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Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama Report of the Actuary on the Annual Valuation Prepared as of September 30, 2016


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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, 2016 in accordance with Section 16-25-19(q) 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, 2016 and to recommend rates of State contribution. While not verifying the data at the source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonability.

Since the previous valuation, various assumptions and methods have been revised to reflect the results of the experience investigation for the five-year period ending September 30, 2015.

On the basis of the valuation, we have determined employer contribution rates of $12.41 \%$ of payroll for Tier I members and $11.35 \%$ of payroll for Tier II members for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

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 smoothed market value of assets is used for actuarial valuation purposes. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability that is being amortized by regular annual contributions as a level percentage of payroll, on the assumption that payroll will increase by $3.125 \%$ annually. The assumptions recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Board are in the aggregate reasonably related to the experience under the System and to reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the System. The assumptions and methods used for funding purposes meet the parameters outlined in the Board's funding policy.

In this report, we provided the following information and supporting schedules in the Actuarial and Statistical Sections of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR):

- Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods
- Actuarial Cost Method
- Summary of Plan Provisions as Interpreted for Valuation Purposes
- Schedule of Funding Progress
- Solvency Test
- Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data

We also provide the following schedules for the CAFR in a separate supplemental report:

- Analysis of Actuarial Gains and Losses
- Schedule of Retirants and Beneficiaries Added and Removed from Rolls
- Retired Members by Type of Benefit as of September 30, 2016
- Ten-Year History of Average Monthly Benefit Payments as of September 30

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The necessary GASB Statement Nos. 67 and 68 disclosure information is provided in separate supplemental reports.

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.

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.

The actuarial computations presented in this report are for purposes of determining the recommended funding amounts for the System. Use of these computations for purposes other than meeting these requirements may not be appropriate.

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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## 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, 2016 |  | September 30, 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Active members |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  | 136,731 |  | 135,986 |
| Annual compensation | \$ | 6,430,999,445 | \$ | 6,297,938,621 |
| Retired members and beneficiaries |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  | 91,574 |  | 88,633 |
| Annual allowances | \$ | 2,053,762,261 |  | 1,964,212,008 |
| DROP participants |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  | 0 |  | 699 |
| Annual compensation | \$ | 0 | \$ | 52,847,343 |
| Annual allowances |  | 0 |  | 26,937,787 |
| Deferred vested members |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  | 5,001 |  | N/A |
| Estimated deferred annual allowances | \$ | 65,824,827 |  | N/A |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Actuarial value |  | 22,645,511,571 | \$ | 21,740,279,791 |
| Market value |  | 22,758,953,967 |  | $21,574,652,720$ |
| Unfunded actuarial accrued liability | \$ | 10,498,321,874 | \$ | 10,104,562,691 |
| Funded Ratio based on Actuarial Value of Assets |  | 68.3\% |  | 68.3\% |
| CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING |  | September 30, 2019 |  | September 30, 2018 |
| Tier I (first hired prior to January 1, 2013) |  |  |  |  |
| Employer contribution rate |  |  |  |  |
| Normal |  | 2.20\% |  | 2.43\% |
| Unfunded actuarial accrued liability |  | 9.85 |  | 9.45 |
| Death benefit |  | 0.02 |  | 0.02 |
| Term life |  | 0.01 |  | 0.01 |
| Administration |  | 0.33 |  | 0.33 |
| Total |  | 12.41\% |  | 12.24\% |
| Tier III (first hired on or after January 1, 2013) |  |  |  |  |
| Employer contribution rate |  |  |  |  |
| Normal |  | 1.14\% |  | 1.20\% |
| Unfunded actuarial accrued liability |  | 9.85 |  | 9.45 |
| Death benefit |  | 0.02 |  | 0.02 |
| Term life |  | 0.01 |  | 0.01 |
| Administration |  | 0.33 |  | 0.33 |
| Total |  | 11.35\% |  | 11.01\% |
| Blended Amortization period |  | 29.2 years |  | 29.5 years |

2. Comments on the valuation results as of September 30, 2016, are shown 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 used in the current valuation. Since the previous valuation, various assumptions and methods have been revised to reflect the results of the experience investigation for the five-year period ending September 30, 2015. These revised assumptions, as summarized in the following table, were adopted by the Board on September 13, 2016.

|  | Summary of Recommended Assumptions |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Economic Assumptions |  |  |
| Price Inflation | Changed from $3.00 \%$ to $2.875 \%$ on September 30, 2016. <br> Change to 2.75\% on September 30, 2017. |  |  |
| Real Rate of Investment Return | No change in the current rate of 5.00\% |  |  |
| Total Rate of Investment Return | Changed from an ultimate rate of $8.00 \%$ to $7.875 \%$ on <br> September 30, 2016. Change to $7.75 \%$ on September 30, 2017. |  |  |
| Real Rate of Wage Inflation | No change in the current rate of $0.25 \%$. |  |  |
| Wage Inflation | Changed from 3.25\% to 3.125\% on September 30, 2016. <br> Change to 3.00\% on September 30, 2017. |  |  |
| Payroll Growth | Changed from 3.25\% to 3.125\% on September 30, 2016. <br> Change to 3.00\% on September 30, 2017. |  |  |
|  | Demographic Assumptions |  |  |
| Withdrawal | Changed assumed rates. |  |  |
| Retirement | Changed assumed rates. |  |  |
| Mortality | Changed assumed rates. |  |  |
| Disability | Changed assumed rates. |  |  |
| Merit/Promotion Scale | Changed assumed rates. |  |  |
| Other Assumptions and Methods and Administrative Changes |  |  |  |
| Unused Sick Leave | No change in assumption. |  |  |
| Asset Smoothing | No change in method. |  |  |
| Interest Smoothing Method | Changed to use a static discount rate. |  |  |
| Pre-retirement Death Benefit | Changed assumption. |  |  |
| Administrative Expenses | Changed assumption. |  |  |
| Term-Life Insurance | No change in assumption. |  |  |
| Separation from Service | No change in assumption. |  |  |
| All others | No change to other actuarial methods. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

In addition, for this valuation we have received data from the Retirement System in order to estimate benefits for vested inactive members. We have revised our method of determining liabilities for these members to reflect the estimated deferred benefit payments.
4. The Board funding policy is shown in Schedule F.
5. Provisions of the System, as summarized in Schedule H, were taken into account in the current valuation. There have been no changes since the previous valuation. Section VI of this report shows the certification of the liquidation period used to determine the accrued liability contribution rate.
6. The funded ratio shown in the Summary of Principal Results is the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability. The funded status would be different based on the market value of assets. The funded ratio is an indication of progress in funding the promised benefits. Since the ratio is less than $100 \%$, there is a need for additional contributions towards payment of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. In addition, this funded ratio does not have any relationship to measuring sufficiency if the plan had to settle its liabilities.

## SECTION II - MEMBERSHIP

1. The following table shows the number of active members and their annual compensation as of September 30, 2016 on the basis of which the valuation was prepared.

TABLE 1
THE NUMBER AND ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| GROUP | NUMBER | COMPENSATION |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Tier I | 107,356 | $\$$ | $5,364,266,392$ |
| Tier II | 29,375 |  | $1,066,733,053$ |
| Subtotal | 136,731 | $\$$ | $6,430,999,445$ |
| DROP | $\underline{0}$ |  | 0 |
| Total | 136,731 | $\$$ | $6,430,999,445$ |

The table reflects the active membership for whom complete valuation data were submitted. The results of the valuation include an estimated liability for an additional 59 vested inactive members where complete data was not available (with liabilities equal to contribution balances multiplied by a factor of two) and contribution balances for 11,710 non-vested inactive members who have contributed in the last 5 years and 29,349 non-vested inactive members who have not contributed for more than 5 years.
2. The following table shows a six-year history of active member valuation data.

TABLE 2
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVE MEMBER VALUATION DATA

| Valuation <br> Date | $\underline{\text { Number }}$ | Annual <br> Payroll | Annual <br> Average Pay | \% Increase in <br> Average Pay |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $9 / 30 / 2016^{1}$ | 136,731 | $\$ 6,430,999,445$ | $\$ 47,034$ | $1.56 \%$ |
| $9 / 30 / 2015^{2}$ | 135,986 | $6,297,938,621$ | 46,313 | 0.77 |
| $9 / 30 / 2014^{3}$ | 135,230 | $6,214,949,700$ | 45,958 | 1.48 |
| $9 / 30 / 2013^{4}$ | 133,919 | $6,065,042,345$ | 45,289 | 2.06 |
| $9 / 30 / 2012^{5}$ | 133,791 | $5,936,831,043$ | 44,374 | 3.74 |
| $9 / 30 / 2011^{6}$ | 135,768 | $5,807,655,862$ | 42,776 | $(0.12)$ |

${ }^{1}$ There are no employees currently participating in the DROP program.
${ }^{2}$ In addition, there are 699 employees with annual compensation of $\$ 52,847,343$ who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.
${ }^{3}$ In addition, there are 1,748 employees with annual compensation of $\$ 120,210,805$ who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.
${ }^{4}$ In addition, there are 3,029 employees with annual compensation of $\$ 198,322,151$ who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.
${ }^{5}$ In addition, there are 4,436 employees with annual compensation of $\$ 285,484,977$ who are currently participating in the DROP program. Employers of the Retirement System contribute on this payroll.
${ }^{6}$ In addition, there are 5,625 employees with annual compensation of $\$ \$ 351,906,404$ 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, 2016

| GROUP | NUMBER* | ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Service Retirements | 81,127 | \$ 1,916,477,346 |
| Disability Retirements | 5,672 | 64,451,566 |
| Beneficiaries of Deceased Members | 4,775 | 72,833,349 |
| Subtotal | 91,574 | \$ 2,053,762,261 |
| DROP Participants | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 91,574 | \$ 2,053,762,261 |

*In addition, there were 5,001 vested inactive members with estimated deferred annual allowances totaling $\$ 65,824,827$ included in the valuation.
4. Schedule I shows the distribution by age and service of the number and average annual compensation of active members included in the valuation and a distribution by age of the number and benefits of retired members and beneficiaries included in the valuation.

## SECTION III - ASSETS

1. The current retirement law provides for the maintenance of six funds for the purpose of recording the fiscal transactions of the System, namely, the Annuity Savings Fund, the Pension Accumulation Fund, the Deferred Retirement Option Plan Fund, the Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund, the Life Insurance Fund and the Expense 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, 2016, which represent the accumulated contributions of active members to that date, including interest, amounted to \$5,197,468,948.
(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, the Life Insurance Fund or the Expense Fund. 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, 2016 the market value of assets credited to this fund amounted to $\$ 17,254,054,154$.
(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. The DROP is closed to new participants as of June 1, 2011. On September 30, 2016, the market value of assets credited to this Fund amounted to $\$ 307,430,865$.
(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, 2016, the market value of assets credited to this fund amounted to $\$ 51,057,020$. These assets are not included in the valuation and the liabilities associated with these death benefits are not included in the valuation.
(e) Life Insurance Fund

The Life Insurance Fund is the fund to which are credited contributions made by the employer for life insurance benefits which became effective October 1, 1987. On September 30, 2016, the market value of assets credited to this fund amounted to $\$ 13,737,927$. These assets are not included in the valuation and the liabilities associated with these life insurance benefits are not included in the valuation.

## (f) Expense Fund

The Expense Fund is the fund from which the expenses of the administration of the retirement system are paid. Any amounts credited to the accounts of members withdrawing before retirement and not returnable under the provisions of subsection $(\mathrm{g})$ of Section 16-25-14 are credited to the Expense Fund. Additional contributions required to meet the expenses of the retirement system made by the employer are also credited to this fund. On September 30, 2016, the market value of assets credited to this fund amounted to $\$ 9,827,173$. These assets are not included in the valuation.
2. As of September 30, 2016 the total market value of assets reported exclusive of the Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Fund, the Life Insurance Fund and the Expense Fund amounted to \$22,758,953,967 as shown in the following table.

TABLE 4

## MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS BY FUND <br> AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| FUND | MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS |
| :--- | :---: |
| Annuity Savings Fund | $\$ 3,197,468,948$ |
| Pension Accumulation Fund |  |
| DROP Fund | $17,254,054,154$ |
| Total Market Value of Assets | $\$ 307,430,865$ |

3. The five-year market related actuarial value of assets as of September 30, 2016 was $\$ 22,645,511,571$. Schedule B shows the development of the actuarial value of assets as of September 30, 2016.
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

1. 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, 2016.
2. The valuation balance sheet shows that the System has total prospective liabilities of $\$ 37,576,823,051$. Of this amount, $\$ 19,257,159,897$ is for the prospective benefits payable on account of present retired members, beneficiaries of deceased members, and DROP participants, $\$ 566,647,999$ is for the prospective benefits payable on account of present inactive members and $\$ 17,753,015,155$ is for the prospective benefits payable on account of present active members. Against these liabilities, the System has total actuarial value of assets, exclusive of the PreRetirement Death Benefit Fund, the Life Insurance Fund and the Expense Fund, of $\$ 22,645,511,571$ as of September 30, 2016. The difference of $\$ 14,931,311,480$ between the total liabilities and the total actuarial value of assets represents the present value of contributions to be made in the future. Of this amount, $\$ 3,470,396,414$ is the present value of future contributions expected to be made by members to the Annuity Savings Fund, and the balance of $\$ 11,460,915,066$ 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 unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) contributions. The valuation indicates that employer normal contributions at the rate of $2.20 \%$ of payroll for Tier I members and $1.14 \%$ of payroll for Tier II members are required to provide the benefits of the System.
4. Prospective normal contributions have a present value of $\$ 962,593,192$. When this amount is subtracted from $\$ 11,460,915,066$ which is the present value of the total future contributions to be made by the employer, there remains $\$ 10,498,321,874$ as the amount of future UAAL contributions.
5. The funding policy adopted by the Board, as shown in Schedule F, provides that one-fifteenth of the unfunded actuarial liability as of September 30, 2012 (Transitional UAAL) will be amortized as a level percent of payroll over a closed period. The closed period shall be the amortization period for the September 30, 2012 valuation, not to exceed 30 years. The remaining Transitional UAAL each year will be amortized over an open period. The open period shall be the amortization period for the September 30, 2012 valuation, not to exceed 30 years. Each year the new closed transitional base
is calculated by dividing the remaining transitional UAAL at the beginning of the year by a declining value from 15 initially to 1 in the year 2026. After 15 years the entire Transitional UAAL will be closed. In each subsequent valuation all benefit changes, assumption and method changes and experience gains and/or losses that have occurred since the previous valuation will determine a New Incremental UAAL. Each New Incremental UAAL will be amortized as a level percent of payroll over a closed 30year period from the date it is established.
6. The total UAAL contribution rate is $9.85 \%$ of payroll determined in accordance with the Board's funding policy. The UAAL contribution rate has been calculated on the assumption that the aggregate amount of accrued liability contribution will increase by $3.125 \%$ each year. Schedule G of this report shows a projection of the open Transitional UAAL, the calculation of the closed transitional bases and amortization schedules for all closed bases on September 30, 2016.
7. The following table shows the components of the total unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) and the derivation of the accrued liability contribution rate in accordance with the funding policy.

TABLE 5
TOTAL UAAL AND UAAL CONTRIBUTION

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: |
|  | UAAL | Amortization <br> Period | Amortization <br> Payment |
| Open Transitional | $\$ 6,720,234,104$ | 30 | $\$ 430,782,442$ |
| Closed Transitional 9/30/2012 | $667,629,161$ | 26 | $45,967,602$ |
| Closed Transitional 9/30/2013 | $669,883,380$ | 27 | $45,227,607$ |
| Closed Transitional 9/30/2014 | $671,328,486$ | 28 | $44,499,509$ |
| Closed Transitional 9/30/2015 | $672,023,410$ | 29 | $43,783,117$ |
| Closed Transitional 9/30/2016 | $672,023,410$ | 30 | $43,078,244$ |
| New Incremental 9/30/2013 | $439,455,639$ | 27 | $29,670,130$ |
| New Incremental 9/30/2014 | $(171,733,132)$ | 28 | $(11,383,459)$ |
| New Incremental 9/30/2015 | $(81,169,487)$ | 29 | $(5,288,288)$ |
| New Incremental 9/30/2016 | $\underline{238,646,903}$ | 30 | $\underline{15,297,815}$ |
| Total | $\$ 10,498,321,874$ |  | $\$ 681,634,719$ |
| Total Amortized Payment Adjusted for Timing |  |  | $\$ 656,283,217$ |
| Total Estimated Payroll |  |  |  |
| UAAL Contribution Rate |  |  | $\$ 6,665,745,569$ |
|  |  |  | $9.85 \%$ |

*Estimated payroll based on applying the assumed salary scale to current salaries.
8. The Pre-Retirement Death Benefit Program was established October 1, 1983 under Alabama Code Section 36-27B. The liabilities and assets associated with the pre-retirement death benefit are not included in the annual actuarial valuation of the System; however, the sufficiency of the Fund to provide the promised benefits is reviewed annually. The contribution requirements are determined every five years during our experience investigation. A contribution of $0.02 \%$ is required to meet the cost of the pre-retirement death benefit program this year.
9. The Term Life Insurance fund was established under Alabama Code Section 16-25-33. The liabilities and assets associated with the term life insurance benefit are not included in the annual actuarial valuation of the System; however, the sufficiency of the Fund to provide the promised benefits is reviewed annually. The contribution requirements are determined every five years during our experience investigation. A contribution of $0.01 \%$ is required to meet the cost of life insurance premiums.
10. An additional contribution of $0.33 \%$ of payroll is required to cover the expenses of administering the System.
11. In our opinion, the current experience, assumptions and methods adopted by the Board support the funding policy and generally accepted and emerging practice. Assuming that required contributions continue to be made each year, the funding of the System will continue to remain on track.

## SECTION V - CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY EMPLOYER

1. 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, 2016 it is recommended that the employer make contributions at the following rates beginning October 1, 2018:

TABLE 6
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES AS A PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS' COMPENSATION*

| EMPLOYER <br> CONTRIBUTION RATE | FISCAL YEAR ENDING <br>  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 |  |  |
| Employer Normal Cost** | $\underline{\text { Tier I I }}$ | $\underline{\text { Tier II }}$ |
| Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability | $2.20 \%$ | $1.14 \%$ |
| Death Benefit | 9.85 | 9.85 |
| Term-Life | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Administration | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Total | $\underline{0.33}$ | $\underline{0.33}$ |

[^0]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. These additional rates were determined based on the liabilities for the prior service of members at the time the unit joined the System, amortized over a fixed number of years.

TABLE 7
ADDITIONAL RATES REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL UNITS OF THE SYSTEM

|  |  | THROUGH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ADDITIONAL | FISCAL |
| UNIT | EMPLOYER | YEAR ENDING |
| Reveloping Alabama Youth Foundation | RATE | SEPTEMBER 30 |
| Devabama Congress of Parents and Teachers | 2.74 | 2017 |
| Ala | 2.15 | 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.

1. We hereby certify that there has been a change since the previous valuation in the liquidation period used to determine the accrued liability contribution rate from 29.5 years to 29.2 years. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability rate of $9.85 \%$ to be paid by employers to the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama has been determined in accordance with the Funding Policy adopted by the Board and shown in Schedule G of this report.

Signed
Edward A. Macdonald, ASA, FCA, MAAA
President

## SECTION VII - ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE

The calculation of the System's liabilities and actuarial value of assets requires the use of several assumptions concerning the future experience of the System and its members. In each annual actuarial valuation, the experience of the System is compared with what was expected based on the actuarial assumptions. The differences between the actual and expected experience are called actuarial gains or losses depending on whether the difference increases or decreases the UAAL. The UAAL increased from $\$ 10,104,562,691$ on September 30, 2015 to $10,498,321,874$ on September 30, 2016. The most significant item contributing to the increase in the UAAL was the changes in assumptions from the experience study. This increase was offset by gains due to salary increases less than anticipated and by investment earnings in excess of expected. Other sources of gains and losses were relatively small and there appear to be no trends developing that would be of concern to the System.

The following tables show the reconciliation of the UAAL of the System and a breakdown by source of the actuarial gains and losses. These sources include the expected return on assets, salary increases, retirement, withdrawal, disability and mortality.
(Dollar amounts in thousands)


DEVELOPMENT OF (GAIN)/LOSS
FROM INVESTMENT RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

| (1) Actuarial Value of Assets (BOY) | \$ | 21,740,280 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (2) Net Cash Flow |  | $(1,009,979)$ |
| (3) Expected Return $[(1)+1 / 2[(2)]] \times 0.0802$ |  | 1,703,070 |
| (4) Expected Actuarial Value of Assets $[(1)+(2)+(3)]$ |  | 22,433,371 |
| (5) Actual Actuarial Value of Assets (EOY) |  | 22,645,512 |
| (6) (Gain)/Loss: (4) - (5) | \$ | $(212,141)$ |

(GAINS)/ LOSSES BY SOURCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

| SOURCE |  | Total | $\%$ of <br> Actuarial <br> Accrued <br> Liability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age and Service Retirements. Generally, earlier retirements cause losses and later retirements cause gains. <br> Withdrawal. More withdrawals than expected usually cause gains and less withdrawals than expected cause losses. <br> Disability Retirements. More disabilities than expected generally cause losses and less disabilities than expected cause gains. <br> Death-In-Service Benefits. If survivor claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If claims are more than assumed, there is a loss. <br> Salary Increases. If salaries increase more than expected, there is a loss. If salaries increase less than expected, there is a gain. <br> New Members/Rehires. Any past service causes losses. <br> Retiree Mortality. More deaths than expected cause gains, less than expected cause losses. Investment Return. Investment income greater than expected causes gains while investment income less than expected cause losses. <br> Other. Miscellaneous gains and losses resulting from data corrections, timing of financial transactions, unit transfers, changes in valuation software, etc. | \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,710 \\ 16,443 \\ 7,947 \\ 12,440 \\ (258,855) \\ 46,118 \\ 7,484 \\ (212,141) \\ \hline(9,450) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.01 \% \\ 0.05 \% \\ 0.02 \% \\ 0.04 \% \\ (0.80) \% \\ 0.14 \% \\ 0.02 \% \\ \hline(0.65) \% \\ \hline(0.03) \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Total (Gain)/Loss | \$ | $(385,304)$ | (1.20)\% |

## SECTION VIII - ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

The information required under Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statements No. 67 and 68 will be issued in separate reports. The following information is provided for informational purposes only.

1. The following is a distribution of the number of employees by type of membership.

## NUMBER OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| GROUP | NUMBER |
| :--- | ---: |
| Retirees and beneficiaries currently |  |
| receiving benefits | 91,574 |
| DROP participants | 0 |
| Terminated employees entitled to | 16,770 |
| benefits but not yet receiving benefits |  |
| Non-vested inactive members who have | 29,349 |
| not contributed for more than 5 years | $\underline{136,731}$ |
| Active members | 274,424 |
| Total |  |

2. The schedule of funding progress is shown below.

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actuarial Value of Assets (a) | Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (b) | Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a) | Funded Ratio (a/b) | Covered Payroll (c) | UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll $((b-a) / c)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9/30/2011 ${ }^{1}$ | \$19,430,135 | \$28,776,316 | \$9,346,181 | 67.5\% | \$6,159,562 | 151.7\% |
| 9/30/2012 ${ }^{2}$ | 18,786,008 | 28,251,367 | 9,465,359 | 66.5 | 6,222,316 | 152.1 |
| 9/30/2013 | 19,629,816 | 29,665,843 | 10,036,027 | 66.2 | 6,263,364 | 160.2 |
| 9/30/2014 | 20,809,871 | 30,837,829 | 10,027,958 | 67.5 | 6,335,161 | 158.3 |
| 9/30/2015 | 21,740,280 | 31,844,843 | 10,104,563 | 68.3 | 6,350,786 | 159.1 |
| 9/30/2016 ${ }^{1}$ | 22,645,512 | 33,143,834 | 10,498,322 | 68.3 | 6,430,999 | 163.2 |

[^1]3. The information presented above was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at September 30, 2016. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

| Valuation date | 09/30/2016 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry Age Normal |
| Single equivalent remaining <br> amortization period <br> Asset valuation method <br> Actuarial assumptions: <br> Investment Rate of <br> Return* <br> Projected salary <br> increases* <br> Cost-of-living adjustments <br> *Includes price inflation at | 29.2 years |

## SCHEDULE A

VALUATION BALANCE SHEET
SHOWING THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

|  September 30, 2016 <br> ASSETS  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Actuarial Value of Assets | \$ | 22,645,511,571 |
| Present value of future members' contributions to the Annuity Savings Fund | \$ | 3,470,396,414 |
| Present value of future employer contributions to the Pension Accumulation Fund |  |  |
| Normal contributions <br> Unfunded actuarial accrued liability contributions | \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 962,593,192 \\ 10,498,321,874 \end{array}$ |
| Total prospective employer contributions | \$ | 11,460,915,066 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 37,576,823,051 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Present value of benefits payable on account of retired members, beneficiaries of deceased members now drawing retirement allowances, and DROP participants |  |  |
| Service Retirements | \$ | 17,815,902,825 |
| Disability Retirements |  | 558,739,049 |
| Beneficiaries of Deceased Members |  | 575,087,158 |
| DROP Participant Accounts |  | 307,430,865 |
| Total | \$ | 19,257,159,897 |
| Inactive Members | \$ | 522,093,521 |
| Inactive T-Section Accounts | \$ | 44,554,478 |
| Present value of prospective benefits payable on account of present active members: |  |  |
| Service retirement allowances | \$ | 15,946,610,002 |
| Disability retirement allowances |  | 689,686,282 |
| Death Benefits |  | 110,793,912 |
| Termination Benefits |  | 1,005,924,959 |
| Total | \$ | 17,753,015,155 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | 37,576,823,051 |

## SCHEDULE A

(continued)
SOLVENCY TEST
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

| Valuation Date | Aggregate Accrued Liabilities For |  |  |  | Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Asset |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (1) <br> Active Member Contributions | (2) Retirants and Beneficiaries | (3) <br> Active Members (Employer Financed Portion) | Reported Assets | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 9/30/2016 ${ }^{1}$ | \$5,197,469 | \$19,257,160 | \$8,689,205 | \$22,645,512 | 100\% | 91\% | 0.0\% |
| 9/30/2015 | 4,894,145 | 18,621,250 | 8,329,448 | 21,740,280 | 100 | 90 | 0.0 |
| 9/30/2014 | 4,589,021 | 18,104,369 | 8,144,439 | 20,809,871 | 100 | 90 | 0.0 |
| 9/30/2013 | 4,261,269 | 17,666,932 | 7,737,642 | 19,629,816 | 100 | 87 | 0.0 |
| 9/30/2012 ${ }^{2}$ | 3,921,179 | 17,085,972 | 7,244,216 | 18,786,008 | 100 | 87 | 0.0 |
| 9/30/2011 ${ }^{1}$ | 3,620,301 | 17,245,088 | 7,910,927 | 19,430,135 | 100 | 92 | 0.0 |

${ }^{1}$ Reflects changes in actuarial assumptions and methods.
${ }^{2}$ Reflects changes in methods.

## SCHEDULE B

## DEVELOPMENT OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS



## SCHEDULE C

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| Receipts for the Period |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contributions: |  |  |
| Members | \$ 475,980,267 |  |
| Employer | 728,922,645 |  |
| Total |  | \$ 1,204,902,912 |
| Investment Income |  | 2,207,134,067* |
| TOTAL |  | \$ 3,412,036,979 |
| Disbursements for the Period |  |  |
| Benefit Payments |  | \$ 1,960,535,191 |
| Refunds to Members |  | 54,956,430 |
| DROP Distributions |  | 195,396,094 |
| Miscellaneous: |  |  |
| Transfers from Plant Fund | \$ 0 |  |
| Transfers to Expense Fund -Interest Forfeiture | 3,994,364 |  |
| Transfers to Expense Fund -Investment Expenses | 7,731,113 |  |
| Transfers to Pre-retirement Death Benefit Fund | 5,122,540 |  |
| Total |  | 16,848,017 |
| TOTAL |  | \$ 2,227,735,732 |
| Excess of Receipts over Disbursements |  | \$ 1,184,301,247 |
| Reconciliation of Asset Balances |  |  |
| Market Value of Assets as of September 30, 2015 |  | \$ 21,574,652,720 |
| Excess of Receipts over Disbursements |  | 1,184,301,247 |
| Market Value of Assets as of September 30, 2016 |  | \$ 22,758,953,967 |

*Net of \$5,869,000 in investment expenses.

## 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, 2015, submitted to and adopted by the Board on September 13, 2016.

INVESTMENT RATE OF RETURN: 7.875\% per annum, compounded annually, including price inflation at $2.875 \%$. In subsequent valuations, the assumed investment rate of return will be $7.75 \%$, including price inflation at 2.75\%

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

|  | Annual Rate |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Service | 2017 Valuation <br> and later** |  |
| 0 | $5.125 \%$ | $5.000 \%$ |
| $1-5$ | 4.125 | 4.000 |
| $6-10$ | 3.875 | 3.750 |
| $11-15$ | 3.625 | 3.500 |
| $16 \&$ Over | 3.375 | 3.250 |

*Includes wage inflation at 3.125\% per annum.
**Includes wage inflation at $3.000 \%$ per annum.

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


|  | Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 0.0293\% | 0.0008\% |  | 0.0008\% | 25.00\% |  |  |  |
| 25 | 0.0319 | 0.0250 |  | 0.0250 | 14.80 | 11.00\% |  |  |
| 30 | 0.0376 | 0.0425 |  | 0.0425 | 13.80 | 5.40 | 3.50\% |  |
| 35 | 0.0655 | 0.1300 |  | 0.1300 | 13.50 | 5.40 | 2.50 | 0.50\% |
| 40 | 0.0914 | 0.1700 |  | 0.1700 | 13.00 | 5.40 | 2.25 | 0.50 |
| 45 | 0.1278 | 0.2700 | 0.2000\% | 0.2700 | 13.00 | 5.40 | 2.25 | 0.75 |
| 50 | 0.1812 | 0.6000 | 0.2000 | 0.6000 | 12.00 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 0.80 |
| 55 | 0.2567 | 0.9000 | 0.2000 | 0.9000 | 11.50 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 0.90 |
| 60 | 0.3815 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 1.3000 | 12.00 | 4.50 | 2.50 | 0.90 |
| 65 | 0.5353 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 12.00 | 6.00 |  |  |
| 69 | 0.6326 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 12.00 | 6.25 |  |  |


|  | Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 0.0108\% | 0.0100\% |  | 0.0100\% | 25.00\% |  |  |  |
| 25 | 0.0117 | 0.0275 |  | 0.0275 | 12.75 | 9.00\% |  |  |
| 30 | 0.0149 | 0.0425 |  | 0.0425 | 13.50 | 5.80 | 4.30\% |  |
| 35 | 0.0268 | 0.1000 |  | 0.1000 | 13.50 | 5.00 | 2.60 | 1.50\% |
| 40 | 0.0399 | 0.2000 |  | 0.2000 | 11.50 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.50 |
| 45 | 0.0635 | 0.3500 | 0.2000\% | 0.3500 | 10.75 | 4.10 | 2.00 | 0.50 |
| 50 | 0.0947 | 0.6500 | 0.2000 | 0.6500 | 10.75 | 3.90 | 2.20 | 0.75 |
| 55 | 0.1371 | 1.0500 | 0.2000 | 1.0500 | 11.00 | 4.20 | 2.40 | 0.80 |
| 60 | 0.1929 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 1.4000 | 12.00 | 4.50 | 2.70 | 1.00 |
| 65 | 0.2743 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 15.00 | 6.75 |  |  |
| 69 | 0.3435 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 15.00 | 7.25 |  |  |

[^2]
## SERVICE RETIREMENT:

The assumed annual rates of service retirement for Tier I members are as follows:
For members upon attaining 25 years of service, rates are as follows:

|  | Annual Rate |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | Male $^{*}$ | Female $^{* *}$ |
| 47 \& Under |  |  |
| 48 | $25.0 \%$ | $28.0 \%$ |
| 49 | 25.0 | 20.0 |
| 50 | 20.0 | 17.0 |
| 51 to 53 | 16.5 | 13.0 |
| 54 | 16.0 | 15.0 |
| 55 | 16.0 | 17.0 |
| $56-57$ | 16.0 | 18.0 |
| 58 | 16.0 | 19.0 |
| 59 | 16.0 | 21.0 |
| 60 | 20.0 | 22.0 |
| 61 | 20.0 | 30.0 |
| 62 | 20.0 | 27.5 |
| 63 | 35.0 | 45.0 |
| 64 | 30.0 | 35.0 |
| 65 | 23.0 | 32.0 |
| 66 | 28.0 | 38.0 |
| 67 | 27.0 | 40.0 |
| 68 | 22.0 | 35.0 |
| 69 | 22.0 | 37.0 |
| $71-74$ | 22.0 | 30.0 |
| 75 | 20.0 | 30.0 |
| 75 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

*For males, retirement rates are increased by 5\% in the year first attaining 25 years of service from age 51 through age 60.
**For females, retirement rates are increased by 9\% in the year first attaining 25 years of service from age 50 through age 59.

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

|  | Annual Rate |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Age Group | $\frac{\text { Male }}{12.5 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Female }}{17.0 \%}$ |
| 60 | 11.0 | 13.5 |
| 61 | 25.0 | 23.5 |
| 62 | 18.5 | 18.0 |
| 63 | 15.0 | 17.0 |
| 64 | 28.0 | 28.0 |
| 65 | 27.0 | 28.0 |
| 66 | 22.0 | 23.0 |
| 67 | 22.0 | 27.0 |
| 68 | 22.0 | 22.0 |
| 69 | 22.0 | 26.0 |
| 70 | 20.0 | 24.0 |
| 71 to 74 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

The assumed annual rates of service retirement for Tier II members are as follows:

| Age Group | Annual Rate |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male* |  | Female** |  |
|  | Less than 25 | $\underline{5}$ or more years | Less than 25 | $\underline{25}$ or more years |
|  | years of service | of service | years of service | of service |
| 62 | 50.0\% | 60.0\% | 50.0\% | 70.0\% |
| 63 | 18.5 | 30.0 | 18.0 | 35.0 |
| 64 | 15.0 | 23.0 | 17.0 | 32.0 |
| 65 | 28.0 | 28.0 | 28.0 | 38.0 |
| 66 | 27.0 | 27.0 | 28.0 | 40.0 |
| 67 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 23.0 | 35.0 |
| 68 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 27.0 | 37.0 |
| 69 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 30.0 |
| 70 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 26.0 | 30.0 |
| 71 to 74 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 24.0 | 30.0 |
| 75 \& above | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* For FLC Tier II members, rates on or after age 60 are the same as those for Tier I, while rates from ages 56 to 59 are equal to 0.20 for service less than 25 years and 0.30 for service greater than or equal to 25 years.
** For FLC Tier II members, rates on or after age 60 are the same as those for Tier I, while rates from ages 56 to 59 are equal to 0.20 for service less than 25 years and 0.40 for service greater than or equal to 25 years.

DEATHS AFTER RETIREMENT: Rates of mortality for the period after service retirement are according to the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted $115 \%$ for all ages for males and $112 \%$ for ages 78 and over for females. The rates of disabled mortality were based on the RP2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted $105 \%$ for males and $120 \%$ for females. Representative values of assumed mortality are as follows:

|  | Service Retirement |  | Disability Retirement |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Age | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |  | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ |
| 55 | $0.3575 \%$ | $0.2339 \%$ | $3.5044 \%$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |
| 60 | 0.5579 | 0.3825 | 3.8359 | $2.7959 \%$ |
| 65 | 0.9991 | 0.6795 | 4.1382 | 2.6417 |
| 70 | 1.6384 | 1.1928 | 4.8570 | 3.5474 |
| 75 | 2.8589 | 2.0200 | 6.3692 | 4.9231 |
| 80 | 5.0501 | 3.7900 | 8.4883 | 6.8160 |
| 85 | 8.8966 | 6.5271 | 10.9897 | 9.4450 |
| 90 | 16.4327 | 11.3249 | 15.4359 | 13.4706 |

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

BENEFITS PAYABLE UPON SEPARATION FROM SERVICE: For active members who separate from service prior to eligibility for a service retirement allowance, the liability is assumed to be the greater of the value of the refund of contributions or the value of the deferred annuity.

UNUSED SICK LEAVE: $3 \%$ load on service retirement liabilities for active members. (No load for Tier II members)

PERCENTAGE MARRIED: $100 \%$ of active members are assumed to be married with the husband 3 years older than the wife.

VALUATION METHOD: Individual entry age normal cost method.
ASSET METHOD: 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 market value. In order to reduce short-term volatility in valuation results and because the market value and actuarial value of assets were close in value, the actuarial value of assets was set equal to the market value on September 30, 2012. 5 -year smoothing commenced again beginning September 30, 2013.

LIABILITY FOR CURRENT INACTIVE MEMBERS: Member Contribution Balance is multiplied by a factor of 2.0. for vested members with incomplete data and 1.0 for other inactive members.

LIABILITY FOR POST-DROP ACTIVE MEMBERS: Members are assumed to retire immediately and receive their accrued benefit.

COLA: No future ad hoc cost of living adjustments (COLAs) are assumed.
FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT: One year of creditable service per year of employment.

## 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 7.875\%), 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 "individual 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 each 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 actuarial 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

## BOARD FUNDING POLICY

The purpose of the funding policy is to state the overall funding objectives for the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (System), the benchmarks that will be used to measure progress in achieving those goals, and the methods and assumptions that will be employed to develop the benchmarks. The funding policy reflects the Board's long-term strategy for stability in funding of the plan.

## I. Funding Objectives

The goal in requiring employer and member contributions to the System is to accumulate sufficient assets during a member's employment to fully finance the benefits the member is expected to receive throughout retirement. In meeting this objective, the System will strive to meet the following funding objectives:

- To maintain an increasing funded ratio (ratio of system actuarial value of assets to actuarial accrued liabilities) that reflects a trend of improved actuarial condition. The long-term objective is to attain a funded ratio which is consistent with the fiscal health and long-term stability of the System.
- To maintain adequate asset levels to finance the benefits promised to members and monitor the future demands for liquidity.
- To develop a pattern of contribution rates expressed as a percentage of member payroll as measured by valuations prepared in accordance with applicable State laws and the principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board. In no event will the employer contribution rate be negative.
- To provide intergenerational equity for taxpayers with respect to System costs.


## II. Benchmarks

To track progress in achieving the previously outlined funding objectives, the following benchmarks will be measured annually as of the valuation date. The valuation date is the date that the annual actuarial valuation of the System's assets and liabilities is prepared. This date is currently September $30^{\text {th }}$ each year with due recognition that a single year's results may not be indicative of long-term trends:

- Funded ratio - The funded ratio, defined as the actuarial value of assets divided by the actuarial accrued liability, should increase over time, before adjustments for changes in benefits, actuarial methods, and/or actuarial assumptions. An open amortization period is one for which the amortization period is recalculated on a yearly basis and the ending date of the amortization period is a variable with each recalculation. A closed amortization period is one which is calculated over a fixed period and at the end of that period, the amount is fully amortized.
- Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)
$>$ Transitional UAAL - The UAAL established as of the initial valuation date for which this funding policy is adopted shall be known as the Transitional UAAL (applicable only to employers participating in the System as of the adoption date of the funding policy).
$>$ New Incremental UAAL - Each subsequent valuation will produce a New Incremental UAAL consisting of all benefit changes, assumption and method changes and experience gains and/or losses that have occurred since the previous valuation.
- UAAL Amortization Period and Contribution Rates
$>$ In each valuation $1 / 15^{\text {th }}$ of the Transitional UAAL will be amortized over a closed period. The closed period shall be the amortization period for the valuation preceding the adoption of the funding policy not to exceed 30 years. The remaining Transitional UAAL each year will be amortized over an open period. The open period shall be the amortization period for the valuation preceding the adoption of the funding policy not to exceed 30 years. After 15 years the entire Transitional UAAL will be closed.
$>$ Each New Incremental UAAL shall be amortized over a closed 30 year period.
$>$ Employer Normal Contribution Rate - the contribution rate determined as of the valuation date each year based on the provisions of Alabama Code Section 16-25-21.
$>$ In each valuation subsequent to the adoption of this funding policy the required employer contribution rate will be determined by the summation of the employer Normal Contribution Rate, a contribution rate for administrative expenses, a contribution rate for the preretirement death benefit fund, a contribution rate for the term life insurance fund, the
individual amortization rate for each of the New Incremental UAAL bases, the individual amortization rate for each of the 15 closed periods for the Transitional UAAL and the amortization of any remaining open portion of the Transitional UAAL.
- UAAL Amortization Period for Employers joining the System after the Implementation of this Funding Policy
> For Employers joining the System after the implementation of this Funding Policy, the employer contribution rate shall be computed as the sum of the employer Normal Contribution rate, a contribution rate for administrative expenses, a contribution rate for the pre-retirement death benefit fund, a contribution rate for the term life insurance fund, and the initial UAAL contribution rate. The initial UAAL contribution rate shall be determined by amortizing the initial UAAL over a closed period equal to the expected future working lifetime of the active membership. This initial amortization period shall not be less than 10 years nor greater than 30 years.
> In subsequent years the UAAL and employer contribution rate shall be determined in accordance with the rules of the Funding Policy described in the previous section.


## III. Methods and Assumptions

The actuarial funding method used to develop the benchmarks will be the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method. The actuarial methods and assumptions used will be those last adopted by the Board based upon the advice and recommendation of the actuary. The actuary shall conduct an investigation into the system's experience at least every five years and utilize the results of the investigation to form the basis for those recommendations.

## IV. Funding Policy Progress

The Board will periodically have projections of funded status performed to assess the current and expected future progress towards the overall funding goals of the System.

## SCHEDULE G

## PROJECTION OF TRANSITIONAL UAAL AND AMORTIZATION OF BASES

## PROJECTION OF THE OPEN TRANSITIONAL UAAL

| Valuation Date | Transitional UAAL <br> Beginning of Year <br> (1) | Years <br> (2) | Transitional Closed $(3)=(1) /(2)$ | Transitional Remaining Open $(4)=(1)-(3)$ | 7.875\% Interest $(5)=(4) \times .07875^{*}$ | Amortization Payment (6) | Transitional Open UAAL End of Year $(7)=(4)+(5)-(6)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9/30/2012 | \$9,465,359,317 | 15 | \$631,023,954 | 8,834,335,363 | \$706,746,829 | \$566,618,173 | \$8,974,464,019 |
| 9/30/2013 | 8,974,464,019 | 14 | 641,033,144 | 8,333,430,875 | 666,674,470 | 534,491,072 | 8,465,614,273 |
| 9/30/2014 | 8,465,614,273 | 13 | 651,201,098 | 7,814,413,175 | 625,153,054 | 501,202,222 | 7,938,364,007 |
| 9/30/2015 | 7,938,364,007 | 12 | 661,530,334 | 7,276,833,673 | 582,146,694 | 466,722,853 | 7,392,257,515 |
| 9/30/2016 | 7,392,257,515 | 11 | 672,023,410 | 6,720,234,104 | 529,218,436 | 430,782,442 | 6,818,670,097 |
| 9/30/2017 | 6,818,670,097 | 10 | 681,867,010 | 6,136,803,088 | 483,273,243 | 393,383,174 | 6,226,693,157 |
| 9/30/2018 | 6,226,693,157 | 9 | 691,854,795 | 5,534,838,362 | 435,868,521 | 354,795,852 | 5,615,911,031 |
| 9/30/2019 | 5,615,911,031 | 8 | 701,988,879 | 4,913,922,152 | 386,971,369 | 314,993,697 | 4,985,899,824 |
| 9/30/2020 | 4,985,899,824 | 7 | 712,271,404 | 4,273,628,421 | 336,548,238 | 273,949,398 | 4,336,227,261 |
| 9/30/2021 | 4,336,227,261 | 6 | 722,704,544 | 3,613,522,717 | 284,564,914 | 231,635,106 | 3,666,452,525 |
| 9/30/2022 | 3,666,452,525 | 5 | 733,290,505 | 2,933,162,020 | 230,986,509 | 188,022,423 | 2,976,126,106 |
| 9/30/2023 | 2,976,126,106 | 4 | 744,031,527 | 2,232,094,580 | 175,777,448 | 143,082,390 | 2,264,789,638 |
| 9/30/2024 | 2,264,789,638 | 3 | 754,929,880 | 1,509,859,759 | 118,901,456 | 96,785,479 | 1,531,975,736 |
| 9/30/2025 | 1,531,975,736 | 2 | 765,987,868 | 765,987,869 | 60,321,545 | 49,101,582 | 777,207,831 |
| 9/30/2026 | 777,207,831 | 1 | 777,207,831 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*8.00\% prior to September 30, 2016.

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AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR BASE CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012*

| Valuation Date | Balance of Transitional Closed 9/30/2012 | Annual Amortization Payment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9/30/2012 | \$631,023,954 | \$40,472,727 |
| 9/30/2013 | 641,033,144 | 41,788,090 |
| 9/30/2014 | 650,527,705 | 43,146,203 |
| 9/30/2015 | 659,423,718 | 44,548,455 |
| 9/30/2016 | 667,629,161 | 45,967,602 |
| 9/30/2017 | 674,237,356 | 47,404,089 |
| 9/30/2018 | 679,929,458 | 48,885,467 |
| 9/30/2019 | 684,588,436 | 50,413,138 |
| 9/30/2020 | 688,086,637 | 51,988,548 |
| 9/30/2021 | 690,284,912 | 53,613,191 |
| 9/30/2022 | 691,031,658 | 55,288,603 |
| 9/30/2023 | 690,161,798 | 57,016,372 |
| 9/30/2024 | 687,495,668 | 58,798,133 |
| 9/30/2025 | 682,837,819 | 60,635,575 |
| 9/30/2026 | 675,975,722 | 62,530,437 |
| 9/30/2027 | 666,678,373 | 64,484,513 |
| 9/30/2028 | 654,694,783 | 66,499,654 |
| 9/30/2029 | 639,752,343 | 68,577,768 |
| 9/30/2030 | 621,555,072 | 70,720,823 |
| 9/30/2031 | 599,781,711 | 72,930,849 |
| 9/30/2032 | 574,083,671 | 75,209,938 |
| 9/30/2033 | 544,082,823 | 77,560,249 |
| 9/30/2034 | 509,369,096 | 79,984,006 |
| 9/30/2035 | 469,497,906 | 82,483,507 |
| 9/30/2036 | 423,987,360 | 85,061,116 |
| 9/30/2037 | 372,315,248 | 87,719,276 |
| 9/30/2038 | 313,915,798 | 90,460,503 |
| 9/30/2039 | 248,176,164 | 93,287,394 |
| 9/30/2040 | 174,432,643 | 96,202,625 |
| 9/30/2041 | 91,966,588 | 99,208,957 |
| 9/30/2042 | 0 | 0 |

*Reflects change in interest rate and payroll growth assumption beginning with September 30, 2016 valuation

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## AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR BASES CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013*

| Valuation Date | Balance of Transitional Closed 9/30/2013 | Annual <br> Amortization Payment | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance of New } \\ & \text { Incremental } \\ & \text { UAAL } 9 / 30 / 2013 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Annual <br> Amortization Payment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9/30/2013 | \$641,033,144 | \$41,114,698 | \$420,529,361 | \$26,971,987 |
| 9/30/2014 | 651,201,098 | 42,450,925 | 427,199,723 | 27,848,577 |
| 9/30/2015 | 660,846,260 | 43,830,581 | 433,527,124 | 28,753,655 |
| 9/30/2016 | 669,883,380 | 45,227,607 | 439,455,639 | 29,670,130 |
| 9/30/2017 | 677,409,090 | 46,640,969 | 444,392,641 | 30,597,321 |
| 9/30/2018 | 684,114,086 | 48,098,500 | 448,791,240 | 31,553,488 |
| 9/30/2019 | 689,889,571 | 49,601,578 | 452,580,063 | 32,539,534 |
| 9/30/2020 | 694,616,797 | 51,151,627 | 455,681,208 | 33,556,394 |
| 9/30/2021 | 698,166,243 | 52,750,115 | 458,009,709 | 34,605,032 |
| 9/30/2022 | 700,396,719 | 54,398,557 | 459,472,942 | 35,686,439 |
| 9/30/2023 | 701,154,404 | 56,098,511 | 459,969,997 | 36,801,640 |
| 9/30/2024 | 700,271,802 | 57,851,590 | 459,390,994 | 37,951,692 |
| 9/30/2025 | 697,566,616 | 59,659,452 | 457,616,343 | 39,137,682 |
| 9/30/2026 | 692,840,535 | 61,523,810 | 454,515,949 | 40,360,734 |
| 9/30/2027 | 685,877,917 | 63,446,429 | 449,948,345 | 41,622,007 |
| 9/30/2028 | 676,444,374 | 65,429,130 | 443,759,770 | 42,922,695 |
| 9/30/2029 | 664,285,239 | 67,473,790 | 435,783,157 | 44,264,029 |
| 9/30/2030 | 649,123,911 | 69,582,346 | 425,837,051 | 45,647,280 |
| 9/30/2031 | 630,660,073 | 71,756,794 | 413,724,439 | 47,073,758 |
| 9/30/2032 | 608,567,760 | 73,999,194 | 399,231,480 | 48,544,813 |
| 9/30/2033 | 582,493,276 | 76,311,669 | 382,126,147 | 50,061,838 |
| 9/30/2034 | 552,052,953 | 78,696,409 | 362,156,743 | 51,626,271 |
| 9/30/2035 | 516,830,714 | 81,155,672 | 339,050,316 | 53,239,591 |
| 9/30/2036 | 476,375,461 | 83,691,786 | 312,510,937 | 54,903,329 |
| 9/30/2037 | 430,198,242 | 86,307,155 | 282,217,844 | 56,619,058 |
| 9/30/2038 | 377,769,199 | 89,004,253 | 247,823,442 | 58,388,403 |
| 9/30/2039 | 318,514,270 | 91,785,636 | 208,951,134 | 60,213,041 |
| 9/30/2040 | 251,811,633 | 94,653,937 | 165,192,995 | 62,094,698 |
| 9/30/2041 | 176,987,862 | 97,611,873 | 116,107,245 | 64,035,158 |
| 9/30/2042 | 93,313,783 | 100,662,244 | 61,215,533 | 66,036,256 |
| 9/30/2043 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Reflects change in interest rate and payroll growth assumption beginning with September 30, 2016 valuation

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## AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR BASES CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014*

| Valuation Date | Balance of Transitional Closed 9/30/2014 | Annual Amortization Payment | Balance of New Incremental UAAL 9/30/2014 | Annual Amortization Payment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9/30/2014 | \$651,201,098 | \$41,766,852 | \$(166,584,327) | \$(10,684,415) |
| 9/30/2015 | 661,530,334 | 43,124,275 | $(169,226,658)$ | $(11,031,659)$ |
| 9/30/2016 | 671,328,486 | 44,499,509 | $(171,733,132)$ | $(11,383,459)$ |
| 9/30/2017 | 679,696,096 | 45,890,118 | $(173,873,657)$ | $(11,739,192)$ |
| 9/30/2018 | 687,332,045 | 47,324,185 | $(175,827,016)$ | $(12,106,041)$ |
| 9/30/2019 | 694,135,259 | 48,803,065 | $(177,567,352)$ | $(12,484,355)$ |
| 9/30/2020 | 699,995,345 | 50,328,161 | $(179,066,426)$ | $(12,874,491)$ |
| 9/30/2021 | 704,791,817 | 51,900,916 | $(180,293,416)$ | $(13,276,819)$ |
| 9/30/2022 | 708,393,256 | 53,522,820 | $(181,214,703)$ | $(13,691,720)$ |
| 9/30/2023 | 710,656,406 | 55,195,408 | $(181,793,642)$ | $(14,119,586)$ |
| 9/30/2024 | 711,425,189 | 56,920,264 | $(181,990,305)$ | $(14,560,823)$ |
| 9/30/2025 | 710,529,659 | 58,699,023 | $(181,761,218)$ | $(15,015,849)$ |
| 9/30/2026 | 707,784,847 | 60,533,367 | $(181,059,066)$ | $(15,485,094)$ |
| 9/30/2027 | 702,989,536 | 62,425,035 | $(179,832,373)$ | $(15,969,003)$ |
| 9/30/2028 | 695,924,927 | 64,375,817 | $(178,025,169)$ | $(16,468,035)$ |
| 9/30/2029 | 686,353,198 | 66,387,562 | $(175,576,617)$ | $(16,982,661)$ |
| 9/30/2030 | 674,015,951 | 68,462,173 | $(172,420,615)$ | $(17,513,369)$ |
| 9/30/2031 | 658,632,534 | 70,601,616 | $(168,485,369)$ | $(18,060,662)$ |
| 9/30/2032 | 639,898,230 | 72,807,916 | $(163,692,930)$ | $(18,625,057)$ |
| 9/30/2033 | 617,482,300 | 75,083,164 | $(157,958,691)$ | $(19,207,090)$ |
| 9/30/2034 | 591,025,867 | 77,429,512 | $(151,190,848)$ | $(19,807,312)$ |
| 9/30/2035 | 560,139,642 | 79,849,185 | $(143,289,816)$ | $(20,426,290)$ |
| 9/30/2036 | 524,401,454 | 82,344,472 | $(134,147,598)$ | $(21,064,612)$ |
| 9/30/2037 | 483,353,596 | 84,917,737 | $(123,647,110)$ | $(21,722,881)$ |
| 9/30/2038 | 436,499,955 | 87,571,416 | $(111,661,438)$ | $(22,401,721)$ |
| 9/30/2039 | 383,302,911 | 90,308,023 | $(98,053,056)$ | $(23,101,775)$ |
| 9/30/2040 | 323,179,993 | 93,130,148 | $(82,672,959)$ | $(23,823,705)$ |
| 9/30/2041 | 255,500,269 | 96,040,465 | $(65,359,749)$ | $(24,568,196)$ |
| 9/30/2042 | 179,580,450 | 99,041,730 | $(45,938,633)$ | $(25,335,952)$ |
| 9/30/2043 | 94,680,680 | 102,136,784 | $(24,220,348)$ | $(26,127,701)$ |
| 9/30/2044 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Reflects change in interest rate and payroll growth assumption beginning with September 30, 2016 valuation

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## AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR BASES CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015*

| Valuation Date | Balance of Transitional Closed 9/30/2015 | Annual Amortization Payment | Balance of New Incremental UAAL 9/30/2015 | Annual Amortization Payment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9/30/2015 | \$661,530,334 | \$42,429,350 | \$(79,902,094) | \$(5,124,775) |
| 9/30/2016 | 672,023,410 | 43,783,117 | $(81,169,487)$ | $(5,288,288)$ |
| 9/30/2017 | 681,162,137 | 45,151,340 | $(82,273,296)$ | $(5,453,547)$ |
| 9/30/2018 | 689,652,315 | 46,562,319 | $(83,298,772)$ | $(5,623,970)$ |
| 9/30/2019 | 697,400,116 | 48,017,391 | $(84,234,580)$ | $(5,799,719)$ |
| 9/30/2020 | 704,302,984 | 49,517,935 | $(85,068,334)$ | $(5,980,960)$ |
| 9/30/2021 | 710,248,909 | 51,065,370 | $(85,786,505)$ | $(6,167,865)$ |
| 9/30/2022 | 715,115,640 | 52,661,163 | $(86,374,327)$ | $(6,360,611)$ |
| 9/30/2023 | 718,769,834 | 54,306,825 | $(86,815,694)$ | $(6,559,380)$ |
| 9/30/2024 | 721,066,133 | 56,003,913 | $(87,093,049)$ | $(6,764,361)$ |
| 9/30/2025 | 721,846,179 | 57,754,035 | $(87,187,266)$ | $(6,975,747)$ |
| 9/30/2026 | 720,937,530 | 59,558,849 | $(87,077,516)$ | $(7,193,739)$ |
| 9/30/2027 | 718,152,512 | 61,420,063 | $(86,741,131)$ | $(7,418,544)$ |
| 9/30/2028 | 713,286,959 | 63,339,440 | $(86,153,452)$ | $(7,650,373)$ |
| 9/30/2029 | 706,118,868 | 65,318,797 | $(85,287,663)$ | $(7,889,447)$ |
| 9/30/2030 | 696,406,931 | 67,360,010 | $(84,114,619)$ | $(8,135,992)$ |
| 9/30/2031 | 683,888,967 | 69,465,010 | $(82,602,653)$ | $(8,390,242)$ |
| 9/30/2032 | 668,280,214 | 71,635,791 | $(80,717,370)$ | $(8,652,437)$ |
| 9/30/2033 | 649,271,489 | 73,874,410 | $(78,421,425)$ | $(8,922,826)$ |
| 9/30/2034 | 626,527,209 | 76,182,985 | $(75,674,286)$ | $(9,201,664)$ |
| 9/30/2035 | 599,683,241 | 78,563,704 | $(72,431,972)$ | $(9,489,216)$ |
| 9/30/2036 | 568,344,593 | 81,018,819 | $(68,646,774)$ | $(9,785,754)$ |
| 9/30/2037 | 532,082,910 | 83,550,657 | $(64,266,953)$ | $(10,091,559)$ |
| 9/30/2038 | 490,433,782 | 86,161,615 | $(59,236,416)$ | $(10,406,920)$ |
| 9/30/2039 | 442,893,827 | 88,854,166 | $(53,494,364)$ | $(10,732,137)$ |
| 9/30/2040 | 388,917,550 | 91,630,859 | $(46,974,908)$ | $(11,067,516)$ |
| 9/30/2041 | 327,913,948 | 94,494,323 | $(39,606,666)$ | $(11,413,376)$ |
| 9/30/2042 | 259,242,849 | 97,447,271 | $(31,312,315)$ | $(11,770,044)$ |
| 9/30/2043 | 182,210,953 | 100,492,498 | $(22,008,117)$ | $(12,137,858)$ |
| 9/30/2044 | 96,067,567 | 103,632,888 | $(11,603,398)$ | $(12,517,166)$ |
| 9/30/2045 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Reflects change in interest rate and payroll growth assumption beginning with September 30, 2016 valuation

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## AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR BASES CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| Valuation Date | Balance of <br> Transitional <br> Closed $9 / 30 / 2016$ | Annual Amortization Payment | Balance of New Incremental UAAL 9/30/2016 | Annual Amortization Payment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9/30/2016 | \$672,023,410 | \$43,078,244 | \$238,646,903 | \$15,297,815 |
| 9/30/2017 | 681,867,009 | 44,424,439 | 242,142,532 | 15,775,871 |
| 9/30/2018 | 691,139,597 | 45,812,703 | 245,435,385 | 16,268,867 |
| 9/30/2019 | 699,754,137 | 47,244,350 | 248,494,554 | 16,777,269 |
| 9/30/2020 | 707,615,426 | 48,720,736 | 251,286,231 | 17,301,559 |
| 9/30/2021 | 714,619,404 | 50,243,259 | 253,773,463 | 17,842,233 |
| 9/30/2022 | 720,652,424 | 51,813,361 | 255,915,890 | 18,399,803 |
| 9/30/2023 | 725,590,441 | 53,432,528 | 257,669,464 | 18,974,796 |
| 9/30/2024 | 729,298,160 | 55,102,295 | 258,986,138 | 19,567,759 |
| 9/30/2025 | 731,628,096 | 56,824,242 | 259,813,537 | 20,179,251 |
| 9/30/2026 | 732,419,567 | 58,599,999 | 260,094,602 | 20,809,853 |
| 9/30/2027 | 731,497,608 | 60,431,249 | 259,767,199 | 21,460,161 |
| 9/30/2028 | 728,671,796 | 62,319,726 | 258,763,705 | 22,130,791 |
| 9/30/2029 | 723,734,974 | 64,267,217 | 257,010,556 | 22,822,378 |
| 9/30/2030 | 716,461,887 | 66,275,568 | 254,427,759 | 23,535,577 |
| 9/30/2031 | 706,607,693 | 68,346,679 | 250,928,368 | 24,271,064 |
| 9/30/2032 | 693,906,370 | 70,482,513 | 246,417,913 | 25,029,535 |
| 9/30/2033 | 678,068,983 | 72,685,091 | 240,793,789 | 25,811,708 |
| 9/30/2034 | 658,781,825 | 74,956,500 | 233,944,592 | 26,618,324 |
| 9/30/2035 | 635,704,393 | 77,298,891 | 225,749,404 | 27,450,146 |
| 9/30/2036 | 608,467,223 | 79,714,481 | 216,077,024 | 28,307,963 |
| 9/30/2037 | 576,669,535 | 82,205,559 | 204,785,126 | 29,192,587 |
| 9/30/2038 | 539,876,702 | 84,774,483 | 191,719,367 | 30,104,856 |
| 9/30/2039 | 497,617,510 | 87,423,685 | 176,712,412 | 31,045,632 |
| 9/30/2040 | 449,381,204 | 90,155,675 | 159,582,882 | 32,015,808 |
| 9/30/2041 | 394,614,298 | 92,973,040 | 140,134,226 | 33,016,302 |
| 9/30/2042 | 332,717,134 | 95,878,448 | 118,153,494 | 34,048,062 |
| 9/30/2043 | 263,040,161 | 98,874,649 | 93,410,019 | 35,112,064 |
| 9/30/2044 | 184,879,924 | 101,964,482 | 65,653,995 | 36,209,316 |
| 9/30/2045 | 97,474,737 | 105,150,872 | 34,614,931 | 37,340,857 |
| 9/30/2046 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## SCHEDULE H

## 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. There is a new tier (Tier II) of benefits for all members initially joining the System on and after January 1, 2013. 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:
Tier I - the 3 highest years in the last 10 years of Creditable Service
Tier II - the 5 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 <br> Condition for Allowance

Tier I

Tier II

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.

A retirement allowance is payable upon the request of any member who has attained age 62 and completed at least 10 years of creditable service (age 56 with 10 years of creditable service for a full-time certified firefighter, police officer or correctional officer).

Tier I

Tier II

Both

Disability Retirement Allowance
Condition for Allowance

Amount of Allowance
Tier I

Tier II

Both

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 fulltime certified firefighter, police officer or correctional officer.

Upon service retirement a member receives a retirement allowance equal to $1.65 \%$ of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. The benefit is capped at $80 \%$ of the member's average final compensation.

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).

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 fulltime certified firefighter, police officer or correctional officer.

Upon disability retirement a member receives a retirement allowance equal to $1.65 \%$ of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. The benefit is capped at $80 \%$ of the member's average final compensation.

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).

Benefits Payable on Separation from Service

Benefits Payable upon
Death in Active Service

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 (age 62 for Tier II members).

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 pre-retirement 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

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

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.

Prior to March 25, 2011, 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.

The effect of Act 2011-27 is that no new participants will be allowed to enter DROP with an effective participation date after June 1, 2011.

Upon the death of a contributing member there is paid a term life insurance benefit of $\$ 15,000$ (pro-rated for part-time members)

Tier I

Tier II

Both

Prior to October 1, 2011, regular members contributed 5.0\% of salary and certified police officers, firefighters and correctional officers contributed $6.0 \%$ of salary. DROP participants continue to contribute during the DROP period, but receive a refund of these contributions and regular interest upon retirement.

Beginning October 1, 2011, the contribution rates were increased to $7.25 \%$ for regular members and $8.25 \%$ for police officers, firefighters and correctional officers.

Beginning October 1, 2012, the contribution rates were increased to $7.50 \%$ for regular members and $8.50 \%$ for police officers, firefighters and correctional officers.

Regular members contribute $6 \%$ of salary and full-time certified firefighters, police officers and correctional officers contribute $7 \%$ of salary

If positive investment performance results in a decrease in the total contribution rate paid by employers and employees participating in the System, the Retirement System of Alabama shall first reduce the employee contribution rate.
"Regular Interest" is $4 \%$ which is the rate adopted by the Board and applied to the balance in each member's' account every year; however, if a member receives a refund of contributions, the interest rate applied to the refund is lower than the 4\% regular rate (Based on Section 16-25-14-(g)(1)).

## SCHEDULE I

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP DATA
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AND THEIR AVERAGE COMPENSATION bY AGE AND YEARS OF SERVICE

| Attained | Years of Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 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 | $\geq 40$ | Total |
| Under 25 <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 1,120 \\ 31,537 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,331 \\ 29,377 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 27,456 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,455 \\ 30,360 \end{array}$ |
| $25 \text { to } 29$ <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 1,417 \\ 32,686 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,997 \\ 35,294 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,501 \\ 42,885 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 39,388 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10,926 \\ & 36,003 \end{aligned}$ |
| $30 \text { to } 34$ <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 1,082 \\ 35,569 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,404 \\ 39,017 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,541 \\ 46,663 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,947 \\ 49,289 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 41,731 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 13,988 \\ & 43,211 \end{aligned}$ |
| $35 \text { to } 39$ <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 1,113 \\ 37,029 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,616 \\ 40,150 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,688 \\ 48,441 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,336 \\ 51,673 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,365 \\ 55,189 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 41,225 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 17,126 \\ & 47,195 \end{aligned}$ |
| 40 to 44 <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 741 \\ 33,684 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,923 \\ 38,901 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,301 \\ 47,983 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,234 \\ 51,874 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,168 \\ 56,886 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,150 \\ 58,696 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 42,385 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 18,523 \\ & 49,524 \end{aligned}$ |
| $45 \text { to } 49$ <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 625 \\ 34,119 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,490 \\ 37,575 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,280 \\ 45,381 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,060 \\ 47,864 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,073 \\ 54,856 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,658 \\ 60,645 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 868 \\ 60,146 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 42,930 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 21,069 \\ & 50,045 \end{aligned}$ |
| $50 \text { to } 54$ <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 468 \\ 35,235 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,554 \\ 36,230 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,596 \\ 43,258 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,627 \\ 43,991 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,495 \\ 49,611 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,012 \\ 56,780 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,385 \\ 61,708 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 412 \\ 60,900 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 56,688 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 18,561 \\ & 48,394 \end{aligned}$ |
| 55 to 59 <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 330 \\ 32,657 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,013 \\ 36,627 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,134 \\ 44,091 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,013 \\ 42,969 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,329 \\ 46,569 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,055 \\ 52,808 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,904 \\ 59,415 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,023 \\ 63,928 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 388 \\ 61,002 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 46,930 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17,194 \\ & 48,089 \end{aligned}$ |
| 60 to 64 <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 195 \\ 39,467 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,707 \\ 50,096 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,468 \\ 44,068 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,882 \\ 43,223 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,940 \\ 47,784 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,960 \\ 50,822 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,380 \\ 59,364 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 366 \\ 66,770 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 220 \\ 66,999 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ 52,324 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,143 \\ & 49,714 \end{aligned}$ |
| $65 \text { to } 69$ <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 77 \\ 40,780 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 693 \\ 51,582 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 840 \\ 52,561 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 756 \\ 44,856 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 542 \\ 50,741 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 532 \\ 51,089 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 385 \\ 71,006 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ 67,395 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 31 \\ 91,343 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 68,165 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,972 \\ 52,776 \end{array}$ |
| 70 \& up <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 32,511 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 287 \\ 51,153 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 407 \\ 54,141 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 384 \\ 34,705 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 254 \\ 47,309 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 185 \\ 52,818 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 147 \\ 72,664 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41 \\ 72,574 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ 77,106 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 101,579 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,774 \\ 50,724 \end{array}$ |
| Total <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 7,198 \\ 34,273 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 34,015 \\ & 38,321 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24,760 \\ & 46,292 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26,250 \\ & 47,824 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,180 \\ & 52,229 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,560 \\ & 56,266 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,075 \\ 61,159 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,958 \\ 64,021 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 669 \\ 64,736 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 66 \\ 71,187 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 136,731 \\ 47,034 \end{array}$ |

Average Age: 45.56
Average Service: 10.99

## SCHEDULEI

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## NUMBER OF SERVICE RETIREMENTS

 AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE| Age | Number <br> of Members | Total <br> Annual Benefits | Average <br> Annual Benefits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 50 | 287 | $\$$ | $8,597,057$ |
| $50-54$ | 1,849 | $55,602,607$ | $\$$ |
| $55-59$ | 4,808 | $147,255,941$ | 29,955 |
| $60-64$ | 14,719 | $385,578,814$ | 30,072 |
| $65-69$ | 20,618 | $488,291,934$ | 30,627 |
| $70-74$ | 15,755 | $357,705,187$ | 26,196 |
| $75-79$ | 10,315 | $226,320,965$ | 23,683 |
| $80-84$ | 6,708 | $135,891,688$ | 22,704 |
| $90-94$ | 4,003 | $76,231,769$ | 21,941 |
| $95 \&$ Over | 1,536 | $26,740,494$ | 20,258 |
| Total | 529 | $8,260,890$ | 19,044 |

Average Age: 70.3

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE

| Age | Number <br> of Members | Total <br> Annual Benefits | Average <br> Annual Benefits |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Under 50 | 345 | $\$$ | $3,915,590$ |
| $50-54$ | 174 | $\$ 1,926,225$ | 11,350 |
| $55-59$ | 272 | $3,225,277$ | 11,070 |
| $60-64$ | 421 | $6,374,064$ | 11,858 |
| $65-69$ | 595 | $9,353,166$ | 15,140 |
| $70-74$ | 719 | $12,231,447$ | 15,720 |
| $75-79$ | 697 | $11,946,755$ | 17,012 |
| $80-84$ | 658 | $10,831,403$ | 17,140 |
| $85-89$ | 523 | $8,168,052$ | 16,461 |
| $90-94$ | 289 | $3,893,796$ | 15,618 |
| $95 \&$ Over | 82 | 967,574 | 13,473 |
| Total | 4,775 | $\$$ | $72,833,349$ |
| 11,800 |  |  |  |

Average Age: 72.0

## SCHEDULEI

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NUMBER OF DISABLED RETIREES
AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE

| Age | Number <br> of Members | Total <br> Annual Benefits | Average <br> Annual Benefits |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Under 50 | 372 | $\$$ | $4,389,360$ |
| $50-54$ | 552 | $6,647,592$ | 11,799 |
| $55-59$ | 935 | $10,992,215$ | 12,043 |
| $60-64$ | 1,346 | $15,560,427$ | 11,756 |
| $65-69$ | 1,145 | $12,420,702$ | 11,560 |
| $70-74$ | 742 | $8,014,287$ | 10,848 |
| $75-79$ | 347 | $3,947,201$ | 10,801 |
| $80-84$ | 142 | $1,533,729$ | 11,375 |
| $85-89$ | 71 | 720,327 | 10,801 |
| $90-94$ | 17 | 180,848 | 10,145 |
| $95 \&$ Over | 3 | 44,878 | 10,638 |
|  |  |  | 14,959 |
| Total | 5,672 | $\$$ | $64,451,566$ |

Average Age: 63.3


[^0]:    * All members initially joining the System on and after January 1, 2013 are Tier II members. **The total Normal Cost rate is $9.70 \%$ for Tier I and $7.14 \%$ for Tier II. Tier I members contribute $7.50 \%$ ( $8.50 \%$ for FLC members) and Tier II members contribute 6.00\% (7.00\% for FLC members).

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Reflects changes in actuarial assumptions and methods.
    ${ }^{2}$ Reflects changes in methods.

[^2]:    *Rates of pre-retirement mortality are according to the sex distinct RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table (with the sex distinct RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table used for ages over 70) projected with Scale BB to 2020 with an adjustment factor of $90 \%$ for males and $60 \%$ for females.
    ${ }^{* *}$ No rates of disability are assumed for members with less than 10 years of service.
    ${ }^{* * * N o}$ rates of withdrawal are assumed after eligibility for service retirement.

