which are credited all contributions made by the employer, except those contributions made to the Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund which was created October 1, 1983. When a member retires or when a survivor allowance becomes payable, the pension is paid from this fund. In addition, the amount of the member's accumulated contributions is transferred from the Annuity Savings Fund to the Pension Accumulation Fund and the annuity is paid from this fund. On September 30, 2009 the market value of assets credited to this fund amounted to \$12,093,632,362.

(c) DROP Fund

The DROP Fund is the fund to which are credited deferred retirement benefits on behalf of members who elect to participate in the DROP, together with regular interest thereon. In addition, member contributions while participating in the DROP, together with regular interest therein, are credited to the Fund. At the end of the DROP deferral period, the member receives the amount of the deferred retirement benefits and contributions plus interest in the member's DROP account. On September 30, 2009, the market value of assets credited to this Fund amounted to \$643,732,529.

(d) Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund

The Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund is the fund to which are credited contributions made by the employer for the special pre-retirement death benefit which became effective October 1, 1983. On September 30, 2009, the market value of assets credited to this fund amounted to \$25,062,683.

2. As of September 30, 2009 the total market value of assets reported exclusive of the Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund amounted to \$15,971,029,120 as shown in the following table.

TABLE 4

MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS BY FUND
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

FUND	MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS
Annuity Savings Fund Pension Accumulation Fund DROP Fund	\$ 3,233,664,229 12,093,632,362 643,732,529
Total Market Value of Assets	\$ 15,971,029,120

- 3. The five-year market related actuarial value of assets as of September 30, 2009 was \$20,582,348,079. Schedule B shows the development of the actuarial value of assets as of September 30, 2009.
- 4. Schedule C shows the receipts and disbursements of the System for the year preceding the valuation date and a reconciliation of the fund balances at market value.

SECTION IV - COMMENTS ON VALUATION

- Schedule A of this report contains the valuation balance sheet which shows the present and prospective assets and liabilities of the System as of September 30, 2009.
- 2. The valuation balance sheet shows that the System has total prospective liabilities of \$33,550,375,482. Of this amount, \$15,328,507,784 is for the prospective benefits payable on account of present retired members, beneficiaries of deceased members, and DROP participants, and \$18,221,867,698 is for the prospective benefits payable on account of present active and inactive members. Against these liabilities, the System has total present actuarial value of assets, exclusive of the Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund, of \$20,582,348,079 as of September 30, 2009. The difference of \$12,968,027,403 between the total liabilities and the total present actuarial value of assets represents the present value of contributions to be made in the future. Of this amount, \$2,633,508,451 is the present value of future contributions expected to be made by members to the Annuity Savings Fund, and the balance of \$10,334,518,952 represents the present value of future contributions payable by the employer.



- 3. The employer's regular contributions to the System consist of normal contributions and accrued liability contributions. The valuation indicates that employer normal contributions at the rate of 6.42% of payroll are required to provide the benefits of the System for the average new member.
- 4. Prospective normal contributions at the rate of 6.42% have a present value of \$3,379,466,682. When this amount is subtracted from \$10,334,518,952 which is the present value of the total future contributions to be made by the employer, there remains \$6,955,052,270 as the amount of future accrued liability contributions. Accrued liability contributions of 5.95% of payroll are to be made toward amortizing the unfunded accrued liability. Annual accrued liability contributions at the rate of 5.95% of payroll will amortize the unfunded accrued liability within 30 years from the valuation date on the assumption that the aggregate amount of accrued liability contribution will increase by 4.50% each year.
- 5. A contribution of 0.12% is required to meet the cost of the pre-retirement death benefit program this year. A contribution of 0.05% is required to meet the cost of group term-life insurance premiums.
- 6. An additional contribution of 0.21% of payroll is required to cover the expenses of administering the System.

SECTION V - CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY EMPLOYER

- The retirement law provides that the employer contributions are to be paid from the same source from which employees' salaries are paid.
- 2. On the basis of the actuarial valuation prepared as of September 30, 2009 it is recommended that the employer make contributions at the following rates beginning October 1, 2011:



TABLE 5

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES
AS A PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS' COMPENSATION

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012
Normal	6.42%
Accrued Liability	5.95
Death Benefit	0.12
Term-Life	0.05
Administration	<u>0.21</u>
Total	12.75%

3. Contributions at the above rates of payroll are also recommended for payment by the Alabama High School Athletic Association. The following table shows the rates to be paid by special units of the System in addition to the rates shown above and the fiscal year through which these additional rates are required to be paid.

TABLE 6

ADDITIONAL RATES REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL UNITS OF THE SYSTEM

UNIT	ADDITIONAL EMPLOYER RATE	THROUGH FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30
Alabama State Employees Association	2.66%	2015
Developing Alabama Youth Foundation	2.74	2017
Alabama Congress of Parents and Teachers	2.15	2020
Central Alabama Opportunities Industrialization Center	5.07	2020

SECTION VI - ANNUAL ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATION



The following is the annual actuarial certification to the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama required by Act 2000-732.

As a result of legislation enacted under Act 2010-221, which increased the maximum allowed amortization (liquidation) period from 20 to 30 years, the liquidation period used to determine the accrued liability contribution rate to be paid by employers to the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama was increased from 20 to 25 years as of September 30, 2008 and from 25 to 30 years as of September 30, 2009.

Signed

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SECTION VII – ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE

The following table shows the estimated gain or loss from various factors that resulted in an increase of \$963,412,281 in the unfunded accrued liability from \$5,991,639,989 to \$6,955,052,270 during the year ending September 30, 2009.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE

(in millions of dollars)

ITEM	AMOUNT OF INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	
Interest (8.00%) added to previous unfunded accrued liability Accrued liability contribution	\$ 479.3 (362.7)	
Experience: Valuation asset growth Pensioners' mortality Turnover and retirements New entrants Salary increases Method changes Amendments Assumption changes Miscellaneous changes Total	1,367.1 31.3 (3.9) 38.8 (547.6) 0.0 0.0 (38.9) \$ 963.4	



SECTION VIII - ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

1. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements 25 and 27 set forth certain items of required supplementary information to be disclosed in the financial statements of the System and the employer. One such item is a distribution of the number of employees by type of membership, as follows:

NUMBER OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

GROUP	NUMBER
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	69,281
DROP participants	5,340
Terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits	17,265
Active members	<u>137,935</u>
Total	229,821

2. Another such item is the schedule of funding progress as shown below.

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Actuarial Valuation <u>Date</u>	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
6/30/2004	\$18,704,009	\$20,886,190	\$ 2,182,181	89.6%	\$4,846,677	45.0%
6/30/2005	19,248,207	23,027,338	3,779,131	83.6	5,326,408*	71.0
9/30/2006	19,821,133	23,945,100	4,123,967	82.8	5,458,443	75.6
9/30/2007	20,650,916	25,971,534	5,320,618	79.5	6,310,616**	84.3
9/30/2008	20,812,477	26,804,117	5,991,640	77.6	6,294,341	95.2
9/30/2009	20,582,348	27,537,400	6,955,052	74.7	6,236,922	111.5

^{*}Includes pay increase granted under Act 2005-174.

^{**}Includes pay increase granted under Act 2007-296.

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3. The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at September 30, 2009. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Valuation date	09/30/2009	
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	
Amortization method	Level percent open	
Remaining amortization period	30 years	
Asset valuation method	Five-year market related value	
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return*	8.00%	
Projected salary increases*	5.00 - 7.75%	
Cost-of-living adjustments	None	
*Includes inflation at	4.50%	

TREND INFORMATION

(\$ in 1,000's)

Period <u>Ending</u>	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage Of APC <u>Contributed</u>	Net Pension Obligation (NPO)
September 30, 2007	\$519,247	100%	\$0
September 30, 2008	706,491	100	0
September 30, 2009	728,822	100	0



SCHEDULE A

VALUATION BALANCE SHEET SHOWING THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
As	SSETS	
Actuarial Value of Present Assets	\$ 20,582,348,079	\$ 20,812,477,194
Present value of future members' contributions to the Annuity Savings Fund	\$ 2,633,508,451	\$ 2,666,494,692
Present value of future employer contributions to the Pension Accumulation Fund		
Normal contributions Unfunded accrued liability contributions	\$ 3,379,466,682 6,955,052,270	\$ 3,405,908,761 5,991,639,989
Total prospective employer contributions	\$ 10,334,518,952	\$ 9,397,548,750
Total Assets	<u>\$ 33,550,375,482</u>	<u>\$ 32,876,520,636</u>
LIAE	BILITIES	
Present value of benefits payable on account of retired members, beneficiaries of deceased		
members now drawing retirement allowances, and DROP participants	\$ 15,328,507,784	\$ 14,678,974,980
Present value of prospective benefits payable on account of present active and inactive members: Service retirement allowances Disability retirement allowances	\$ 17,103,554,043 542,822,309	\$ 17,075,876,708 545,654,982
Survivor allowances Refunds of members' contributions	154,624,386 420,866,960	153,263,201 422,750,765
Total	\$ 18,221,867,698	\$ 18,197,545,656
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 33,550,375,482</u>	<u>\$ 32,876,520,636</u>



SCHEDULE A (continued)

SOLVENCY TEST (\$1000's)

		Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Asset					
Valuation Date	(1) Active Member Contributions	(2) (3) Retirants Active Members and (Employer Beneficiaries Financed Portion)		Reported Assets	(1) (2)		(3)
9/30/2009	\$3,233,664	\$15,328,508	\$8,975,228	\$20.582.348	100%	100%	22.5%
9/30/2008	3,153,859	14,678,975	8,971,283	20,812,477	100%	100%	33.2
9/30/2007 ¹	3,038,296	14,048,525	8,884,713	20,650,916	100	100	40.1
9/30/2006 ²	2,943,588	13,408,294	7,593,218	19,821,133	100	100	45.7
6/30/2005 ³	2,856,983	12,998,138	7,172,217	19,248,207	100	100	47.3
6/30/20044	2,779,858	11,491,556	6,614,776	18,704,009	100	100	67.0

Reflects pay increase payable under Act 2007-296.
Reflects changes in actuarial assumptions.
Reflects pay increase payable under Act 2005-174 and additional allowance payable under Act 2006-310.
Reflects additional allowance payable under Act 2005-174.



SCHEDULE B

DEVELOPMENT OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

		:	
(1)	Actuarial Value of Assets on September 30, 2008	\$	20,812,477,194
(2)	Market Value of Assets on September 30, 2009		15,971,029,120
(3)	Market Value of Assets on September 30, 2008	1	17,958,423,518
(4)	Net Cash Flow During the Fiscal Year a. Contributions b. Benefit Payments c. Administrative Expenses d. Investment Expenses e. Net Cash Flow: (a b c d.)		1,052,528,805 1,557,210,947 3,005,309 4,411,617 (512,099,068)
(5)	Actual Investment Return ((2) - (3) - (4)e.)		(1,475,295,330)
(6)	Assumed Rate of Return on Assets		8.00%
(7)	Expected Investment Return ((3) * (6)) + (((4)a (4)b(4)c.) * .5 * (6)) + (4)d.		1,420,778,000
(8)	Investment Gain/(Loss) for the Fiscal Year ((5) - (7))		(2,896,073,330)
(9)	Phased-In Recognition of Investment Gain/(Loss) a. Current Fiscal Year: (.2 * (8)) b. Prior Fiscal Year c. Second Prior Fiscal Year d. Third Prior Fiscal Year		(579,214,666) (1,011,014,422) 362,301,545 13,979,879
	e. Fourth Prior Fiscal Year f. Total Recognized Investment Gain/(Loss) for Fiscal Year		75,139,616 (1,138,808,048)
(10)	Actuarial Value of Assets on September 30, 2009 ((1) + (4)e. + (7) + (9)f.)	\$	20,582,348,079



SCHEDULE C

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Receipts for the Period		
Contributions:		
Members Employer	\$ 323,706,850 <u>728,821,955</u>	
Total		\$ 1,052,528,805
Investment Income		(1,479,706,947)
TOTAL		\$ (427,178,142)
Disbursements for the Period		
Benefit Payments Refunds to Members DROP Distributions Miscellaneous: Transfers to Plant Fund Transfers to Expense Fund	\$9,007,511 3,005,309	\$ 1,366,177,308 35,749,392 146,276,736
Total		12,012,820
TOTAL		\$ 1,560,216,256
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ (1,987,394,398)
Reconciliation of Asset Balances		
Market Value of Assets as of September 30, 2008		\$ 17,958,423,518
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		(1,987,394,398)
Market Value of Assets as of September 30, 2009		\$ 15,971,029,120



SCHEDULE D

OUTLINE OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

The assumptions and methods used in the valuation were selected based on the actuarial experience study prepared as of September 30, 2005, submitted to and adopted by the Board on May 21, 2007.

INVESTMENT RATE OF RETURN: 8% per annum, compounded annually.

SALARY INCREASES: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of future salary increases are as follows and include inflation at 4.50% per annum:

<u>Age</u>	Annual Rate
20	7.25%
25	7.25
30	7.75
35	7.00
40	6.50
45	6.25
50	6.00
55	5.50
60	5.00
65	5.00

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

			Annual Rate	of		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Death</u>	Disability		Withdr	awal	
				Years of S	Service	
		Mala	<u>0-4</u>	<u>5-9</u>	10-20	<u>20+</u>
		<u>Male</u>				
20 25	0.05% 0.07	0.05% 0.06	30.00% 16.50	12.00%		
30 35	0.08 0.09	0.07 0.13	15.00 15.00	5.50	5.50%	
40	0.11	0.20	14.50	5.50 5.50	3.00 3.00	1.25%
45	0.16	0.21	14.50	5.25	3.00	1.00
50 55	0.26 0.44	0.64	12.00	4.50	3.00	1.00
60	0.80	1.20	11.50 10.00	4.00 4.00	2.25	1.00
65	1.45		10.00	6.00		
69	2.17		10.00	6.00		
		<u>Female</u>				
20	0.03%	0.10%	30.00%			
25	0.03	0.10	14.50	8.00%		
30 35	0.04 0.05	0.10 0.15	14.50 13.50	6.00 6.00	4.00% 3.50	
40	0.08	0.16	12.00	4.50	2.50	1.50%
45	0.10	0.37	11.50	3.75	2.50	0.75
50 55	0.16 0.26	0.70 1.10	11.00 10.50	3.75 3.75	2.50 2.50	0.75 0.75
60	0.51	1.10	11.00	4.50	2.50	0.75
65	0.97		14.00	6.00		
69	1.37		14.00	6.00		



SERVICE RETIREMENT: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of service retirement are as follows:

For members first eligible for unreduced benefits upon attaining 25 years of service but before age 65, rates are as follows:

	Annua	al Rate*
<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
45	30.0%	30.0%
50	15.0	16.0
55	48.0	53.0
60	40.0	49.0
62	50.0	55.0

^{*}Retirement rates are increased by 7% in year when member first becomes eligible for unreduced service retirement on or after age 50 but before age 60.

For members first eligible for unreduced benefits before attaining 25 years of service and all members age 65 and over, the rates are as follows:

	Annua	l Rate
<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
60	13.0%	22.0%
62	30.0	30.0
65	34.0	35.0
67	26.0	27.0
69	25.0	26.0
70	25.0	26.0
72	26.0	25.0
75	100.0	100.0

DEATHS AFTER RETIREMENT: Rates of mortality for the period after service retirement are according to the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward one year for females. Special tables are used for the period after disability retirement. Representative values of the assumed annual rates of death after service and disability retirement are as follows:



Annual Rate of Death after

	Service Re	<u>etirement</u>	Disability	Retirement
<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
40 45 50	0.11% 0.16 0.26	0.08% 0.10 0.16	3.32% 3.49 3.76	2.60% 2.43 2.50
55	0.44	0.26	4.20	2.67
60	0.80	0.51	4.88	2.95
65 70	1.45	0.97	5.95	3.39
70 75	2.37	1.50	7.63	4.08
75	3.72	2.53	10.22	5.16
80	6.20	4.40	14.17	6.85
85	9.72	7.53	20.09	9.47
90	15.29	12.88	28.67	13.46

SPOUSE'S BENEFIT: For those eligible for spouse's benefits, it is assumed that 75% will elect the lump sum death benefit and 25% will elect the spouse's benefit.

VALUATION METHOD: Entry age normal cost method. Actuarial gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

ASSETS: Actuarial value, as developed in Schedule B. The actuarial value of assets recognizes a portion of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected value of assets, based on the assumed valuation rate of return. The amount recognized each year is 20% of the difference between market value and expected value.

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SCHEDULE E

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 8%), of each member's expected benefit payable at retirement or death is determined, based on his age, service, sex and compensation. The calculations take into account the probability of a member'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. Future salary increases are also anticipated. The present value of the expected benefits payable on account of the active members is added to the present value of the expected future payments to retired members and beneficiaries to obtain the present value of all expected benefits payable from the System on account of the present group of members and beneficiaries.
- 2. The employer contributions required to support the benefits of the System 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. Under this method, a calculation is made to determine the uniform and constant percentage rate of employer contribution which, if applied to the compensation of the average new member during the entire period of his anticipated covered service, would be required in addition to the contributions of the member to meet the cost of all benefits payable on his behalf.
- 4. The unfunded accrued liability contributions are determined by subtracting the present value of prospective employer normal contributions and member contributions together with the current assets held from the present value of expected benefits to be paid from the System.



SCHEDULE F

SUMMARY OF MAIN PLAN PROVISIONS AS INTERPRETED FOR VALUATION PURPOSES

The Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama was established on September 15, 1939 and went into effect September 30, 1941. The valuation took into account amendments to the System through the valuation date. The following summary describes the main benefit and contribution provisions of the System as interpreted for the valuation.

1 - DEFINITIONS

Average Final Compensation - the average compensation of a member for the 3 highest years in the last 10 years of Creditable Service.

Membership Service – all service rendered while a member of the retirement system and for which contributions are made.

Creditable Service – the sum of membership service, prior service, and any other service established as creditable in accordance with the provisions of the retirement law.

Annuity – payments for life derived from accumulated contributions of a member.

Pension – payments for life derived from employer contributions.

Retirement Allowance – the sum of the annuity and pension.

2 - BENEFITS

Service Retirement Allowance

Condition for Allowance

A retirement allowance is payable upon the request of any member who has completed 25 years of creditable service or who has attained age 60 and completed at least 10 years of creditable service

Amount of Allowance

Upon service retirement a member receives a retirement allowance equal to 2.0125% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. At retirement, a member receives one additional year of creditable service in determining the retirement allowance for each five years of service as a full-time certified firefighter, police officer, or correctional officer.

The member may elect to receive a reduced retirement allowance in order to provide an allowance to a designated beneficiary after the member's death (see "Special Privileges at Retirement" below).

Disability Retirement Allowance

Condition for Allowance

Amount of Allowance

Benefits Payable on Separation from Service

Benefits Payable upon Death in Active Service



A disability retirement allowance may be granted to a member who has 10 years or more of creditable service who becomes totally and permanently incapacitated for duty before reaching eligibility for a service retirement allowance.

On retirement for disability, a member receives a retirement allowance equal to 2.0125% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. At retirement, a member receives one additional year of creditable service in determining the retirement allowance for each five years of service as a full-time certified firefighter, police officer, or correctional officer.

The member may elect to receive a reduced retirement allowance in order to provide an allowance to a designated beneficiary after the member's death (see "Special Privileges at Retirement" below).

Any member who withdraws from service is entitled to receive his or her contributions with allowable interest. A member who has completed 10 years of creditable service may, after separation from service, continue in the membership of the System and file for service retirement after reaching age 60.

In the event of the death of a member eligible for service retirement, the designated beneficiary may elect (1) to exercise Option 3 defined below under "Special Privileges at Retirement" or (2) to receive a return of member contributions and total earned interest plus a death benefit payable from the pre-retirement death benefit fund equal to the salary on which the member made retirement contributions for the previous scholastic year (July 1-June 30).*

In the event of the death of a member with more than one year of service who is not eligible to retire, the designated beneficiary shall receive the return of member contributions and total earned interest. Also, the designated beneficiary shall receive an additional death benefit payable from the pre-retirement death benefit fund equal to the salary on which retirement contributions were made for the previous scholastic year (July 1-June 30).*

In the event of a job-related death of a member with less than one year of service, the designated beneficiary shall receive the return of member contributions and total earned interest plus a death benefit payable from the preretirement death benefit fund equal to the annual earnable compensation of the member at the time of death.* In the event of the death of a member with less than one year of service that is not job-related, the designated beneficiary shall receive the return of member contributions and total earned interest plus a matching death benefit which is limited to a \$5,000 maximum.

*However, if the death occurred more than 180 calendar days after the member's last day in pay status, or if the deceased had applied for a refund of contributions or terminated employment, the lump sum will be the same as if the member had less than one year of service and the death was not job-related.

Special Privileges at Retirement

In lieu of the full retirement allowance, any member may, at retirement, elect to receive a reduced retirement allowance equal in value to the full allowance, with the provision that:

Option 1 - If the member dies before annuity payments have equaled the present value of the annuity at the date of retirement, the balance is paid to a designated beneficiary or to his estate, or

Option 2 - After the member's death, the member's allowance is continued throughout the life of the designated beneficiary, or

Option 3 - After the member's death, one-half of the member's allowance is continued throughout the life of the designated beneficiary, or

Option 4 - Some other benefit is paid either to the member or to such other person as the member shall designate provided such benefit, together with the reduced retirement allowance, is of equivalent actuarial value to his retirement allowance and is approved by the Board of Control.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

A member may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) upon completion of at least 25 years of creditable service (excluding sick leave) and attainment of at least 55 years of age. Under the DROP, the member may defer receipt of a retirement allowance and continue employment for a period not to exceed five years, nor to be less than three years. At the end of this period, the member will withdraw from active service and receive the retirement benefit calculated at the time of enrollment in the DROP, and also receive a payment for the deferred retirement benefits, employee contributions while participating in the DROP and interest earned on DROP deposits.

Member Contributions

Regular members contribute 5% of salary. Certified police officers and firefighters contribute 6% of salary. DROP participants continue to contribute during the DROP period, but receive a refund of these contributions and interest upon retirement.



SCHEDULE G

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVE PARTICIPANT DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Attained Age											
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	≥ 40	Total
Under 25	1,513	2,264	23								3,800
Avg. Pay	29,334	30,830	25,904								30,205
25 to 29	1,357	8,595	2,548	12							12,512
Avg. Pay	30,256	35,801	41,761	29,309							36,407
30 to 34	1,097	5,791	6,394	1,921	15						15,218
Avg. Pay	32,491	37,154	44,704	48,577	44,375						41,439
35 to 39	1,111	5,615	4,659	5,819	1,623	23					18,850
Avg. Pay	33,922	35,603	43,173	50,012	53,154	43,590					43,344
40 to 44	731	4,599	4,246	4.062	4.006	4 240	20				40.400
Avg. Pay	31,463	34,669	39,475	4,062 46,313	4,096 53,878	1,346 53,310	26 39,895				19,106 43,528
45 to 49	627	2 950	4.454	4.005	2.255	0.070	4.000	40			00.070
Avg. Pay	35,312	3,850 33,176	4,151 38,169	4,235 42,189	3,355 49,761	3,373 53,917	1,039 54,969	40 42,595			20,670 43,280
50 to 54	514	2.005	2 207	2 224	0.504	0.070	0.050	4.000			
Avg. Pay	35,446	3,065 34,162	3,387 38,104	3,831 42,002	3,584 47,962	3,379 52,992	2,356 58,022	1,228 59,217	12 54,887		21,356 45,604
EE to EO	252	0.040	0.445	0.700							
55 to 59 Avg. Pay	353 37,912	2,218 35,718	2,415 39,542	2,799 40,708	3,006 46,393	3,128 50,686	616 57,715	339 64,303	71 62,626	90,818	14,946 44,288
00.4 0.4	450	4.500									
60 to 64 Avg. Pay	458 60,243	1,508 45,294	1,453 38,187	1,329 40,637	1,365 48,277	1,425 51,446	328 54,378	88 67,267	46 71,798	13 111,369	8,013 46,562
05.4-00	0.4	500									
65 to 69 Avg. Pay	81 64,462	599 51,628	569 33,548	435 44,337	331 53,402	284 53,706	106 51,040	37 55,790	19 76,468	12 97,129	2,473 47,531
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70 & up Avg. Pay	31 54,145	210 49,508	230 24,057	192 27,152	129 37,275	110 47,656	31 56,874	32 26,713	14 74,162	12 71,208	991 37,722
Total Avg. Pay	7,873 34,295	38,314 35,843	30,075 40,721	24,635 44,848	17,504 49,949	13,068 52,497	4,502 56,733	1,764 59,558	162 67,278	38 93,649	137,935 42,832