# Austin Police Retirement System

Annual Actuarial Valuation - Funding As of December 31, 2018





July 17, 2019

Board of Trustees Austin Police Retirement System 2520 South IH 35, Suite 100 Austin, TX 78704

Re: Actuarial Valuation for Funding Purposes as of December 31, 2018

#### Members of the Board:

We certify that the information contained in this report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the Austin Police Retirement System (APRS) as of December 31, 2018. This report was prepared at the request of the Board and is intended for use by APRS staff and those designated or approved by the Board. This report may be provided to parties other than APRS only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board.

#### **Actuarial Valuation**

The primary purposes of the actuarial valuation report are to determine the adequacy of the current City contribution rate, describe the current financial condition of APRS, analyze changes in the condition of APRS, and provide various summaries of the data.

#### **Plan Provisions**

There were no changes to the plan provisions during the past year. The current plan provisions are outlined in Section E of this report.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

The assumptions and methods applied in this actuarial valuation were adopted by the Board of Trustees effective with the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation. The actuarial assumptions used for the December 31, 2018, actuarial valuation are based on an experience review for the five-year period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. All actuarial assumptions used in this report are reasonable for the purposes of this actuarial valuation. The current actuarial assumptions and methods are outlined in Section F of this report.

### **Data**

The valuation was based upon information as of December 31, 2018 furnished by APRS staff, concerning system benefits, financial transactions, plan provisions and active members, terminated members, retirees and beneficiaries. We checked for internal and year-to-year consistency, but did not audit the data. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by APRS staff.

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#### Certification

All of our work conforms with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and to the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. In our opinion, our calculations also comply with the requirements of, where applicable, the Internal Revenue Code and ERISA.

The signing actuaries are independent of the plan sponsor. Ryan Falls is an Enrolled Actuary, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries. Finally, each of the undersigned is experienced in performing valuations for public retirement systems.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **SECTION A**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** 

# **Executive Summary**

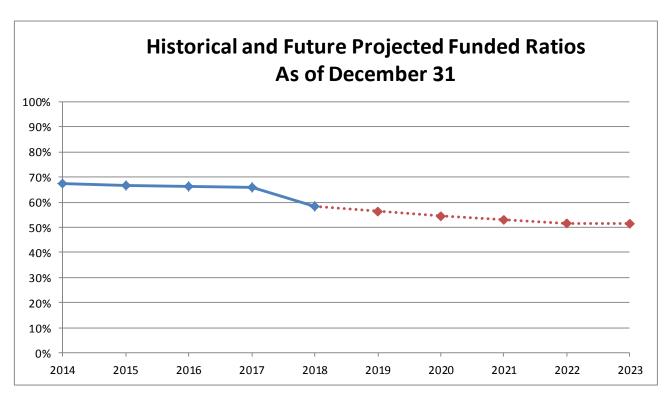
Item	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Membership		
Number of		
- Active members	1,892	1,866
- Inactive, vested	39	45
- Inactive, nonvested	72	53
- Annuitants	906	867
- Total	2,909	2,831
Annualized Payroll on Valuation Date	\$ 166,564,996	\$ 162,490,560
Statutory contribution rates		
• Members	13.000%	13.000%
• City	21.313%	21.313%
Contribution to be Allocated to Retiree Death Benefit Fund	0.120%	0.121%
Actuarially Determined Contribution Rates Estimated Years until UAAL is Eliminated:		
• 20 Years	37.302%	26.052%
30 Years	31.965%	22.269%
• 40 Years	29.500%	20.488%
Assets		
<ul> <li>Market value (MVA)</li> </ul>	\$ 718,519,641	\$ 769,474,743
<ul> <li>Actuarial value (AVA)</li> </ul>	\$ 807,978,988	\$ 779,484,342
<ul> <li>Return on market value</li> </ul>	-5.8%	11.7%
Return on actuarial value	4.5%	5.9%
Actuarial Information on AVA (smoothed)		
<ul> <li>Normal cost %<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	24.986%	22.291%
Total normal cost	\$ 42,486,437	\$ 38,228,170
Actuarial accrued liability	\$ 1,389,660,616	\$ 1,185,017,294
<ul> <li>Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)</li> </ul>	\$ 581,681,628	\$ 405,532,952
Funded ratio	58.1%	65.8%
<ul> <li>Funding period (years)</li> </ul>	Never	35
Actuarial Information on MVA		
<ul> <li>Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)</li> </ul>	\$ 671,140,975	\$ 415,542,551
Funded ratio	51.7%	64.9%
<ul> <li>Funding period (years)</li> </ul>	N/A	37
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# Notes:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes normal cost associated with the Retiree Death Benefit Fund and a load for assumed administrative expenses of the System. 2017 administrative expense load only includes expenses associated with the PRP.

The following chart illustrates the recent history and outlook of the funded status of APRS over the next five years:



December 31,	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Funded Ratio	67.3%	66.5%	66.1%	65.8%	58.1%	56.3%	54.4%	53.0%	51.6%	51.4%
UAAL (millions)	\$317	\$349	\$377	\$406	\$582	\$640	\$699	\$758	\$819	\$861

The projections beyond 2018 are based on the same assumptions, methods and provisions used for the December 31, 2018 valuation. Additionally, the market value of assets is assumed to earn 7.25% per year.

Based on current contribution patterns, benefit provisions and actuarial assumptions, APRS's UAAL is projected to continue to increase. The APRS's funded ratio is expected to continue to decrease until it reaches zero when the assets of the System are depleted.



# **SECTION B**

**DISCUSSION** 

# **Discussion**

#### Introduction

The results of the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation of the Austin Police Retirement System (APRS) are presented in this report.

The primary purposes of this actuarial valuation report are to determine the adequacy of the current City contribution rate, describe the current financial condition of APRS, analyze the changes in the condition of APRS, and provide various summaries of the data.

The total contribution rate for the current fiscal year exceeds the normal cost by 9.327% of payroll, which, on an actuarial value of assets basis, is not expected to amortize the unfunded liability over any amortization period. In the prior valuation, the total contribution rate was expected to amortize the unfunded liability in approximately 35 years. There was an increase in the unfunded actuarial liabilities of approximately \$153 million due to a change in the actuarial assumptions (see discussion below). APRS also had an experience loss on the actuarial value of assets and an experience gain on the actuarial liabilities.

The Retiree Death Benefit Fund was established in 2003 as a separate account within the system to advance fund and to pay the \$10,000 post-retirement lump sum death benefits for retirees. Table 12 outlines the portion of the City contribution rate that should be allocated to the Retiree Death Benefit Fund such that the Retiree Death Benefit Plan will be fully funded 17 years following December 31, 2018. With the exception of Table 12, the amounts outlined in this report represent the total assets and liabilities of APRS, inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Plan.

# **Assessment of Risk**

Section D of this report, titled "Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions," outlines a series of risk measures that are intended to aid in the understanding of the effects of future experience differing from the assumptions used in the course of the actuarial valuation.

#### **Plan Provisions**

There were no changes to the plan provisions during the past year. The current plan provisions are outlined in Section E of this report.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

The assumptions and methods applied in this actuarial valuation were adopted by the Board of Trustees effective with the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation. The actuarial assumptions used for the December 31, 2018 valuation are based on an experience review for the five-year period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017, dated May 15, 2019. All actuarial assumptions used in this report are reasonable for the purposes of this valuation. The current actuarial assumptions and methods are outlined in Section F of this report. In particular, the following significant assumptions were changed:

- The investment return assumption was decreased from 7.70% to 7.25%
- The inflation assumption was decreased from 3.00% to 2.50%



- Individual salary increase rates were modified to better reflect the current expectation for inflation and the current step schedule
- The payroll growth rate was decreased from 4.00% to 3.00%
- An explicit administrative expense load of 0.90% of payroll was added to the normal cost
- Mortality rates from PubS-2010 were adopted with fully generational mortality improvement using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables
- Termination rates were modified to better reflect APRS experience
- Retirement rates were modified to better reflect APRS experience

The reader is encouraged to review our experience study report dated May 15, 2019 for a more detailed description of the analysis and justification for the adopted assumptions.

All of the tables referenced in the following discussion appear in Section C of this report.

# **Funding Adequacy**

The City currently contributes 21.313% of payroll and members contribute 13.000% of payroll.

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of APRS increased from \$406 million as of December 31, 2017 to \$582 million as of December 31, 2018. Additionally, the funded ratio of APRS—actuarial value of assets divided by the actuarial accrued liability—decreased from 65.8% to 58.1% as of December 31, 2018. The funded status is one of many metrics used to show trends and develop future expectations about the health of a retirement system. The funded status measure itself is not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligations or assessing the need for or the amount of future contributions since it does not reflect normal cost contributions, the timing of amortization payments, or future experience other than expected.

The valuation shows that the total normal cost for funding purposes is 24.986% of payroll. The total contribution rate is currently 34.313% of payroll. Thus, the total contribution rate for the current fiscal year exceeds the normal cost by 9.327% of payroll which will be available to amortize the unfunded liability. On an actuarial value of assets basis, the current contribution rate is not expected to amortize the unfunded liability over any amortization period. Based on open group projections with a constant active membership and assuming the current contribution rates and benefit provisions remain in place and that all of the actuarial assumptions are exactly met the System is expected to deplete the assets within the next fifty years.

The Texas Pension Review Board adopted their Pension Funding Guidelines on January 26, 2017. These Guidelines state that "actual contributions made to the plan should be sufficient to cover the normal cost and to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over as brief a period as possible, but not to exceed 30 years, with 10-25 years being a more the preferable target range." The City's current contribution rate of 21.313% is not expected to amortize the unfunded liability over any amortization period. For informational purposes, this report provides an actuarially determined City contribution rate required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a 20-year, 30-year, and a 40-year period, which are 37.302%, 31.965%, and 29.500%, respectively.

### **System Assets**

This report contains several tables that summarize key information with respect to the APRS assets.



The total market value of assets decreased from \$769 million as of December 31, 2017 to \$719 million as of December 31, 2018. Table 5 reconciles the changes in the fund during the year. Total contributions decreased from \$59.5 million to \$57.8 million.

Table 6 shows the development of the actuarial value of assets. The actuarial value of asset method generally recognizes the difference between the actual and expected market value of assets over a five-year period. The total actuarial value of assets is \$808 million, which is greater than the market value of assets of \$719 million. This indicates that there are currently deferred losses to be recognized in the future.

When measured on a market value, the approximate investment return net of administrative and investment-related expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 was -5.8%. When measured on an actuarial value, the net investment return was 4.5%, which is lower than the assumed return of 7.25%. APRS experienced a \$25 million actuarial asset loss over the past year. Table 7 shows a history of investment return rates. The APRS five-year average market return is 3.2% and the five-year average actuarial return is 5.3%.

Table 8 provides a history of the contributions paid into APRS and the administrative expenses and benefit payments that have been paid out of APRS. This table shows that APRS received less contributions than it paid out in administrative expenses and benefit payments, or -\$7.6 million (or -1.1% of assets) for the year ending December 31, 2018. Prior to 2018, APRS was in positive cash flow positions but the ratio of outflows to inflows has been increased gradually. Fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 is the first year APRS experienced a negative cashflow position. Negative cashflow is expected for a pre-funded pension program. The entire reason for setting aside assets is to have the ability to use investment earnings to pay for benefits. If the cashflow was always going to be positive there would be no reason to pre-fund the system. Table 11 provides a history of contribution rates, as a percent of payroll, paid into the trust by the City and members.

# **Data**

The valuation was based upon information as of December 31, 2018 furnished by APRS staff, concerning system benefits, financial transactions, plan provisions and active members, terminated members, retirees and beneficiaries. We checked for internal and year-to-year consistency, but did not audit the data. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by APRS staff. The tables in Section F show key census statistics for the various groups included in the valuation.

# Sustainability

As discussed above, the current contribution rates are not sufficient to support the benefit structure of the System. In addition, the System is currently deferring \$89 million in investment losses not yet recognized in the funded status of the System. We strongly encourage the System to open a dialogue with the City about what steps should be taken to put the System back on a path of sustainability. These steps could include increased contributions (member and/or City), changes to the benefits structure or a combination of both. There is no immediate danger of the System not being able to meet its benefit payment obligations. However, the dialogue with the City should begin sooner rather than later in order to ensure that any necessary changes are incorporated during the 2021 legislative session.



# **SECTION C**

**TABLES** 

# Table 1 Development of Employer Cost

		De	cember 31, 2018	Dec	cember 31, 2017
1.	Payroll  a. Annualized Payroll on Valuation Date  b. Projected Contributory Payroll	\$	166,564,996 170,040,973	\$	162,490,560 171,495,984
2.	Total Normal Cost Rate  a. Gross normal cost rate  b. Administrative expenses (PRP only in 2017)  c. Total (Item 2a + Item 2b)		24.086% 0.900% 24.986%		22.274% 0.017% 22.291%
3.	Actuarial Accrued Liability for Active and Active DROP M a. Present value of future benefits for active members b. Less: present value of future normal costs c. Actuarial accrued liability	embe \$ 	1,082,883,703 (370,312,303) 712,571,400	\$	915,492,433 (327,352,075) 588,140,358
4.	Total Actuarial Accrued Liability for:  a. Retirees and beneficiaries  b. Inactive members  c. Active and Active DROP members (Item 3c)  d. Total	\$	666,427,331 10,661,885 712,571,400 1,389,660,616	\$	578,971,295 17,905,641 588,140,358 1,185,017,294
5.	Actuarial Value of Assets	\$	807,978,988	\$	779,484,342
6.	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (Item 4d - Item 5)	\$	581,681,628	\$	405,532,952
7.	City Contribution Rate Needed to Fund Normal Cost and Amortize the UAAL: a. Over 20 Years b. Over 30 Years c. Over 40 Years		37.302% 31.965% 29.500%		26.052% 22.269% 20.488%
8.	Allocation of Contribution Rate  a. City contribution rate  b. Member contribution rate  c. Total contribution rate  d. Total normal cost rate  e. Available contribution rate to amortize UAAL  f. Total contribution rate		21.313% 13.000% 34.313% 24.986% 9.327% 34.313%		21.313% 13.000% 34.313% 22.291% 12.022% 34.313%
9.	Funding period based on statutory contribution rates and Actuarial Value of Assets (years)		Never		35



# Table 2

# **Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits**

		De	cember 31, 2018
1.	Active Members (not in DROP at the valuation date) a. Service Retirement	\$	977,094,313
	b. Disability Benefits		5,780,488
	c. Death Before Retirement		6,432,194
	d. Termination		18,555,786
	e. Total	\$	1,007,862,781
2.	Active DROP Members	\$	75,020,922
3.	Inactive Members		
	a. Vested Terminated	\$	10,068,567
	b. Non-Vested Terminated		593,318
	c. Total	\$	10,661,885
4.	Annuitants		
	a. Service Retirement	\$	632,293,287
	b. Disability Retirement		784,202
	c. Beneficiaries and QDROs		33,349,842
	d. Total	\$	666,427,331
5.	Total Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits	\$	1,759,972,919



# Table 3 Analysis of Normal Cost

		December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
1.	Gross Normal Cost Rate		
	a. Service Retirement	22.490%	20.792%
	b. Disability Benefits	0.286%	0.350%
	c. Death Before Retirement	0.204%	0.435%
	d. Termination	1.106%	0.697%
	e. Total	24.086%	22.274%
2.	Administrative Expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.900%	0.017%
3.	Total Normal Cost	24.986%	22.291%
4.	Less: Member Rate	13.000%	13.000%
5.	Employer Normal Cost Rate	11.986%	9.291%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes normal cost associated with the Retiree Death Benefit Fund and a load for assumed administrative expenses of the System. 2017 administrative expense load only includes expenses associated with the PRP.



Table 4
Historical Summary of Active Member Data

	Active M	1embers	Covered F	Payroll	Average	Average Salary		
Valuation as of December 31 <sup>1</sup> , (1)	Number <sup>2</sup> (2)	Percent Increase (3)	\$ Amount (thousands)	Percent Increase (5)	\$ Amount (6)	Percent Increase (7)	Average Age (8)	Average Service (9)
2011	1,679		133,709		79,636		39.7	11.7
2012	1,709	1.8%	140,273	4.9%	82,079	3.1%	39.6	11.5
2013	1,732	1.3%	145,871	4.0%	84,221	2.6%	39.9	11.6
2014	1,777	2.6%	150,860	3.4%	84,896	0.8%	40.0	11.7
2015	1,761	-0.9%	151,855	0.7%	86,232	1.6%	40.1	11.1
2016	1,837	4.3%	158,761	4.5%	86,424	0.2%	39.8	10.8
2017	1,866	1.6%	162,491	2.3%	87,080	0.8%	40.3	11.7
2018	1,892	1.4%	166,565	2.5%	88,036	1.1%	40.5	12.0

# Notes:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information prior to December 31, 2017 is based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Information for December 31, 2017 and later includes all active and active DROP members Information prior to December 31, 2017 includes only active members not in DROP at the valuation date

# <u>Table 5</u> Reconciliation of Plan Net Assets

			Total		Pension		RDBF
1.	Market value of assets at beginning of year	\$	769,474,743	\$	768,248,187	\$	1,226,556
2.	Revenue for the year						
	a. Contributions for the year						
	i. Member Contributions - Payroll	\$	21,461,482	\$	21,461,482	\$	0
	ii. Member Contributions - Service Credit Purchases		1,141,907		1,141,907		0
	iii. City Contributions - Pension		34,503,533		34,503,533		0
	iv. City Contributions - Retiree Death Benefit		228,017		0		228,017
	v. City Contributions - Proportionate Retirement		512,692		512,692		0
	vi. Total	\$	57,847,631	\$	57,619,614	\$	228,017
	b. Net Investment income for the year	\$	(43,398,717)	\$	(43,426,212)	\$	27,495
	c. Total revenue	\$	14,448,914	\$	14,193,402	\$	255,512
3.	Disbursements for the year						
	a. Retirement and disability benefits	\$	53,393,809	\$	53,393,809	\$	0
	b. Lump Sum DROP Distributions		2,009,126		2,009,126		0
	c. Lump Sum PROP Distributions		5,482,351		5,482,351		0
	d. Retiree Death Benefits		82,500		0		82,500
	e. Refund of Member Contributions		3,015,038		3,015,038		0
	f. Administrative expenses		1,421,192		1,421,192		0
	g. Total disbursements	\$	65,404,016	\$	65,321,516	\$	82,500
4.	Increase in net assets (Item 2c - Item 3g)	\$	(50,955,102)	\$	. , , ,	\$	173,012
5.	Market value of assets at end of year (Item 1 + Item 4)	\$	718,519,641	\$	717,120,073	\$	1,399,568
6. 7.	Actual net investment income (Item 2b - Item 3f) Expected net income at 7.70%	\$	(44,819,909)	\$	(44,847,404)	\$	27,495
	a. Market value of assets at beginning of year	\$	59,249,555				
	b. Contributions for the year		2,227,134				
	c. Disbursements (excluding admin)		(2,463,339)				
	d. Total	\$	59,013,350				
8.	Excess investment income (Item 6 - Item 7d)	\$	(103,833,259)				
9.	Estimated dollar weighted market yield		-5.8%		-5.9%		2.1%
10.	Actuarial Value of Assets						
	a. Actuarial value of assets at the beginning of year	\$	779,484,342	\$	778,257,786	\$	1,226,556
	b. Actuarial value of assets at the end of year		807,978,988		806,579,420	\$	1,399,568
	c. Investment income for the year	\$	36,051,031	\$		\$	27,495
	d. Estimated dollar weighted actuarial yield	·	4.6%	•	4.7%	•	2.1%
	e. Expected return on the actuarial value of assets	\$	59,784,089				
	f. Asset gain/(loss) (Item 10c - Item 10e)	\$					
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# Table 6 **Development of Actuarial Value of Assets**

Year Ending

December 31, 2018

1. Excess/(Shortfall) of investment income for 2018 (Table 5, Item 8)

(103,833,259)

2. Development of amounts to be recognized as of December 31, 2018:

Remaining	
Deferrals of Exces	s

Fiscal	(	Shortfall) of	(	Offsetting of	Ν	et Deferrals	Years	R	ecognized for	R	temaining after
Year End	Inve	estment Income	G	ains/(Losses)	F	Remaining	Remaining	Tł	nis Valuation	1	This Valuation
		(1)		(2)	(3	3) = (1) + (2)	(4)	(	5) = (3) / (4)		(6) = (3) - (5)
2014	\$	(2,740,276)	\$	2,740,276	\$	0	1	\$	0	\$	0
2015		(20,999,569)		19,317,618		(1,681,951)	2		(840,976)		(840,975)
2016		(8,327,648)		0		(8,327,648)	3		(2,775,883)		(5,551,765)
2017		22,057,894		(22,057,894)		0	4		0		0
2018		(103,833,259)		0	(:	103,833,259)	5		(20,766,652)	_	(83,066,607)
Total	\$	(113,842,858)	\$	0	\$ (:	113,842,858)		\$	(24,383,511)	\$	(89,459,347)

. Market value of assets including RDFB assets	
a. Including RDFB assets	\$ 718,519,641
b. Excluding RDFB assets	\$ 717,120,073
. Actuarial value of assets	
a. Including RDFB assets (Item 3.a Item 2, Column 6)	\$ 807,978,988
b. Excluding RDFB assets	\$ 806,579,420

5. Ratio of actuarial value to market value

4.

112.5%

Notes: Remaining deferrals in Column (1) for prior years are from Table 6 of the prior year's report. Column 2 is a direct offset of the current year's excess/(shortfall) return against prior years' excess/(shortfall) of the opposite type (offset against oldest base first).



Table 7
History of Investment Return Rates

Year Ending	Market	
December 31, <sup>1</sup>	Returns <sup>2</sup>	Actuarial
(1)	(3)	(4)
2008	-26.3%	
2009	8.8%	
2010	11.8%	
2011	-3.5%	
2012	9.7%	-0.4%
2013	8.9%	6.9%
2014	5.7%	6.5%
2015	-0.3%	4.4%
2016	5.7%	5.4%
2017	11.7%	5.9%
2018	-5.8%	4.5%
Average Returns		
Last Five Years:	3.2%	5.3%
Last Ten Years:	5.1%	N/A

# Notes:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net of Administrative Expenses through December 31, 2018

# Table 8 History of Cash Flow

(thousands \$)

	Distributions and Expenditures											
Year Ending  December $31^1$ , Contributions  (1) (2)		Benefit Payments  and Refunds  (3)		Administrative Expenses <sup>2</sup> (5)	Total (6)		External Cash Flow for the Year (7)		Market Value of Assets (8)		External Cash Flow as Percent of Market Value (9)	
2008	\$	34,943	\$	(26,118)		\$	(26,118)	\$	8,825	\$	387,120	2.3%
2009		38,448		(28,173)			(28,173)		10,275		432,028	2.4%
2010		40,081		(30,876)			(30,876)		9,205		492,545	1.9%
2011		43,641		(34,863)			(34,863)		8,778		484,089	1.8%
2012		47,302		(40,009)	(1,163)		(41,172)		6,130		538,898	1.1%
2013		50,629		(42,825)	(1,115)		(43,940)		6,689		595,110	1.1%
2014		54,065		(45,403)	(1,327)		(46,730)		7,335		638,019	1.1%
2015		57,948		(50,005)	(1,466)		(51,471)		6,477		644,174	1.0%
2016		56,105		(50,828)	(1,397)		(52,225)		3,880		686,020	0.6%
2017		59,493		(56,548)	(1,563)		(58,111)		1,382		769,475	0.2%
2018		57,848		(63,983)	(1,421)		(65,404)		(7,556)		718,520	-1.1%

#### Notes:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Information was not provided in the prior actuary's valuation reports

# Table 9

# **Total Experience Gain or Loss**

	Item	Year Ending ember 31, 2018
	(1)	(2)
A.	Calculation of total actuarial gain or loss	
	1. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL), previous year	\$ 405,532,952
	2. Normal cost for the year	37,913,680
	3. Contributions for the year	(57,847,631)
	4. Interest at 7.70%	
	a. On UAAL	\$ 31,226,037
	b. On normal cost	1,459,677
	c. On contributions	 (2,227,134)
	d. Total	\$ 30,458,580
	5. Changes due to assumptions	152,746,502
	6. Expected UAAL, end of year (Sum of Items 1 through 5)	568,804,083
	7. Actual UAAL, end of year	581,681,628
	8. Total (gain)/loss for the year (Item 6 - Item 5)	\$ 12,877,545
В.	Source of gains and losses	
	% of AAL	
	1. Asset (Gain)/Loss 1.79%	\$ 25,154,250
	2. Demographic (Gains)/Losses 0.88%	 (12,276,705)
	3. Total 0.92%	\$ 12,877,545



Table 10
Funding History

(Inclusive of the Retiree Death Benefit Fund)

Valuation Date Actuarial Value of		Act	Actuarial Accrued Accrued Liability		Fund	ed Ratio	Annual Covered		UAA	Las % of		
December 31 <sup>1</sup> , Assets (AVA)		L	Liability (AAL)		(UAAL) (3) - (2)		(2)/(3)		Payroll		oll (4)/(6)	
(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)
2009	\$	518,433,065	\$	735,334,345	\$	216,901,280	7	0.5%	\$	122,928,285	1	76.4%
2010		547,364,486		778,005,374		230,640,888	7	0.4%		127,731,696	1	80.6%
2011		554,190,027		826,366,581		272,176,554	6	7.1%		135,264,530	2	01.2%
2012		559,077,407		858,949,998		299,872,591	6	5.1%		141,561,047	2	11.8%
2013		605,530,903		913,591,470		308,060,567	6	6.3%		147,138,718	2	09.4%
2014		653,980,764		971,213,766		317,233,002	6	7.3%		152,544,227	2	08.0%
2015		690,696,986		1,039,229,249		348,532,263	6	6.5%		155,832,755	2	23.7%
2016		733,105,429		1,109,862,137		376,756,708	6	6.1%		163,894,324	2	29.9%
2017		779,484,342		1,185,017,294		405,532,952	6	5.8%		162,490,560	2	49.6%
2018		807,978,988		1,389,660,616		581,681,628	5	8.1%		166,564,996	3	49.2%

#### Notes:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

# Table 11 Historical Contribution Rates

		Co	ontributions fro	om:		20-Year Actuarially	30-Year Actuarially
Valuation as					Total Normal	•	Determined
,	of December 31 <sup>1</sup> ,	City <sup>2</sup>	Members	Total	Cost Rate <sup>3</sup>	Contribution <sup>4</sup>	Contribution <sup>5</sup>
	2009	18.630%	13.000%	31.630%	22.372%		
	2010	19.630%	13.000%	32.630%	22.472%		
	2011	20.630%	13.000%	33.630%	23.277%		
	2012	21.630%	13.000%	34.630%	21.774%		
	2013	21.630%	13.000%	34.630%	21.806%		
	2014	21.630%	13.000%	34.630%	21.647%		
	2015	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	22.473%		
	2016	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	21.767%	24.407%	20.566%
	2017	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	22.291%	26.052%	22.269%
	2018	21.313%	13.000%	34.313%	24.986%	37.302%	31.965%

#### Notes:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Results prior to December 31, 2017 are based on the information provided in the prior actuary's actuarial valuation reports

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  City contribution rates were 18.000% prior to 1/1/2009; 18.250% effective 1/1/2009; 18.630% effective 10/1/2009; 19.630% effective 10/1/2010; 20.630% effective 10/1/2011; 21.630% effective 10/1/2012; 21.313% effective 10/1/2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes normal cost associated with the death benefit fund and load for assumed administrative expenses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Employer contribution rate needed to fund normal cost plus amortize the unfunded accrued liability over 20 years

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Employer contribution rate needed to fund normal cost plus amortize the unfunded accrued liability over 30 years

# Table 12 Retiree Death Benefit Fund

The Retiree Death Benefit Fund was established effective September 1, 2003. The Fund operates as a separate account within the system that is used to advance fund and to pay the \$10,000 post-retirement lump sum death benefits for retirees. The following table illustrates the allocation of the total plan assets and liabilities between the primary pension fund and the Retiree Death Benefit Fund.

		Pension Fund		 etiree Death enefit Fund
1.	Total Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits  a. Active Members  b. Inactive Members  c. Annuitants  d. Total	\$	1,081,722,506 10,620,069 664,003,850 1,756,346,425	\$ 1,161,197 41,816 2,423,481 3,626,494
2.	Present Value of Future Normal Costs	\$	369,950,997	\$ 361,306
3.	Actuarial Accrued Liability (item 1 - item 2)	\$	1,386,395,428	\$ 3,265,188
4.	Valuation Assets	\$	806,579,420	\$ 1,399,568
5.	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (item 3 - item 4)	\$	579,816,008	\$ 1,865,620
6.	City Contribution Rate to be Allocated to the Retiree Death Benefit Fund a. Normal Cost Rate b. Payment Required to Amortize UAAL			0.029%
	over 17 years (as of 12/31/2018) c. Total Allocated Rate			0.091% 0.120%



# **SECTION D**

ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSURE OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH MEASURING PENSION OBLIGATIONS AND DETERMINING PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

# Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions

The determination of the accrued liability and an actuarially determined contribution (or funding period) requires the use of assumptions regarding future economic and demographic experience. Risk measures, as illustrated in this report, are intended to aid in the understanding of the effects of future experience differing from the assumptions used in the course of the actuarial valuation. Risk measures may also help with illustrating the potential volatility in the accrued liability and an actuarially determined contribution (or funding period) that result from the differences between actual experience and the actuarial assumptions.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements 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 due to changing conditions; 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. The scope of an actuarial valuation does not include an analysis of the potential range of such future measurements.

Examples of risk that may reasonably be anticipated to significantly affect the plan's future financial condition include:

- 1. Investment risk actual investment returns may differ from the expected returns;
- 2. Asset/Liability mismatch changes in asset values may not match changes in liabilities, thereby altering the gap between the accrued liability and assets and consequently altering the funded status and contribution requirements;
- 3. Contribution risk actual contributions may differ from expected future contributions. For example, actual contributions may not be made in accordance with the plan's funding policy or material changes may occur in the anticipated number of covered employees, covered payroll, or other relevant contribution base;
- 4. Salary and Payroll risk actual salaries and total payroll may differ from expected, resulting in actual future accrued liability and contributions differing from expected;
- 5. Longevity risk members may live longer or shorter than expected and receive pensions for a period of time other than assumed;
- 6. Other demographic risks members may terminate, retire or become disabled at times or with benefits other than assumed resulting in actual future accrued liability and contributions differing from expected.



The effects of certain trends in experience can generally be anticipated. For example if the investment return since the most recent actuarial valuation is less (or more) than the assumed rate, the cost of the plan can be expected to increase (or decrease). Likewise if longevity is improving (or worsening), increases (or decreases) in cost can be anticipated.

The actuarially determined employer contribution rates shown on the Executive Summary provide a guide for the adequacy of the current statutory contribution rates received from the membership and the City. As shown on the exhibit the current contribution rates are not sufficient to ensure the sustainability of the System. The timely receipt of the actuarially determined contributions is critical to support the financial health of the System. Users of this report should be aware that contributions made at the actuarially determined rate do not necessarily guarantee benefit security.

# **PLAN MATURITY MEASURES**

Risks facing a pension plan evolve over time. A young plan with virtually no investments and paying few benefits may experience little investment risk. An older plan with a large number of members in pay status and a significant trust may be much more exposed to investment risk. Generally accepted plan maturity measures include the following (please see a description of the measures following the table):

Valuation as of December 31 <sup>st</sup>	2018	2017
Ratio of market value of assets to payroll	4.31	4.74
Ratio of actuarial accrued liability to payroll	8.34	7.29
Ratio of actives to retirees and beneficiaries	2.09	2.15
Ratio of net cash flows to market value of assets	-1.1%	0.2%
Duration of actuarial accrued liability*	15.1	N/A

<sup>\*</sup>Duration measurement not available prior to 2018

# **RATIO OF MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS TO PAYROLL**

The relationship between assets and payroll is a useful indicator of the potential volatility of contributions. For example, if the market value of assets is 2.0 times the payroll, a return on assets 5% different than assumed would equal 10% of payroll. A higher (lower) or increasing (decreasing) level of this maturity measure generally indicates a higher (lower) or increasing (decreasing) volatility in plan sponsor contributions as a percentage of payroll.



# RATIO OF ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY TO PAYROLL

The relationship between actuarial accrued liability and payroll is a useful indicator of the potential volatility of contributions for a fully funded plan. A funding policy that targets a funded ratio of 100% is expected to result in the ratio of assets to payroll and the ratio of liability to payroll converging over time.

The ratio of liability to payroll may also be used as a measure of sensitivity of the liability itself. For example, if the actuarial accrued liability is 2.5 times the payroll (5 to 2 ratio), a change in liability 2% other than assumed would equal 5% of payroll. A higher (lower) or increasing (decreasing) level of this maturity measure generally indicates a higher (lower) or increasing (decreasing) volatility in liability (and also plan sponsor contributions) as a percentage of payroll.

#### **RATIO OF ACTIVES TO RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES**

A young plan with many active members and few retirees will have a high ratio of active to retirees. A mature open plan may have close to the same number of actives to retirees resulting in a ratio near 1.0. A super-mature or closed plan may have significantly more retirees than actives resulting in a ratio below 1.0.

#### RATIO OF NET CASH FLOW TO MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS

A positive net cash flow means contributions exceed benefits and expenses. A negative cash flow means existing funds are being used to make payments. A certain amount of negative net cash flow is generally expected to occur when benefits are prefunded through a qualified trust. Large negative net cash flows as a percent of assets may indicate a super-mature plan or a need for additional contributions.

#### **DURATION OF ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY**

The duration of the actuarial accrued liability may be used to approximate the sensitivity to a 1% change in the assumed rate of return. For example, duration of 10 indicates that the liability would increase approximately 10% if the assumed rate of return were lowered 1%.

#### ADDITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Additional assessment may include scenario tests, sensitivity tests, stochastic modeling, stress tests, and a comparison of the present value of accrued benefits at low-risk discount rates with the actuarial accrued liability. A robust measurement of additional risk assessment is outside the scope of the annual actuarial valuation. However, we recommend that some scenario testing and sensitivity testing be included in any sustainability study conducted in the future.





**SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS** 

# **Summary of Plan Provisions for Austin Police Retirement System**

# Creditable Service (APRS Service)

Total years and completed months (excluding a month in which service amount to fewer than 15 days) during which a Member makes contributions to the System.

# **Earnings**

Base pay plus longevity pay. Overtime or special pay is not included.

# **Average Final Compensation**

Average Earnings for the highest 36 months over the last 120 months of service.

#### **Member Contributions**

13.000% of Earnings.

# **City Contributions**

21.313% effective October 1, 2015.

#### **Normal Retirement**

#### Date:

Earlier of age 62, age 55 and 20 years of Creditable Service, or 23 years of Creditable Service, regardless of age (including Proportionate Service Credit and excluding pre-membership military service).

# Benefit:

3.20% of Average Final Compensation <u>times</u> Creditable Service (including pre-membership military service).

# Form of Benefit:

Life Annuity. At the death of the member the excess, if any, of the member's accumulated contributions over the amount of payments made to the member will be paid in a lump sum to the member's beneficiary. (Other benefit options available).

# **Vesting**

#### Schedule:

100% after 10 years of Creditable Service, including Proportionate Service Credit.

### Benefit Amount:

Members will receive his (her) accrued benefit payable at the Normal Retirement Date based upon actual Creditable Service prior to termination.

Non-vested members receive a refund of accumulated contributions.



#### **Disability**

#### Eligibility:

10 years of Creditable Service (service requirement is waived if the disability is a direct or proximate result of the performance of the member's employment). Members who are eligible for normal retirement may not apply for disability benefits.

# Benefit:

Monthly benefit is calculated in the same manner as the member's normal retirement benefit. Benefit will be calculated with a minimum of 20 years of creditable service if the disability is a direct or proximate result of the performance of the member's employment.

### **Death Benefits**

#### Before Retirement Eligibility:

Lump sum payment equal to twice the amount of the Member's accumulated contributions subject to a minimum of \$10,000.

# After Retirement Eligibility (member is married at the time of death):

In lieu of the lump sum benefit described above, the surviving spouse may select a retirement option in the same manner as if the member had retired immediately prior to his death. When monthly benefits are payable in lieu of the lump sum, a \$10,000 death benefit will be paid to the surviving spouse.

# After Retirement Eligibility (member is not married at the time of death):

In lieu of the lump sum benefit described above, the member's beneficiary may select a Fifteen Year Certain benefit calculated in the same manner as if the member had retired immediately prior to his death. When monthly benefits are payable in lieu of the lump sum, a \$10,000 death benefit will be paid to the beneficiary.

# **Retiree Death Benefit Fund**

Effective September 1, 2003, a separate fund (funded as a portion of the City's contribution rate) was established to pay post-retirement lump sum death benefits. Effective September 1, 2007, the amount of these benefits was increased to \$10,000.

# **Proportionate Retirement Program**

Effective September 1, 2009, the System and the City began participating in the statewide Proportionate Retirement Program (PRP). Service in other participating public employee retirement systems can be combined with service in the System to satisfy the System's requirements for service retirement eligibility and for eligibility for vested benefits of a terminated Member. The participating systems, in addition to the System, are the six statewide systems, the City of Austin Employees' Retirement System, and the systems for the City of El Paso employees.



# **Forward DROP**

#### Eligibility:

Completion of 23 years of Creditable Service (including Proportionate Service Credit and excluding pre-membership military service).

# Participation Period:

Not to exceed 60 months. For members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016, the maximum participation period was extended to 84 months.

# Rate of Return:

Effective August 1, 2015, equal to the PROP interest rate (currently 2.25%). Members with 23 years of APRS service as of July 31, 2015 will receive 5.00% interest credit per year. Additionally, members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016 will not receive interest crediting while in DROP.

# DROP Fee/Charge:

For members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016, a charge for DROP participation will be applied as shown below. The charge will only apply during the period of DROP participation.

Year of DROP Participation	Fee/Charge
1	25%
2	20
3	15
4	10
5	5
6	5
7	5

#### Form of Distribution:

Cash lump sum (or rollover to PROP account) at termination of employment.

#### Miscellaneous:

For members with less than 23 years of APRS Service as of February 17, 2016, member contributions will continue to be required during the DROP participation period, but these contributions will be retained by the System.



#### **Retro DROP**

#### Eligibility:

Completion of 23 years of Creditable Service (included Proportionate Service Credit and excluding pre-membership military service). Members with less than 23 years on April 1, 2015 will not be eligible to participate in Retro DROP.

# Participation Period:

Not to exceed 36 months.

#### Rate of Return:

5.0%

#### Form of Distribution:

Cash lump sum (or rollover to PROP account) at termination of employment.

# Post-Retirement Option Plan (PROP)

Retiring members who have participated in DROP may transfer all or a portion of their DROP lump sum into their PROP account for later disbursement.

Retired members may defer receipt of a minimum of \$250 of their monthly annuity. These deferred benefits will be accumulated and available for later disbursement. Participants may change their deferral amount twice per calendar year. The interest crediting rate on a member's PROP deferrals is set by the Board. The current crediting rate is 2.25%.

# **Cost of Living Adjustment**

# Eligibility:

Normal Retirement.

#### Amount:

Determined by the actuary if providing a COLA (not to exceed 6.0% per year) will not impair financial stability of the System. Post-Retirement benefit increases will automatically be provided when the System's benefit accrual rate is increased.





**ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS** 

# **Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

The assumptions and methods applied in this actuarial valuation were adopted by the Board of Trustees effective with the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation. The actuarial assumptions used for the December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation are based on an experience review for the five-year period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017, dated May 15, 2019. Please see this report for a discussion of the analysis and rationale for the recommended assumptions.

# I. Valuation Date

The valuation date is December 31 of each plan year. This is the date as of which the actuarial present value of future benefits and the actuarial value of assets are determined.

# II. Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial valuation is used to determine the adequacy of the current City contribution rate, describe the current financial condition of APRS, analyze changes in the condition of APRS, and provide various summaries of the data.

The actuarial valuation uses the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method. Under this method, the first step is to determine the contribution rate (level as a percentage of pay) required to provide the benefits to each member, or the normal cost rate. The normal cost rate consists of two pieces: (i) the member's contribution rate, and (ii) the remaining portion of the normal cost rate which is the employer's normal cost rate. The total normal cost rate is based on the benefits payable to each individual active member.

The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) is the liability for future benefits which is in excess of (i) the actuarial value of assets, and (ii) the present value of future normal costs. The employer contribution provided in excess of the employer normal cost is applied to amortize the UAAL.

The funding period is calculated as the number of years required to fully amortize the UAAL, and is calculated assuming: (a) future earnings on actuarial value of assets, net of investment-related expenses, will equal 7.25% per year, (b) there will be no changes in assumptions, (c) the number of active members will remain unchanged, (d) payroll for covered employees will grow at 3.00% each year, and (e) City contributions will remain the same percentage of payroll as described in Section E of the valuation report.

The Entry Age actuarial cost method is an "immediate gain" method (i.e., experience gains and losses are separately identified as part of the UAAL). However, they are amortized over the same period applied to all other components of the UAAL.



# III. Actuarial Value of Assets

The actuarial value of assets is based on the market value of assets with a five-year phase-in of actual investment returns in excess of (less than) expected investment income. Offsetting unrecognized gains and losses are immediately recognized, with the shortest remaining bases recognized first and the net remaining bases continuing to be recognized on their original timeframe. Expected investment income is determined using the assumed investment return rate and the market value of assets (adjusted for receipts and disbursements during the year).

# IV. Actuarial Assumptions

**Investment Return:** 7.25% per year, net of investment-related expenses (composed of an assumed 2.50% inflation rate and a 4.75% real rate of return)

# **Mortality Decrements:**

# Pre-retirement

PubS-2010 Employee Mortality Table for males and females. Generational mortality improvements projected from the year 2010 using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables.

# **Healthy Annuitants**

PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality Table for males and females. Generational mortality improvements projected from the year 2010 using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables.

# **Disabled Annuitants**

PubS-2010 Disability Mortality Table for males and females. Generational mortality improvements projected from the year 2010 using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables.



#### **Service Retirement Decrements:**

### Members Who Have 23 Years of Service by Age 55

The following rates reflect the members expected departure from active service and are applied based on years of service:

Years of Service	Probability of Retirement
23	28%
24	18
25	18
26	18
27	25
28	25
29	25
30+	35

Years of Service includes APRS Service and Proportionate Service Credit. 100% probability of retirement at age 62.

#### Members Who Do Not Have 23 Years of Service by Age 55

The following rates reflect the members expected departure from active service and are applied based on the member's age:

Age	Probability of Retirement
55	50%
56	25
57	25
58	25
59	25
60	25
61	25
62+	100

#### Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)

Members eligible for either the Back DROP or 5-year Forward DROP (or both) are assumed to select the most valuable option based on their individual situation at each possible retirement age. Members eligible for only the 7-year Forward DROP are assumed to not participate in DROP.

### <u>Post-Retirement Option Plan (PROP) Investment Accounts</u>

75% of members with a PROP account at the valuation date will elect to leave their lump sum in APRS until age 60 and 25% of members will elect to receive their PROP balance at the valuation date. No future PROP deferrals are assumed and current active members are not assumed to enter PROP. Average annual rate credited to the PROP accounts will be 2.25%.



### Withdrawal of Employee Contributions

Members that terminate with a vested benefit are assumed to choose the most valuable option available to them at the time of termination: withdrawal of contributions or deferred annuity. Non-vested members are assumed to receive an immediate refund of accumulated contributions.

### **Disability Retirement Decrements:**

#### **Disability Rates**

Rates for males and females at selected ages are shown below:

Age	Rate					
20	0.0004%					
25	0.0025					
30	0.0099					
35	0.0259					
40	0.0494					
45	0.0804					
50	0.1188					
55	0.1647					
60	0.2180					

Disability rates are set to zero when members become eligible for retirement

### In Line of Duty Disability

55% of disability retirements assumed to be in the line of duty.

#### **Termination Decrements for Reasons Other Than Death or Retirement:**

### **Withdrawal Rates**

The following service-based rates apply:

Years of	Probability of
Service	Termination
0	12.00%
1	6.00
2-5	2.00
6-22	0.75
23+	0.00

Years of Service includes APRS Service and Proportionate Service Credit. Termination rates are set to zero when members become eligible for retirement



**Salary Increases:** Increases are assumed to vary by years of APRS Service. Salary increases include an underlying inflation component of 2.50% and a productivity component of 0.50%.

Anniversary of Academy Graduation	Percentage Increase
1*	15.20%
2	3.00
3	3.00
4	3.00
5	3.00
6	10.00
7	3.00
8	3.00
9	3.00
10	10.00
11	3.00
12	3.00
13	3.00
14	10.00
15	3.00
16	10.00
17+	3.00

<sup>\*</sup>Rate of Increase for 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Graduation is for an Officer Position. If member is still a cadet on the valuation date then the increase in the upcoming year will be, either: (1) 46.70% for a regular Academy graduate, or (2) 17.40% plus the 15.20% Step Rate for a Modified Academy graduate.

**Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA):** Cost of living adjustments are granted on an ad hoc basis. No future COLAs are assumed.

**Administrative Expenses:** 0.90% of payroll. Included in this assumption would be any administrative expenses associated with the proportionate retirement program, which is currently assumed to be 0.017% of payroll.

**Payroll Growth:** Member Payroll is assumed to grow at 3.00% per year.

**Marital Assumptions:** 85% of active members are assumed to be married. Male spouses are assumed to be three years older than female spouses.

**Decrement Timing:** All decrements – mortality, service retirement, disability retirement, and termination of employment for reasons other than death or retirement – are assumed to occur at the middle of the valuation year.



#### **Census Data and Assets**

- The valuation was based on members of APRS as of December 31, 2018 and does not take into account future members.
- All census data was supplied by APRS and was subject to reasonable consistency checks.
- There were data elements that were modified for some members as part of the valuation in order to make the data complete. However, the number of missing data items was immaterial.
- Asset data was supplied by APRS.

#### **Other Actuarial Valuation Procedures**

- No provision was made in this actuarial valuation for the limitations of Internal Revenue Code Sections 415 or 401(a)17.
- Annualized Payroll on Valuation Date is the annualized payroll of active members on the
  valuation date. Projected Contributory Payroll for the upcoming fiscal year (used in
  determining the amortization period) is the estimated pensionable earnings received by all
  plan members for the just completed calendar year (including earnings for members who
  are no longer active employees on the valuation date) increased by the assumed payroll
  growth rate.

#### **Changes in Assumptions since Prior Year**

A comprehensive experience study was conducted since the prior valuation and the assumptions used in this valuation reflect the recommendations from that study. In particular the following significant assumptions were modified;

- The investment return assumption was decreased from 7.70% to 7.25%
- The inflation assumption was decreased from 3.00% to 2.50%
- Individual salary increase rates were modified to better reflect the current expectation for inflation and the current step schedule
- The payroll growth rate was decreased from 4.00% to 3.00%
- An explicit administrative expense load of 0.90% of payroll was added to the normal cost
- Mortality rates from PubS-2010 were adopted with fully generational mortality improvement using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables
- Termination rates were modified to better reflect APRS experience
- Retirement rates were modified to better reflect APRS experience

Please see the full experience study report dated May 15, 2019 for a complete description of all of the assumption changes.





**DETAILED SUMMARIES OF MEMBERSHIP DATA** 

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# Table A

# **Summary of Active Membership Data**

		Dece	ember 31, 2018
Acti	ve members		
a.	Number		1,834
b.	Total payroll at the valuation date	\$	160,121,633
c.	Average salary	\$	87,307
d.	Average age		40.1
e.	Average benefit service		11.5
Acti	ve members currently in DROP		
a.	Number		58
b.	Total payroll at the valuation date	\$	6,443,363
c.	Average salary	\$	111,092
d.	Average age		54.5
e.	Average benefit service		27.8
f.	Total annual benefits	\$	4,891,436
g.	Average annual benefit	\$	84,335
h.	Total DROP Balance	\$	13,690,391
Vest	ted inactive members		
a.	Number		39
b.	Total annual deferred benefits	\$	1,367,934
c.	Average annual deferred benefit	\$	35,075
d.	Average age		48.2
Non	vested inactive members		
a.	Number		72
b.	Member contributions due	\$	593,318
c.	Average refund due	\$	8,241



# Table B

# **Summary of Annuitant Membership Data**

		Dece	mber 31, 2018
Serv	vice Retirees		
a.	Number		792
b.	Total annual benefits	\$	53,009,664
c.	Average annual benefit	\$	66,931
d.	Average age	·	63.1
e.	Total PROP Balance	\$	28,413,665
Dis	ability Retirees		
a.	Number		2
b.	Total annual benefits	\$	63,581
c.	Average annual benefit	\$	31,791
d.	Average age		53.9
e.	Total PROP Balance	\$	0
Ben	eficiaries		
a.	Number		62
b.	Total annual benefits	\$	2,750,972
С.	Average annual benefit	\$	44,371
d.	Average age		72.3
e.	Total PROP Balance	\$	253,629
QDI	ROs		
a.	Number		50
b.	Total annual benefits	\$	720,529
c.	Average annual benefit	\$	14,411
d.	Average age		58.8
e.	Total PROP Balance	\$	0
Tota	al Members in Payment		
a.	Number		906
b.	Total annual benefits	\$	56,544,746
c.	Average annual benefit	\$	62,411
d.	Average age		63.5
e.	Total PROP Balance	\$	28,667,294



Table C
Status Reconciliation

		Active	Vested	Non-vested		Disability		
	Active	DROP	Terminated	Terminated	Retiree	Retiree	Beneficiary	QDRO
Beginning of Year	1,811	55	45	53	758	2	60	47
Re-hired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Termination, non-vested	50	_	1	-	-	-	-	-
Termination, vested	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Entered DROP	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement	17	8	15	-	-	-	-	-
Disability retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution refund	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-
Death	1	-	-	-	6	-	3	-
Total Out	88	8	16	17	7	0	3	0
Continuing	1,723	47	29	36	751	2	57	47
Total In	111	11	10	36	41	0	5	3
End of Year	1,834	58	39	72	792	2	62	50



<u>Table D</u>

Active Members – Distribution by Age and Service

	Years of Service																			
Age		0-4		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39	40+	+		Total
Under 25		52		1																53
	\$	56,244	\$	73,136															\$	56,563
25 - 29		170		15																185
	\$	63,163	\$	75,460															\$	64,160
20 24		424		405		22														200
30 - 34	ب	131	<u>,</u>	135	,	33	,	1											ب ا	300
	\$	67,194	\$	76,912	\$	84,265	\$	/3,0/8											\$	73,465
35 - 39		55		113		163		32		3										366
	\$	68,847	\$	77,373	\$	86,394	\$	96,752	\$	96,244									\$	81,958
40 - 44		24		49		72		164		47										356
10 11	\$	67,003	\$	78,261	Ś		Ś	102,848	Ś	110,370									Ś	94,545
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45 - 49		11		22		42		101		157		33								366
	\$	69,544	\$	79,417	\$	86,368	\$	101,436	\$	111,274	\$	5 112,775							\$	102,667
50 - 54				7		17		43		60		50		6		1				184
			\$	92,533	\$	85,120	\$	99,820	\$	114,736	\$	114,674	\$	112,501	\$	103,874			\$	107,520
55 - 59						4		15		13		21		11		2				66
55 - 59					\$		ċ	100,982	ė		۲	5 108,221	خ	108,323	ċ	98,126			ب	104,593
					Ş	03,033	Ş	100,962	Ş	107,100	Ç	100,221	Ş	100,323	Ş	90,120			Ş	104,595
60 - 64		1				1		2		5		5		2						16
	\$	149,417			\$	96,618	\$	106,113	\$	96,533	\$	117,875	\$	104,995					\$	108,768
Over 64																				
								25-												1.00-
Total	۲	444	<u>ر</u>	342	۲.	332	۲.	358	۲.	285	,	109	۲.	19	¢	3			ب	1,892
	\$	64,806	\$	77,664	<b>&gt;</b>	85,932	<b>&gt;</b>	101,398	<b>&gt;</b>	111,250	<b>&gt;</b>	5 113,002	<b>&gt;</b>	109,292	\$	100,042			<b>\$</b>	88,036



<u>Table E</u>
Annuitants – Distribution by Age and Category

Age	Number	Annual Benefit	Average Annual Benefit
Under 60	345	24,400,935	70,727
60 - 64	199	12,639,619	63,516
65 - 69	179	10,283,845	57,452
70 - 74	91	4,799,729	52,744
75 - 80	40	1,979,343	49,484
Over 80	52	2,441,274	46,948
Total	906	56,544,746	62,411



# **SECTION H**

**G**LOSSARY

## **Glossary**

**Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL):** That portion, as determined by a particular Actuarial Cost Method, of the Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits which is not provided for by future Normal Costs. It is equal to the Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits minus the actuarial present value of future Normal Costs.

**Actuarial Assumptions:** Assumptions as to future experience under the Fund. These include assumptions about the occurrence of future events affecting costs or liabilities, such as:

- mortality, withdrawal, disablement, and retirement;
- future increases in salary;
- future rates of investment earnings and future investment and administrative expenses;
- characteristics of members not specified in the data, such as marital status;
- characteristics of future members;
- future elections made by members; and
- other relevant items.

**Actuarial Cost Method** or **Funding Method**: A procedure for allocating the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits to various time periods; a method used to determine the Normal Cost and the Actuarial Accrued Liability. These items are used to determine the ADC.

Actuarial Gain or Actuarial 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. Through the actuarial assumptions, rates of decrements, rates of salary increases, and rates of fund earnings have been forecasted. To the extent that actual experience differs from that assumed, Actuarial Accrued Liabilities emerge which may be the same as forecasted, or may be larger or smaller than projected. Actuarial gains are due to favorable experience, e.g., the Fund's assets earn more than projected, salaries do not increase as fast as assumed, members retire later than assumed, etc. Favorable experience means actual results produce actuarial liabilities not as large as projected by the actuarial assumptions. On the other hand, actuarial losses are the result of unfavorable experience, i.e., actual results that produce actuarial liabilities which are larger than projected. Actuarial gains will shorten the time required for funding of the actuarial balance sheet deficiency while actuarial losses will lengthen the funding period.

**Actuarially Equivalent:** Of equal actuarial present value, determined as of a given date and based on a given set of Actuarial Assumptions.

**Actuarial Present Value (APV):** The value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions. For purposes of this standard, each such amount or series of amounts is:

- a. adjusted for the probable financial effect of certain intervening events (such as changes in compensation levels, marital status, etc.),
- b. multiplied by the probability of the occurrence of an event (such as survival, death, disability, termination of employment, etc.) on which the payment is conditioned, and
- c. discounted according to an assumed rate (or rates) of return to reflect the time value of money.



Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits: The Actuarial Present Value of those benefit amounts which are expected to be paid at various future times under a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions, taking into account such items as the effect of advancement in age and past and anticipated future compensation and service credits. The Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits includes the liabilities for active members, retired members, beneficiaries receiving benefits, and inactive, nonretired members either entitled to a refund or a future retirement benefit. Expressed another way, it is the value that would have to be invested on the valuation date so that the amount invested plus investment earnings would be provide sufficient assets to pay all projected benefits and expenses when due.

**Actuarial Valuation**: The determination, as of a valuation date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Accrued Liability, Actuarial Value of Assets, and related Actuarial Present Values for a plan. An Actuarial valuation for a governmental retirement system typically also includes calculations of items needed for compliance with GASB.

**Actuarial Value of Assets** or **Valuation Assets**: The value of the Fund's assets as of a given date, used by the actuary for valuation purposes. This may be the market or fair value of plan assets, but commonly actuaries use a smoothed value in order to reduce the year-to-year volatility of calculated results, such as the funded ratio and the ADC.

**Actuarially Determined:** Values which have been determined utilizing the principles of actuarial science. An actuarially determined value is derived by application of the appropriate actuarial assumptions to specified values determined by provisions of the law.

Amortization Method: A method for determining the Amortization Payment. The most common methods used are level dollar and level percentage of payroll. Under the Level Dollar method, the Amortization Payment is one of a stream of payments, all equal, whose Actuarial Present Value is equal to the UAAL. Under the Level Percentage of Pay method, the Amortization payment is one of a stream of increasing payments, whose Actuarial Present Value is equal to the UAAL. Under the Level Percentage of Pay method, the stream of payments increases at the assumed rate at which total covered payroll of all active members will increase.

**Amortization Payment:** That portion of the pension plan contribution or ADC which is designed to pay interest on and to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

**Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)** or **Annual Required Contribution (ARC)**: A calculated contribution for a defined benefit pension plan for the reporting period, most often determined based on the funding policy of the plan. Typically the calculated contribution has a normal cost payment and an amortization payment.

**Closed Amortization Period:** A specific number of years that is counted down by one each year and therefore declines to zero with the passage of time. For example if the amortization period is initially set at 30 years, it is 29 years at the end of one year, 28 years at the end of two years, etc. See Funding Period and Open Amortization Period.

**Decrements:** Those causes/events due to which a member's status (active-inactive-retiree-beneficiary) changes, that is: death, retirement, disability, or termination.



**Defined Benefit Plan:** An employer-sponsored retirement benefit that provides workers, upon attainment of designated age and service thresholds, with a monthly benefit based on the employee's salary and length of service. The value of a benefit from a defined benefit plan is generally not affected by the return on the assets that are invested to fund the benefit.

**Defined Contribution Plan:** A retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan, a 403(b) plan, or a 457 plan, in which the contributions to the plan are assigned to an account for each member, and the plan's earnings are allocated to each account, and each member's benefits are a direct function of the account balance.

**Employer Normal Cost:** The portion of the Normal Cost to be paid by the employers. This is equal to the Normal Cost less expected member contributions.

**Experience Study:** A periodic review and analysis of the actual experience of the Fund which may lead to a revision of one or more actuarial assumptions. Actual rates of decrement and salary increases are compared to the actuarially assumed values and modified as deemed appropriate by the Actuary.

**Funded Ratio:** The ratio of the actuarial value of assets (AVA) to the actuarial accrued liability (AAL). Plans sometimes calculate a market funded ratio, using the market value of assets (MVA), rather than the AVA.

**Funding Period** or **Amortization Period**: The term "Funding Period" is used it two ways. In the first sense, it is the period used in calculating the Amortization Payment as a component of the ADC. This funding period is chosen by the Board of Trustees. In the second sense, it is a calculated item: the number of years in the future that will theoretically be required to amortize (i.e., pay off or eliminate) the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, based on the statutory employer contribution rate, and assuming no future actuarial gains or losses.

**GASB**: The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is an organization that exists in order to promulgate accounting standards for governmental entities.

**Normal Cost:** That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method. Any payment in respect of an Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability is not part of Normal Cost (see Amortization Payment). For pension plan benefits which are provided in part by employee contributions, Normal Cost refers to the total of employee contributions and employer Normal Cost unless otherwise specifically stated. Under the entry age normal cost method, the Normal Cost is intended to be the level cost (when expressed as a percentage of pay) needed to fund the benefits of a member from hire until ultimate termination, death, disability or retirement.

**Open Amortization Period:** An open amortization period is one which is used to determine the Amortization Payment but which does not change over time. In other words, if the initial period is set as 30 years, the same 30-year period is used in determining the Amortization Period each year. In theory, if an Open Amortization Period is used to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, the UAAL will never completely disappear, but will become smaller each year, either as a dollar amount or in relation to covered payroll.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability:** The excess of the Actuarial Accrued Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets. This value may be negative in which case it may be expressed as a negative Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, also called the Funding Surplus.



**Valuation Date** or **Actuarial Valuation Date:** The date as of which the value of assets is determined and as of which the Actuarial Present Value of Future Plan Benefits is determined. The expected benefits to be paid in the future are discounted to this date.

