

GASB Statements No. 67 and 68  
Report for Fiscal Year 2024

Fitchburg Retirement System



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To the Fitchburg Retirement Board:

For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 67 and 68, Stone Consulting, Inc. has prepared a set of illustrative tables and other Required Supplementary Information (RSI) based on the January 1, 2024 actuarial valuation of the Fitchburg Retirement System performed by Stone Consulting, Inc.

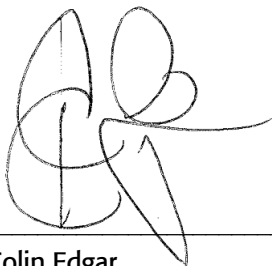
The valuation and this report were prepared using generally accepted actuarial principles and practices and meet the parameters set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate, and the assumptions used represent a reasonable estimate of anticipated experience of the system. Stone Consulting, Inc. is completely independent of the City of Fitchburg and the Fitchburg Retirement System. This includes any of its officers and key personnel. Neither we or anyone else closely associated with us has any relationship with the City of Fitchburg or the Fitchburg Retirement System that would impair our independence, other than this or related assignments.

We are pleased to present these exhibits. If the Board has any questions on the content of this report, we would be glad to respond. Please note that this report is meant to be used in its entirety. Use of excerpts of this report may result in a misleading or inaccurate understanding of the results.

The undersigned is a consultant for Stone Consulting, Inc. Colin Edgar is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## Summary of Results

This report has been prepared for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Statements No. 67 and 68. For GASB 67 the results are as of a valuation date of January 1, 2024 and a reporting date of December 31, 2023. For GASB 68 the results are as of a valuation date of January 1, 2024, a measurement date of December 31, 2023 and a reporting date of June 30, 2024.

The methods, assumptions, and plan provisions used to prepare these exhibits are consistent with those used in the funding valuation, and are outlined in the January 1, 2024 funding valuation report unless otherwise stated in this report.

Highlights of the results for the Fitchburg Retirement System as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Total Pension Liability (TPL)	\$ 321,073,431
Plan Fiduciary Net Position (FNP)	<u>173,984,629</u>
System's Net Pension Liability (NPL)	\$ 147,088,802
Plan FNP as a percentage of the TPL	54.2%
Covered Payroll	\$ 42,376,947
Plan NPL as a percentage of Covered Payroll	347.1%
Pension Expense	\$ 12,924,823

**NOTE:** Totals in this report may not sum due to rounding

The TPL, FNP, and NPL are all developed and discussed on the following two pages, followed by the pension expense and deferrals.

## Distribution of the Member Population

As of January 1, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefits terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	609
Inactive employees entitled to a return of contributions	282
Active employees	<u>719</u>
TOTAL	1,610

## Changes to the Net Pension Liability

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)
<b>Balances at beginning of Measurement Period (01/01/2023)</b>	\$ 302,396,803	\$ 157,636,487	\$ 144,760,315
<u>Changes for the Year:</u>			
Service Cost	5,006,266		5,006,266
Interest	20,762,311		20,762,311
Change in benefit terms	0		0
Differences between expected and actual experience	14,505,308		14,505,308
Change in assumptions	0		0
Contributions - employer		17,069,499	(17,069,499)
Contributions - employee		4,416,447	(4,416,447)
Net investment income		16,753,415	(16,753,415)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(21,597,257)	(21,597,257)	0
Administrative expense		(293,964)	293,964
Other changes		0	0
Net Changes	<u>18,676,628</u>	<u>16,348,142</u>	<u>2,328,487</u>
<b>Balances at end of Measurement Period (12/31/2023)</b>	\$ 321,073,431	\$ 173,984,629	\$ 147,088,802

\*Update procedures were used to roll the Total Pension Liability forward from the valuation date (01/01/2024) to the measurement date (12/31/2023). [GASB 68, Paragraph 80 c.]

## CHANGES IN METHODS, ASSUMPTIONS, AND PLAN PROVISIONS

The assumptions used in the January 1, 2024 actuarial valuation were consistent with the previous valuation, thus the amounts shown for both "Change in assumptions" and "Change in benefit terms" are \$0.

## Projection of the Net Pension Liability

### TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY (TPL)

The Total Pension Liability at the beginning of the measurement period (01/01/2023) is equal to the TPL from the end of the previous measurement period. The TPL is rolled forward through each measurement period by:

- Adding the Service Cost,
- Subtracting benefits paid,
- Applying interest (as calculated on page 6), and
- Recognizing any changes from new valuation results.

The Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL), calculated as of the valuation date, is compared to the projected TPL. The difference between the two figures is measured as of the measurement date, and allocated to the following categories:

- Changes in assumptions
- Changes of plan provisions
- The remainder of the difference is allocated to "Differences between actual and expected experience"

All of these changes are recognized immediately in the TPL. Their treatment in the pension expense is discussed on the following page. Note that the TPL shown includes a 1/1/2024 liability of \$2,874,490 for net 3(8)(c) payments, calculated by assuming that every dollar of 3(8)(c) net benefit generates the same amount of liability as a dollar of the total retirement benefit, and rolled forward with the rest of the TPL. This method differs from the funding valuation, where net 3(8)(c) payments are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and no explicit liability is calculated.

### PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (FNP) AND NET PENSION LIABILITY (NPL)

GASB Statement No. 68, Paragraph 59 requires that the fair value of assets be used for the Fiduciary Net Position. For the fair value of assets we used the market value of assets adjusted by payables and receivables.

The Net Pension Liability (NPL) is the portion of the TPL not covered by the FNP. This amount is presented as a percentage of covered payroll. The NPL ratio for the Fitchburg Retirement System is 347.1% of covered pay. In this report, covered pay is reported as described in GASB Statement No. 82 – pensionable payroll for the measurement period.

## PENSION EXPENSE AND NET DEFERRALS

For the Pension Expense, gain and losses are recognized over a period of multiple years, with a portion being recognized immediately and the remainder being added to deferred inflows and outflows:

- Asset gains and losses are recognized over a five-year period [GASB 68, Paragraph 71b]
- Experience and Assumption changes are recognized over the average remaining service of the current members [GASB 68, Paragraph 71a]
- Plan provision changes are recognized immediately

Some inflows/outflows which originated in prior measurement periods will continue to be recognized this period. The total amount to be recognized this period is part of the pension expense; the remainder is included in the deferrals. Both are shown on the following page, and are calculated in greater detail on pages 9-10.

## RESULTS BY EMPLOYER

Exhibits are provided beginning on page 14 which provide individual results for the various employers that make up the Fitchburg Retirement System. Pension expense, as well as any deferred inflows and outflows of resources, and any excess contribution generated by Federal Grants, have been allocated to the various employers in the same manner as the FY2024 appropriation.

Per GASB 68, the change in proportionality from FY2023 to FY2024 of the individual employers' NPL and deferred inflows and outflows need to be allocated to the individual employers. This is calculated on page 16. These amounts are then recognized over the average remaining service, which is 5.2 years. The recognition of proportion changes is developed on page 17.

### Pension Expense for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE*	Description	Fiscal 2024
A	Service Cost	\$ 5,006,266
A, B	Interest on the Total Pension Liability	20,762,311
C	Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	3,797,239
D	Changes of Assumptions	89,070
D	Changes to Benefit Provisions	0
A	Employee Contributions	(4,416,447)
E	Projected Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	(11,020,370)
F	Differences between Projected and Actual Earnings on Plan Investments	(1,587,209)
A	Pension Plan Administrative Expense	293,964
A	Other Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	<u>0</u>
	<b>Total Pension Expense</b>	<b>\$ 12,924,823</b>

\* Notes shown on following page.

### Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

	Deferred Outflows Of Resources	Deferred Inflows Of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 13,851,375	\$ (11,622)
Changes of assumptions	26,295	(330,368)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>6,334,504</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,212,173</b>	<b>\$ (341,990)</b>

Year Ending December 31, *	Recognition
2024	\$ 4,152,515
2025	\$ 5,342,022
2026	\$ 8,174,877
2027	\$ 1,642,873
2028	\$ 557,896
Thereafter	\$ 0

\*The years are based on measurement date. For GASB 68, the year ending December 31, 2024 is Fiscal 2025.



## NOTES

- A. See the RSI schedule of changes to the net pension liability, on page 2.
- B. Events that impact the total pension liability are assumed to happen evenly throughout the period. In addition, the amount of interest on the total pension liability is calculated using an interest rate equal to the discount rate that was used to determine the service cost. The amount is determined as follows:

Description	Amount for Period (a)	Portion of Period (b)	Interest Rate (c)	Interest on the TPL (a) x (b) x (c)
Beginning TPL	\$ 302,396,803	100%	7.00%	\$ 21,167,776
Service cost	5,006,266	100%	7.00%	350,439
Benefit payments	(21,597,257)	50%	7.00%	(755,904)
Total interest on the NPL				\$ 20,762,311

- C. Differences between expected and actual experience recognized in the current period in accordance with paragraph 71a of Statement 68. For the detailed calculation of the recognition of this amount, see the schedules on page 9.
- D. Assumption and plan provision changes recognized in pension expense in the current period in accordance with paragraph 71a of Statement 68. For detailed calculation of the recognition of these amounts, see the schedule on page 9.
- E. Changes in the amounts invested are assumed to occur evenly throughout the period. In addition, the amount of projected earnings on pension plan investments is calculated using the assumed rate of return on pension plan investments as of the beginning of the period. The amount is determined as follows:

Description	Amount for Period (a)	Portion of Period (b)	Projected Rate of Return (c)	Projected Earnings (a) x (b) x (c)
Beginning FNP	\$ 157,636,487	100%	7.00%	\$ 11,034,554
Employer contributions	17,069,499	50%	7.00%	597,432
Employee contributions	4,416,447	50%	7.00%	154,576
Benefit payments	(21,597,257)	50%	7.00%	(755,904)
Administrative expense and other	(293,964)	50%	7.00%	(10,289)
Total projected earnings				\$ 11,020,370
Actual investment earnings				<u>16,753,415</u>
Difference: (Gain)/Loss				\$ (5,733,046)

- F. Differences between projected and actual earnings recognized in the current period in accordance with paragraph 71b of Statement 68. For detailed calculation of the recognition of this amount, see the schedule on page 9.

### Discount Sensitivity

The following presents the Fitchburg Retirement System's Net Pension Liability calculated at the valuation discount rate of 7.00%, as well as at discount rates one percent lower (6.00%) and one percent higher (8.00%).

Fiscal Year	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
2024	\$ 181,588,545	\$ 147,088,802	\$ 117,925,297

### Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return

The long-term expected real rate of return reflects the expected rate of return on plan assets minus the expected rate of inflation. Note that the discount rate includes the effect of inflation. The long-term real rate of return removes the effect of inflation on the return amounts. It is a long-term assumption and is meant to reflect a best estimate of future experience, based on the expected asset allocation.

Allocation percentages are based on information provided by the Fitchburg Retirement System, and PRIT's investment consultant, NEPC. The real rates of return below are based on 30-year return estimates provided by NEPC through the Pension Reserve Investment Trust, adjusted using NEPC's 2.60% inflation assumption.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric Average)
Global Equity	31-41%	
US Equity		4.19%
International Equities		3.90%
Emerging Equities		6.43%
Core Fixed Income	12-18%	
Core Bonds		2.24%
Short-Term Fixed Income		1.56%
Treasury STRIPS		1.56%
TIPS/ILBs		1.66%
Value-Added Fixed Income	6-12%	5.07%
Private Equity	13-19%	7.41%
Real Estate	7-13%	3.90%
Timberland	1-7%	4.39%
Portfolio Completion (PCS)	7-13%	3.70%

## Development of Results

### DISCOUNT RATE

Projections were made using a discount rate assumption of 7.00%, which is consistent with the actuarial funding valuation. One of the objectives of the provisions of GASB 68 is to examine how benefit payments and plan contributions and investment earnings interact on a cash flow basis. GASB requires that these amounts be calculated with Market Value of Assets and using the Entry Age Normal cost method.

Projected contributions for each year are the sum of:

- Projected normal cost,
- Amortization of the unfunded liability,
- Administrative expense, and
- Other benefit costs such as 3(8)(c) payments.

The amortization bases and periods are consistent with those seen in the valuation report. Administrative expenses are increased by 4.00% per year. The Fitchburg Retirement System's Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Thus, the long-term expected rate of return on investments was applied for all benefit periods when calculating the Net Pension Liability.

The long-term rate of return which was used to develop the discount rate of 7.00% includes the effect of inflation (not subtracted out as in the real rates of return). It is based on a combination of expected rates of return on the mix of current and expected investments over a long-term period. These expectations are based on current market conditions, historical experience and future expectations. It assumes a rebalancing of assets on an ongoing basis as well as a constant monitoring of asset allocation and manager performance.

### EXHIBITS

The recognition and deferral of various gains and losses are developed on the following two pages. These are followed by historical exhibits displaying changes in the NPL and contribution amounts for past years, the money-weighted rate of return, and finally the exhibits which display results by employer.

Increase / (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of Differences between Expected and Actual Experience

Year	Differences between actual and expected experience	Recognition period (years)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
older	\$ 8,457,986	0	\$ 1,296,590	\$ 1,556,735	\$ 1,556,735	\$ 1,556,735	\$ 1,556,735	\$ 908,440	\$ 26,014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2020	\$ (592,703)	5.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (116,216)	\$ (116,216)	\$ (116,216)	\$ (116,216)	\$ (116,216)	\$ (11,622)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021	\$ -	5.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2022	\$ 5,507,469	4.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,123,973	\$ 1,123,973	\$ 1,123,973	\$ 1,123,973	\$ 1,011,576	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023	\$ -	4.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2024	\$ 14,505,308	5.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 557,896
Net increase (decrease) in pension expense			\$ 1,296,590	\$ 1,556,735	\$ 1,556,735	\$ 1,440,519	\$ 1,440,519	\$ 1,916,197	\$ 1,033,771	\$ 3,797,239	\$ 3,901,834	\$ 3,801,058	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 557,896

Increase / (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of Changes of Assumptions

Year	Change of assumptions	Recognition period (years)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
older	\$ 15,800,503	0	\$ 751,876	\$ 3,039,167	\$ 3,039,167	\$ 3,039,167	\$ 3,039,167	\$ 2,663,229	\$ 228,729	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2020	\$ 1,341,034	5.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 262,948	\$ 262,948	\$ 262,948	\$ 262,948	\$ 262,948	\$ 26,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021	\$ -	5.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2022	\$ (852,002)	4.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (173,878)	\$ (173,878)	\$ (173,878)	\$ (173,878)	\$ (156,490)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023	\$ -	4.9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2024	\$ -	5.2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net increase (decrease) in pension expense			\$ 751,876	\$ 3,039,167	\$ 3,039,167	\$ 3,302,115	\$ 3,302,115	\$ 2,752,299	\$ 317,799	\$ 89,070	\$ (147,583)	\$ (156,490)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Increase / (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of Differences between Expected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments

Year	Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	Recognition period (years)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
older*	\$ 10,134,164	5	\$ 1,693,724	\$ (286,693)	\$ 2,026,833	\$ 1,938,641	\$ 458,690	\$ 333,109	\$ 2,313,526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2020	\$ (9,927,367)	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,985,473)	\$ (1,985,473)	\$ (1,985,473)	\$ (1,985,473)	\$ (1,985,473)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021	\$ (6,495,950)	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,299,190)	\$ (1,299,190)	\$ (1,299,190)	\$ (1,299,190)	\$ (1,299,190)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2022	\$ (18,439,704)	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,687,941)	\$ (3,687,941)	\$ (3,687,941)	\$ (3,687,941)	\$ (3,687,941)	\$ -	\$ -
2023	\$ 32,660,019	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,532,004	\$ 6,532,004	\$ 6,532,004	\$ 6,532,004	\$ 6,532,004	\$ -
2024	\$ (5,733,046)	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,146,609)	\$ (1,146,609)	\$ (1,146,609)	\$ (1,146,609)	\$ (1,146,609)
Net increase (decrease) in pension expense			\$ 1,693,724	\$ (286,693)	\$ 2,026,833	\$ (46,832)	\$ (2,825,973)	\$ (6,639,495)	\$ 1,872,926	\$ (1,587,209)	\$ 398,264	\$ 1,697,454	\$ 5,385,395	\$ (1,146,609)

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Differences between Expected and Actual Experience

				BALANCES AT JUNE 30, 2024	
Year	Experience Losses (a)	Experience Gains (b)	Amounts Recognized in Pension Expense through June 30, 2024 (c)	Deferred Outflows of Resources (a) - (c)	Deferred Inflows of Resources (b) - (c)
2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2020	\$ -	\$ (592,703)	\$ (581,082)	\$ -	\$ (11,622)
2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2022	\$ 5,507,469	\$ -	\$ 3,371,920	\$ 2,135,549	\$ -
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2024	\$ 14,505,308	\$ -	\$ 2,789,482	\$ 11,715,826	\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 13,851,375	\$ (11,622)

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Changes of Assumptions

				BALANCES AT JUNE 30, 2024	
Year	Increases in the Total Pension Liability (a)	Decreases in the Total Pension Liability (b)	Amounts Recognized in Pension Expense through June 30, 2024 (c)	Deferred Outflows of Resources (a) - (c)	Deferred Inflows of Resources (b) - (c)
2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2020	\$ 1,341,034	\$ -	\$ 1,314,739	\$ 26,295	\$ -
2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2022	\$ -	\$ (852,002)	\$ (521,634)	\$ -	\$ (330,368)
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL				\$ 26,295	\$ (330,368)

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources  
Arising from Differences between Expected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments

				BALANCES AT JUNE 30, 2024	
Year	Investment Earnings Less than Projected (a)	Investment Earnings More than Projected (b)	Amounts Recognized in Pension Expense through June 30, 2024 (c)	Deferred Outflows of Resources (a) - (c)	Deferred Inflows of Resources (b) - (c)
2020	\$ -	\$ (9,927,367)	\$ (9,927,367)	\$ -	\$ -
2021	\$ -	\$ (6,495,950)	\$ (5,196,760)	\$ -	\$ (1,299,190)
2022	\$ -	\$ (18,439,704)	\$ (11,063,822)	\$ -	\$ (7,375,882)
2023	\$ 32,660,019	\$ -	\$ 13,064,008	\$ 19,596,012	\$ -
2024	\$ -	\$ (5,733,046)	\$ (1,146,609)	\$ -	\$ (4,586,437)
TOTAL				\$ 19,596,012	\$ (13,261,508)
NET TOTAL				\$ 6,334,504	

**Schedule of Changes in Fitchburg's  
Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios**

(Amounts in Thousands)

Fiscal Year *	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY</b>										
Service cost	5,006	4,814	5,102	4,906	4,795	4,611	4,433	3,995	3,677	3,527
Interest	20,762	20,152	19,500	19,103	19,252	18,795	17,462	17,294	17,215	16,740
Change of benefit terms	-	4,436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	14,505	-	5,507	-	(593)	-	1,327	7,131	-	-
Change of assumptions	-	-	(852)	-	1,341	-	11,665	4,135	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(21,597)	(20,168)	(19,136)	(17,934)	(17,171)	(17,384)	(15,965)	(14,609)	(14,609)	(14,282)
<b>Net change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>18,677</b>	<b>9,234</b>	<b>10,122</b>	<b>6,075</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>6,022</b>	<b>18,922</b>	<b>17,947</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>5,985</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - beginning</b>	<b>302,397</b>	<b>293,163</b>	<b>283,042</b>	<b>276,966</b>	<b>269,341</b>	<b>263,320</b>	<b>244,398</b>	<b>226,451</b>	<b>220,168</b>	<b>214,183</b>
<b>Total Pension Liability - ending</b>	<b>321,073</b>	<b>302,397</b>	<b>293,163</b>	<b>283,042</b>	<b>276,966</b>	<b>269,341</b>	<b>263,320</b>	<b>244,398</b>	<b>226,451</b>	<b>220,168</b>
<b>PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION</b>										
Contributions - employer	17,069	16,124	15,370	14,429	13,613	12,524	11,522	10,604	10,003	9,503
Contributions - employee	4,416	3,987	3,578	3,590	3,380	3,318	3,229	2,974	2,949	3,201
Net Investment Income	16,753	(20,199)	28,905	15,871	18,329	(2,879)	17,443	6,994	500	7,042
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(21,597)	(20,168)	(19,136)	(17,934)	(17,171)	(17,384)	(15,965)	(14,609)	(14,609)	(14,282)
Administrative expense	(294)	(286)	(270)	(232)	(225)	(231)	(229)	(186)	(169)	(181)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net change in plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>16,348</b>	<b>(20,544)</b>	<b>28,446</b>	<b>15,724</b>	<b>17,926</b>	<b>(4,652)</b>	<b>16,001</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>(1,326)</b>	<b>5,284</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - beginning</b>	<b>157,636</b>	<b>178,180</b>	<b>149,734</b>	<b>134,009</b>	<b>116,083</b>	<b>120,735</b>	<b>104,734</b>	<b>98,957</b>	<b>100,283</b>	<b>95,000</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position - end</b>	<b>173,985</b>	<b>157,636</b>	<b>178,180</b>	<b>149,734</b>	<b>134,009</b>	<b>116,083</b>	<b>120,735</b>	<b>104,734</b>	<b>98,957</b>	<b>100,283</b>
<b>Fitchburg Net Pension Liability - ending</b>	<b>147,089</b>	<b>144,760</b>	<b>114,983</b>	<b>133,308</b>	<b>142,957</b>	<b>153,258</b>	<b>142,584</b>	<b>139,663</b>	<b>127,494</b>	<b>119,885</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>54.2%</b>	<b>52.1%</b>	<b>60.8%</b>	<b>52.9%</b>	<b>48.4%</b>	<b>43.1%</b>	<b>45.9%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>
<b>Covered payroll (calendar year timing)</b>	<b>42,377</b>	<b>35,971</b>	<b>34,534</b>	<b>36,089</b>	<b>34,695</b>	<b>33,886</b>	<b>32,583</b>	<b>31,903</b>	<b>30,071</b>	<b>28,776</b>
<b>Fitchburg's Net Pension Liability as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	<b>347.1%</b>	<b>402.4%</b>	<b>333.0%</b>	<b>369.4%</b>	<b>412.0%</b>	<b>452.3%</b>	<b>437.6%</b>	<b>437.8%</b>	<b>424.0%</b>	<b>416.6%</b>

Note: sums may not total due to rounding

## Schedule of Plan Contributions

(Amounts in Thousands)

Fiscal Year	2024	2023*	2022*	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 17,069	\$ 16,180	\$ 15,264	\$ 14,400	\$ 13,585	\$ 12,497	\$ 11,497	\$ 10,577	\$ 9,978	\$ 9,413
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(17,069)</u>	<u>(16,203)</u>	<u>(15,291)</u>	<u>(14,429)</u>	<u>(13,613)</u>	<u>(12,524)</u>	<u>(11,522)</u>	<u>(10,604)</u>	<u>(10,003)</u>	<u>(9,436)</u>
Contribution deficiency / (excess)**	-	(23)	(27)	(29)	(28)	(26)	(25)	(27)	(24)	(22)
Covered payroll (fiscal year timing)	\$ 43,240	\$ 36,697	\$ 35,252	\$ 36,803	\$ 35,392	\$ 34,564	\$ 33,235	\$ 32,541	\$ 30,710	\$ 29,387
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	39.5%	44.2%	43.4%	39.2%	38.5%	36.2%	34.7%	32.6%	32.6%	32.1%

\* Appropriations paid during the CY21 measurement period included an early payment of part of the FY23 appropriation. This amount is included under FY23 rather than FY22 since that contribution was "in relation to" the FY23 appropriation.

\*\* Excess is due to Federal Grants

**GASB Statement No. 67, Paragraph 30 b. (4)**  
**Money-Weighted Rate of Return, 2023**

New External Cash Flows						
	Beginning of month	Middle of Month	End of Month	Periods Invested**	Investment Return	Cash Flow with Return
Starting Value* (12/31/2022)	\$ 157,280,156.69			12	\$ 17,145,536.21	\$ 174,425,692.90
Cash Flows:						
January	142,624.09	162,684.82	(1,657,923.82)	11	(132,442.67)	(1,485,057.58)
February	136,295.99	143,773.46	(1,792,520.58)	10	(134,235.12)	(1,646,686.25)
March	194,562.82	312,979.33	(1,810,437.20)	9	(101,852.49)	(1,404,747.54)
April	78,163.58	242,071.59	(1,851,320.61)	8	(107,496.52)	(1,638,581.96)
May	86,934.71	158,819.99	(1,892,361.47)	7	(100,917.26)	(1,747,524.03)
June	189,024.77	8,033.89	(1,525,616.04)	6	(68,781.66)	(1,397,339.04)
July	166,126.50	16,517.53	(1,555,664.92)	5	(58,912.50)	(1,431,933.39)
August	197,610.61	148,446.38	(1,851,208.86)	4	(50,383.19)	(1,555,535.06)
September	266,939.11	348,177.17	14,685,262.70	3	404,862.55	15,705,241.53
October	198,926.39	9,539.95	(1,708,036.60)	2	(24,289.84)	(1,523,860.10)
November	236,511.85	5,258.97	(1,709,832.66)	1	(10,624.32)	(1,478,686.16)
December	167,587.39	36,367.94	(1,389,592.61)	0	1,608.40	(1,184,028.88)
Ending Value* (12/31/2023)	\$173,636,954.45			Sum:	\$ 16,762,071.60	\$ 173,636,954.45

\* Value shown does not include any payables or receiveables, except those related to investments.

\*\* Middle of period cash flows are given an additional half period of interest, and beginning of period cash flows are given an additional full period.

Return Rate:	10.90%
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## Results by Employer

Employer	Covered Payroll*	Proportionate Share of NPL	Proportionate share of NPL as a percentage of covered payroll*	Proportionate share of NPL Discount Sensitivity	
				1% Increase (8.00%)	1% Decrease (6.00%)
City of Fitchburg	\$ 40,558,655	\$ 140,278,590	345.9%	\$ 112,465,356	\$ 173,180,996
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 1,606,999	\$ 6,045,350	376.2%	\$ 4,846,730	\$ 7,463,289
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 211,293	\$ 764,862	362.0%	\$ 613,212	\$ 944,260
TOTAL	\$ 42,376,947	\$ 147,088,802	347.1%	\$ 117,925,297	\$ 181,588,545

Employer	Actuarially determined contribution FY2024	Contributions made for FY 2024	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll**
City of Fitchburg	\$ 16,279,181	\$ (16,279,181)	\$ -	39.3%
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 701,557	\$ (701,557)	\$ -	42.7%
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 88,761	\$ (88,761)	\$ -	41.0%
TOTAL	\$ 17,069,499	\$ (17,069,499)	\$ -	39.5%

Employer	Proportion	Proportionate Share of Pension Expense	Proportion changes and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share recognized as expense	Total Pension Expense
City of Fitchburg	95.37%	\$ 12,326,404	\$ (290,617)	\$ 12,035,787
Fitchburg Housing Authority	4.11%	\$ 531,210	\$ 218,899	\$ 750,109
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	0.52%	\$ 67,209	\$ 71,718	\$ 138,927
TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 12,924,823		

\* Covered Payroll is the projected amount for the 2023 calendar year based on employee data as of December 31, 2023

\*\* Here the Covered Payroll figure is projected for Fiscal Year 2024, based on employee data as of December 31, 2023

#### Deferred Outflows of Resources by Employer\*

Employer	Differences between expected and actual experience	Changes of assumptions	Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources
City of Fitchburg	\$ 13,210,056	\$ 25,077	\$ 6,041,216	\$ 473,372	\$ -	\$ 19,749,722
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 569,292	\$ 1,081	\$ 260,348	\$ 772,528	\$ -	\$ 1,603,249
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 72,027	\$ 137	\$ 32,939	\$ 196,264	\$ -	\$ 301,367
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 13,851,375	\$ 26,295	\$ 6,334,504	\$ 1,442,165	\$ -	\$ 21,654,338

#### Deferred Inflows of Resources by Employer\*

Employer	Differences between expected and actual experience	Changes of assumptions	Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources
City of Fitchburg	\$ 11,084	\$ 315,072	\$ -	\$ 930,449	N/A	\$ 1,256,605
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 478	\$ 13,578	\$ -	\$ 443,529	N/A	\$ 457,585
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 60	\$ 1,718	\$ -	\$ 68,186	N/A	\$ 69,964
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 11,622	\$ 330,368	\$ -	\$ 1,442,165	N/A	\$ 1,784,154

#### Recognition of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows

AMOUNT TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,						
Employer	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
City of Fitchburg	\$ 3,511,615	\$ 4,901,816	\$ 7,923,214	\$ 1,614,806	\$ 541,665	\$ -
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 551,825	\$ 349,201	\$ 220,878	\$ 11,945	\$ 11,814	\$ -
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 89,075	\$ 91,005	\$ 30,785	\$ 16,122	\$ 4,417	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 4,152,515	\$ 5,342,022	\$ 8,174,877	\$ 1,642,873	\$ 557,896	\$ -

\* Deferred Outflows and Inflows due to experience, assumptions, and investment return are allocated to each employer according to their proportion of the NPL

Effects of Changes in Proportion on Employers' Proportionate Share of NPL, and Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of Resources

Employer	Proportion Change			FY2024 Contribution		
	Prior Proportionate Share of Prior NPL net of Deferrals	Share of Prior NPL based on Current Proportion of NPL	Difference (A)	Proportionate Share of Contribution based on Share of NPL	Amount Paid*	Difference (B)
City of Fitchburg	\$ 125,031,584	\$ 125,281,174	\$ 249,590	\$ 16,279,181	\$ 16,279,181	\$ (0)
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 5,688,031	\$ 5,399,031	\$ (288,999)	\$ 701,556	\$ 701,557	\$ 1
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 643,680	\$ 683,089	\$ 39,409	\$ 88,761	\$ 88,761	\$ (0)
TOTAL	\$ 131,363,295	\$ 131,363,295	\$ -	\$ 17,069,499	\$ 17,069,499	\$ -

Employer	Total Proportion Change (A) + (B)	Recognized as Pension Expense**	Deferred for later recognition
City of Fitchburg	\$ 249,590	\$ 47,998	\$ 201,592
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ (288,999)	\$ (55,577)	\$ (233,422)
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 39,409	\$ 7,579	\$ 31,830
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\* Includes federal grant money, allocated according to contribution percentage per PERAC appropriation letter.

\*\* Based on an average remaining service life of 5.2 years.

## Recognition of Proportion Changes

### Proportion Changes by Employer / Year

Employer	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
City of Fitchburg	\$ 249,590.06	\$ 429,217.04	\$ (1,643,121.33)	\$ (1,359,940.75)	\$ 905,440.86	\$ (89,849.75)	\$ 187,753.33
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ (288,998.66)	\$ (324,121.03)	\$ 1,220,413.38	\$ 1,387,695.14	\$ (932,313.55)	\$ 115,678.27	\$ (38,121.98)
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 39,408.59	\$ (105,096.01)	\$ 422,707.95	\$ (27,754.39)	\$ 26,872.69	\$ (25,828.51)	\$ (149,631.36)

### Average Remaining Service Life by Year

2024	5.2
2023	4.9
2022	4.9
2021	5.1
2020	5.1
2019	5.1

### Recognition Percentages by Year

Year of Gain/Loss	Percentage Recognized by Year*						
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Thereafter
2024	19.2%	19.2%	19.2%	19.2%	19.2%	3.8%	0.0%
2023	20.4%	20.4%	20.4%	18.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2022	20.4%	20.4%	18.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2021	19.6%	19.6%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2020	19.6%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

\* Percentages shown are rounded for display purposes.

### Recognition Amounts by Year

#### Outflows

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Thereafter
City of Fitchburg	\$ 313,130.83	\$ 153,347.15	\$ 135,593.40	\$ 126,833.87	\$ 47,998.09	\$ 9,599.62	\$ -
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 523,429.24	\$ 521,161.04	\$ 251,367.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 99,114.66	\$ 94,372.42	\$ 85,218.81	\$ 7,578.58	\$ 7,578.58	\$ 1,515.72	\$ -

#### Inflows

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Thereafter
City of Fitchburg	\$ 603,747.69	\$ 601,985.93	\$ 328,463.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 304,530.39	\$ 140,004.47	\$ 121,723.81	\$ 115,109.10	\$ 55,576.66	\$ 11,115.33	\$ -
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 27,396.64	\$ 26,890.20	\$ 21,992.37	\$ 19,303.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

#### TOTALS

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Thereafter
City of Fitchburg	\$ (290,616.87)	\$ (448,638.79)	\$ (192,869.90)	\$ 126,833.87	\$ 47,998.09	\$ 9,599.62	\$ -
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 218,898.85	\$ 381,156.57	\$ 129,643.45	\$ (115,109.10)	\$ (55,576.66)	\$ (11,115.33)	\$ -
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 71,718.02	\$ 67,482.22	\$ 63,226.44	\$ (11,724.77)	\$ 7,578.58	\$ 1,515.72	\$ -

### Reconciliation of Changes in the NPL

Employer	NPL, Beginning of Measurement Period	Contributions made for FY 2024	Change in Net Deferrals (calculated below)	Pension Expense	Proportion Change	NPL, End of Measurement Period
City of Fitchburg	\$ 137,782,868	\$ (16,279,181)	\$ 6,198,910	\$ 12,326,404	\$ 249,590	\$ 140,278,590
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 6,268,122	\$ (701,557)	\$ 236,574	\$ 531,210	\$ (288,999)	\$ 6,045,350
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 709,326	\$ (88,761)	\$ 37,680	\$ 67,209	\$ 39,409	\$ 764,862
TOTAL	\$ 144,760,315	\$ (17,069,499)	\$ 6,473,163	\$ 12,924,823	\$ -	\$ 147,088,802

Employer	Net Deferrals, Beginning of Measurement Period	Net Deferrals, End of Measurement Period	Change in Net Deferrals
City of Fitchburg	\$ 12,751,284	\$ 18,950,194	\$ 6,198,910
Fitchburg Housing Authority	\$ 580,091	\$ 816,665	\$ 236,574
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$ 65,645	\$ 103,325	\$ 37,680
TOTAL	\$ 13,397,021	\$ 19,870,183	\$ 6,473,163