# The General Retirement System of the City of Detroit

Annual Actuarial Valuation of Component II June 30, 2017





May 1, 2018

Board of Trustees
The General Retirement System of the City of Detroit

**Dear Board Members:** 

This report provides key results from the **Annual Actuarial Valuation** of the annuity and pension liabilities of the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit – Component II benefits. The date of the valuation was **June 30, 2017.** 

The City of Detroit filed for bankruptcy on July 18, 2013. A final Plan of Adjustment ("POA") was confirmed on November 7, 2014 and the official exit from bankruptcy was on December 10, 2014. In connection with the POA, very significant changes were made to the benefits that the General Retirement System provides and to the contributions that it will receive. In particular, the benefits provided by the Retirement System were divided into two separate plans, referred to as "Component I" and "Component II." The benefits provided in each component are effective July 1, 2014 and are described in detail in Emergency Manager Order No. 44, dated December 8, 2014. In very general terms, Component I provides benefits for service rendered on and after July 1, 2014 and Component II provides benefits for service rendered prior to July 1, 2014.

The results provided herein relate solely to the Component II benefits. Component I benefits will be the subject of a separate report. The purposes of the valuation are to measure the funding progress of Component II in accordance with the terms of the POA and to provide illustrative actuarially determined contribution amounts, given POA conditions and assumptions for Fiscal Year 2019 for Component II, for comparison with the contribution amounts provided in the POA. The results of the valuation are not applicable for other purposes. In particular, the information provided in this report is not suitable for financial reporting in connection with GASB Statement No. 67. Such information is provided in a separate report. Information regarding potential benefit restoration as allowed for in the POA will also be provided in a separate report, at the Board's request.

The contribution amounts on page 3 include POA stipulated contributions plus two illustrative contribution amounts from alternate funding policies. Users of this report should be aware that contributions made at these amounts do not guarantee benefit security.

This report was prepared at the request of the Board and is intended for use by the Retirement System and those designated or approved by the Board. This report may be provided to parties other than the System only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board. GRS is not responsible for unauthorized use of this report.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic and 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. Due to the limited scope of the actuary's assignment, the actuary did not perform an analysis of the potential range of such future measurements.

The valuation was based upon records maintained and furnished by the Retirement System staff concerning active members, retirees and beneficiaries, and financial accounts as of the valuation date. Data was checked for year-to-year consistency, but was not audited by the actuary. We are not responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the data. Certain necessary data was not available in time to be considered in this report and, therefore, it was necessary for us to use approximations. Please see related discussion in the Comments section as well as the Data section of this report.

The assumptions used in the valuations concerning future experience are summarized in Section D of this report. Except for the assumed rate of investment return, the actuarial assumptions used for the valuation are set by the Board based upon advice of the actuary and other parties. The assumed rate of investment return was set to 6.75% in the POA and is, therefore, a "prescribed assumption set by another party" as discussed in Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 4. In our judgement, all of the actuarial assumptions used for the valuation are reasonable for purposes of the measurement being made.

This report has been prepared by individuals who have substantial experience valuing public sector retirement systems. To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate and was made in accordance with Actuarial Standards of Practice promulgated by the Actuarial Standards Board.

The signing individuals are independent of the plan sponsor.

David T. Kausch and Judith A. Kermans are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA) and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained herein.

This report does not evaluate the plan sponsor's ability or willingness to make contributions to the Retirement System. Given the funded level of Component II, plan sponsor contributions are critical if further benefit reductions are to be avoided. Indeed, the employer contributions set forth in the POA are expected to lead to a decrease in the funded status through June 30, 2023 (as contemplated by the POA), even if all assumptions are met.

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## **SECTION A**

**VALUATION RESULTS** 

#### **Valuation Results**

Required contributions to the Plan through FY 2023 are provided in the POA. Certain agreements (as allowed for in the POA) have resulted in some of the contributions being accelerated. The schedule below details our understanding of the remaining contributions required by the POA.

## Contribution Source (\$ millions)

	Fo	or DWSD	Liab	ilities	For Other Liabilities										
					Transfers from										
Fiscal Year		DWSD	Tra	nsfers	UTGO		State		DIA		Other		DWSD	1	<b>Total</b>
2018	\$	45.4	\$	(2.5)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	0.4	\$	22.5	\$	2.5	\$	68.3
2019		45.4		(2.5)	-		-		0.4		22.5		2.5		68.3
2020		45.4		(2.5)	-		-		0.4		2.5		2.5		48.3
2021		45.4		(2.5)	-		-		0.4		2.5		2.5		48.3
2022		45.4		(2.5)	-		-		0.4		2.5		2.5		48.3
2023		45.4		(2.5)	-		-		0.4		2.5		2.5		48.3

We have assumed the contributions outlined above as called for in the POA (with adjustments) will not change. An estimate of the probability of those payments being made was outside the scope of this project, not required by Actuarial Standards, and was not made.

In order to develop divisional valuation results in accordance with POA provisions, we were instructed to allocate the above contributions to the various divisions. This was done by allocating DWSD transfer amounts to the General City division and remaining DWSD contributions to the DWSD division; allocating \$2.5 million per year to the Library; and allocating remaining contributions to DOT and General in proportion to their unfunded liabilities.

The chart below shows this allocation.

	(	General	D.O.T.	S	Subtotal	l	ibrary	DWSD	Totals
					\$ Th	ous	ands		
Unfunded Liabilities	\$	508,947	\$ 235,593	\$	744,540	\$	17,579	\$ 266,944	\$ 1,029,064
% of Subtotal		68.4%	31.6%		100.0%		N/A	N/A	
FY 2018 Contributions	\$	13,928	\$ 6,447	\$	20,375	\$	2,500	\$ 45,400	\$ 68,275
Transfers	\$	2,500	\$ -	\$	2,500	\$	-	\$ (2,500)	\$ -
FY 2018 UAAL Contributions	\$	16,428	\$ 6,447	\$	22,875	\$	2,500	\$ 42,900	\$ 68,275

A different allocation procedure would produce different results. If a different allocation procedure should be used, please let us know and we will revise this report.



#### **Valuation Results (Continued)**

#### Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) †

					(\$	millions)				
	General								9	System
	City			D.O.T.		DWSD	L	Library		Total
UAAL as of June 30, 2017	\$	508.9	\$	235.6	\$	266.9	\$	17.6	\$	1,029.1
Anticipated POA Contribution (EOY)		16.4		6.4		42.9		2.5		68.3
Anticipated Expenses@		-		-		-		-		-
Interest at 6.75%		34.4		15.9		18.0		1.2		69.5
Projected UAAL as of June 30, 2018	\$	526.9	\$	245.0	\$	242.1	\$	16.3	\$	1,030.3
Anticipated POA Contributions for FY2019		16.4		6.5		42.9		2.5		68.3
Estimated Employer Contributions for FY 2024 #!										
Alternate 1:Level Principal	\$	70.3	\$	33.4	\$	9.1	\$	0.8	\$	113.5
Alternate 2:Level Dollar##	\$	54.8	\$	26.0	\$	7.1	\$	0.6	\$	88.5

Totals may not add due to rounding.

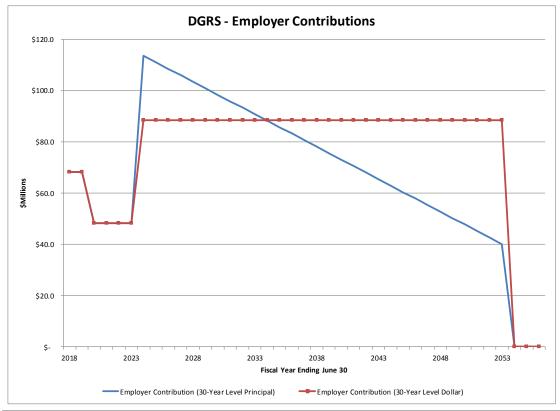
- + Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.
- @ In accordance with Plan Document, the mandated 6.75% rate of return is net of investment and administrative expenses.
- # Assuming the POA contributions through 2023 and a 30-year closed amortization thereafter. When determining the Fiscal Year 2024 illustrative amounts, only the total contributions and the DWSD contributions are stipulated in the POA. The remaining amounts were allocated to the other groups as described on page 1. A different allocation would result in different results by group.
- ! Total employer contributions, including amounts paid by employer but funded from other sources as required by POA.
- ## Contributions at this level may not be sufficient to prevent fund depletion prior to satisfaction of all liabilities.

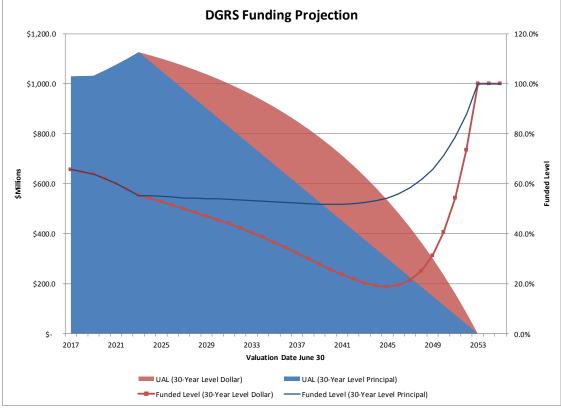
  Included at System's request.

The POA contributions result in a defunding of the plan between now and June 30, 2023, which was contemplated by the POA. In fact, the anticipated POA contributions do not project benefit restoration even if all assumptions are met (including the POA mandated assumed rate of return of 6.75%). Also, the 2018 to 2023 contributions are less than the amount of nominal interest that accrues on the UAAL. The Estimated Employer Contribution for FY 2024 is based on a projection of results assuming only the POA contributions are made and all future experience between the valuation date and FY 2024 is as assumed. Actual experience will result in changes to this estimate and the final result (from the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation) could be materially different than shown above.

We understand that the City has set aside additional money to be contributed to the pension plans in the future. This potential additional contribution has not been taken into account in this valuation.







Notes: 30-year amortization periods are assumed to begin in FY 2024.

30-year level dollar may result in fund depletion and pay-as-you-go funding before the end of the 30-year period.



#### **Valuation Results (Continued)**

We have recommended that the Board establish a funding policy for the contribution determinations on and after fiscal year 2024. The Board has accepted this recommendation and has begun the process. Once that process has been completed we will incorporate the adopted policy in future valuation reports. Until that process is completed, we will continue to show the following two possible policies.

In the chart below, the first policy funds the UAAL over the expected remaining active service life of this group. The second policy is similar to the Board's pre-bankruptcy policy, but with accelerated principle payments of the UAAL to prevent insolvency prior to the end of the funding period. The illustrations are intended to show that there are a broad range of possible funding policies, but are not intended to provide a specific recommendation or a minimum or maximum level of contributions.

**Funding Policy 1** is based on amortizing the UAAL over the average remaining service life of active members (8 years for general; 6 years for DOT; 7 years for DWSD; and 7 years for Library) using level dollar amortization.

**Funding Policy 2** is based on amortizing the UAAL with level principal payments over a closed 30-year period plus interest. This method is also known as level principal declining interest amortization.

### Illustrative Contribution Shortfall

					(\$	millions)					
	G	General					System				
		City		D.O.T.		DWSD	ı	Library	Tota		
(1) Illustrative Contribution for FY 2019 (Funding Policy 1)	\$	87.4	\$	51.0	\$	44.5	\$	3.0	\$	185.9	
(2) Illustrative Contribution for FY 2019 (Funding Policy 2)		53.1		24.7		24.4		1.6		103.9	
(3) Actual Contributions for FY 2019 (POA)		16.4		6.5		42.9		2.5		68.3	
Fiscal Year 2019 Shortfall - Funding Policy 1: (1) - (3)	\$	71.0	\$	44.5	\$	1.6	\$	0.5	\$	117.6	
Fiscal Year 2019 Shortfall - Funding Policy 2: (2) - (3)	\$	36.7	\$	18.2	\$	(18.5)	\$	(0.9)	\$	35.6	

We understand the Employer has set aside money to contribute to the Pension Plans in the future. Since the portion of the fund this Plan will receive has not been determined, we have not taken those assets into account in our calculations. We commend the Employer for taking proactive steps to manage the estimated increase in funding requirements beginning in FY 2024. In the meantime, we recommend continued consideration of increasing contributions actually deposited into the trust.

In addition, as the Board works through the funding policy, we would suggest considering a funding period less than 30 years. Given the fact that not all of the retiree liabilities are funded, a period of 15 years or less should be considered.



### **Valuation Results (Concluded)**

Present Value	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
Accrued Pension Liabilities		
(Employer Financed)		
	4	4
Retirees and beneficiaries	\$2,182,334,703	\$2,194,305,695
Inactive members future deferred pensions	269,387,584	305,393,499
Active members	311,667,455	272,852,100
Total accrued pensions	2,763,389,742	2,772,551,294
Pension fund balances	1,839,375,685	1,775,122,658
Unfunded accrued pension liabilities	\$ 924,014,057	\$ 997,428,636
Accrued Annuity Liabilities (Member Financed)		
Retirees and beneficiaries		
Future annuities	\$ 111,482,100	\$ 113,362,921
Member annuities & future refunds	120,921,554	146,377,716
Total accrued annuity liabilities	232,403,654	259,740,637
Annuity fund balances	127,353,290	158,418,649
Unfunded accrued annuity liabilities*	\$ 105,050,364	\$ 101,321,988
Totals		
Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	\$2,995,793,396	\$3,032,291,931
Market Value of Assets	1,966,728,975	1,933,541,307
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	\$1,029,064,421	\$1,098,750,624

<sup>\*</sup> Liabilities are gross before accounting for ASF claw-back. Assets currently include a receivable of approximately \$105.6 million related to the ASF claw-back. We believe the receivable is included in the Pension fund balances.



#### **Funded Ratio - POA**

		Defined Benefit	ASF	Total
Α	Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$2,874,871,842	\$120,921,554	\$2,995,793,396
В	Market Value of Assets	\$1,845,807,421	\$120,921,554	\$1,966,728,975
С	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (A-B)	\$1,029,064,421	\$ 0	\$1,029,064,421
D	Funded Ratio (B/A)	64.2%	100.0%	65.6%

The POA Funded Ratio measurement above is an expected return-based measurement of the pension obligation. It is based upon the mandated 6.75% interest rate assumption (assumption prescribed by another party). It determines an amount that will be sufficient to provide benefits if the portfolio earns the expected 6.75% return on assets and all other assumptions are met. This measure is appropriate for assessing the need for or amount of future contributions (if all assumptions are met). This measure is not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligation, in other words, of transferring the obligation to a third party in a market value type transaction.

#### **Funded Ratio - Solvency**

		Defined Benefit	ASF	Total
Α	Market-Based Liability	\$3,982,786,305	\$120,921,554	\$4,103,707,859
В	Market Value of Assets	\$1,845,807,421	\$120,921,554	\$1,966,728,975
С	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (A-B)	\$2,136,978,884	\$ 0	\$2,136,978,884
D	Funded Ratio (B/A)	46.3%	100.0%	47.9%

The Solvency Funded Ratio is a market-based measurement of the pension obligation. It estimates the amount the plan would need to invest in low risk securities to provide the benefits with greater certainty. For this purpose, the solvency liability is computed at 3.56% interest as of June 30, 2017, based on the long-term municipal bond rate ("20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" rate from the Fidelity Index as of June 30, 2017). We are not able to assess the credit quality of the plan sponsor and, as such, no adjustment has been made for the credit quality of the plan sponsor. This measure may not be appropriate for assessing the need for or amount of future contributions. This measure may not be appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligation.

The difference between the two measures (POA and Solvency) is one illustration of the savings the sponsor anticipates by taking on the risk in a diversified portfolio.



#### **Comments**

#### **Experience**

Experience was more favorable than assumed during the year ending June 30, 2017. The chart below shows the estimated gain by division.

#### **Development of Actuarial Gain/(Loss)**

					(\$	millions)				
	G	General							,	System
		City		D.O.T.		DWSD	WSD L			Total
(1) UAAL as of June 30, 2016 (BOY)	\$	561.9	\$	199.0	\$	315.3	\$	22.5	\$	1,098.8
(2) Actual POA Contribution (EOY)		45.4		0.1		42.9		2.8		91.2
(3) Interest at 6.75%		37.9		13.4		21.3		1.5		74.2
(4) Projected UAAL* as of June 30, 2017	\$	554.5	\$	212.3	\$	293.6	\$	21.2	\$	1,081.7
(5) Actual UAAL* as of June 30, 2017		508.9		235.6		266.9		17.6		1,029.1
Gain (Loss): (4) - (5)	\$	45.5	\$	(23.2)	\$	26.7	\$	3.6	\$	52.6
Gain (Loss) From Investments	\$	48.3	\$	9.2	\$	25.5	\$	3.0	\$	86.0
Gain (Loss) From Liabilities	\$	(2.8)	\$	(32.4)	\$	1.1	\$	0.6	\$	(33.4)

<sup>\*</sup> Unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

#### **Source of Actuarial Gain/(Loss)**

	Gain (Loss) in Period								
Type of Risk Area	Totals (\$ in millions)	Percent of Liabilities							
Data Improvements*	(43.3)	(1.5)%							
Risks Related to Assumptions									
Economic Risk Areas: Investment Return	86.0	3.0 %							
Demographic Risk Areas: Full and Reduced Service Retirements	4.4	0.2 %							
Death Benefits^	0.1	0.0 %							
Disability Benefits	(0.2)	0.0 %							
Other Terminations	3.5	0.1 %							
Post-Retirement Mortality	2.1	0.1 %							
Total Gain (or Loss) Related to Assumptions	95.9	3.3 %							
Total Gain (or Loss) During Period	52.6	1.8 %							
Beginning of Year Accrued Liabilities	2,885.9	100.0 %							

<sup>\*</sup> Including adjustments to modeling as a result of improved data.



<sup>^</sup> Estimate may not be accurate due to limitations related to data.

#### **Comments (Continued)**

#### **Experience (Continued)**

The estimated FY 2024 contributions are very sensitive to changes in year-to-year experience. The chart below reconciles our estimate from the June 30, 2016 valuation to our estimate from this valuation (June 30, 2017).

#### Reconciliation of Projected June 30, 2024 Contributions – Level Principal

	(\$ millions)										
	Ge	eneral					System				
		City	D.O.T.	DWSD	Library		Total*				
Estimated FY 2024 Employer Contribution (Level Principal) from 6/30/16 Valuation	\$	78.4	\$ 28.5	\$ 13.1	\$ 1.4	1 \$	121.5				
Experience Gain (Loss) of \$52.6 Million		(6.8)	3.5	(4.0)	(0.	5)	(7.9)				
Modified Contributions (see below)		0.8	(0.1)	-	-		0.6				
Actual FY 2017 Contribution above Expected		(2.1)	1.5	-	(0.:	L)	(0.7)				
Estimated FY 2024 Employer Contribution (Leval Principal) from 6/30/17 Valuation	\$	70.3	\$ 33.4	\$ 9.1	\$ 0.8	3 \$	113.5				

<sup>\*</sup>Totals may not add due to rounding.

#### Reconciliation of Projected June 30, 2024 Contributions – Level Dollar

	(\$ millions)										
	G	eneral				System					
		City	D.O.T.	DWSD	Library	Total*					
Estimated FY 2024 Employer Contribution (Level Dollar) from 6/30/16 Valuation	\$	61.1	\$ 22.2	\$ 10.2	\$ 1.1	\$ 94.6					
Experience Gain (Loss) of \$52.6 Million		(5.3)	2.7	(3.1)	(0.4)	(6.1)					
Modified Contributions (see below)		0.6	(0.1)	-	-	0.5					
Actual FY 2017 Contribution above Expected		(1.7)	1.2	-	-	(0.5)					
Estimated FY 2024 Employer Contribution (Level Dollar) from 6/30/17 Valuation	\$	54.8	\$ 26.0	\$ 7.1	\$ 0.6	\$ 88.5					

<sup>\*</sup>Totals may not add due to rounding.

#### **Modified Contributions**

We understand that the UTGO scheduled contributions for FY 2018 were accelerated to FY 2017. See page 9 for additional comments on allocation.

#### **ASF Claw-Back Data**

For the June 30, 2015 valuation, the Systems auditors determined a receivable in accordance with GAAP accounting that was included in the reported June 30, 2015 assets. The reported assets for the June 30, 2017 status valuation also included a receivable for the remaining claw-back payments. While we did not audit any of the assets, we reviewed the change in this receivable for reasonableness.

#### **Annuity Reserve Fund (ARF)**

In general, assets were reviewed for reasonableness. During that review, we discovered that the ARF was not credited any interest. As a result, we recommend that all the reserve amounts be reviewed.



#### **Comments (Continued)**

#### **Plan Provisions**

Section B-1 (b) of the plan provides that members who terminate employment and are subsequently rehired before incurring a six-year break in service are eligible to earn additional vesting and eligibility service under the plan. For purposes of this valuation, we have assumed no terminated members are rehired.

#### **Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Members**

The Retirement System does not currently identify GLWA employees. The DWSD division had a large number of terminations in 2016. We have discussed with the Board's legal counsel whether or not GLWA employees are considered active members for purposes of Component II and do not have a definitive answer. We have treated these numbers as terminated members who are entitled to either a vested deferred benefit or a refund of ASF contributions. We recommend the Board's legal counsel research this point. If it is determined that these members are still active and are continuing to earn vesting and eligibility service under the plan, then we recommend the Retirement System work with GLWA to identify these members.

For this valuation (6/30/2017) we received a separate file indicating the June 30, 2014 DWSD status of members. Any members that were indicated as being DWSD division members on that file were valued under the DWSD for this valuation, regardless of the division reported on the main valuation data (which we understand to be the division as of June 30, 2017 in the Component I plan).

#### Allocation of Contributions between General and DOT

Our understanding of the allocation of contributions between General and DOT is discussed on page 1 of this report. Based on the reported assets, a different allocation method appears to have been used in FY2017. If the System supplies us with this asset method actually used, we can incorporate that method in future valuations.

#### **Magnitude of Administrative Expenses**

Combined Component I (Hybrid) and Component II (Legacy) administrative expenses for the 2017 fiscal year are approximately 30% higher when compared to the 2016 fiscal year. We have been informed that this increase is temporary.

#### **Data Changes**

System staff has undertaken several data improvement projects (some specifically discussed in other comments herein). As these data improvements are provided to us in the valuation data, we have removed earlier adjustments and approximations. These improvements are the primary source of the liability losses shown on page 7. In particular, the data review process seems to indicate that new AFC amounts for DOT were larger then reported annual compensation due to overtime included in AFC that was not included in reported compensation. As data continues to improve, additional liability gains and losses may result in future valuations.



#### **Comments (Continued)**

#### **Annuity Savings Fund (ASF) Interest Credits**

The ASF fund is credited with the lesser of 5.25% interest and the total fund earnings. We understand that any earning in excess of 5.25% (that otherwise would have been credited to the ASF fund if not for the 5.25% cap) will be transferred to Component I assets, to the extent needed, for funding of transition liability. Since ASF liabilities are equal to ASF balances, we did not model any such future excess earnings as part of this valuation. However, since the fund earned approximately 11% during FY 2017, we expect that there will be a transfer of excess ASF interest in FY 2019 related to this year's performance. Approximately \$5.9 million was added to the liabilities in this report to account for anticipated excess earnings expected to occur as a result of return on assets in the 2017 fiscal year. We have discussed this additional liability with the Plan's accountants and have been instructed that the excess earnings should not be included as a liability in the GASB 67 and 68 reports.

#### **Census Data and Approximations**

We understand that data provided this year contained new estimates of the 2014 frozen AFC for active members. Benefit calculations we collected for members who retired on or after 7/1/2017 support the 2017 reported AFC as being more accurate. We have therefore removed the AFC load that was used in prior valuations. However, the AFC provided for this valuation appeared to be unreasonably small for a portion of the population. Therefore, in cases where the AFC reported for this valuation was less than 75% of the AFC reported in the 2014 valuation, the AFC as reported in the 2014 valuation was used.

Data was reported separately for Component I and Component II. Additional time was needed to reconcile these two data sets as they came from different source data. Processing time for the valuation could be shortened if data for future valuations is reconciled before being provided to GRS. We would be happy to work with the Retirement System staff to help them provide the information that is needed for the valuation.

System staff has been working on several data clean-up projects. We understand that the reported service and reported 2014 frozen AFC amounts for this year's valuation include the results of this data clean-up, to date. As a result, we saw liability losses related to the improved data that partially offset the gains from investment returns.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The Retirement System routinely has five-year experience studies in accordance with the City ordinance. The last experience study for the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012 was started but not completed due to the bankruptcy. We conducted a review of the mortality experience in 2013. We recommend that the System consider the experience study schedule. The next experience study would be scheduled for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017. However, in order to avoid distortions from the bankruptcy, the next experience study could be scheduled to begin just after the City emerged from bankruptcy. This, however, would suggest a study based on the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. We understand the Board has chosen to follow this suggestion and has scheduled the next experience study to begin subsequent to the June 30, 2020 valuation.



#### **Comments (Concluded)**

#### Restoration

This valuation assumes no future restoration of Component II benefits (consistent with the expectation of the POA). Any future restoration will be reflected beginning in the next valuation after being granted.

#### **DWSD (Water/Sewer) Projections**

Based on this valuation, the DWSD (Water/Sewer) division is not expected to be fully funded by 2024. As a result, their contributions will continue to be needed in FY 2024 (see page 2 for estimated FY 2024 contributions) to fund DWSD liabilities.

#### **Future Results**

While FY 2018 investment performance has not yet been provided to us, the S&P 500 and the DOW have so far both returned more than 6.75%. If the Retirement System's experience is similar, this will result in upward pressure on the funded status and downward pressure on the FY 2024 contribution requirements (below what is shown in this report), all other assumptions being met.

The POA mandated contributions for FY 2018 and beyond are expected to defund the Retirement System, when all assumptions are realized. In FY 2018, the POA mandated contributions are less than the interest on the projected UAAL. This defunding was contemplated in the POA.

#### Recommendation

We recommend that every potential action be taken to generate contributions to the Retirement System above those provided in the POA. Benefit payments to retirees in the Plan were almost \$250 million compared to FY 2018 contribution of \$68.3 million. See benefit projections on page 21.

#### **Prior Recommendation**

We understand the Retirement System is working on a project to compute the frozen accrued benefits for active and deferred members. We are currently working with staff to determine if the data audit projects they have completed are sufficient for purposes of the prior recommendation.

#### **Prior Recommendation**

The Board is currently working on the development of a funding policy for FY 2024 and beyond.

#### Conclusion

The funded status of the plan improved this year from 63.8% to 65.6% as a result of investment performance.



### **Liability by Division - POA**

(\$Thousands)

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	General	D.O.T.	DWSD	Library	Totals
Assured Dension Lightlities					
Accrued Pension Liabilities					
Retirees and beneficiaries	\$1,195,160	\$299,986	\$628,243	\$ 58,946	\$2,182,335
Inactive members future deferred pensions	145,325	35,377	83,116	5,569	269,387
Active members	168,041	84,111	35,335	24,180	311,667
Total accrued pension liabilities	1,508,526	419,474	746,694	88,695	2,763,389
Pension fund balances	1,059,149	192,427	512,499	75,301	1,839,376
Unfunded accrued pension liabilities	449,377	227,047	234,195	13,394	924,013
Accrued Annuity Liabilities					
Retirees and beneficiaries#	62,274	10,185	35,280	3,744	111,483
Members annuities & future refunds	60,816	34,543	17,079	8,484	120,922
Total accrued annuity liabilities	123,090	44,728	52,359	12,228	232,405
Annuity fund balances	63,520	36,181	19,610	8,043	127,354
Unfunded accrued annuity liabilities#	59,570	8,547	32,749	4,185	105,051
Totals					
Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	1,631,616	464,202	799,053	100,923	2,995,794
Accrued Assets	1,122,669	228,608	532,109	83,344	1,966,730
Funded Ratio	68.8%	49.2%	66.6%	82.6%	65.6%
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	\$ 508,947	\$235,594	\$266,944	\$ 17,579	\$1,029,064

Totals may be off slightly due to rounding.



<sup>#</sup> Liabilities are shown gross, before the annuity savings claw-back. The pension fund balance includes a receivable of approximately \$105.6 million for future claw-back payments.

## **SECTION B**

**FUND ASSETS** 

## Statement of Plan Assets (Reported Assets at Market Value)

Market Value - June 30, 2017					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	105,393,594			
Global equities		993,355,081			
Global fixed income		96,803,311			
Real assets		315,072,600			
Private equities		81,149,584			
Diversifying strategies		266,163,808			
Accrued investment income		1,657,147			
Contributions		4,250,318			
Receivables from investment sales		6,884,559			
Other receivable		135,354			
ASF recoupment receivable		105,619,901			
Notes receivable from participants		4,846,803			
Asset-backed securities		13,264,422			
Time deposit		2,729,819			
Repurchase agreements		19,699,114			
Corporate floating rate		38,815,711			
Capital assets		267,889			
Accrued expenses		(4,844,383)			
Payables for Investment purchases		(7,817,063)			
Due to the City of Detroit		(1,190,533)			
Amounts due broker under securities lending arrangements		(73,670,689)			
Other liabilities		(1,857,372)			
Total Current Assets	\$	1,966,728,975			



### **Market Value of Assets**

## Reserve Accounts (Market Value)

	Fund Balances				
Funds	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016			
Annuity Savings	\$ 120,921,554	\$ 146,377,716			
Annuity Reserve	6,431,736	12,040,933			
Pension Accumulation	(122,691,271)	(158,885,695)			
Pension Reserve	1,962,066,956	1,934,008,353			
Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,966,728,975	\$1,933,541,307			

## Revenues and Expenditures (Market Value)

	Pension Funds	Annuity Funds	Total Funds
Balance, July 1, 2016	\$1,775,122,659	\$158,418,648	\$1,933,541,307
Prior valuation audit adjustment	0	0	0
Market Value July 1, 2016	\$1,775,122,659	\$158,418,648	\$1,933,541,307
Revenues			
Member Contributions	0	0	0
Employer Contributions	68,249,000	0	68,249,000
DIA Contributions	375,000	0	375,000
State of Michigan Contributions	0	0	0
UTGO Contributions	22,614,402	0	22,614,402
ASF Recoupment Interest	7,374,918	0	7,374,918
Investment Income (Net)	203,352,603	3,543,964	206,896,567
Other	547,983	401,174	949,157
Transfers	0	0	0
Total	\$ 302,513,906	\$ 3,945,138	\$ 306,459,044
Expenditures			
Benefit Payments	232,239,043	10,698,963	242,938,006
Refund of Member Contributions	0	21,413,027	21,413,027
Other	0	2,898,506	2,898,506
Expenses	6,021,837	0	6,021,837
Total	\$ 238,260,880	\$ 35,010,496	\$ 273,271,376
Market Value June 30, 2017	\$1,839,375,685	\$127,353,290	\$1,966,728,975
Market Value Rate of Return (Net of all expenses)	12.4%	0.7%	11.5%

Rates of return are dollar weighted estimates assuming contributions occur at the end of the year and remaining items are mid-year cash flows. "ASF Recoupment Interest" and "Other" items are treated as investment cash flows.

Note that interest credits to the ASF (and other reserves) are determined by plan provisions and Board policy (including any timing issues) as calculated by Retirement System staff.



## Allocation of Assets Used for Valuation by Reserve Account and Division

						Investment Return	
	June 30, 2016	Adjustment	Contributions	Benefit Payments	Other	(net of all expenses)	June 30, 2017
Annuity Savings Fund							
General	\$ 75,400,247	\$ (3,670,089)	\$ 0	\$ (11,542,509)	\$ (1,195,187)	\$ 1,823,648	\$ 60,816,110
D.O.T.	38,507,842	(225,709)	0	(4,263,837)	(440,009)	964,502	34,542,789
DWSD	23,987,557	(1,153,544)	0	(5,430,343)	(855,327)	530,207	17,078,550
Library	8,482,070	(40,425)	0	(176,338)	(6,809)	225,607	8,484,105
Totals	146,377,716	(5,089,767)	0	(21,413,027)	(2,497,332)	3,543,964	120,921,554
Annuity Reserve Fund							
General	5,020,125	3,670,088	0	(5,986,803)	0	0	2,703,410
D.O.T.	2,307,394	225,709	0	(894,775)	0	0	1,638,328
DWSD	4,698,690	1,153,544	0	(3,320,781)	0	0	2,531,453
Library	14,724	40,425	0	(496,604)	0	0	(441,455)
Totals	12,040,933	5,089,766	0	(10,698,963)	0	0	6,431,736
Pension Accumulation Fund							
General	(65,094,589)	(112,046,104)	45,388,561	0	4,361,467	112,562,761	(14,827,904)
D.O.T.	(67,102,310)	(26,253,216)	100,841	0	1,333,370	22,256,122	(69,665,193)
DWSD	(44,999,470)	(115,396,883)	42,900,000	0	2,060,653	54,679,245	(60,756,455)
Library	18,310,674	(6,601,442)	2,849,000	0	167,412	7,832,637	22,558,281
Totals	(158,885,695)	(260,297,645)	91,238,402	0	7,922,902	197,330,765	(122,691,271)
Pension Reserve Fund							
General	1,093,490,894	112,046,106	0	(131,560,537)	0	0	1,073,976,463
D.O.T.	266,980,784	26,253,214	0	(31,141,533)	0	0	262,092,465
DWSD	520,849,117	115,396,882	0	(62,990,946)	0	0	573,255,053
Library	52,687,558	6,601,444	0	(6,546,027)	0	0	52,742,975
Totals	1,934,008,353	260,297,646	0	(232,239,043)	0	0	1,962,066,956
Retirement System Totals	\$1,933,541,307	\$ 0	\$91,238,402	\$ (264,351,033)	\$ 5,425,570	\$ 200,874,729	\$1,966,728,975



## **SECTION C**

PARTICIPANT DATA

### **Reconciliation of Raw Data**

#### **Active Members**

A)	Count reported in GC_Benefits table	3,438
B)	Not in GC_Benefits but in Hybrid file and PF_Benefits	45
C)	In prior year Legacy active data and Hybrid data but not in current GC_Benefits	44
D)	In GC_Benefits file but not in Hybrid file	(69)
E)	Hired after valuation date	(197)
F)	No hire date in Hybrid file	(2)
G)	Zero salary in Hybrid file	(9)
H)	Non-active Status	(80)
I)	Non-eligible class code & bargaining unit	(20)
J)	Agency "88"	(24)
K)	Rehire estimated termination prior to 2011	(101)
L)	Number of records to value	3,025

#### **Inactive Vested Members**

A)	Number of records reported on data file	3,326
B)	In Legacy active file but not otherwise in database and not in Hybrid active file	72
C)	Valued as inactive in prior year and would not have otherwise been valued this year	374
D)	Valued as a vested active member in prior year but not in this year's active file and would	
	not have otherwise been valued this year	132
E)	Non-eligible bargaining unit	(46)
F)	In General file with Police and Fire Revenue Group	(49)
G)	In Police and Fire file with General Revenue Group	18
H)	Valued as Legacy Retiree	(327)
I)	Other Changes	(4)
J)	Duplicate Records	-
K)	Less than 8 years of service	(177)
L)	Valued as inactive in prior year and in this year's Hybrid active data but not valued as Legacy	
	active and would not have otherwise been valued in Legacy this year	20
M)	Valued as a vested active member in prior year and in this year's Hybrid active data but	
	valued as Legacy active and would not have otherwise been valued in Legacy this year	16
N)	Number of records to value	3,355

#### **Retired Members and Beneficiaries**

A)	Number of records reported on data file:	42,360
B)	Number of records in Police and Fire plan:	(15,724)
C)	Records not currently in receipt of benefits:	(14,602)
D)	Component I (Hybrid) Records:	(200)
E)	Number of records valued:	11,834



#### **Data Approximations and Assumptions**

#### **Active**

For active members, frozen AFC amounts and frozen service as of June 30, 2014 was reported. For purposes of this valuation, we matched the June 30, 2017 actives to the active data reported for the June 30, 2014 valuation to check against AFC as of June 30, 2014. In cases where the frozen AFC as reported in the 2017 data file was less than 75% of the AFC as reported on the 2014 data file, the AFC as reported on the 2014 data file was used.

#### **Deferred**

Data provided for deferred vested members was incomplete. As part of the processing of deferred member data, we attempted to fill in missing data with data from; 1) the previous year's deferred file; 2) the current year's active file and/or; 3) the previous year's active files. In cases where AFC was still incomplete after comparing to other files, we used \$30,000 to estimate the AFC. Since vesting service is not directly provided on the file, we estimated vesting service based on reported benefit service increased by the elapsed time between date of termination and June 30, 2014. Members with estimated vesting service of less than 8 years were assumed to be non-vested and were not valued. We estimated the commencement date with the following rules:

- Age 55 if 30 or more years of service and hired before July 1986;
- Age 60 if less than 30 years of service, but more than 10 years of service and hired before 1986;
   and
- Age 62 for all others.

Entire amount of deferred benefits was assumed to commence at the same time regarding the date of hire.

#### **Retired and Beneficiary**

It is our understanding that the current pension amount provided in the retiree data includes the 4.5% reduction as mandated in the POA. However, for members that retired prior to July 2015, the other pension amounts provided in the data (original pension amount, equated pension amount, and prior year's pension amount) did not reflect the 4.5% reduction and, as such, were reduced by 4.5% when valuing any related liability. Other adjustment assumptions include:

- In cases where the benefit is identified to be a joint and survivor benefit and a beneficiary is not listed in the data, it was assumed that male spouses were 3 years older than females;
- For non-equated members that elected a pop-up benefit, the pop-up amount is estimated based on the chosen option and benefit amounts provided in the data;
- Benefits for dependent children are assumed to cease at age 21; and
- For non-converted disabled members, converted benefits are:
  - o assumed to commence at age 60; and
  - estimated, based on reported service and projected service from the date of disability to age 60.

Please see our correspondence dated April 3, 2017 for additional information regarding data reconciliation, processing instructions, and assumptions regarding unresolved issues. Note, this letter disclosed our data procedures and assumptions and we received confirmation from staff.



## **Summary of Member Data June 30, 2017**

#### **Active Members**

	C	207	DWCD*	1.25	T-4-1-0
	General	D.O.T.	DWSD*	Library	Totals^
Number	1,800	616	362	247	3,025
% Change in active members	0.7 %	(8.6)%	(27.9)%	(9.2)%	(6.5)%
Annual payroll (\$ millions)	\$ 89.4	\$ 23.9	\$ 17.3	\$ 10.9	\$ 141.5
Average pay	\$49,654	\$38,826	\$47,805	\$43,950	\$46,762
% Change in average pay	5.8 %	2.7 %	5.0 %	2.6 %	5.2 %

<sup>^</sup> May not add due to rounding.

#### **Retired Members and Survivor Beneficiaries**

	General	D.O.T.	DWSD	Library	Totals
Number	7,069	1,638	2,799	328	11,834
Annual benefits (\$ millions) #	\$ 134.1	\$ 31.4	\$ 65.3	\$ 7.1	\$ 238.0
Average benefits #	\$18,976	\$19,183	\$23,335	\$21,695	\$20,111
% Change in reported average benefit	0.4 %	1.3 %	(0.3)%	(0.3)%	0.3 %

<sup>#</sup> Includes annuities. Does not include reductions resulting from the annuity claw-backs.

#### **Inactive Vested Members**

	General	D.O.T.	DWSD	Library	Totals
Number	1,864	413	991	87	3,355
Average FAC	40,201	42,761	48,373	31,780	42,711
Average service	15.9	15.9	15.8	15.5	15.9
Annual benefits (\$ millions)	\$ 19.6	\$ 4.6	\$ 12.4	\$ 0.7	\$ 37.3
Average benefits	\$10,496	\$11,218	\$12,519	\$8,252	\$11,124
% Change in average service	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	6.9 %	0.1 %
% Change in average FAC	(2.5)%	1.6 %	(0.1)%	(0.4)%	(1.0)%



<sup>\*</sup> Includes 7 members that were listed with a General revenue group in the 2017 active data file. These 7 members also appeared in a separate file that listed DWSD members as of June 30, 2014.

## Active Members as of June 30, 2017 by Attained Age and Years of Service Retirement System Totals

	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals	
Attained									Valuation
Age	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 Plus	No.	Payroll
20-24	11	0						11	\$ 331,556
25-29	50	12	1					63	2,353,554
30-34	31	44	19	1				95	4,028,703
35-39	33	41	63	54	1			192	7,834,573
40-44	48	62	72	91	50	1		324	14,909,950
45-49	29	50	82	168	133	37	3	502	23,937,051
50-54	25	40	69	170	182	113	48	647	31,164,687
55-59	42	39	62	139	132	137	114	665	31,764,471
60-64	16	41	40	75	77	65	76	390	18,469,796
65-69	8	12	18	14	10	14	13	89	4,501,307
70-74	3	3	4	9	4	4	7	34	1,571,163
75-79	0	1	4	2	1	2	3	13	587,906
Totals	296	345	434	723	590	373	264	3,025	\$141,454,717

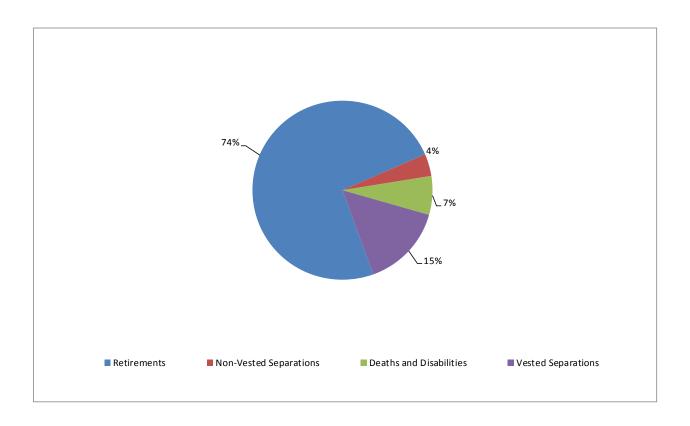
#### Group Averages:

Age: 51.1 years Service: 17.8 years Annual Pay: \$46,762

Service shown in this schedule is Legacy benefit service plus Hybrid Benefit service. Hybrid service provided on the data file was reduced by two months to account for additional service granted past the valuation date.



## **Expected Terminations from Active Employment for Current Active Members**



The chart shows the expected future development of the present population in simplified terms. The Retirement System presently covers 3,025 active members. Eventually, 131 people are expected to terminate covered employment prior to retirement and forfeit eligibility for an employer provided benefit. 2,674 people are expected to receive monthly retirement benefits either by retiring directly from active service, or by retiring from vested deferred status. 220 people are expected to become eligible for benefits as a result of death-in-service or disability.

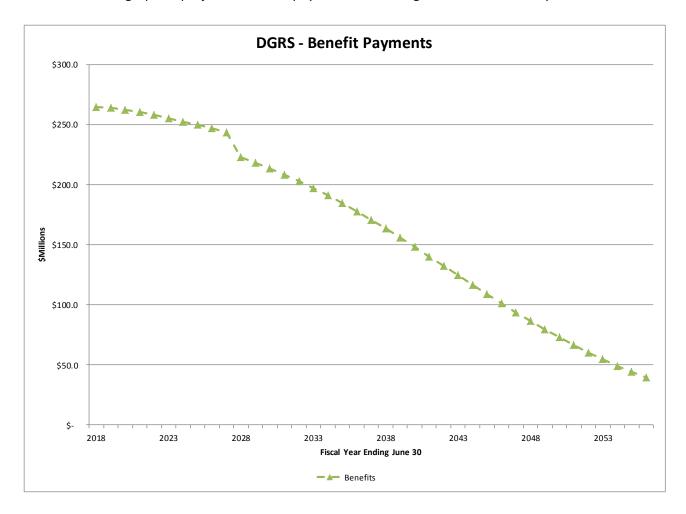
Actual versus expected retirements for the 2017 fiscal year is shown below:

Year Ended June 30,	Expected	Actual		
2017	210	107		



### **Expected Benefit Payments**

Shown below is a graph of projected benefit payments remaining in the Retirement System.



This chart illustrates the continued cash flow needs anticipated in the next 5-10 years as most of the individuals in the plan move to payment status.



# Retirees and Beneficiaries June 30, 2017 Tabulated by Attained Ages Retirement System Totals

	Age	& Service#	Disability		Deat	Death-in-Service		Totals
Attained		Monthly	Monthly		Monthly			Monthly
Ages	No.	Allowances	No.	Allowances	No.	Allowances	No.	Allowances
Under 20*	10	\$ 13,204	0	\$ 0	4	\$ 2,403	14	\$ 15,607
20-24	2	4,628					2	4,628
25-29	9	7,636					9	7,636
30-34	7	3,066	0	0			7	3,066
35-39	9	5,868	3	1,650			12	7,518
40-44	18	12,854	13	7,540	2	1,387	33	21,781
45-49	70	87,362	32	18,732	4	4,237	106	110,331
50-54	291	505,689	82	57,330	13	15,847	386	578,866
55-59	792	1,652,940	177	151,949	33	37,840	37,840 1,002	
60-64	1,693	3,334,973	259	348,778	36	42,234	1,988	3,725,985
65-69	2,199	3,999,446	185	219,450	44	72,266	2,428	4,291,162
70-74	1,781	3,211,802	131	137,807	36	55,083	1,948	3,404,692
75-79	1,180	1,755,850	70	62,747	36	40,514	1,286	1,859,111
80-84	862	1,183,770	44	37,797	32	37,140	938	1,258,707
85-89	759	919,650	26	18,615	41	30,434	826	968,699
90-94	570	610,952	29	21,271	40	33,838	639	666,061
95 and Over	189	167,319	3	1,977	18	12,815	210	182,111
Totals	10,441	\$17,477,009	1,054	\$1,085,643	339	\$386,038	11,834	\$18,948,690

<sup>\*</sup> May include records with defective birth dates.



<sup>#</sup> Includes survivor beneficiaries of deceased retirees.

## Retirees and Beneficiaries June 30, 2017 Tabulated by Year of Retirement

Year of		Monthly Allowances					
Retirement	No.	Total	Average				
1950 & before	4	\$ 7,141	\$1,785				
1951-1955	2	4,158	2,079				
1956-1960	3	1,272	424				
1961-1965	8	3,457	432				
1966-1970	30	13,584	453				
1971-1975	112	66,342	592				
1976-1980	317	226,749	715				
1981-1985	637	646,114	1,014				
1986-1990	771	846,607	1,098				
1991-1995	1,294	1,628,225	1,258				
1996-2000	1,524	2,287,447	1,501				
2001-2005	1,973	3,734,166	1,893				
2006-2010	2,140	4,053,777	1,894				
2011	590	1,200,001	2,034				
2012	784	1,475,655	1,882				
2013	453	734,004	1,620				
2014	402	657,288	1,635				
2015	274	419,379	1,531				
2016	400	750,718	1,877				
2017	116	192,606	1,660				
Totals	11,834	\$18,948,690	\$1,601				





**M**ETHODS AND **A**SSUMPTIONS

### Summary of Assumptions and Methods Used for Actuarial Valuations Adopted by Board of Trustees

All assumptions are estimates of future experience except as noted. The rationale for the assumptions is based on experience studies where noted.

#### **Economic Assumptions**

**The investment return rate** used in making the valuation was 6.75% per year, compounded annually (net after investment and administrative expenses). This assumption is prescribed by the Eighth Amended Plan for the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit (POA).

**Price inflation** is not directly used in the valuation. For purposes of assessing the reasonability of the investment return assumptions, we assumed price inflation of 2.50% per year.

#### **Non-Economic Assumptions**

The mortality table used to measure retired life mortality was 100% of the RP-2014 Blue Collar Annuitant Table for set-forward 1 year for males and 100% of the RP-2014 Blue Collar Annuitant Table set-forward 1 year for females. Tables were extended below age 50 with a cubic spline to the published Juvenile rates. Pre-retirement mortality is based on the corresponding Employee tables with corresponding set forward. The tables are projected to be fully generational, based on the 2-dimensional, sex distinct mortality improvement scale MP-2014 (which was published and intended to be used with RP-2014). 75% of all deaths-in-service are assumed to be non-duty related. This table was first used as of June 30, 2014. For disabled members, the same tables are used. The rationale for the mortality assumption is based on the 2008-2013 Mortality Experience Study issued February 4, 2015.

**The probabilities of retirement** for members eligible to retire are shown on pages 27 and 28. These probabilities were revised for the June 30, 2008 valuation. The rationale is based on the 2002-2007 Experience Study.

**The probabilities of separation** from service (including *death-in-service* and *disability*) are shown for sample ages on page 29. These probabilities were revised for the June 30, 2008 valuation. The rationale is based on the 2002-2007 Experience Study.



# Summary of Assumptions and Methods Used for Actuarial Valuations Adopted by Board of Trustees (Concluded)

#### **Funding Methods**

**The unit credit cost method** was used in determining age & service pension liabilities, vesting liabilities, and casualty pension liabilities. Under this method, there is no normal cost since benefits are frozen and there are no future accruals and actuarial accrued liability is the present value of each individual's accrued benefit.

*Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities.* Actual employer contributions through June 30, 2023 are set by the POA. The amortization period and method after 2023 has not yet been established by the Board.

**Employer contribution** dollars were assumed to be paid at the end of the employer fiscal year.

**Present assets** are set equal to the Market Value.

**The data about persons now covered and about present assets** were furnished by the System's administrative staff. Although examined for general reasonableness, the data was not audited by the Actuary.



## **Single Life Retirement Values**

#### Based on RP-2014 Blue Collar 100% of Male Rates Set-Forward 1 Year 100% of Female Rates Set-Forward 1 Year

Sample Attained	Future Life Expectancy (years)					
Ages in 2017	Men	Women				
45	38.51	41.86				
50	33.56	36.81				
55	28.80	31.91				
60	24.26	27.17				
65	19.97	22.60				
70	15.99	18.30				
75	12.37	14.34				
80	9.19	10.84				



## Probabilities of Age/Service Retirement for Members Eligible to Retire

	Percent of Eligible Active Members								
Retirement	Retiring Within Next Year with Unreduced Benefits								
Ages	EMS	D.O.T.	Others						
45	25%								
46	25%								
47	25%								
48	22%								
49	20%								
50	18%	55%	50%						
51	15%	50%	50%						
52	15%	50%	45%						
53	15%	50%	45%						
54	15%	55%	40%						
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66	30%	30%	30%						
67	30%	30%	25%						
68	30%	50%	25%						
69	30%	50%	25%						
70	100%	100%	20%						
71			20%						
72			20%						
73			20%						
74			20%						
75			20%						
76			20%						
77			20%						
78			20%						
79			20%						
80			100%						
Ref	537	1648	1647						

Rationale for assumption is 2002 to 2007 Experience Study. Additional retirement rates for Component I (Hybrid Plan) eligibility are not reflected in this valuation due to materiality.



## **Probabilities of Early Retirement for Members Eligible for Early Retirement**

Retirement Ages	Percent of Eligible Active Members Retiring Within Next Year with Reduced Benefits
55	7%
56	8%
57	9%
58	10%
59	12%
60	12%
61	12%
62	12%
63	12%
64	12%
Ref	1649

Rationale for assumption is 2002 to 2007 Experience Study.



## Sample Rates of Separation from Active Employment Before Retirement

		% of Active Members Separating Within Next Year								
		Withdrawal								
Sample	Years of	Others								
Ages	Service	EMS	D.O.T.	Men	Women					
ALL	0	11.00%	18.00%	18.00%	20.00%					
	1	10.00%	16.00%	15.00%	16.00%					
	2	8.00%	14.00%	13.00%	14.00%					
	3	8.00%	11.00%	11.00%	12.00%					
	4	7.00%	9.00%	10.00%	10.00%					
25	5 & Over	6.70%	8.00%	7.60%	7.60%					
30		5.90%	7.60%	7.22%	7.22%					
35		5.20%	5.56%	5.28%	5.28%					
40		4.40%	4.26%	4.05%	4.05%					
45		3.40%	3.69%	3.51%	3.51%					
50		2.40%	3.50%	3.33%	3.33%					
55		2.00%	3.50%	3.33%	3.33%					
60		0.00%	3.50%	3.33%	3.33%					
Ref		338	143	584	188					
		1068	212	212 x 0.95	212 x 0.95					

	% of Active Members Becoming Disabled Within Next Year										
Sample	D.O.T.			Oth			iers				
Ages	Ordina	ry		Duty		Ordinary		Duty			
25	0.02%	6		0.03%	ı	0.01%		0.25%			
30	0.05%	6		0.08%	,	0.04%		0.29%			
35	0.149	6	0.21%		0.11%		0.34%				
40	0.279	6	0.42%		0.21%		0.39%				
45	0.51%	6	0.79%		0.40%			0.45%			
50	0.66%	6	1.03%		0.51%		0.52%				
55	0.76%	6	1.18%		0.59%		0.60%				
60	0.86%	6	1.34%		1.34%		0.67%			0.70%	
Ref	23 x	0.45	23	х	0.70	23	х	0.35	423	х	0.90

Rationale for assumption is 2002 to 2007 Experience Study.



#### **Miscellaneous and Technical Assumptions**

**Benefit Service** Exact Fractional service is used to determine the amount of benefit

payable.

**Decrement Operation** Disability and mortality decrements do not operate during the first 5

years of service. Disability and withdrawal do not operate during

retirement eligibility.

**Decrement Timing** Decrements of all types are assumed to occur mid-year.

Eligibility Testing Eligibility for benefits is determined based upon the age nearest birthday

and rounded service on the date the decrement is assumed to occur.

Forfeitures None.

**Incidence of Contributions** Contributions are assumed to be received at the end of the year.

**Marriage Assumption** 100% of males and 100% of females are assumed to be married for

purposes of death-in-service benefits. Male spouses are assumed to be three years older than female spouses for active member valuation

purposes.

**Normal Form of Benefit** Straight life is the normal form of benefit. Straight life is generally the

most valuable under valuation assumptions. Actuarial equivalent factors are based on 7.5% interest and 1984 Group Annuity Mortality table.

**Service Credit Accruals** Service accruals stop as of June 30, 2014 for measurement of Component

Il liabilities. However, future service in Component I may be used to satisfy benefit eligibility requirement in Component II. Members who became duty disabled prior to June 30, 2014 are assumed to get projected service from date of disability to conversion date. Member who become disabled after June 30, 2014 are assumed to get their frozen

accrued benefit as of June 30, 2014 at date of conversion.

**Administrative Expenses** The investment return assumption is mandated to be net of investment

and administrative expense in the plan document. No other provision for

administrative expenses is included in this valuation.

Sick Leave Sick leave banks as of June 30, 2014 were included in the 2014 data file

provided by the System.

Member Contributions Member contributions to this Component II plan are assumed to have

ceased with the bankruptcy.

Rationale for assumption is 2002 to 2007 Experience Study, modified as necessary for changes in data or administration.



## **S**ECTION **E**

**PLAN PROVISIONS** 

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

#### Component II Frozen Benefits

All Component II benefits are frozen as of June 30, 2014 based on service and average final compensation accrued as of that date and the provisions of the Detroit General Retirement System as it existed on June 30, 2014. Frozen benefits are further reduced by 4.5% and all future cost-of-living adjustments ("COLA's") were eliminated. Benefits resulting from the Annuity Savings Fund and benefits paid from the Annuity Reserve Fund were subject to a separate reduction described as a "Claw-back." Details of the claw-back provision are complicated and can be found in the Eighth Amended Plan of Adjustment. The benefits evaluated in this report are the frozen reduced benefits after adjusting the assets for the claw-back. Component II benefits are payable after separation from service, upon meeting the eligibility conditions of the plan as it existed on June 30, 2014, regardless of whether the individual is eligible to receive a Component I benefit at that time.

Our understanding of the June 30, 2014 plan provisions is provided below for completeness. The material below does not have legal standing and is not intended to cover all potential situations that could occur. If there are discrepancies between the description below and appropriate legal documents, the latter necessarily govern.

#### Age and Service Pension

**Eligibility** - Any age (minimum age 55 for non-EMS members hired after 1995) with 30 years of service (25 for EMS members), or age 60 with 10 years of service, or age 65 with 8 years of service.

**Annual Amount** - **EMS Members:** Sum of a) a basic pension of \$12 for each of the first 10 years of service, plus b) a pension equal to 2.0% of AFC multiplied by years of service. Maximum benefit is 90% of AFC.

**Other Members:** Sum of a) a basic pension of \$12 for each of the first 10 years of service, plus b) a pension equal to the first 10 years of service multiplied by 1.6% of AFC, plus 1.8% of AFC for each year of service greater than 10 years up to 20 years, plus 2.0% of AFC for each year of service greater than 20 years up to 25 years, plus 2.2% of AFC for each year of service greater than 25 years. Future benefit accruals for certain active members (depending on bargaining unit) were reduced to 1.5% of final average compensation per year of service.

**Type of Average Final Compensation (AFC)** - Highest 3 consecutive years out of the last 10. Pension benefits will not be diminished if compensation is reduced because of a fiscal emergency. Effective July 1, 1999, in computing the AFC, a member shall have the option of adding the value of 25% of unused accrued sick leave to the earnings used in computing the AFC. Longevity is added to AFC in accordance with the following schedule: \$150 after 5 years, \$300 after 10 years, \$450 after 15 years, \$600 after 20 years, and \$750 after 25 years.

#### **Early Retirement**

*Eligibility* - Any age with 25 or more years of service (min. age 55 for members hired after 1995).

Annual Amount - Same as regular retirement but actuarially reduced.



## Summary of Benefit Provisions Evaluated (Continued)

#### **Deferred Retirement (Vested Benefit)**

**Eligibility** - Hired prior to 7-1-80: Age 40 with 8 years of service. Hired on or after 7-1-80: Any age with 10 years of service.

Benefit Commencement - APTE hired prior to July 1, 1988: Benefit begins at the age the member would have become eligible for regular retirement if service had continued. SAAA, Non-Union and lawyers hired prior to June 30, 1986: Benefit begins at the age the member would have become eligible for regular retirement. Others: Benefits based on service rendered by June 30, 1986 begin at the age the member would have become eligible for regular retirement. Benefits based on service rendered after July 1, 1986 begin at age 62.

**Annual Amount** - Same as regular retirement but based on average final compensation and service at the time of termination.

#### **Duty Disability Retirement**

**Eligibility** - Service related disability before eligibility for service retirement prior to and July 1, 2014. No service requirement.

**Annual Amount** - An annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated contributions at date of disability plus a pension of two-thirds of average final compensation at time of disability. The maximum annual pension is \$5,700 (\$9,000 for EMS). At the earliest of when the member would have accrued 30 years of service credit (25 for EMS) or age 60, the annuity is recomputed assuming contributions would have continued at a salary level equal to final compensation. The pension is recomputed with additional service credit granted from the date of disability to age 60 (or 30 years of service credit) or June 30, 2014, whichever is earlier.

#### Non-Duty Disability Retirement

*Eligibility* - Disability from any cause before age 60 with 10 or more years of service prior to July 1, 2014.

**Annual Amount** - Computed in the same manner as a regular retirement benefit. Maximum annual pension to age 60 is \$6,000. Benefit is recomputed at age 60 with no maximum.

#### **Duty Death Before Retirement**

**Eligibility** - Death from service related causes. No age or service requirements.

**Annual Amount** - One-third of final compensation as of June 30, 2014 to the surviving spouse for life or until remarriage, plus an equal share of 1/4 of final compensation to each unmarried child under age 18. If there is no eligible spouse, eligible children each receive 1/4 of final compensation; if there are more than 2 such children, each child shares an equal part of 1/2 of final compensation. Maximum total amount for spouse and children is \$9,000 annually. If there is no eligible spouse or children, dependent parents each receive 1/6 of deceased's final compensation, to a total maximum of \$600 annually.



## Summary of Benefit Provisions Evaluated (Concluded)

#### Non-Duty Death Before Retirement

**Eligibility** - Death-in-service at any age with 15 years of service; or after age 60 with 10 years of service; or after age 65 with 8 years of service.

**Annual Amount** - To Surviving Spouse: Computed as a regular retirement benefit but reduced in accordance with a 100% joint and survivor election for members with 20 or more years of service. For members with 15 years of service but less than 20, benefit is reduced in accordance with a 50% joint and survivor election. To Dependent Children if no Surviving Spouse: \$9,000 payable to age 19 of the youngest child or for life if child is physically or mentally impaired for members with 20 or more years of service (\$6,000 if less than 20 years of service).

#### Post-Retirement Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Benefit is increased annually by 2.25% of the **original** pension amount at retirement. Post-retirement cost-of-living increases were eliminated on future accruals for certain active members (depending on bargaining unit).

#### **Member Contributions**

Members have the option of choosing one of four contribution amounts: (1) 0%; (2) 3.0% of compensation up to the Social Security wage base, plus 5.0% of compensation in excess of the Social Security wage base; (3) 5.0% of total compensation; or (4) 7.0% of total compensation. Member contributions can be paid as a lump sum or annuitized at retirement to provide an annuity in addition to the pension (which is not affected by the level of member contributions).



## **S**ECTION **F**

**G**LOSSARY

#### **Glossary**

**Actuarial Accrued Liability**. The difference between (i) the actuarial present value of future plan benefits, and (ii) the actuarial present value of future normal cost. Sometimes referred to as "accrued liability" or "past service liability."

**Accrued Service**. The service credited under the plan which was rendered before the date of the actuarial valuation.

**Actuarial Assumptions**. Estimates of future plan experience with respect to rates of mortality, disability, turnover, retirement, rate or rates of investment income and salary increases. Decrement assumptions (rates of mortality, disability, turnover and retirement) are generally based on past experience, often modified for projected changes in conditions. Economic assumptions (salary increases and investment income) consist of an underlying rate in an inflation-free environment plus a provision for a long-term average rate of inflation.

**Actuarial Cost Method**. A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the dollar amount of the "actuarial present value of future plan benefits" between the actuarial present value of future normal cost and the actuarial accrued liability. Sometimes referred to as the "actuarial funding method."

**Actuarial Equivalent**. A single amount or series of amounts of equal value to another single amount or series of amounts, computed on the basis of the rate(s) of interest and mortality tables used by the plan.

**Actuarial Present Value**. The amount of funds presently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting the future payments at a predetermined rate of interest, taking into account the probability of payment.

AFC. Average Final Compensation.

**Amortization**. Paying off an interest-bearing liability by means of periodic payments of interest and principal, as opposed to paying it off with a lump sum payment.

**APTE**. Association of Professional and Technical Employees.

Contribution Budgeting Liability. An expected return based measure of pension obligation.

**DIA.** Detroit Institute of Art.

**D.O.T**. Department of Transportation.

**DWSD**. Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

**EMS**. Emergency Medical Service.



#### **Glossary**

**Experience Gain (Loss)**. A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of actuarial assumptions during the period between two actuarial valuation dates, in accordance with the actuarial cost method being used.

**GASB**. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**GLWA.** Great Lakes Water Authority.

**Normal Cost**. The annual cost assigned, under the actuarial funding method, to current and subsequent plan years. Sometimes referred to as "current service cost." Any payment toward the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is not part of the normal cost.

**POA.** The 8<sup>th</sup> Amended Plan for the Adjustment of the Debt of the City of Detroit.

**Reserve Account**. An account used to indicate that funds have been set aside for a specific purpose and are not generally available for other uses.

**SAAA**. Senior Accountants, Analysts, and Appraisers Association.

**Solvency Liability.** A market-based measure of the present value of accrued benefits at a municipal bond discount rate unadjusted for the credit quality of the plan sponsor.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability**. The difference between the actuarial accrued liability and valuation assets. Sometimes referred to as "unfunded accrued liability."

UTGO. Unlimited Tax General Obligation.

**Valuation Assets**. The value of current plan assets recognized for valuation purposes.

