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Introductory Section



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Program Administrator

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement (COA) for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. We believe our current Annual Comprehensive Financial Report also meets the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements.

PUBLIC PENSION STANDARDS AWARD

The Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC) awarded a Pension Standards Award for Standards and Administration for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This is the fourteenth consecutive year that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board has achieved this prestigious award. To be awarded a Public Pension Standards Award, a public pension program must meet the professional standards for plan design and administration as set forth in the Public Pension Standards guideline. This award is valid for a period of one year.



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November 21, 2024

To the Trustees and Members of the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board:

We are pleased to present the fiscal year 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This report reflects the ongoing commitment to all activities undertaken by the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This report demonstrates management's commitment to a sustainable and financially sound pension fund.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based on a comprehensive framework of internal controls. Moss Adams LLP has issued an unmodified opinion on the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. The independent auditors' report is located at the beginning of the financial section of this report. Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) follows the independent auditors' report and provides an introduction, overview, and analysis of the financial statements and serves as a complement to this letter.

BACKGROUND

The Educational Retirement Act (ERA) in 1957 established the NMERB Board of Trustees to administer the Educational Employees Retirement Plan (Plan). The Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer pension plan established to provide retirement and disability benefits for certified teachers and other employees of the state's public schools, institutions of higher learning, and state agencies providing educational programs.

The Plan is a pension trust fund of the State of New Mexico. The ERA assigns the authority to administer the Plan to a nine-member Board of Trustees (BOT); the state legislature has the authority to set or amend contribution rates and other benefits of the Plan. NMERB is self-funded through investment income and educational employer and employee contributions. The Plan does not receive direct General Fund Appropriations from the State of New Mexico.

HIGHLIGHTS

The fair value of the Fund ended the year at \$17.5 billion, as compared to the June 30, 2023 net position of \$16.3 billion, with the net position increasing by \$1,236 million. The Fund's investments returned 8.64% net of fees, ranking NMERB in the top 75th percentile of its peers. The results for the 5-, 10-, and 20-year performance

measurements exceed the Fund's long-term actuarial annual return assumption of 7.00%. Over the past five years, the Fund returned 8.09%, net of fees, per annum, outperforming the policy index by 40 basis points and ranking in the 18th percentile of the Investment Metrics Public DB Funds > \$1 Billion universe.

The number of active members increased from 61,503 to 62,970, while the retiree population increased from 54,774 to 55,706. This growth is consistent with the trend seen over the last ten (10) years for a stable active membership population size, when compared to the growing retiree population.

STRATEGIC GOALS: STRATEGIES, PRIORITIES, AND LONG-RANGE PLANS

NMERB experienced several incredible successes, achieved new milestones, and embarked upon a journey that will shape the business activities of the organization for decades to come in fiscal year 2024. Beginning last fall, NMERB kicked off the implementation of a pension system administration modernization project in collaboration with Telus Health, Segal, Managed Business Solutions, and NTT Data. At the end of fiscal year 2024, all scheduled milestones had been successfully met as a result of the hard work, input and leadership shown by ERB's information technology, administrative services and members services teams.

NMERB also broke ground on the development of a new 19,443 sq ft office building. The new building will allow NMERB to consolidate staffing from owned and leased office space in Santa Fe and provide improved access to members seeking in-person service when retiring. It will also provide for sufficient meeting and training space for NMERB staff and reduce our dependence on outside agencies for use of their meeting and training space.

Despite continued turnover in certain key positions within the organization, NMERB successfully maintained a low, single digit vacancy rate throughout the year. This can be attributed to the aggressive efforts to review candidates and schedule interviews immediately following the conclusion of the application process. Serving our members remains NMERB's top priority and the recruitment and retention of qualified personnel remains critical toward achieving this goal.

Also, in fiscal year 2024 NMERB conducted an experience study of its actuarial assumptions which supported the adoption of minor updates to the economic, mortality, and other demographic assumptions based on observed plan experience. As a result, the NMERB's unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities declined from \$9.6 billion in 2023 to \$9.2 billion in 2024, boosting the funded ratio to 63.7 percent compared to 62.9 percent and moving the funding period to 22 years compared to 26 years as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

BUDGET OVERVIEW: BASIS AND PROCESS

The BOT integrates the budgetary reporting process as a tool for monitoring the strength of internal controls and administration of the Plan. NMERB's budgetary process supports our strategic goals and mission to provide secure retirement benefits to current and future retirees through strong oversight of the Fund's assets, and investment performance and high quality administrative services for our members. The fiscal year 2024 operating budget increased by \$1.58 million, or 5.1%, compared to the prior fiscal year.

FINANCIAL REPORTING AND SYSTEMS

The integrity and fairness of the information presented in this ACFR, including data, which out of necessity is based on estimates and judgments, are the responsibility of NMERB management. The basic financial

statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Financial information presented throughout this annual report is consistent with these accounting principles.

Our independent external auditor, Moss Adams LLP, conducted an annual audit of the basic financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, performing such tests and other procedures as they deemed necessary to express opinions on the basic financial statements in their report to the BOT. Moss Adams LLP had full and unrestricted access to the BOT to discuss the audit and related findings as it relates to the integrity of NMERB's financial reporting and the adequacy of internal control systems.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that NMERB assets are protected from loss, theft, or misuse, and that revenues are appropriately distributed. Since the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits derived, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements. Responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, and fair presentation of the information, and all disclosures, rests with NMERB management. Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in the financial statements, and in this report.

FUNDING

The funded ratio, as measured by the actuarial value of the assets compared to the actuarial accrued liabilities, increased from 63% in fiscal year 2023 to 65% in fiscal year 2024. More importantly, the funding period (open group projection) of the plan, as measured the number of years in the future that will be required to pay off or eliminate the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, decreased from 26 years in fiscal year 2023 to 22 years in fiscal year 2024.

NMERB has two significant revenue sources: 1) employer and employee contributions from New Mexico public schools, colleges, and universities; and 2) investment income. NMERB continues to work with stakeholders (schools, educational associations, and retirees) to ensure efficient payment systems for the reporting and payment of contributions, equitable reporting guidelines, and a secure retirement outlook for its members. Total employee and employer contributions in fiscal year 2024 increased by 14.2% compared to fiscal year 2023.

Fiscal year 2024 net investment gain (net appreciation in the fair value of plan investments, dividend income, and interest income less investment expenses) was \$1,488,529,552, as compared to a \$1,036,246,730 gain in fiscal year 2023. It is important to keep in mind that NMERB's well diversified portfolio, especially in times of investment market volatility, is the best way to ensure a secure retirement for NMERB's members. While the overall results vary year to year and can even be less than the assumed rate of return for NMERB, one should not place a great deal of significance on the results in any single year. NMERB invests for the long-term. Longer term results over multiple years are of much greater significance in gauging the contribution of the NMERB portfolio to the Fund's long-term sustainability than are single year results.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the NMERB for its Annual Comprehensive Financial

Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. NMERB has achieved this prestigious award numerous times. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment for the NMERB.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC) also awarded the NMERB a Recognition Award for Administration for plan administration for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This is the 14th consecutive year the NMERB has been recognized.

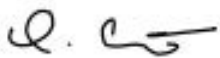
The PPCC is a coalition of three national associations that represent public retirement systems and administrators: the National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR), and the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS). To receive the Recognition Award for Administration, the retirement system must meet the following professional standards: Comprehensive Benefit Program, Actuarial, Audit, Investments and Communications.

IN CLOSING

We extend our appreciation to NMERB's staff, consultants and vendors for their contributions and hard work on this report and throughout the year. This report is intended to provide complete and reliable information as a basis for management decisions, legal compliance, and stewardship of the NMERB Fund assets.

The NMERB also publishes an annual summary referred to as the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). The PAFR and ACFR reports are available at www.erb.nm.gov/annual-reports.

Respectfully submitted,



David Archuleta
Executive Director

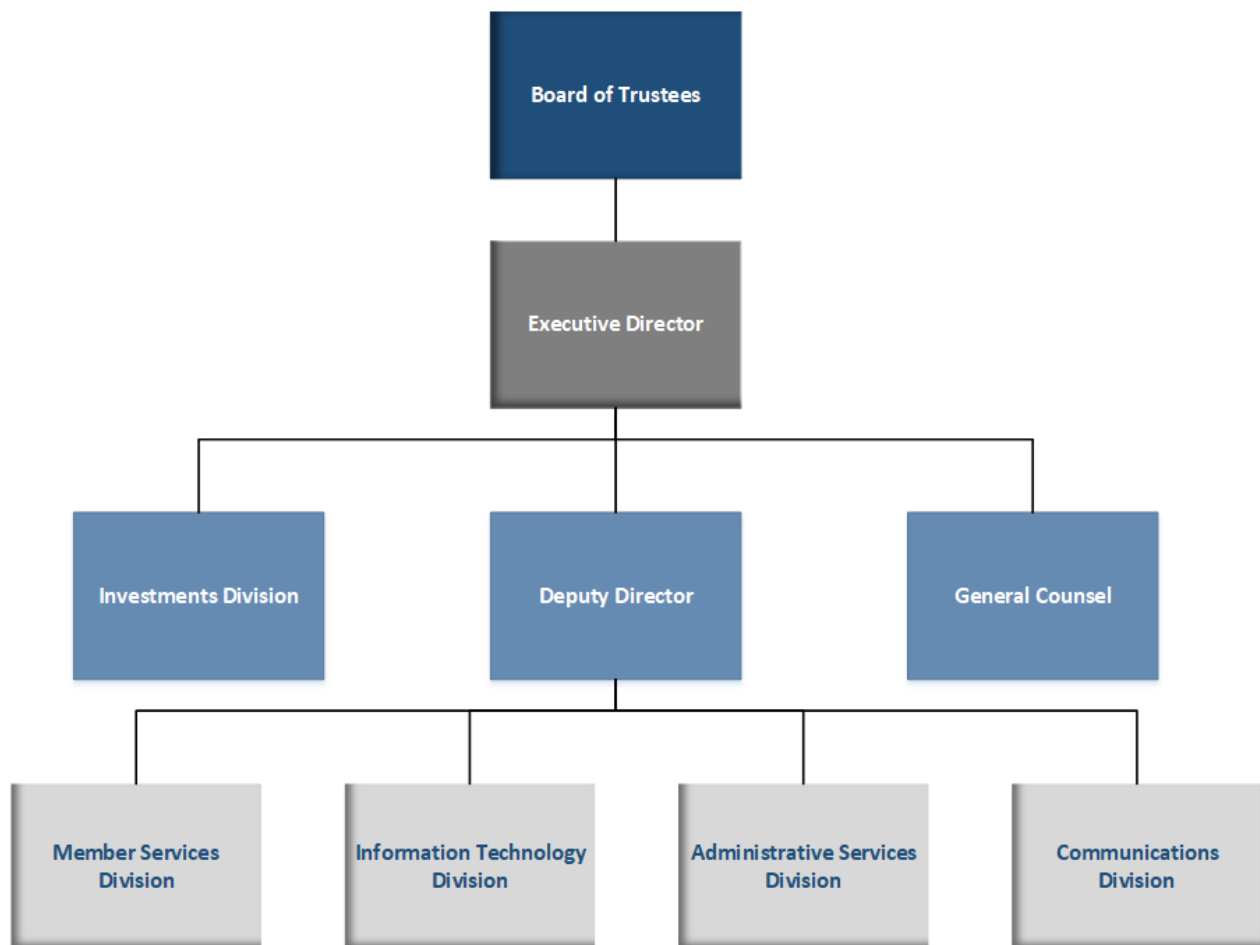


Renada Peery-Galon
Administrative Services Director/CFO

The New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB) is headquartered in Santa Fe, New Mexico and provides retirement benefit services to more than 172,680 members and 220 public educational employers. NMERB was created by New Mexico's Educational Retirement Act, Section 22-11-1 through 22-11-55, NMSA 1978, to administer the Educational Employees' Retirement Plan which provides retirement and disability benefits for certified teachers and other employees of the state's public schools, including public colleges, universities, and public technical and vocational institutions. As a defined benefit retirement plan, NMERB benefits are based on years of service, a benefit multiplier, and average compensation in the five highest earning consecutive years.

The overall management and responsibilities of NMERB is vested in a nine-member board of trustees. The organization functions through its five divisions to serve the membership and the employers.

Functional Organization Chart



Functional Workgroups

Investments

NMERB's investment asset portfolio is invested, or reinvested, pursuant to the authority of the Educational Retirement Act, Section 22-11-13 in accordance with the Uniform Prudent Investor Act, Sections 45-7-601 through 45-7-612, NMSA 1978. Investing is conducted solely in the interest of, and for the exclusive purposes of, providing benefits to members and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable administrative expenses. (Schedules of Fees, Commissions, and Carried Interest can be found on page 160 and a Schedule of Profit Share can be found on page 161 in the Investment Section of this report.)

General Counsel

The Office of General Counsel serves as legal adviser to the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board and Agency management. The office ensures the Board and NMERB act in conformance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements and coordinates all litigation for NMERB.

Member Services

Member Services staff assist members throughout their careers and into retirement, acting as the primary customer service contact for assistance, information, and education about potential or current retirement benefits. Member Services provides educational outreach across New Mexico, conducts one-on-one onsite counseling, processes retirement applications and benefit estimates, and helps transition benefits to survivors.

Information Technology

Information Technology staff provides technical hardware and software support for NMERB's data processing needs, network capability, and the communication system. Staff uses a project management and customer service orientation to maintain a secure and stable environment that ensures customer satisfaction and collaboration.

Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Division (ASD) provides operational support functions including accounts payable and receivable, asset and inventory management, budget, employer reporting and compliance, financial audit and reporting, general ledger, and contracts and procurement. Staff works closely with all areas of the Agency to ensure the programmatic needs are met in support of NMERB's mission.

Communications

Communications enables clear and concise communication between NMERB and internal staff, the members of the retirement plan, news media outlets, and the general public. Also, staff is responsible for organizing data and facts and managing social media accounts.

NMERB's Staff as of June 30, 2024

Executive Management

Executive Director, David Archuleta
Deputy Director, Lawrence Esquibel
Human Resource Manager, Melinda Garcia
Plant & System Operator, Joseph Avila

Investment Division

Chief Investment Officer, Bob Jacksha
Deputy Investment Officer, Steve Neel

Staff:

Ben Chang	Mya Sandoval
Mark Canavan	Nathan Sax
Rita Lopez	Duncan Manning
Francine Pacheco	Pete Werner
Alan Myers	Kevin Tatlow
Patricia Martinez	Charles Kasscieh
Adam Squire	Marla Medina

Legal Division

General Counsel, Randall Cherry
Deputy Counsel, Jacob Maule
Assistant Deputy Counsel, Robert Shulman

Staff:

Amanda Olsen
Jennifer Jacques

Information Technology

Acting Chief Information Officer, Kevin Swinson

Staff:

Robert Hampton	Jenna Vigil
Nicole Jaramillo	Manuel Salmeron
Miguel Montoya	Jeffery Robinson
Bea Pacheco	Jessica Barela
Devin Kronberg	Joshua Craft
Julian Barraza	Trinity Angelino

Member Services

Director, Monica Lujan
Pension Benefit Manager, Raul Duran

Staff:

Madeline Polhamus	Cynthia Marquez
Barbara Feeney	Deidra Martinez
Melissa Knox	Suzanne Webb
Adam Jaramillo	Cherise Sandoval
Jerome Lopez	Stephen Herrera-Luna
Jesus Lucio	Stephen Lopez
Starlene Lucero	Karina Aragon
Julio Barbery	Shirley Rodriguez
Julianna Martinez	Theresa Gonzales
Jocelynn Reichbach	Leticia Esparza
Jennifer Vigil	Yamileth Garcia
Daniel Roybal	Michael Pavia
Crystal Miera-Macias	Serina Aguilar
Ned Doty	Alondra Gonzalez
Tracy Volz	David Medina
Michelle Valencia	Nick De La O
Myriah Brandis	

Administrative Services

ASD Director and Chief Financial Officer, Renada Peery-Galon
Budget and Financial Services Manager, Megan Mannila
Accounting Manager, Sandra Alva
Employer Reporting Manager, Selina Herrera

Staff:

Levi Tapia	Sharon Lucero
Nancy Hun-Lopez	Melissa McFall
Jessica Tapia	Felicia Sena
Amanda Hellinghausen	Maria Sepulveda

Communications

Communications Director, Renee Garcia

Staff:

Hope Bakker

Board of Trustees

The Board stands in a fiduciary relationship to the members covered under the Educational Retirement Act. Administrative management of the Fund is vested in the Executive Director who is appointed by the Board of Trustees to advise the Trustees on all matters pertaining to the retirement system, contractual obligations, and employment of the staff needed for operations.

Board and committee meetings are open to the public. The nine-member Board of Trustees is comprised of elected, appointed, and ex-officio members to provide broad policy guidance and direction. Membership on the board is prescribed by the Educational Retirement Act in Section 22-11-3, NMSA 1978, as follows:

- Secretary of the Public Education Department (PED), or a designee of the secretary who is a resident of New Mexico, a current employee of PED, and possesses experience relevant to the financial or fiduciary aspects of pension or investment fund management.
- State Treasurer, or a designee of the Treasurer who is a resident of New Mexico, a current employee of the State Treasurer's Office, and possesses experience relevant to the financial or fiduciary aspects of pension or investment fund management.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the National Education Association of New Mexico.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the New Mexico American Association of University Professors.
- Two members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years each. Each member appointed shall have a background in investments, finance or pension fund administration.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the American Federation of Teachers New Mexico.
- Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee of the secretary who is a resident of New Mexico, is a current employee of the Higher Education Department, and possesses experience relevant to the financial or fiduciary aspects of pension or investment fund management.

Trustee Name	Elected or Appointed by	Title	Term
H. Russell Goff	New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees	Chair	June 30, 2028
Mary Lou Cameron	National Education Association of New Mexico	Vice-Chair	December 31, 2023 *
Larry Magid	Governor Appointee	Secretary	June 30, 2021
Max Baca	Governor Appointee		September 11, 2026
Donald Duszynski	American Association of University Professors		June 30, 2024
Matías Fontenla	American Federation of Teachers New Mexico		June 30, 2024
Laura M. Montoya	Ex Officio - State Treasurer		
Antonio Ortiz	Ex Officio Designee - Public Education Department		
Mario Suazo	Ex Officio Designee - Higher Education Department		

*Pending appointment by National Educational Association of New Mexico

The Business of the Board of Trustees

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the New Mexico Court of Appeals upheld the Board's fiduciary authority as trustee of the funds held by NMERB. The decision affirmed the conclusion made by the First Judicial District Court designating the Board to have "the sole and exclusive fiduciary duty and responsibility for administration and investment of the trust fund held by the educational retirement system." The implications of the Court of Appeal's decision allow for greater discretion around the subject of staff salaries and other expenses needed to better serve the interests of the beneficiaries of the fund.

During the second half of FY 2024, the BOT approved certain revisions and updates to the Board's policies and procedures for the first time in more than a decade. These policies and procedures govern the Board's role and duties, standards of conduct, reporting requirements, and Board and staff communication. The updates include references to Standards of Conduct, Open Meetings Act, Campaign Contributions and Disclosure, Financial Disclosure Act, Gift Reporting along with specifying actions for placing items on the Board agenda and post-Board participation employment limitation.

The Board also adopted several Rule Changes related to the governance of the return-to-work programs administered by ERB. Major features of these changes include the elimination of clawbacks for members found who failed to submit a return-to-work application but are otherwise eligible to participate. Instead, a member who fails to act upon notice may have their pension suspended until they comply with the application requirements contained in statute. The rules also require participating employers to develop their own policies around return-to-work members rejoining the workforce, as well as allow for the assessment of penalties for miscategorizing return-to-work employees and normal active employees.

Mission and Vision Statements

Mission Statement

Providing secure retirement benefits for New Mexico's educational employees - past, present, and future.

Vision Statement

To be an effective and trusted manager of New Mexico's educational retirement system.

Values

Innovation, Integrity, Quality, Respect, Service, Stewardship, and Transparency.

Strategic Planning

The Board of Trustees follows a formal strategic planning process which includes periodic review and update of NMERB's Strategic Plan. The goals set for the upcoming fiscal years are 1) financial integrity and good governance, 2) meet member expectations, 3) technological innovation, and 4) organizational strength.

The following are the strategic priorities:

- Procurement and implementation of a new Pension Administration System (PAS).
- Design and development of a new central office complex.
- Recruitment and retention of qualified personnel.
- Compliance with GASB reporting requirements.
- Continuous improvement to the funded ratio of the Trust Fund.
- Implementation of internal audit recommendations.
- Board member training and education.
- Employee training and education.

Multi-year initiatives include short-term, interim objectives and performance measures to manage the initiatives and measure their success.

Budget Planning

The Board of Trustees employs the budgetary reporting process as a tool to administer and establish priorities for the Plan. Annual budget preparation includes periodic monitoring of appropriations and benchmarking to mitigate risk. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for monitoring the budget and related business processes to add value and improve effectiveness, efficiencies, and adaptability to NMERB operations. The Chief Financial Officer regularly apprises the Board of Trustees on NMERB's budgetary status and financial position.

The budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, except for prior year obligations approved for payment by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) per Section 6-10-4, NMSA 1978.

Key Consultants and Service Providers

<i>Actuary</i>	Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company 5605 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 870 Irving, TX 75038-2631
<i>Auditors</i>	Moss Adams LLP 6565 Americas Parkway NE, Suite 600 Albuquerque, NM 87110
<i>Alternative Retirement Plan</i>	CAPTRUST (formerly Cammack Retirement) 4208 Six Forks Rd., Suite 1700 Raleigh, NC 27609
<i>Internal Audit Services</i>	REDW, LLC 7425 Jefferson Street NE Albuquerque, NM 87109
<i>Investment Consultants</i>	NEPC, LLC 255 State Street Boston, MA 02109 Hamilton Lane One Presidential Blvd. Fourth Floor Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 Top Tier Capital Partners, LLC 600 Montgomery Street, Suite 480 San Francisco, CA 94111 Caledon Capital Management, Inc. 141 Adelaide Street, Suite 1500 Toronto, Ontario M5H 3L5 Banner Ridge Advisory 641 Lexington Avenue, 18 th Floor New York, NY 10022
<i>Custody Bank</i>	State Street Bank & Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171
<i>Legal Services</i>	Foster Garvey, PLLC 1111 Third Ave Seattle, WA 98101 K & L Gates, LLP 925 4 th Ave Suite 290 Seattle, WA 98104
<i>Pension Administration Software and Maintenance</i>	Vitech Systems Group, LLC 401 Park Ave South New York, NY 10016

Financial Section



White Sands National Park

Report of the Independent Auditors:



Report of Independent Auditors

Board of Trustees
New Mexico Educational Retirement Board

Mr. Joseph M. Maestas, PE, CFE
New Mexico State Auditor

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB), a component unit of the State of New Mexico, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise NMERB's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of NMERB as of June 30, 2024, and the respective change in fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (Government Auditing Standards)*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of NMERB and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of NMERB present the fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position of the State of New Mexico that are attributable to the transactions of NMERB. The financial statements do not present fairly the financial position of the State of New Mexico as of June 30, 2024, the changes in its financial position, and, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NMERB's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in employers' net pension liability and related ratios, schedule of investment returns, schedule of employer contributions, and notes to the schedule (collectively, the required supplementary information) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the NMERB's basic financial statements. The schedule of revenues and expenditures – budget and actual (non-GAAP basis), schedule of budgeted expenditures, schedule of investment and administrative expenses, and schedule of cash and short-term investments and accountability in government act performance measures (collectively, the supplementary information) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory, actuarial, investment, and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 21, 2024, on our consideration of NMERB's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of NMERB's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering NMERB's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 21, 2024

Introduction

The New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB) is a pension trust fund of the State of New Mexico. This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section provides a narrative analysis of the NMERB's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This section should be read in conjunction with the Letter of Transmittal included in the Introductory Section in this report. It should also be read in conjunction with the Basic Financial Statements and accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements presented in the Financial Section of this report.

In addition to historical information, this MD&A includes certain forward-looking statements, which involve currently known facts and certain risks and uncertainties. NMERB's actual results, performance, and achievements may differ materially from the results, performance, and achievements expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements, due to a wide range of factors, including changes in interest rates, changes in the securities markets, general economic conditions, legislative changes, and other factors.

NMERB administers the Educational Employees Retirement Plan (Plan). The Plan provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for certified teachers and other employees of the state's public schools, institutions of higher learning, and state agencies providing educational programs. A summary of Plan provisions and the composition of NMERB's Board of Trustees can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) includes two basic financial statements: the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of the statements.

In addition to the financial statements and notes, this ACFR also includes two types of supporting information: Required Supplementary Information (RSI) and Other Supplementary Information (OSI). RSI and OSI place the financial statements and notes into appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. RSI and OSI differ in that RSI is mandated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The GASB considers RSI an essential part of financial reporting. Although OSI is not mandated by the GASB, it includes more detailed presentations of the information in the financial statements and notes, as well as presentations mandated by the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor and other oversight agencies.

Basic Financial Statements

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position reports on the pension trust fund's assets, liabilities, and the resulting net position where Assets minus Liabilities equals Net Position restricted for pensions at the end of the fiscal year. It is a snapshot of the pension trust fund on June 30, 2024.

The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position summarizes the pension trust fund's financial transactions that occurred during the fiscal year, where Additions minus Deductions equals the net increase/decrease in Net Position. This statement describes the changes that have occurred, during this fiscal year, to the prior year's ending net position.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The Notes to the Financial Statements accompany the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the information provided in the basic financial statements. The information in the Notes to the Financial Statements is described below.

- Note 1** Provides a general description of the Educational Retirement Plan, including plan membership, plans benefits, and the composition of NMERB's Board of Trustees.
- Note 2** Provides a summary of significant accounting policies, including basis of accounting, measurement focus, use of estimates, and other significant accounting policies.
- Note 3** Provides information about net pension liability, including actuarial assumptions and the annual money-weighted return on investments.
- Note 4** Provides information about NMERB's investment in the State General Fund Investment Pool.
- Note 5** Provides information about refund overpayments.
- Note 6** Provides information about how NMERB classifies and measures investments.
- Note 7** Provides information on investments, including NMERB's asset allocation policy, risk, and cash balances.
- Note 8** Provides information on derivative instruments.
- Note 9** Provides information on capital assets.
- Note 10** Provides information on accrued compensated absences.
- Note 11** Provides information on retirement plans.
- Note 12** Provides information on post-employment benefits.
- Note 13** Provides information on risk management.
- Note 14** Provides information on special, deficiency, and specific appropriations.
- Note 15** Provides information on pending litigation and claims.

Required Supplementary Information (RSI)

In addition to the MD&A, this report includes the following RSI: Schedule of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Investment Returns (annual money-weighted rate of return), Schedule of Employer Contributions, and Methods and Assumptions for Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate for Fiscal Year 2024.

Other Supplementary Information (OSI)

OSI includes the Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis); Schedule of Budgeted Expenditures; Schedule of Investment and Administrative Expenses; Schedule of Cash and Short-Term Investments; and the Accountability in Government Act Performance Measures.

Performance measures are included in the Notes to the Financial Statements. In 1999, the Accountability in Government Act mandated performance-based budgeting across state agencies per Section 6-3A, NMSA 1978 to improve program coordination and increase operational information available to the Governor, the Legislature, and the public. NMERB serves its membership through prudent asset management, efficient administration, and reliable payment processing. In support of these desirable outcomes, NMERB met targeted goals for average

rate of net return over the last five years, funding period of unfunded actuarial accrued liability (in years), and average rate of net return over the last ten years.

Comparative Summary Statements

Below is presented a condensed version of the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. More detailed versions of the statements can be found on pages 32 and 33.

Condensed Statement of Fiduciary Net Position (in Millions)

	2024	2023	Change	
			Dollar	%*
Assets:				
Cash and Receivables	\$ 481	\$ 511	\$ (30)	(6)%
Investments, Fair Value	17,014	15,865	1,149	7 %
Capital Assets, Net	14	3	10	292 %
Total Assets	17,508	16,379	1,129	7 %
Total Liabilities	10	117	107	91 %
Net Position Restricted for Pensions	\$ 17,498	\$ 16,262	\$ 1,236	8 %

*percentages based on amounts before rounding.

Condensed Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
(in Millions)

	2024	2023	Change	
			Dollar	%*
Additions				
Contributions	\$ 1,208	\$ 1,058	\$ 150	14 %
Net Investment Income	1,489	1,036	453	44 %
Other Income	1	1	0	— %
Total Additions	2,698	2,095	603	29 %
Deductions				
Benefits and Withdrawals	1,448	1,372	76	6 %
Administrative Expenses	14	12	2	18 %
Total Deductions	1,462	1,384	78	6 %
Net Increase	1,236	711	525	74 %
Net Position Restricted for Pensions				
Beginning of Year	16,262	15,551	711	5 %
End of Year	\$ 17,498	\$ 16,262	\$ 1,236	8 %

*percentages based on amounts before rounding.

Overall Analysis of Financial Position and Results of Operations

Financial

Additions. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the additions to the Plan's fiduciary net position totaled \$2,698 million and \$2,095 million, respectively. The components of additions are member and employer contributions, (including contributions from service credits purchased), net investment income, and other income.

Deductions. Total deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position of \$1,462 million in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,384 million in fiscal year 2023 resulted in an increase of 5.7% year over year, respectively. These were primarily due to normal increases in total age and service benefits.

Condensed Net Position Analysis (in Millions)

	2024	2023	Change	
			Dollar	%
Net Position Restricted for Pensions	\$ 17,498	\$ 16,262	\$ 1,236	8 %
Net Increase in Net Position	\$ 1,236	\$ 711	\$ 525	74 %

Net Position. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 the net position increased to \$17,498 million from the prior year net position of \$16,262 million. Overall, the net increase of \$1,236 million was primarily the result of investment gains during the year.

Investments

Long Term Return on Investments. As of June 30, 2024, NMERB's investment return, net of fees, since July 1, 1983 was 8.9%.

Fair Value of Investments. The primary element of NMERB's fiduciary net position is the fair value of the investment portfolio. Investment assets totaled \$17,014 million as of June 30, 2024, which was \$1,149 million higher than the prior fiscal year. It is important to note that the net change year over year is not only due to changes in fair value, but is also impacted by the timing of purchases, sales, and redemptions.

Condensed Investment Portfolio, Fair Value (in Millions)

	2024	2023	Change	
			Dollar	%
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 316	\$ 365	\$ (50)	(14)%
Investments, at Fair Value	17,014	15,865	1,149	7 %
Total	\$ 17,330	\$ 16,230	\$ 1,099	7 %

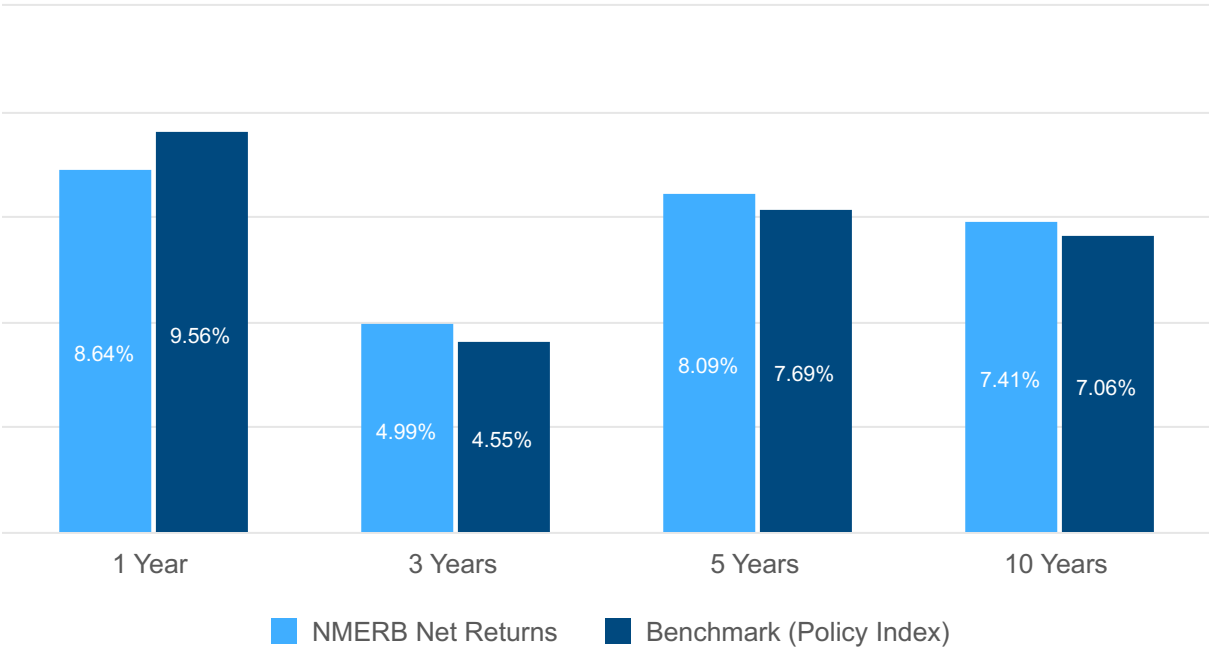
Annual Return. The investment fund achieved a positive 8.6% time weighted rate of return during the fiscal year, net of fees. This one-year return did exceed the investment return assumption of 7.0% used for actuarial purposes. For the year, the fund's return underperformed the policy index by 92 basis points and ranked in the 75st percentile of its peers which are public pension funds with assets of \$1 billion or more, as measured by the Investor Force database. All NMERB asset classes were within target policy ranges at year end.

The following table provides a summary of total fund performance (net of fees) as of June 30, 2024.

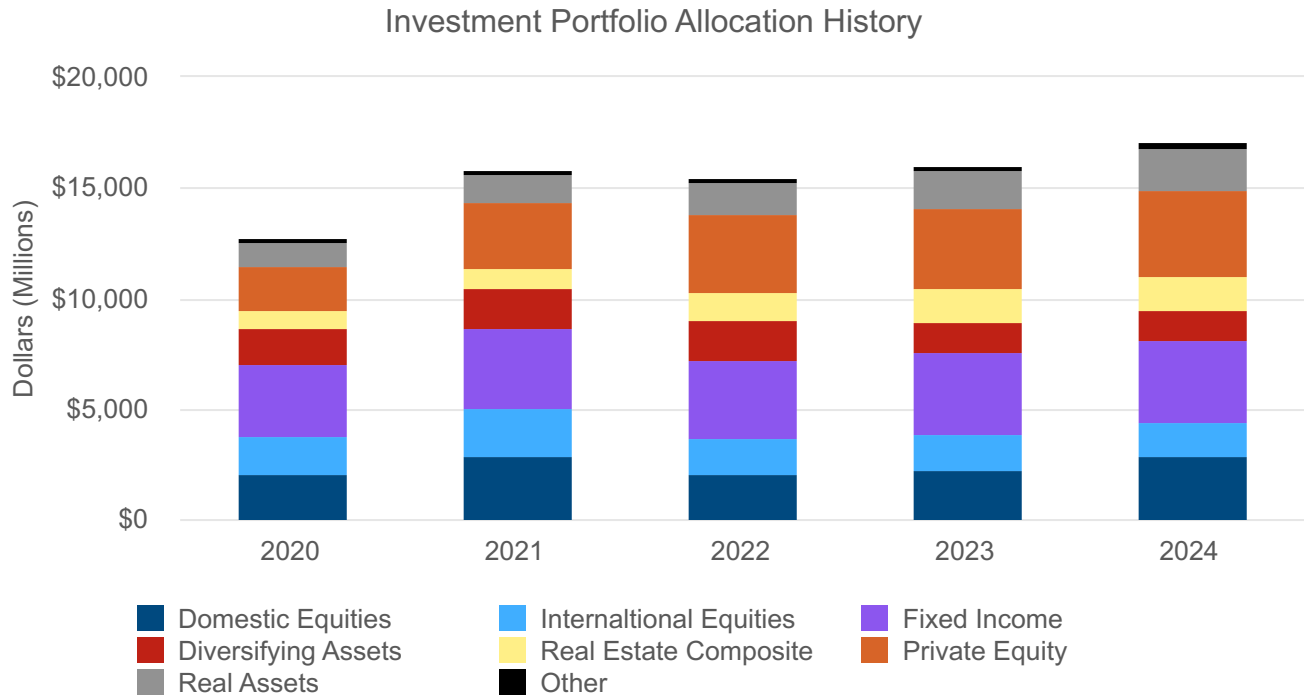
Fund Performance Summary (Net of Fees) at June 30, 2024

1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year	Since Inception
8.6%	5.0%	8.1%	7.4%	7.8%	7.9%	8.9%

Portfolio Return and Benchmarks



Investment Allocation History. The following chart depicts growth and changes in investment allocations by portfolio category as of June 30 from fiscal years 2020 to 2024. Target investment allocations are reviewed at least annually by the Board of Trustees. Additional details on fiscal year 2024 targets are available in the Notes to the Financial Statements.



Investment Risk Exposure. In formulating the Plan's investment strategy, NMERB takes a long-term perspective designed to meet the needs of our beneficiaries for many years to come. NMERB seeks to diversify the risks contained in the investment portfolio among the many categories of assets available to institutional investors. NMERB also manages liquidity to ensure the Plan's ability to meet continuing pension benefit obligations. NMERB continues to pursue long-term institutional strategies for growth at a minimum level of risk per unit of return.

Actuarial

Net Pension Liability. The current fiscal year's net pension liability (NPL) of \$8,787,995,457, measured as the total pension liability, less the Plan's fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2024, was calculated based on an expected rate of return on Plan investments of 7.0%. The current NPL increased by 1.2% over the fiscal year 2023 NPL of \$8,684,285,003.

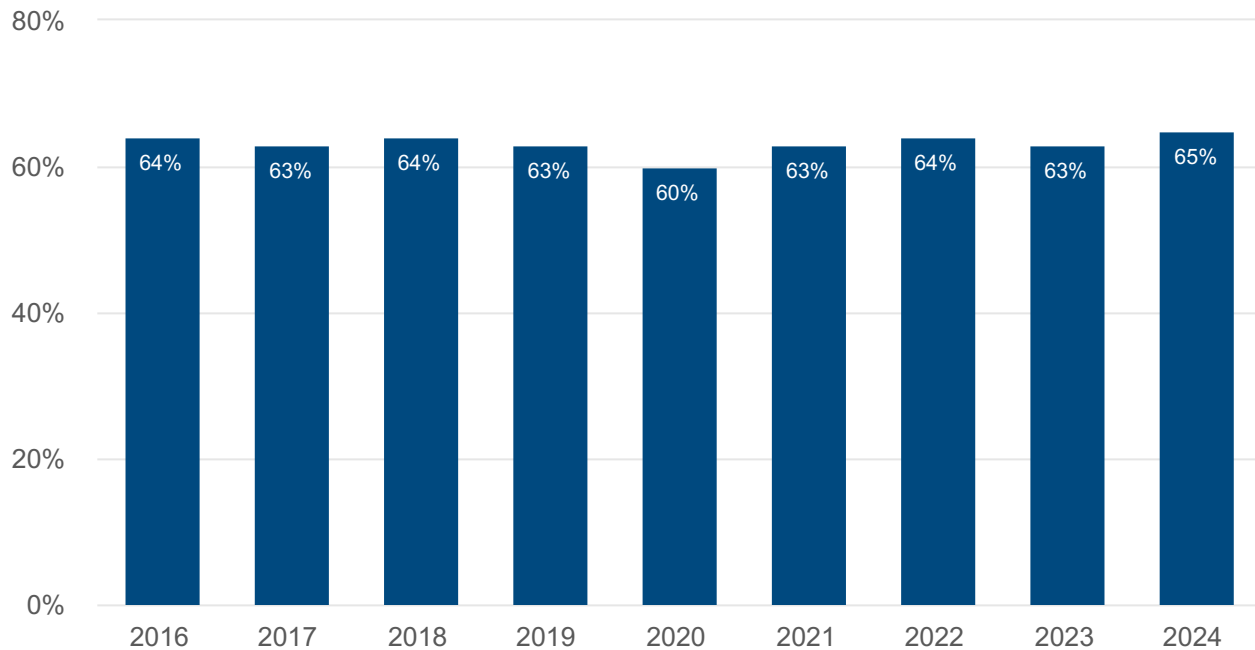
Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to the Single Discount Rate Assumption. The table below presents the changes in NMERB's fiduciary net pension liability. The table also provides the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The sensitivity analysis shown below is for fiscal years 2019 through 2024.

Net Pension Liability

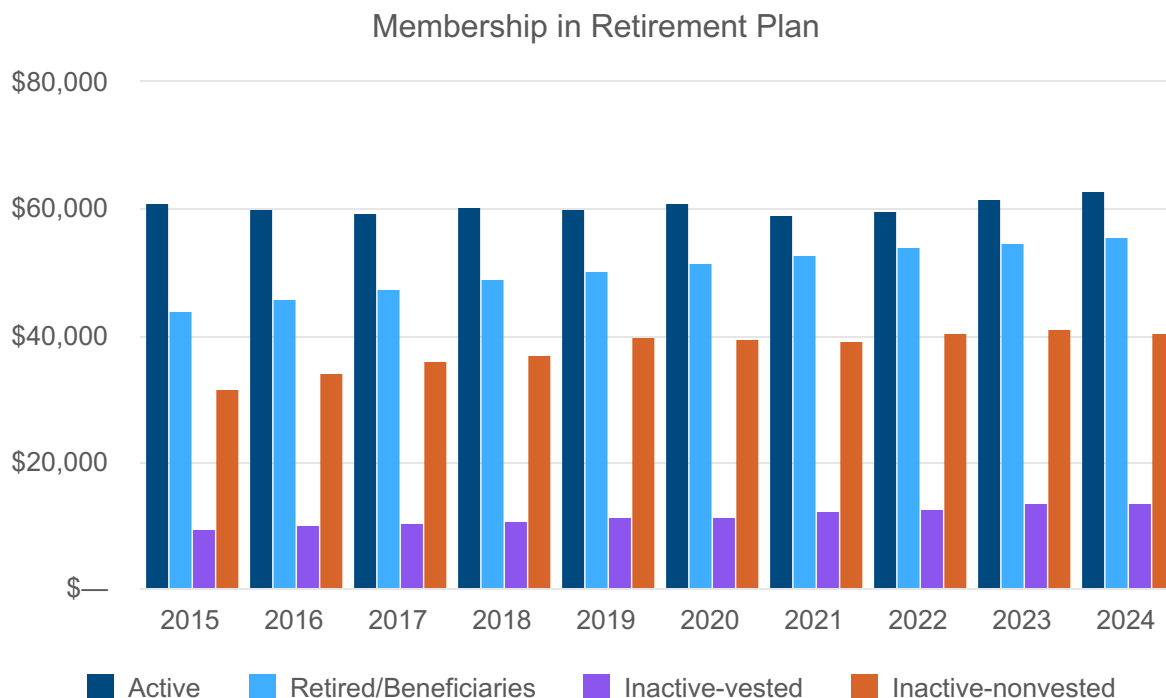
Fiscal Year	Discount Rate	1% Decrease	Current Single Rate Assumption	1% Increase
2024	7.00%	\$12,083,987,125	\$8,787,995,457	\$6,060,164,084
2023	7.00%	\$11,805,547,098	\$8,684,285,003	\$6,150,755,256
2022	7.00%	\$11,419,137,344	\$8,421,711,477	\$5,944,381,908
2021	7.00%	\$10,035,064,321	\$7,087,466,701	\$4,651,571,637
2020	3.89%	\$25,593,615,269	\$20,265,889,826	\$15,979,388,434
2019	7.25%	\$10,228,778,073	\$7,577,302,491	\$5,384,280,133

Funded Ratio. The funded ratio (the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability) increased from 62.9% as of June 30, 2023 to 64.8% as of June 30, 2024. This increase was primarily due to better than assumed asset experience, assumption changes as a result of the 2024 Experience Study, and expected improvement based on the current funding policy.

Funded Ratio - Fiscal Year Ended June 30



Membership: Over the last ten years, the total number of active plan members has increased 3.2%, while the number of retired members and beneficiaries has increased 26.5%. The ratio of active members to retired members and beneficiaries is 1:13. Other membership categories, inactive non-vested members and inactive vested members, have also increased 28.5% and 41.7%, respectively. Total membership has increased 18.2%.



Analysis of Balances and Transactions

Receivables and Payables. Total current receivables for fiscal year 2024 increased by \$20 million from the prior year. Total current payables for fiscal year 2024 increased by \$2 million from the prior year. Changes in year-end balances were primarily caused by changes in year-end accounts payable, broker purchases and sales proceeds.

Condensed Receivables and Payables Analysis (in Millions)

	2024	2023	Change	
			Dollar	% *
Interest, Dividends, and Other Receivables	\$ 15	\$ 12	\$ 3	25 %
Contributions	150	133	17	13 %
Total Current Receivables	\$ 165	\$ 145	\$ 20	14 %
Accounts Payable	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 2	56 %
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	1	1	—	(21)%
Refunds Payable and Other Liabilities	1	1	—	(29)%
Investment Purchases and Foreign Exchange Payables	1	1	—	28 %
Total Current Payables	\$ 8	\$ 6	\$ 2	41 %

*percentages based on amounts before rounding.

Changes in broker receivables and payables relate to the volume of investments sold at or near the current fiscal year end as compared to the prior year. Securities sales and purchases in the United States equity markets are based on "trade + 2 days," meaning the transactions will settle in two business days after initiation. The number of days varies in other U.S. and foreign securities markets.

Contributions. NMERB's funding objective is to meet long-term benefit obligations through member and employer contributions, as well as through investment earnings. Annual contributions for the current reporting year were \$1,208 million and include contributions for service credit purchases. This is an increase of \$150 million, or 14.2%, from the prior fiscal year. The change in contributions derived in part from an increase of 1% in employer contributions in fiscal year 2024.

Investment Income. Investment gain, net of external manager and custody banking fees, was \$1,489 million for 2024 and an investment gain, net of external manager and custody banking fees of \$1,036 million for 2023, respectively. NMERB's investment allocation plan is designed to result in a lower volatility of returns than the historical NMERB portfolio and the average public pension fund. This means NMERB may lag other funds somewhat when equity markets move up sharply. However, NMERB expects to exceed the returns on those same funds when the equity markets have very small gains or losses. In short, NMERB is seeking to mute the extreme differences in returns from one quarter or one year to the next. This philosophy has contributed positively to NMERB's results in previous fiscal years and has contributed positively to its longer-term comparative performance.

Age and Service Benefits. Age and service benefits paid in fiscal year 2024, including disability and death benefit payments, totaled \$1,380 million, a 4.8% increase over the prior year's net benefit payments. The increase in payments is attributable to the growth in the retiree population by 1.7% from 54,774 in fiscal year 2023 to 55,706 in fiscal year 2024 and mirrors the consistent, though modest, annual growth in the total retiree population.

Significant Capital Assets Activity. Currently, NMERB has two capital asset projects: development of a new Pension Administration System (PAS) and construction of a new headquarters in Santa Fe, New Mexico. NMERB received an IT appropriation of \$30.5 million to support the PAS project which began on July 1, 2023. This will be a multi-year, phased project that will replace the current pension system. NMERB awarded a contract totaling \$12,395,042 for FY24 and FY25 to Enterprise Builders Corporation of Albuquerque, New Mexico to construct the 19,443 square foot headquarters. Estimated completion of construction is March 2025.

Currently Known Facts and Conditions

Pending Litigation and Claims

During each business cycle, NMERB may be named as a defendant in administrative appeals arising from the normal course of business. Legal counsel believes resolution of any currently pending matters will not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Contact NMERB

Questions

Any questions regarding the financial statements of NMERB should be directed to the NMERB Chief Financial Officer at (505) 531-6745 or by mail at 701 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

New Mexico Educational Retirement Board Statement of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2024

	Fund 60500
ASSETS	
Cash and Short Term Investments:	
Investment in State General Fund Investment Pool	\$ 12,295,709
Other Cash	118,802
Short Term Investments	303,881,031
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>316,295,542</u>
Receivables:	
Contributions	149,668,283
Investment Sales Proceeds - Brokers and Foreign Exchange Receivables	3,540,110
Interest and Dividends	11,400,976
Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(226,273)
Total Receivables	<u>164,383,096</u>
Investments, at Fair Value:	
Public Equity	4,642,423,443
Alternative Investments	11,495,182,771
Fixed Income	876,458,741
Total Investments	<u>17,014,064,955</u>
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Amortization and Depreciation	<u>13,630,373</u>
Total Assets	<u>17,508,373,966</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	4,667,351
Accrued Payroll and Employee Benefits	785,548
Refunds Payable	705,877
Investment Purchases and Foreign Exchange Payables	1,279,216
Other Liabilities	2,725,950
Total Liabilities	<u>10,163,942</u>
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS	<u>\$ 17,498,210,024</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, beginning on page 34.

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

New Mexico Educational Retirement Board Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Fund 60500
ADDITIONS	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 770,384,190
Member	435,808,030
Service Credits Purchases	2,188,573
Total Contributions	<u>1,208,380,793</u>
Investment Income:	
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Plan Investments	1,505,448,121
Dividend Income	62,249,785
Interest Income	48,929,179
Other Investment Income	384,727,710
Total Investment Income	<u>2,001,354,795</u>
Investment Expenses:	
Management Fees	(431,637,249)
Performance Fees and Carried Interest	(76,611,081)
Consulting Fees	(1,807,512)
Custodial Fees	(909,949)
Legal Fees and IT Costs	(1,859,452)
Total Investment Expenses	<u>(512,825,243)</u>
Net Investment Income	<u>1,488,529,552</u>
Other Income	<u>1,316,335</u>
Total Additions	<u>2,698,226,680</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Age and Service Benefit Payments	1,380,637,422
Refunds to Terminated Members	67,049,122
Administrative	14,123,582
Total Deductions	<u>1,461,810,126</u>
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	1,236,416,554
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>16,261,793,470</u>
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 17,498,210,024</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, beginning on page 34.

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Note 1 General Description of the Board and Retirement Plan

A. Background

The New Mexico Legislature passed the Educational Retirement Act (ERA) in 1957, establishing the NMERB Board of Trustees to administer the Educational Employees Retirement Plan (Plan). The Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer pension plan established to provide retirement and disability benefits for certified teachers and other employees of the state's public schools, institutions of higher learning, and state agencies providing educational programs. Additional tenets of the ERA can be found in Section 22-11-1 through 22-11-55, NMSA 1978, as amended.

B. Reporting Entity

The Plan administered by NMERB is a pension trust fund of the State of New Mexico. The ERA assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to a nine-member Board of Trustees (Board); the state legislature has the authority to set or amend contribution rates and other terms of the Plan which is a pension benefit trust fund of the State of New Mexico. NMERB is self-funded through investment income and educational employer contributions. The Plan does not receive General Fund Appropriations from the State of New Mexico.

The ERA defines the governing Board of Trustees for NMERB per Section 22-11-3, NMSA 1978, as follows:

- Secretary of the Public Education Department (PED), or a designee of the secretary who is a resident of New Mexico, a current employee of PED, and possesses experience relevant to the financial or fiduciary aspects of pension or investment fund management.
- State Treasurer, or a designee of the Treasurer who is a resident of New Mexico, a current employee of the State Treasurer's Office, and possesses experience relevant to the financial or fiduciary aspects of pension or investment fund management.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the National Education Association of New Mexico.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the New Mexico members of the American Association of University Professors.
- Two members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years each. Each member appointed shall have a background in investments, finance or pension fund administration.
- One member to be elected for a term of four years by the members of the American Federation of Teachers New Mexico.
- Secretary of Higher Education, or a designee of the secretary who is a resident of New Mexico, is a current employee of the higher education department, and possesses experience relevant to the financial or fiduciary aspects of pension or investment fund management.

NMERB applied criteria established by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to determine whether other state agencies, boards or commissions which benefit the members of NMERB should be included within its financial reporting entity as component units. Those criteria include, but are not limited to, whether the Board of Trustees exercises oversight responsibility; financial interdependency; selection of governing authority; designation of management; and ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters, scope of public service, and special financing relationships. Based on the criteria, the Board of Trustees has determined there are no component units that should be included in its financial reporting entity.

C. Defined Benefit Plan Description

The Plan administers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, which is a qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a). All accumulated assets are held in trust to pay benefits, including refunds of contributions as defined in the terms of the Plan. Eligibility for membership in the Plan is a condition of employment, as defined Section 22-11-2, NMSA 1978. Employees of public schools, universities, colleges, junior colleges, technical-vocational institutions, state special schools, charter schools, and state agencies providing an educational program, who are employed more than 25% of a full-time equivalency, are required to be members of the Plan, unless specifically excluded.

D. Membership

Active, retired, and inactive membership totaled 172,680 as of June 30, 2024. The following schedule shows the number of members by category. A breakdown plan membership by status as of June 30, 2024 follows:

Schedule of Plan Membership	
Membership Status	2024
Active Working Members	62,970
Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	55,706
Inactive Members, Vested	13,480
Inactive Members, Nonvested	40,524
Total	172,680

E. Participating Employers

NMERB served a total of 220 educational employers in fiscal year 2024. Changes in the number of participating employers from year to year are due largely to Charter Schools opening and closing throughout the fiscal year. For fiscal year 2024, there was one charter school that closed and one that opened leaving the total number of educational employers unchanged from the prior fiscal year. The “State Agencies” category includes the State of New Mexico as the common paymaster for all state agencies with educational programs, the New Mexico Activities Association, and the nine New Mexico Regional Education Cooperatives.

A breakdown of contributing employers by reporting category for the fiscal year 2024 follows:

Schedule of Participating Employers

Employer Category	2024
Charter Schools	100
Public Schools	89
State Agencies	11
Universities and Colleges	16
Special Schools	4
Total	220

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, educational employers and members contributed to the Plan based on the following rate schedule:

Schedule of Contribution Rates

Fiscal Year	Date Range	Wage Category	Member Rate	Employer Rate	Combined Rate	Increase Over Prior Year
2024	7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024	Over \$24K	10.70 %	18.15 %	28.85 %	1.00 %
2024	7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024	\$24K or Less	7.90 %	18.15 %	26.05 %	1.00 %

F. Pension Benefit

A member’s retirement benefit is determined by a formula which includes three component parts: 1) the member’s final average salary (FAS), 2) the number of years of service credit, and 3) a 0.0235 multiplier. The FAS is the average of the member’s salaries for the last five fiscal years of service or any other consecutive five fiscal year period, whichever is greater.

G. Summary of Plan Provisions for Retirement Eligibility

For members employed before July 1, 2010, a member is eligible to retire when one of the following events occurs:

- The member's age and allowable service credit add up to the sum of 75 or more. Those who retire under the age of 60, and who have fewer than 25 years of earned service credit will receive reduced retirement benefits, or
- The member is at least 65 years of age and has five or more years of earned service credit, or
- The member has service credit totaling 25 years or more.

Section 22-11-23.1, NMSA 1978 changed the eligibility requirements for new members first employed on, or after, July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2013. The eligibility for a member who either becomes a new member on or after July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2013, or at any time prior to July 1, 2010 was refunded all member contributions and then becomes re-employed after July 1, 2010 is as follows:

- The member's age and earned service credit add up to the sum of 80 or more. Those who retire under the age of 65, and who have fewer than 30 years of earned service credit will receive reduced retirement benefits, or
- The member is at least 67 years of age and has five or more years of earned service credit, or
- The member has service credit totaling 30 years or more.

Section 22-11-23.2, NMSA 1978 added eligibility requirements for new members who were first employed on or after July 1, 2013, or who were employed before July 1, 2013 but terminated employment and subsequently withdrew all contributions and returned to work for an NMERB employer on or after July 1, 2013. These members must meet one of the following requirements.

- The member's minimum age is 55 and has earned 30 or more years of service credit. Those who retire earlier than age 55, but with 30 years of earned service credit will have a reduction in benefits to the actuarial equivalent of retiring at age 55, or
- The member's age and earned service credit add up to the sum of 80 or more. Those who retire under the age of 65, and who have fewer than 30 years of earned service credit will receive reduced retirement benefits, or
- The member's age is 67 and has earned five or more years of service credit.

Section 22-11-23.3, NMSA 1978 added eligibility requirements for new members who were first employed on or after July 1, 2019, or who were employed before July 1, 2019 but terminated employment and subsequently withdrew all contributions and returned to work for an NMERB employer on or after July 1, 2019. These members must meet one of the following requirements.

- The member is any age and has 30 or more years of earned service credit, or
- The member is at least 67 years of age and has 5 or more years of earned service credit, or
- The sum of the member's age and years of earned service credit equals at least 80.

H. Form of Payment

The benefit is paid as a monthly life annuity with a guarantee that, if the payments made do not exceed the member's accumulated contributions plus accumulated interest, determined as of the date of retirement, the balance will be paid in a lump sum to the member's surviving beneficiary.

I. Benefit Options

The Plan has three benefit options available:

Option A – Straight Life Benefit – The single life annuity option has no reductions to the monthly benefit, and there is no continuing benefit due to a beneficiary or estate, except the balance, if any, of member contributions plus interest less benefits paid prior to the member's death.

Option B – Joint 100 Percent Survivor Benefit – The single life annuity monthly benefit is reduced to provide for a 100 percent survivor's benefit. The reduced benefit is payable during the life of the member, with the provision that, upon death, the same benefit is paid to the beneficiary for his or her lifetime. If the beneficiary predeceases the member, the member's monthly benefit is increased to the amount the member would have received under Option A Straight Life benefit. The member's increased monthly benefit commences in the month following the beneficiary's death.

Option C – Joint 50 Percent Survivor Benefit – The single life annuity monthly benefit is reduced to provide for a 50 percent survivor's benefit. The reduced benefit is payable during the life of the member, with the provision that, upon death, the reduced 50 percent benefit is paid to the beneficiary for his or her lifetime. If the beneficiary predeceases the member, the member's monthly benefit is increased to the amount the member would have received under Option A Straight Life benefit. The member's increased monthly benefit commences in the month following the beneficiary's death.

J. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

All retired members and beneficiaries receiving benefits receive an automatic adjustment in their benefit on July 1 following the later of 1) the year a member retires, or 2) the year a member reaches age 65 (Tier 1 and Tier 2) or age 67 (Tier 3 and Tier 4).

Membership Tiers	
Tier	Membership is Comprised of:
1	Employees who became members prior to July 1, 2010
2	Employees who became members on or after July 1, 2010, but prior to July 1, 2013
3	Employees who became members on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to July 1, 2019
4	Employees who became members on or after July 1, 2019

As of July 1, 2013, for current and future retirees the COLA is immediately reduced until the Plan is 100% funded. The COLA reduction is based on the median retirement benefit of all retirees excluding disability retirements. Retirees with benefits at or below the median and with 25 or more years of service credit will have a 10% COLA reduction; their average COLA will be 1.5%. Once the funding is greater than 90%, the COLA reductions will decrease. The retirees with benefits at or below the median and with 25 or more years of service credit will have a 5% COLA reduction; their average COLA will be 1.7%.

Members on disability retirement are entitled to a COLA commencing on July 1 of the third full year following disability retirement. A member on regular retirement who can prove retirement because of a disability may qualify for a COLA beginning July 1 in the third full year of retirement.

Disability Benefit:

Eligibility – A member is eligible for a disability benefit provided (a) he or she has credit for at least ten years of service, and (b) the disability is approved by the Board of Trustees.

Monthly Benefit – The monthly benefit is equal to 2% of FAS times years of service, but not less than the smaller of (a) one-third of FAS or (b) 2% of FAS times years of service projected to age 60.

Form of Payment – The disability benefit commences immediately upon the member's retirement. Disability benefits are payable as a monthly life annuity, with a guarantee that, if the payments made do not exceed the member's accumulated contributions, determined as of the date of retirement, the balance will be paid in a lump sum to the member's surviving beneficiary. If the disabled member survives to age 60, the regular optional forms of payment are then applied.

K. Refund of Contributions

Members may withdraw their contributions only when they terminate covered employment in the State and their former employer(s) certification determination has been received by NMERB. Interest is paid to members when they withdraw their contributions following termination of employment at a rate set by the Board of Trustees. Interest is not earned on contributions credited to accounts prior to July 1, 1971, or for contributions held for less than one year.

L. Alternative Retirement Plan

Effective October 1991, the New Mexico legislature established an Alternative Retirement Plan (ARP) through the enactment of ERA Sections 22-11-47 through 52, NMSA 1978 to provide eligible employees an election to establish an alternative retirement plan. In contrast to the defined benefit plan administered by NMERB, the ARP is a defined contribution plan. NMERB is the trustee of the ARP which is administered by CAPTRUST, a third-party contractor. The two providers approved to offer ARP plans to eligible participants are Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, and Fidelity Investments.

These providers have the authority to perform record keeping, enrollment education services, and other administrative duties for the ARP. The providers are delegated any and all powers as may be necessary or advisable to discharge their duties under the ARP and have certain discretionary authority to decide matters under the ARP. As the ARP trustee, NMERB is responsible for selecting investment options that provide a prudent rate of return, and to ensure that all investments, amounts, property, and rights under the executed Plan-Trust are held for the exclusive benefit of Plan participants and their beneficiaries, as defined in the Plan Document.

Eligibility

Certain employees of the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, New Mexico Highlands University, Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University, Central New Mexico Community College, Clovis Community College, Luna Community College, Mesalands Community College, New Mexico Junior College, Northern New Mexico College, San Juan College, Santa Fe Community College and Southeast New Mexico College are eligible to

make an election to participate within 90 days of employment. Information about the ARP is distributed by the employer. Those who do not elect to participate in the ARP remain members of the regular defined benefit retirement plan.

Section 22-11-47(D), NMSA 1978 allows an ARP participant a one-time option to make an irrevocable switch to the defined benefit retirement plan after seven years of ARP participation.

Form of Payment

Retirement, death, and other benefits are based upon contributions made and earnings accumulated on those contributions, in accordance with the terms of the applicable vendor contracts and Internal Revenue Code. Retirement benefits shall, at the option of the employee, be paid:

- in the form of a lifetime income, if held in an annuity contract,
- payments for a term of years, or
- a single-sum cash payment.

ARP retirement, death, and other benefits, including disability benefits, cannot be paid from the defined benefit plan administered by NMERB.

ARP Contributions

For the year ended June 30, 2024, colleges and universities contributed 18.15% of participating employees' gross salary to the ARP vendor on behalf of the participant, and 7.25% of the employees' gross salary to NMERB. The colleges and universities are responsible for submitting the balance of the employers' contribution, and the employees' contributions directly to the ARP vendors. Employees participating in the ARP do not accrue rights to benefits in the defined benefit pension plan based on the 7.25% contributions to the Plan. Employer contributions reported in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position include amounts remitted on behalf of the ARP defined benefit plan. The 7.25% contribution remitted for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was \$19,422,780.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The Board's financial statements are prepared using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The New Mexico General Fund Appropriation Act establishes the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental funds as the budgetary basis for the State. Prior year encumbrances are not carried forward for single year appropriations. Employer and member contributions are recognized as revenue in the period in which the member's services are performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

B. Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, NMERB's management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of additions to and deductions from the Plan fiduciary net position during the reported period, and disclosures as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions. Certain NMERB investment

assets, in particular global real assets and global private equity funds, use estimates in reporting fair value in the financial statements. These estimates are subject to uncertainty in the near term, which could result in changes in the values reported for those assets in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

C. New Accounting Standards

In September 2024, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. The statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by GASB Statement No. 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right to use assets recognized in accordance with GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, are to be disclosed separately by major class of the underlying asset in the capital assets note. Subscription assets in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also are to be disclosed separately. This statement is effective for the year ending June 30, 2026.

In April 2024, GASB issued a new standard, Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The Implementation of GASB 103, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, is to improve key components of the financial reporting model by providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. The statement requires information in the MD&A be limited to five sections: (1) Overview of the Financial Statements, (2) Financial Summary, (3) Detailed Analysis, (4) Significant Capital Assets and Long-term Financing Activity, and (5) Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions. In addition, statement addresses unusual and infrequent items; presentation of the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position; major component unit information; and budgetary comparison information. Fiscal year 2026 is the first year that NMERB will meet the criteria for GASB Statement No. 103.

In December 2023, GASB issued Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. This statement is to provide users of the financial statement with information about risks related to vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints that essential to their analyses for making decisions or assessing accountability. Concentration is defined as a lack of diversity related to an aspect of a significant inflow of resources or outflow of resources. The definition for constraint is a limitation imposed on a government by an external party or by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. This statement is effective for the year ending June 30, 2025. Management does not expect a significant impact to their reporting of risk disclosures contained in the current reporting model.

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. GASB Statement No. 100 had no impact to NMERB's accounting and financial reporting as there were no accounting changes or error corrections for the year ending June 30, 2024.

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*. The implementation of the GASB Statement No. 96, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, is intended to provide guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs for government entities. SBITAs are defined in statement as "a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's information technology software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets, as specified in a contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction." Fiscal year 2024 is the first year that NMERB met the criteria for GASB Statement No. 96.

Additional information on the implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 along with placement in the financial statements can be found in Section N Accounting Policies for Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements of Note 2 on page 46 and in Note 9 Capital Assets on page 64.

D. *Cash and Short-Term Investments*

Cash includes demand deposits and all short-term instruments with maturities at the time of purchase of less than 90 days. Individual deposit accounts and investment accounts held by NMERB are shown on the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position at fair value as required by Section 12-6-5(A), NMSA 1978. Cash activity is accounted for within the Statewide Human Resources, Accounting, and Management System (SHARE) fund number 60500. NMERB earns interest on all monies held at the State Treasurer's Office and in NMERB's custodial investment account at State Street Bank. When a security purchase transaction fails to be completed due to the broker not delivering the purchased security on settlement date, the cash remains with custodial agent bank. When this occurs, NMERB's money is invested overnight in a Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF).

E. *Revenue Recognition*

Pension contributions are recognized as additions in the period they become due based on Plan reporting requirements. Investment income includes net investment appreciation in the fair value of investments, interest and dividend income, and foreign currency transaction gains and losses. Investment income is recognized when earned.

F. *Benefits*

Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

G. *Investments*

All investment securities are reported at fair value, which is defined as the amount that a plan can reasonably expect to receive for an investment in a current sale between a willing buyer and a willing seller. Due to the nature of investments, it is reasonable to expect that changes in the value of investment assets will occur in the near future and that changes could materially affect the amounts reported.

NMERB's investments are measured and reported at fair value, based on quoted prices in active markets, significant other observable inputs, and significant unobservable inputs. Additional information on the valuation of investment securities can be found in Note 6, which is presented in accordance with GASB No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. There are certain market risks, credit risks, foreign exchange currency risks, or events that may subject the Plan's investment portfolio to economic changes occurring in certain industries, sectors, or geographic markets.

Net investment income includes net appreciation in the fair value of investments, interest income, dividend income, and investment expenses, which include management and custodial fees, and all other significant investment related costs. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The calculation of realized gains and losses is independent of the calculation of the net change in the fair value of pension plan investments. Realized gains and losses on investments that had been held in more than one reporting period and sold in the current period were included as a change in the fair value reported in the prior period(s) and the current period.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets represent the cost of assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used for the administration of the Plan. Capital assets include NMERB's administration building located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. NMERB's capitalization policy, based on the requirements from Section 12-6-10, NMSA 1978, is to include all assets with a useful life of more than one year and a cost basis of at least \$5,000. All additions are capitalized at historical cost as of the date of acquisition; depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life with no salvage value. Estimated useful asset life in years are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and Building Improvements	25
Furniture and Equipment	10
Data Processing Equipment (Including Software)	5

I. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Formal budgetary integration is used by the Board of Trustees as a tool for monitoring internal controls and administering the Plan. The budget for NMERB, a New Mexico State agency is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, except for prior year obligations approved for payment by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) per Section 6-10-4, NMSA 1978.

Each year the New Mexico Legislature approves multi-year appropriations, which the State considers as continuing appropriations. The Legislature authorizes these appropriations for two to five years; however, it does not identify the authorized amount by fiscal year. Consequently, the appropriation is budgeted in its entirety the first year the Legislature authorizes it. The unexpended portion of the multi-year budget is carried forward as the next year's beginning budget balance until either the project period has expired or the appropriation has been fully expended. Budget presentations in these financial statements are consistent with this budgeting methodology.

Only administrative expenses are budgeted, while significant revenues and non-administrative expenses are not. The budget recognizes encumbrances and capital expenses as current expenses, excludes depreciation expense, and recognizes revenue when cash is received. Budgetary comparisons for the Plan are presented in Other Supplemental Information.

The Accountability in Government Act, Section 6-3A-1 through 6-3A-10, NMSA 1978, requires implementation of performance-based budgeting over a four-year period. NMERB developed performance measures which were approved by the State Budget Division (SBD), a division of the DFA, and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), an interim committee of the New Mexico Legislature, and included in the General Appropriations Act. NMERB is required to report annually to the SBD and the LFC on these performance measures. Performance results are included in Other Supplemental Information.

To establish the annual budget, NMERB has the following procedures:

1. NMERB prepares a Budget Appropriation Request for the Board of Trustees' approval. The request includes proposed expenses and the means of financing them.
2. The Budget Appropriation Request is submitted to the SBD and the LFC.

3. DFA makes recommendations and adjustments to NMERB's Budget Appropriation Request, which becomes the Governor's proposal to the legislature.
4. The LFC holds hearings on the Budget Appropriation Request during the legislature's interim period. Recommendations and adjustments are made prior to presenting the Budget Appropriation Request to the legislature.
5. Both DFA's and LFC's recommended appropriation proposals are presented to the Legislature for approval of the final budget. The final budget approved by the legislature is then sent to the Governor's office for final approval.
6. NMERB submits its annual operating budget to DFA and LFC based on the final appropriation recommendation from the Legislature and approval by the Governor.
7. Per Section 13 of the General Appropriation Act of 2023, all agencies, including legislative agencies, may request category transfers among personal services and employee benefits, contractual services, and other costs. The legal level of budgetary control for NMERB's operating budget is the enacted appropriation program.

J. Capital Outlay Appropriations

In the 2020 Legislative Session, NMERB received a capital outlay appropriation in the amount of \$1,309,000 for land acquisition and to plan, design and construct a new headquarters in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In the 2021 Legislative Session, NMERB received a capital outlay appropriation totaling \$5 million to plan, design, construct, furnish, equip and make site improvements for the new facility. Due to rising construction costs, NMERB requested and received two additional capital outlay appropriations. NMERB received \$5 million in the 2022 Legislative Session and \$4.5 million in the 2023 Legislative Session to plan, design, construct, furnish, equip and make site improvements. In total NMERB received \$15,809,000 in capital outlay for the new headquarters. A contract was awarded for FY 2024 and FY 2025 totaling \$12,395,042 to Enterprise Builders Corporation of Albuquerque, New Mexico to construct the 19,443 square foot headquarters. Estimated completion of construction is March 2025.

K. Information Technology Appropriation

In the 2023 Legislative Session, NMERB received an information technology appropriation for fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the amount of \$30,500,000 for a Pension Administration System (PAS) Modernization project. The PAS project supports the following strategic goals: financial integrity and governance, meet members expectations, technology innovation, and organizational strength. This will be a multi-year, phased project that will replace the current system with a vendor hosted secure software. In May 2023, NMERB received Project Certification Committee (PCC) certification on \$7,568,673 of the \$30.5 million to cover the costs of the first year of the PAS implementation. The PAS project started in FY 2024 with the support of four contracts for project management, software development, data cleansing and conversion, and Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V). In January 2024, NMERB received PCC certification on \$7,461,678 for the cost of the PAS project in FY 2025.

L. Refunds Payable

Refunds payable represents the total amount due and payable as of June 30th to terminated members who have submitted valid claims for a full refund of contributions. These refunds are processed in early July

2024, as soon as the state's central accounting system is available to process the new fiscal year's transactions.

M. Due to Other State Agencies

NMERB's financial statements do not reflect any amounts due to other state agencies as of June 30, 2024.

N. Accounting Policy for Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

NMERB recognizes leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) that have a term exceeding one year that meet the definition of anything other than short-term lease or SBITA. NMERB uses a discount rate that is explicitly stated or implicit in the contract. When a readily determinable discount rate is not available, the discount rate is determined using the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) incremental borrowing rates for the appropriation fiscal year and term of agreement. Short-term lease and subscription payments are expensed when incurred.

Note 3 Net Pension Liability

Governmental employers participating in the Plan are required to report their proportionate share of the Plan's net pension liability, pension expense, and deferred outflows and inflows of resources within their financial statements, as well as to disclose financial information about the Plan.

The net pension liability is measured as the total pension liability, less the amount of the Plan's fiduciary net position. In actuarial terms, this is analogous to the accrued liability less the fair value of assets (not the smoothed actuarial value of assets that is often encountered in actuarial valuations based on the Board's adopted assumptions and methods).

A single discount rate of 7% was used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7%. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows, the pension plan's fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member and employer contributions will be made at the current statutory levels. Additionally, contributions received through Alternative Retirement Plan and the Return-to-Work Program are included in the projection of cash flows. These contributions are assumed to remain a level percentage of NMERB payroll, where the percentage of payroll is based on the most recent five-year contribution history.

A. Net Pension Liability of Plan Membership

The Components of the Net Pension Liability at June 30, 2024

Total Pension Liability	\$26,286,205,481
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(17,498,210,024)
Employer Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 8,787,995,457</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of Total Pension Liability	66.57 %
Covered Payroll	\$ 3,992,086,182
Net Pension Liability as a percentage of Covered Payroll	220.14 %

B. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability, net pension liability, and certain sensitivity information were based on an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to June 30, 2024 using generally accepted actuarial principles. There were no significant events or changes in benefit provisions that required an adjustment to the roll-forward liabilities as of June 30, 2024. For purposes of projecting future benefits, it is assumed that the full COLA will be paid in all future years.

Methods of Assumptions Used to Determine the Total Pension Liability
2024

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll
Remaining Amortization Period	Amortized over a closed 30-year period from June 30, 2019, ending June 30, 2049
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed fair value
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	Composed of 2.30% inflation, 0.70% productivity increase rate, plus step-rate promotional increases for less than 15 years of service.
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates based on age and service. Adopted by the Board on April 17, 2020 in conjunction with the six year experience study for the period ending June 30, 2019.
Mortality	<p>Healthy males: 2020 GRS Southwest Region Teacher Mortality Table, set back one year and scaled at 95%. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2020.</p> <p>Health female: 2020 GRS Southwest Region Teacher Mortality Table, set back one year. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2020.</p>

The target long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is determined annually using a building-block approach that includes the following:

- Rate of return projections are the sum of current yield plus projected changes in price (valuation, defaults, etc.).
- Application of key economic projections (inflation, real growth, dividends, etc.).
- Structural themes (supply and demand imbalances, capital flows, etc.) developed for each major asset class.

C. Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate Assumption

The following table provides the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate as of June 30, 2024. In particular, the table presents the Plan's net pension liability, if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is one percentage point lower (1% decrease) or one percentage point higher (1% increase) than the single discount rate:

Fiscal Year	Discount Rate	Net Pension Liability		
		1% Decrease	Current Single Rate Assumption	1% Increase
2024	7.00%	\$12,083,987,125	\$8,787,995,457	\$6,060,164,084

D. Rate of Return

Disclosure of the annual money-weighted return is a requirement of GASB No. 67. It incorporates both the size and timing of cash flows to determine an internal rate of return and expresses investment performance adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. The requirements of the calculation are listed below.

- The rate is computed net of investment expenses, but not net of administrative expenses.
- External cash flows used as inputs should be determined on at least a monthly basis.
- Cash flows should be determined on an accrual basis of accounting.
- Cash flow weighting should be representative of the Plan's actual external cash flow timing.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments was 8.64%.

Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plan's target asset allocation for fiscal year 2024 for 30-year return assumptions are summarized net of fees and inflation in the following table by asset class.

Schedule of Real Rates of Return by Asset Class

Asset Class	Percentage
Cash	4.2%
US Large-Cap Equity	4.0%
US Small/Mid-Cap Equity	6.2%
Non-US Developed Equity	4.5%
Non-US Developed Equity (USD Hedge)	4.7%
Emerging Market Equity	7.8%
Private Equity*	7.5%
US TIPS	4.8%
US Treasury Bond	4.6%
US Corporate Bond	5.7%
US Mortgage-Backed Securities	4.8%
US Aggregate Bond (Core Bonds)**	5.0%
US High Yield Corporate Bond	6.3%
US Leveraged Loan (Bank Loans)	7.4%
Emerging Market External Debt	7.7%
Emerging Market Local Currency Debt	6.9%
Global Government Bond	3.4%
Global Government Bond (USD Hedge)	3.5%
Private Debt - Credit Opportunities	7.7%
Commodity Futures	4.4%
Real Estate - Core	6.0%
Private Real Assets***	7.9%
Hedge Fund - Macro	5.6%

*Private Equity is 60% Private Equity Buyout, 20% Private Equity Secondary, 20% Private Equity Growth.

**Core Bonds assumption is based on market weighted blend of components of Aggregate Index (Treasuries, IG Corp Credit, and Mortgage Backed Securities).

***Private Real Assets assumption is 50% Private Real Assets Natural Resources and 50% Private Real Assets Infrastructure.

Note 4 State General Fund Investment Pool

The State General Fund Investment Pool (SGFIP) is the State of New Mexico's main cash account. In compliance with Section 6-10-3, NMSA 1978, and to optimize the state's cash management and investment practices, funds of various state agencies are deposited in the SGFIP. This pool is managed by the New Mexico State Treasurer's Office. Claims on the SGFIP are reported as financial assets by the various agencies investing in the SGFIP.

As provided for in Chapter 8-6 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978, the State Treasurer shall receive and keep all monies of the State, except when otherwise provided, and shall disburse the public money upon lawful warrants. The State Treasurer's Office acts as the State's bank. Agency cash receipts are deposited with the State Treasurer's Office and pooled in a State Investment Fund, when amounts are greater than immediate needs they are placed into short-term investments. When agencies make payments to vendors and employees they are made from this pool and their claims on the pool are reduced. The comprehensive cash reconciliation model compares aggregated Agency claims on the SGFIP to the associated resources held by the State Treasurer's Office. This process has been reviewed multiple times by the independent public accountants during the audits of the General Fund, the Department of Finance and Administration and the State of New Mexico's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The reviews have deemed the process to be sound.

- As of June 30, 2024, resources held in the pool were equivalent to the corresponding business unit claims on those resources.
- All claims recorded in SHARE are honored at face value.

NMERB believes the cash invested in the State Treasurer's Office Overnight Pool is represented fairly based on reconciliation procedures performed by NMERB. NMERB has established internal control procedures consistent with the State's Manual of Model Accounting Practices. These procedures are designed to avert accounting errors and violations of state and federal law and rules related to financial matters.

NMERB uses the State's financial software general ledger system, SHARE, monitoring balances through internal reporting, and performing reconciliation procedures throughout the fiscal year, following the Department of Finance and Administration's policies and procedures for fiscal safeguards. Cash balances posted in SHARE are correct to the extent that NMERB has control (i.e., collection, depositing, reconciling, and documentation of outstanding items) of the cash, and its receipts and transfers to the SGFIP and other state agencies are made pursuant to Department of Finance and Administration's current policies and procedures. Each deposit, payment voucher, investment, and other transactions that affect cash are verified to ensure the amounts are accurate and correctly classified in SHARE.

NMERB does not collect any revenues that contribute to, or revert to, the SGFIP, but does maintain all deposits on account at the State Treasurer's Office which are identified by NMERB's business unit and fund number. NMERB's cash balances are required to be managed by the State Treasurer's Office per Section 8-6-3, NMSA 1978. Accordingly, NMERB's investments include an interest in the SGFIP equal to the cash balance on hand that is managed by the State Treasurer's Office for Business Unit 35200 and Fund 60500. As of June 30, 2024, NMERB had \$12,295,709 invested in the SGFIP.

A. Interest Rate Risk

The State Treasurer's Office has an investment policy that limits investment maturities to five years or less on allowable investments. This policy enables the State Treasurer's Office to manage interest rate risk exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. This policy is reviewed and approved annually by the New Mexico State Board of Finance.

B. Credit Risk

For additional GASB No. 40 disclosure information regarding funds held by the State Treasurer's Office, the reader should see the separate audit report for the New Mexico State Treasurer's Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

C. Cash and Short-Term Investments

In addition to the overnight investment of funds deposited to the SGFIP at State Treasurer's Office, NMERB invests in the Short-Term Investment Fund held by State Street Bank, NMERB's custody bank. The Short-Term Investment Fund is used to facilitate more efficient trade procedures among NMERB's external money managers. Net cash balances in each of the custody bank internal and external investment managers' portfolios are swept into the Short-Term Investment Fund at the end of each day. Short-Term Investment Fund investments and cash equivalents of \$316,295,542 as of June 30, 2024 is reported as cash and short-term investment balances in NMERB's statement of net position.

The short-term investment balances have no amounts in the State Treasurer's Office Local Government Investment Pool as of June 30, 2024.

D. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, NMERB will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities held in the possession of an outside party. NMERB's investment securities, including cash invested overnight in a short-term investment fund, are held by State Street Bank, a third-party custodian, independent of any counterparty. State Street Bank by agreement holds sufficient assets to minimize the risk that NMERB would not be able to recover the value of investments held for NMERB. To minimize risk to operating cash held in the State's depository bank, Wells Fargo, management utilizes the services of the State Treasurer's Office for overnight investment in a commingled Short-Term Investment Fund. For the Local Government Investment Pool, public funds are exempt from disclosing custodial credit risk and concentration of credit risk.

Note 5 Refund Overpayments

In June 2010, the Board of Trustees adopted a revised method for computing interest due on refunds of contributions to members that have terminated employment and elected to withdraw their contributions, and on refunds paid to a beneficiary of a deceased member, with an effective date of July 1, 2010. During implementation, a programming error resulted in 834 individuals receiving overpayments totaling \$1,691,929 and ranging from less than one dollar to \$306,264.

The State Constitution requires every reasonable effort be made to recover these funds. As of June 30, 2024, the uncollected balance including interest assessed, net of uncollectible amounts due to settlement, bankruptcy, or death, is \$235,220. The Agency continues to take all reasonable actions to collect and settle these outstanding amounts.

Note 6 Fair Value Measurements

NMERB investments are measured and reported at fair value, and classified according to the following hierarchy:

- *Level 1* – Investments reflect prices quoted in active markets.
- *Level 2* – Investments reflect prices that are based on a similar observable asset either directly or indirectly, which may include inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- *Level 3* – Investments reflect prices based on unobservable sources.

The categorization of investments within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and should not be perceived as an indication of investment risk.

Debt, equities, and investment derivatives classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued directly from a predetermined primary external pricing vendor. Assets classified in Level 2 are subject to pricing by an alternative pricing source due to lack of information available by the primary vendor. NMERB uses internal fair values provided by the investment manager for mortgage and asset-backed securities classified in Level 3 due to lack of an independent pricing source. Fair value reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is provided on the pages that follow.

NMERB's investments in limited partnerships are valued at an estimated fair value based on their proportionate share of the partnership's fair value as recorded in the partnership's financial statements. The limited partnerships allocate gains, losses and expenses to the partners based on the ownership percentage as described in the partnership agreements. As of June 30, 2024, NMERB's additional future contribution commitments to limited partnerships totaled \$4.43 billion.

The following schedule presents a summary of NMERB's investments measured at fair value as of June 30, 2024:

Schedule of Investments and Short-Term Holdings Measured at Fair Value by Level (in Thousands)

	Quoted Price-Active Markets for identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total Fair Value
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Debt Securities				
Foreign Obligations	\$ —	\$ 46,249	\$ 35,507	\$ 81,756
Mortgage & Asset Backed Securities	—	103,144	59,338	162,482
Municipal Obligations	—	3,748	—	3,748
U.S. Agency Obligations	—	194,840	—	194,840
U.S. Corporate Obligations	—	227,096	—	227,096
U.S. Government	—	198,907	—	198,907
Total Debt Securities	—	773,984	94,845	868,829
Equity Securities:				
Foreign Stocks	52,118	—	—	52,118
U.S. Common and Preferred Stock	3,093,149	—	2	3,093,151
Total Equity Securities	3,145,267	—	2	3,145,269
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$ 3,145,267	\$ 773,984	\$ 94,847	4,014,098
Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value				
Asset Value				
Commingled Global Asset Allocation				282,671
Commingled International Equity Funds				1,529,431
Opportunistic Credit Funds				2,879,870
Private Equity Funds				5,055,499
Private Real Estate Assets				3,252,496
Total Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value				12,999,967
Total Investments, at Fair Value				\$ 17,014,065

The valuation method for investments measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share, or equivalent, is presented in the table below.

Investments Measured at Net Fair Value (in Thousands)

	2024	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Comingled Global Asset Allocation	282,671	—	Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annual, Annual	30-120 Days
Comingled International Equity Funds	1,529,431	—	Daily, Monthly	5-15 Days
Opportunistic Credit Funds	2,879,870	770,101	Daily, Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annual	30-180 Days
Private Equity Funds	5,055,499	2,137,030	N/A	N/A
Private Real Assets	3,252,496	1,527,252	N/A	N/A
Total	\$ 12,999,967	\$ 4,434,383		

Commingled Bond Funds and Equity Funds. Consisting of four (4) international equity funds that are considered to be commingled in nature, each are valued at the NAV of units held at the end of the period based on the fair value of the underlying investments.

Commingled Global Asset Allocation/ Risk Parity Funds. Consisting of one (1) fund, this strategy invests across multiple asset sectors based upon outcomes of economic and technical analysis and may allocate risk across the portfolio in order to achieve optimal portfolio diversification, this investment is valued at the NAV per share.

Diversifying Assets. Consisting of thirteen (13) funds that seek to invest in assets that change in value independent of the core financial markets such as equities and fixed income securities, these investments are valued at NAV per share. Distributions are received as underlying investments within the funds are liquidated, which on average can occur over the duration of five (5) to ten (10) years.

Opportunistic Credit Funds. Consisting of thirty-two (32) funds, this strategy's main focus is to invest in a variety of credit securities to enhance investment risk-adjusted returns and increase total portfolio diversification, these investments are valued at NAV per share. While many of these funds are currently eligible for redemption, some of the fund distributions received as underlying investments are liquidated, which may be from five (5) to ten (10) years from the commencement of the fund.

Private Equity. Consisting of one hundred and eleven (111) funds, investing primarily in buyout, distress, growth equity, and secondaries, with some exposure to mezzanine and venture. The fair value of these funds has been determined using the most recent financial information, these funds are not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as underlying investments within the funds are liquidated, which on average can occur over the duration of five (5) to ten (10) years.

Private Real Assets. Consisting of one hundred and one (101) funds, investing primarily in real estate, natural resources, and infrastructure, the fair values of these funds have been determined using the most recent financial information, these funds are not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as underlying investments within the funds when liquidated, which on average can occur over the duration of five (5) to ten (10) years.

Note 7 Investments

NMERB is authorized to invest or reinvest the fund in accordance with the Uniform Prudent Investor Act Section 45-7-601, NMSA 1978. Key provisions per the Uniform Prudent Investor Act are summarized below. Provisions of the Act:

- Set a higher standard of care and prudence for investments, above and beyond the previous standard and guiding principles of law;
- Apply to the trust as a whole, rather than individual investments;
- Require investment strategy to be based on suitable risk and reward strategies; and
- Require diversification unless the trustees reasonably determine it is not in the best interest of the fund.

A. Asset Allocation Policy

NMERB has adopted a strategic Asset Allocation Plan, containing weights, ranges, and benchmarks for each asset class. Over time this strategy is expected to achieve NMERB's assumed overall rate of return on Plan assets of 7.00%. Achieving the target weights is a long-term goal. In the short term, a particular asset position may represent an intermediate point in the process of attaining its target weight.

NMERB's investment allocation policy was reviewed and amended by the Board of Trustees in December 2022. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan. The following schedule shows the asset allocation policy adopted in December 2022 as well as the prior allocation policy targets.

Schedule of Asset Allocation Versus Policy Targets

	Allocation	Policy Target ¹
Equities		
<i>Domestic Equities</i>		
Large cap equities	13.6%	15.0%
Small-mid cap equities	3.2%	4.0%
Total domestic equities	16.8%	19.0%
<i>International Equities</i>		
Developed markets	4.4%	5.0%
Emerging markets	4.5%	4.0%
Total international equities	8.9%	9.0%
Fixed Income		
Core fixed income	4.8%	6.0%
Opportunistic credit	16.9%	18.0%
Emerging markets debt	—%	—%
Total fixed income	21.7%	24.0%
Alternatives		
Global asset allocation	1.7%	2.0%
Other diversifying assets	6.3%	8.0%
REITs	0.9%	—%
Private real estate	8.3%	8.0%
Private equity	22.4%	17.0%
Inflation-linked assets	11.3%	12.0%
Total alternatives	50.9%	47.0%
Cash	1.7%	1.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

¹ Long-Term Policy Target approved by the Board in December 2022.

Note: Allocations shown here include cash held in separately managed portfolios.

B. Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk for investments is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the underlying securities. NMERB's exposure to foreign currency risk is derived from positions held in foreign currency and currency-denominated investments. Managers are given discretion to hedge this risk. NMERB's foreign currency exposure as of June 30, 2024, was \$126,922,286. A detailed schedule reflecting foreign currency exposure is shown next.

With respect to the Local Government Investment Pool, all investments are denominated in US dollars. The Local Government Investment Pool does not have any foreign currency risk.

Schedule of Foreign Currency Risk Exposure

Continent	Currency	Securities	Cash	Net Foreign Currency Risk
ASIA	HONG KONG DOLLAR	\$ 5	\$ —	\$ 5
	RUSSIAN RUBLE	—	99,627	99,627
EUROPE	CZECH KORUNA	—	1,322	1,322
	EURO CURRENCY	126,816,351	4,981	126,821,332
	Total	\$ 126,816,356	\$ 105,930	\$ 126,922,286

C. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, NMERB will not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

All investment securities were held in a custodial position by State Street Bank, located in Boston, Massachusetts, during fiscal year 2024 in the name of NMERB. Deposits and securities held by the custody bank are collateralized with securities held by State Street Bank's trust department, as described in our custody agreement.

D. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk relates to changes in interest rates that will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. NMERB's investing activities may lead earnings and capital to be exposed to movements in interest rates. Interest rate risk management is handled through duration, and by operating within defined risk parameters. NMERB uses a weighted-average method to determine the duration of its investments.

Investment Type	Amount	Duration (Years)
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 187,863,610	9.95
U.S. Government & Government Related Obligations	16,582,771	10.82
International Government Obligations	25,618,213	6.77
Corporate Obligations	237,698,352	6.21
Asset and Mortgage-Backed Securities	332,268,855	2.98
Total	\$ 800,031,801	

E. Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration risk is identified by the amount of investment in any one issuer that represents 5% or more of the fiduciary net position. As of June 30, 2024, with the exception of U.S. Government and Agency securities, NMERB was not exposed to any concentration risk greater than 5%.

F. Credit Risk

Credit risk for investments is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment agreement will not fulfill its obligations. Credit risk is managed through diversification and by operating within NMERB defined parameters instead of using a benchmark index. Excluding those investments issued by, or explicitly guaranteed by, the U.S. government, which are not considered to have credit risk, NMERB's credit quality distribution for investments with credit risk exposure as of June 30, 2024 is presented in the Summary of Investments by Category and Credit Risk. NMERB's investments were rated and categorized according to Standard & Poor's rating standards. The schedule below summarizes the investments by category subject to credit risk as of June 30, 2024.

Summary of Investments Subject to Credit Risk, at Fair Value

Agency	\$	12,771,568
Asset-Backed		72,266,708
CMO		64,432,884
Corporate		237,698,352
Mortgage Pass-Through		195,569,263
Municipal		3,811,203
US Treasury		187,863,610
Yankee		25,618,213
Total	\$	800,031,801

NMERB's investments were rated and categorized according to Standard & Poor's rating standards. Investments by category and credit risk are listed below as of June 30, 2024.

Summary of Investments by Category and Credit Risk Standard and Poor's Rating

	AAA	AA+	AA-	BBB	BBB-	Grand Total
Agency	\$ —	\$ 12,771,568	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 12,771,568
Asset-Backed	—	—	72,266,708	—	—	72,266,708
CMO	—	64,432,884	—	—	—	64,432,884
Corporate	—	—	—	237,698,352	—	237,698,352
Mortgage Pass-Through	—	195,569,263	—	—	—	195,569,263
Municipal	3,811,203	—	—	—	—	3,811,203
US Treasury	—	187,863,610	—	—	—	187,863,610
Yankee	—	—	—	—	25,618,213	25,618,213
Grand Total	\$ 3,811,203	\$460,637,325	\$72,266,708	\$237,698,352	\$25,618,213	\$800,031,801

G. Cash Balances

NMERB earns interest on all monies held in the Agency's custodial agent bank. Cash balances exist in various accounts due to income received (dividends, principal and interest payments, etc.) sale of securities, and as a pool for future investments. NMERB's money is invested overnight in a Short-Term Investment Fund. As of June 30, 2024, NMERB had \$303,881,031 on deposit with State Street Bank.

State law requires (Section 8-6-3, NMSA 1978) the Agency's operating cash to be managed by the New Mexico State Treasurer's Office, which invests monies held overnight. The State Treasurer's Office ensures adequate protection of State monies for agency deposit accounts by requiring all qualified financial institutions to pledge collateral to secure public deposits. As of June 30, 2024, NMERB had \$12,295,709 on deposit with the State Treasurer's Office. Additional information regarding NMERB's cash balances can be found on page 81.

Note 8 Derivative Instruments

Derivatives are generally defined as contracts or securities whose value depends on, or derives from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate, or index.

The Board of Trustees has adopted GASB No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*, which addresses the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of derivative instruments. This note describes the Board's investment derivative instruments measured at fair value in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

NMERB's investment policies do allow portfolio managers to trade in certain derivatives for hedging purposes.

The notional or contractual amounts of derivatives indicate the extent of the Board's involvement in the various types and uses of derivative financial instruments and do not measure the Board's exposure to credit or market risks and do not necessarily represent amounts exchanged by the parties. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amounts and other terms of the derivatives.

The following table summarizes the aggregate notional or contractual amounts related to NMERB's derivative financial instruments as of June 30, 2024:

Notional Amounts, Fair Value (in Thousands)

	2024
Commodity Futures	\$ 3,641
Commodity Futures - Short	(1)
Futures Contracts	38,700
Index Futures	223

The fair values of derivative instruments outstanding as of June 30, 2024 are classified by type and by the changes in fair value of the derivative instrument in the following table:

Unrealized Gain/(Loss) (in Thousands)

Derivative Type	Classification	Gain/(Loss)	Classification	Amount
Commodity Futures - long	Investment Income	\$ 778	Investment	\$ —
Commodity Futures - short	Investment Income	(101)	Investment	—
Fixed Income Futures - long	Investment Income	(1,223)	Investment	—
Index futures - long	Investment Income	22,977	Investment	—
Index futures - short	Investment Income	3	Investment	—

A. Derivative Risks

NMERB is exposed to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by counterparties to financial instruments. Portfolio managers authorized to invest in derivatives manage the contractual obligation within established policy parameters for both the types of derivatives and the counterparty ratings, ensuring these contracts are made with high quality institutions. NMERB can be exposed to market risk in the event that changes in market conditions cause investments to decline in value.

This exposure is managed within guidelines related to the types of instruments bought or sold and parameters for offsetting positions.

B. Hedge Funds

The use of derivatives is allowed under the Hedge Fund Investment Policy. These investments are under the management of the external Hedge Fund managers who are employed in the “Opportunistic Credit” classifications.

C. Asset-Backed Securities

In accordance with investment policy and fiduciary principles, the Plan invests in various forms of asset-backed securities that fit the previous definition of derivative securities. These securities are held by NMERB for investment purposes. The assets presented by investment category, at fair value, as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Schedule of Asset-Backed Securities

Security Type	Amount
Asset-Backed Securities	\$ 265,557,579
Non-Agency Mortgage-Based Securities	15,567,984
Foreign Asset-Backed Securities	49,436,301
Total	<u>\$ 330,561,864</u>

Note: Amounts are based on fair value.

Note 9 Capital Assets

Capital assets are used in operations and have useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period. Assets whose cost is \$5,000 or more per Section 12-6-10, NMSA 1978 are recorded at historical cost and depreciated over their useful lives. Furniture, fixtures, and equipment are depreciated over five to ten years; building and improvements are depreciated over twenty-five years. A schedule of capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is shown below.

Schedule of Capital Asset Activity

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital Assets, at Cost				
Land & Land Improvements	\$ 1,243,703	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,243,703
Depreciable Land Improvements	19,361	—	—	19,361
Building & Building Improvements	3,436,060	—	—	3,436,060
Retirement Information System	9,156,963	—	—	9,156,963
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,219,032	—	(421,439)	797,593
Other Assets	30,500	—	—	30,500
Building Construction in Progress	—	3,703,574	—	3,703,574
Retirement Information System in Progress	—	5,249,003	—	5,249,003
Total	15,105,619	8,952,577	(421,439)	23,636,757
Accumulated Depreciation				
Land Improvements	(12,716)	(700)	—	(13,416)
Building and Improvements	(2,623,855)	(92,413)	—	(2,716,268)
Retirement Information System	(9,156,963)	—	—	(9,156,963)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(1,197,485)	(382)	421,439	(776,428)
Total	(12,991,019)	(93,495)	421,439	(12,663,075)
Right to Use Assets				
Right-to-use building	1,340,394	256,843	—	1,597,237
Right-to-use equipment	63,215	17,998	—	81,213
Right-to-use SBITA	—	1,751,741	—	1,751,741
Total	1,403,609	2,026,582	—	3,430,191
Accumulated Amortization				
Right-to-use building	(239,120)	(119,562)	—	(358,682)
Right-to-use equipment	(42,980)	(21,490)	—	(64,470)
Right-to-use SBITA	—	(350,348)	—	(350,348)
Total	(282,100)	(491,400)	—	(773,500)
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 3,236,109	\$10,394,264	\$ —	\$ 13,630,373

The NMERB has recorded intangible right-to-use lease assets as a result of implementing Statement No. 87 and No. 96. The right-to-use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease/agreement liability [plus any payments made prior to the lease/agreement term and ancillary

charges necessary to place the lease/agreement into service, less lease/agreement incentives]. Right-to-use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the useful life of the underlying asset or the lease term.

Leases

The NMERB has entered into agreements to lease equipment and buildings. The lease agreements have been recorded at the present value of the future lease payments as of the date of their inception or, for leases existing prior to the implementation year at the remaining terms of the agreement, using the facts and circumstances available at July 1, 2021.

An agreement was in effect on July 1, 2021, to lease a building through October 2038, requiring 208 monthly payments. The lease liability is measured at the applicable Incremental Borrowing Rate (IBR) of 1.75%. The IBR is an estimation made by the state of New Mexico based on current borrowing rates. As a result of the lease, the NMERB has a lease asset with a net book value of \$977,429, and a lease liability of \$1,025,154 on June 30, 2024 included in other liabilities.

Another agreement was in effect on July 1, 2021, to lease a building through July 2024, requiring 97 monthly payments. The lease liability is measured at the applicable Incremental Borrowing Rate (IBR) of .50%. The IBR is an estimation made by the state of New Mexico based on current borrowing rates. As a result of the lease, the NMERB has a lease asset with a net book value of \$261,124, and a lease liability of \$262,541 on June 30, 2024 included in other liabilities.

A third agreement was in effect on July 1, 2021, to lease copy machines through May 2025, requiring 47 monthly payments of approximately \$1,200. The lease liability is measured at the applicable Incremental Borrowing Rate (IBR) of .50%. The IBR is an estimation made by the state of New Mexico based on current borrowing rates. As a result of the lease, the NMERB has a lease asset with a net book value of \$13,199 and a lease liability of \$13,250 on June 30, 2024 included in other liabilities.

A fourth agreement was in effect on July 1, 2021, to lease a folder/insert machine through December 2024, requiring 42 monthly payments of \$596. The lease liability is measured at the applicable Incremental Borrowing Rate (IBR) of .50%. The IBR is an estimation made by the state of New Mexico based on current borrowing rates. As a result of the lease, the NMERB has a lease asset with a net book value of \$3,546 and a lease liability of \$3,571 on June 30, 2024 included in other liabilities.

The future minimum payments on those leases as of June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total
2025	\$ 124,853	\$ 18,742	\$ 143,595
2026	111,361	17,448	128,809
2027	114,792	16,150	130,942
2028	118,312	14,807	133,119
2029	109,654	13,420	123,074
2030-2034	358,829	48,515	407,344
2035-2039	366,715	14,522	381,237
	<u>\$ 1,304,516</u>	<u>\$ 143,604</u>	<u>\$ 1,448,120</u>

The changes for lease liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	June 30, 2023			2024 Ending	Portion of
Governmental Activities	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance	Balance
Lease Liabilities					
Right-to-use building	\$ 1,135,650	\$ 256,843	\$ (104,803)	\$ 1,287,690	\$ 108,032
Right-to-use equipment	20,328	17,998	(21,500)	16,826.00	16,821
	<u>\$ 1,155,978</u>	<u>\$ 274,841</u>	<u>\$ (126,303)</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,516</u>	<u>\$ 124,853</u>

Amortization of right-to-use buildings and equipment is \$141,051 for fiscal year 2024.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The NMERB entered into a four-year professional services contract effect on July 1, 2023, for software subscription development of NMERB's new Pension Administration System (PAS). The agreement included 36 months of payments totaling \$1,806,652 for an Ariel EAS System Hosting. This met the scope of GASB Statement No. 96 requiring the recognition of SBITAs asset and liabilities. The lease liability is measured at the applicable Incremental Borrowing Rate (IBR) of 2.21%. The IBR is an estimation made by the state of New Mexico based on current borrowing rates. As a result of the agreement, NMERB has a subscription-based information technology asset with a net book value of \$1,401,393, and a SBITA lease liability of \$1,419,826 at June 30, 2024 included in the other liabilities.

The future principal and interest payments as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Fiscal year	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total
2025	\$ 578,672	\$ 23,546	\$ 602,218
2026	591,118	11,099	602,217
2027	250,036	888	250,924
Total	<u>\$ 1,419,826</u>	<u>\$ 35,533</u>	<u>\$ 1,455,359</u>

The changes for SBITA lease liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Governmental Activities	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2024 Ending Balance	Portion of Balance
Lease Liabilities					
Right-to-use SBITA	\$ —	\$1,751,741	\$ (331,915)	\$ 1,419,826	\$ 578,672
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$1,751,741</u>	<u>\$ (331,915)</u>	<u>\$ 1,419,826</u>	<u>\$ 578,672</u>

Amortization of right-to-use SBITA is \$350,348 for fiscal year 2024.

Note 10 Accrued Compensated Absences

Qualified employees are entitled to accumulate vacation leave according to a graduated leave schedule of 80 to 160 hours per year, depending upon the length of service and the employee's hire date. A maximum of 30

working days (equivalent to 240 hours) of such accumulated vacation leave can be carried forward into the beginning of the next calendar year. Any excess accumulated vacation leave is forfeited on a calendar year basis.

When employees terminate employment with the State, they are compensated for accumulated vacation leave as of the termination date, up to a maximum of 240 hours. All balances for each employee have been recorded at their current pay rate as of June 30, 2024.

Qualified employees are entitled to accumulate sick leave at the rate of one day for each calendar month of service. There is no limit to the amount of sick leave an employee can accumulate. Once per fiscal year, in either January or July, employees may elect to be paid for accrued sick leave in excess of 600 hours but less than 720 hours at 50 percent of their current hourly rate.

In the case of retiring employees, they may be paid for accrued sick leave in excess of 600 hours but less than 1,000 hours at 50 percent of their current hourly rate. All sick leave balances in excess of 600 hours but less than 720 hours for each employee have been recorded as a liability at 50 percent of their current hourly rate.

Schedule of Compensated Absences

	Balance June 30, 2023	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2024
Compensated Absences	\$582,701	\$235,057	\$(227,065)	\$590,693

The portion of compensated absences due after one year is not material, and therefore, not separately presented. The amount of compensated absences is calculated by multiplying the vested hours by the pay rate at year-end plus applicable payroll taxes.

Note 11 Retirement Plans

NMERB employees who do not possess a teaching or administrative certificate have the option of participating in the Educational Employees Retirement Plan or the Public Employees Retirement Plan. In the past, some NMERB employees elected to participate in the Educational Employees Retirement Plan. Currently, all employees participate in the Public Employees Retirement Plan. A summary of both plans is listed below.

A. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

The Public Employee Retirement Plan is a qualified governmental plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), which provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits pursuant to the Public Employees Retirement Act. PERA is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plan. PERA issues a separate, publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report is available at www.nmpera.org.

B. PERA Funding Policy

Plan members are required to contribute 10.92% of their gross salary. NMERB is required to contribute 19.24% of the gross covered salary. The contribution requirements for Plan members and NMERB are established under Chapter 10, Article 11, NMSA 1978. The requirements may be amended by acts of the legislature. Total contributions from NMERB and Plan members to PERA for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were \$1,362,721.

C. Educational Retirement Board (NMERB)

The New Mexico Educational Retirement Board administers a cost sharing multiple employer Plan authorized by the Educational Retirement Act established in Chapter 22, Article 11, NMSA 1978. NMERB administers the Plan which is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to plan members (certified teachers and other employees of state public schools, colleges and universities, public charter schools). NMERB issues a separate, publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report is available at www.erb.nm.gov.

D. NMERB Funding Policy

2024 Member Contributions – Plan members whose annual salary is \$24,000 or less are required to contribute 7.90% of their gross salary. Plan members whose annual salary exceeds \$24,000 are required to contribute 10.70% of their gross salary.

2024 Employer Contributions – Employers contribute 18.15% of the gross covered salary for employees whose annual salary was \$24,000 or less, and 18.15% of the gross covered salary for employees whose salary exceeds \$24,000.

Contribution requirements of the Plan are established under Chapter 22, Article 11, NMSA 1978. The requirements may be amended by acts of the legislature.

E. GASB No. 68 – Financial Reporting and Disclosure for Multiple-Employer Cost Sharing Pension Plans by Employers

According to the Department of Finance and Administration, consistent with the requirements of GASB No. 68. NMERB, as part of the primary government (fiduciary fund) of the State of New Mexico, is a contributing employer to the cost-sharing multiple employer PERA fund. Disclosure requirements for governmental funds apply to the primary government as a whole, and as such, this information will be presented in the Component Appropriation Funds Annual Financial Report (General Fund) and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the State of New Mexico. Information concerning the net pension liability, pension expense, and pension-related deferred inflows and outflows of resources of the primary government will be contained in the General Fund and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and is available from the Office of the State Controller, Room 166, Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

Note 12 Post-Employment Benefits – Retiree Health Care Plan

NMERB, as part of the primary government of the State of New Mexico, is a contributing employer to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment health care plan that provides comprehensive group health insurance for persons who have retired from certain public service positions in New Mexico. The other postemployment benefits (OPEB) Plan is administered by the Retiree Health Care Authority of the State of New Mexico. Overall, total OPEB liability exceeds OPEB Plan net position resulting in a net OPEB liability. The State has determined the State's share of the net OPEB liability to be a liability of the State as a whole, rather than any agency or department of the State and the liability will not be reported in the department or agency level financial statements of the State. All required disclosures will be presented in the ACFR of the State of New Mexico.

Information concerning the net liability, benefit expense, and benefit-related deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources of the primary government will be contained in the State of New Mexico ACFR for the year ended June 30, 2024 and will be available, when issued, from the Office of the State Controller, Room 166, Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501.

Note 13 Risk Management

NMERB is exposed to various risks of loss for which it carries insurance (auto, employee bond, general liability, civil rights and foreign jurisdiction, money and securities, property, and workers' compensation) with the Risk Management Division insurance program of the New Mexico General Services Department. The insurance program's coverages are designed to satisfy the requirements of State tort claims. All claims are processed through the Risk Management Division.

Note 14 Statutory Disclosures

Section 2.2.2.10P(2) of the Audit Rule 2011, 2.2.2 NMAC entitled, "Requirements for Contracting and Conducting Audits of Agencies" requires that state agencies disclose all special, deficiency, and specific appropriations. Information regarding NMERB's specific appropriation for fiscal year end 2024 can be found in Note 2, Item J Capital Outlay Appropriations and Item K Information Technology Appropriation on page 46.

Note 15 Pending Litigation and Claims

During each business cycle, NMERB may be named as a defendant in administrative appeals arising from the normal course of business. Legal counsel believes resolution of any currently pending matters will not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability (NPL) and Related Ratios:

	Schedule of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios									
	Last 10 Fiscal Years									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Pension Liability										
Service Cost	\$ 514,612,296	\$ 456,424,585	\$ 431,265,638	\$ 916,075,923	\$ 388,501,008	\$ 523,131,668	\$ 494,875,509	\$ 357,631,074	\$ 356,873,760	\$ 346,956,028
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	1,713,567,894	1,646,035,178	1,610,270,664	1,288,040,945	1,501,193,247	1,396,375,797	1,375,675,929	1,424,585,583	1,367,647,222	1,321,047,780
Benefits Changes	—	—	—	—	—	(4,381,848,971)	—	—	—	—
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	889,215,328	242,879,974	(196,599,674)	685,734,963	177,583,640	(112,651,733)	(184,089,981)	(207,788,603)	42,491,846	(86,722,485)
Assumption Changes	(329,581,966)	—	—	(11,462,882,997)	11,316,075,911	—	659,787,674	4,371,799,749	—	299,084,856
Benefit Payments and Refunds	(1,447,686,544)	(1,371,674,449)	(1,321,514,502)	(1,263,064,463)	(1,220,260,723)	(1,164,644,987)	(1,107,441,427)	(1,052,675,188)	(1,012,730,730)	(957,183,402)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	\$ 1,340,127,008	\$ 973,665,288	\$ 523,422,126	\$ (9,836,095,629)	\$ 12,163,093,083	\$ (3,739,638,226)	\$ 1,238,807,704	\$ 4,893,552,615	\$ 754,282,098	\$ 923,182,777
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	24,946,078,473	23,972,413,185	23,448,991,059	33,285,086,688	21,121,993,605	24,861,631,831	23,622,824,127	18,729,271,512	17,974,989,414	17,051,806,637
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$ 26,286,205,481	\$ 24,946,078,473	\$ 23,972,413,185	\$ 23,448,991,059	\$ 33,285,086,688	\$ 21,121,993,605	\$ 24,861,631,831	\$ 23,622,824,127	\$ 18,729,271,512	\$ 17,974,989,414
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Employer Contributions	\$ 770,384,190	\$ 662,750,272	\$ 511,943,988	\$ 452,872,287	\$ 451,556,144	\$ 406,549,056	\$ 388,723,983	\$ 395,843,795	\$ 396,988,557	\$ 395,129,621
Member Contributions	437,996,603	395,815,181	347,917,165	330,066,887	329,724,869	303,442,092	290,007,133	295,982,532	295,946,396	294,560,840
Net Investment Income (Loss)	1,489,845,887	1,036,751,981	(336,187,635)	3,834,540,348	(75,636,884)	1,038,369,810	899,563,575	1,347,215,149	364,571,123	429,738,078
Benefit Payments and Refunds	(1,447,686,544)	(1,371,674,449)	(1,321,514,502)	(1,263,064,463)	(1,220,260,723)	(1,164,644,987)	(1,107,441,427)	(1,052,675,188)	(1,012,730,730)	(957,183,402)
Administrative Expense	(14,123,582)	(12,551,223)	(12,981,666)	(12,087,563)	(10,877,658)	(9,325,712)	(9,908,319)	(9,848,329)	(9,660,510)	(10,597,846)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 1,236,416,554	\$ 711,091,762	\$ (810,822,650)	\$ 3,342,327,496	\$ (525,494,252)	\$ 574,390,259	\$ 460,944,945	\$ 976,517,959	\$ 35,114,836	\$ 151,647,291
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	\$ 16,261,793,470	\$ 15,550,701,708	\$ 16,361,524,358	\$ 13,019,196,862	\$ 13,544,691,114	\$ 12,970,300,855	\$ 12,509,355,910	\$ 11,532,837,951	\$ 11,497,723,115	\$ 11,346,075,824
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$ 17,498,210,024	\$ 16,261,793,470	\$ 15,550,701,708	\$ 16,361,524,358	\$ 13,019,196,862	\$ 13,544,691,114	\$ 12,970,300,855	\$ 12,509,355,910	\$ 11,532,837,951	\$ 11,497,723,115
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a)-(b)	\$ 8,787,995,457	\$ 8,684,285,003	\$ 8,421,711,477	\$ 7,087,466,701	\$ 20,265,889,826	\$ 7,577,302,491	\$ 11,891,330,976	\$ 11,113,468,217	\$ 7,196,433,561	\$ 6,477,266,299
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	66.57%	65.19%	64.87%	69.77%	39.11%	64.13%	52.17%	52.95%	61.58%	63.97%
Covered Payroll	\$ 3,992,086,182	\$ 3,645,972,589	\$ 3,214,177,618	\$ 3,057,978,722	\$ 3,048,404,048	\$ 2,797,685,921	\$ 2,678,214,885	\$ 2,728,361,993	\$ 2,740,526,669	\$ 2,730,320,345
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	220.14 %	238.19 %	262.02 %	231.77 %	664.80 %	270.84 %	444.00 %	407.33 %	262.59 %	237.23 %

Notes to Schedule:

Year Ended June 30	Change in Assumption
2024	The change in assumption includes updates to mortality assumptions and tables, termination rates, retirement rates, wage inflation rates, and assumed administrative expense rates.
2021	The change in assumption includes the change in discount rate from 3.89% to 7.00%.
2020	The change in assumption includes the reduction in discount rate from 7.00% to 3.89%.
2019	The change in assumption includes the change in discount rate from 5.69% to 7.25%.
2018	The change in assumption includes the reduction in discount rate from 5.90% to 5.69%.
2017	The change in assumption includes the change in discount rate from 7.75% to 5.90%.

The covered payroll is the actual payroll, imputed from the total employer contribution for active members, for the fiscal year ended June 30.

Schedule of Investment Returns

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024	Annual Money - Weighted Rate of Return
2024	8.64%
2023	5.62%
2022	1.00%
2021	28.76%
2020	(0.97)%
2019	7.29%
2018	8.38%
2017	11.91%
2016	2.68%
2015	4.06%

Notes to Schedule:

GASB No. 67 requires pension plans to disclose the annual money-weighted rate of return (MWRR). The MWRR incorporates both the size and the timing of cash flows to determine an internal rate of return. The MWRR considers the changing amounts actually invested during a period and weights the amount of pension plan investments by the proportion of time they are available to earn a return during that period. This rate of return is computed net of investment expenses but not net of administrative investment expenses.

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Fiscal Year Ended	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency	Covered Payroll	Contribution as a Percent of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 732,010,163	\$ 770,384,190	\$ (38,374,027)	\$ 3,992,086,182	19.30%
2023	\$ 690,316,084	\$ 662,750,272	\$ 27,565,812	\$ 3,645,972,589	18.18%
2022	\$ 627,460,825	\$ 511,943,988	\$ 115,516,837	\$ 3,214,177,618	15.93%
2021	\$ 656,732,175	\$ 452,872,287	\$ 203,859,888	\$ 3,057,978,722	14.81%
2020	\$ 586,451,550	\$ 451,556,144	\$ 134,895,406	\$ 3,048,404,048	14.81%
2019	\$ 587,331,306	\$ 406,549,056	\$ 180,782,250	\$ 2,797,685,921	14.53%
2018	\$ 546,593,275	\$ 388,723,983	\$ 157,869,292	\$ 2,678,214,885	14.51%
2017	\$ 477,840,156	\$ 395,843,795	\$ 81,996,361	\$ 2,728,361,993	14.51%
2016	\$ 465,340,519	\$ 396,988,557	\$ 68,351,962	\$ 2,740,526,669	14.49%
2015	\$ 450,950,584	\$ 395,129,621	\$ 55,820,963	\$ 2,730,320,345	14.47%

Notes to Schedule:

The valuation date for fiscal year 2024 is June 30, 2023. Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated each fiscal year-end on June 30. Employers and members contribute based on statutorily fixed rates.

Methods and Assumptions for Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate for Fiscal Year 2024

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll
Remaining Amortization Period	Amortized over a closed 30-year period from June 30, 2019 ending June 30, 2049
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed fair value
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	Composed of 2.30% inflation, 0.70% productivity increase rate, plus step-rate promotional increases for less than 15 years of service.
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates based on age and service. Adopted by the Board on April 17, 2020, in conjunction with the six-year experience study for the period ended June 30, 2019.
Mortality	<p>Healthy Males: 2020 GRS Southwest Region Teacher Mortality Table, set back one year and scaled at 95%. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2020.</p> <p>Healthy Females: 2020 GRS Southwest Region Teacher Mortality Table, set back one year. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2020.</p>
Other Information/Notes	A new set of assumptions was adopted for the June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation and will be first reflected with the ADEC determined for the fiscal year ending 2025.

Other Supplementary Information

**Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures –
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Appropriation Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis Actual	Variance - Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Appropriations:				
Other State Funds				
Interest and Dividend Income	\$ 32,230,100	\$ 32,230,100	\$ 32,230,100	\$ —
Total Revenues and Appropriations	32,230,100	32,230,100	32,230,100	—
Expenditures:				
Operating Expenditures				
Personal Services/Employee Benefits	10,302,400	10,302,400	9,973,008	329,392
Contractual Services	20,000,000	19,926,000	10,915,097	9,010,903
Other Costs	1,927,700	2,001,700	1,892,613	109,087
Total Expenditures	\$ 32,230,100	\$ 32,230,100	\$ 22,780,718	\$ 9,449,382
Changes in Net Position - Budgetary Basis			\$ 9,449,382	
Non-Budgeted Revenue and Expenses:				
Contributions (Member, Employer and Service Credits Purchased)			1,208,380,793	
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Plan Investments			1,505,448,121	
Other Income			1,316,335	
Non-budgeted Interest and Dividend Income			78,948,864	
Non-budgeted Other Investment Income			384,727,710	
Age and Service Benefit Payments			(1,380,637,422)	
Refunds to Terminated Members			(67,049,122)	
Non-budgeted Investment Expenses			(504,168,107)	
Change in Net Position - GAAP Basis			1,236,416,554	
Net Position Held in Trust for Pension Benefits - Beginning of Year			16,261,793,470	
Net Position Held in Trust for Pension Benefits - End of Year			<u>\$17,498,210,024</u>	

Note to Schedule: NMERB's annual budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis.

Schedule of Budgeted Expenditures
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Personal Services and Benefits Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 7,276,205
Benefits	2,696,803
Total Personal Services and Benefit Expenses	<u>9,973,008</u>

Expenditures:

Investment Manager Expenses	
Core Fixed Income	1,000
Domestic Equity	1,913,518
Emerging Market Equity	2,275,338
Non-U.S. Equity	506,679
Investment Consulting Expenses	1,807,512
Investment Custodial Expenses	909,949
Actuarial Fees	142,707
Auditing Fees	129,903
Legal Fees	930,037
Information Technology Fees	1,776,433
Other Contractual Services	522,021
Total Expenditures	<u>10,915,097</u>

Other Administrative Expenditures:

Communication Expenses	473,598
Facility Expenses	220,847
Software Expenses	624,923
Education, Meeting and Travel Expenses	183,113
General Administrative Expenses	390,132
Total Other Administrative Expenses	<u>1,892,613</u>

Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 22,780,718
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Note to Schedule: NMERB's budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Schedule of Investment and Administrative Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Investment Operations	Administrative Operations	Total
Personal Services and Benefits Expenditures:			
Salaries	\$ 2,329,721	\$ 4,946,484	\$ 7,276,205
Fringe Benefits	770,948	1,925,855	2,696,803
Personal Services and Benefits Expenditures			
Subtotal	3,100,669	6,872,339	9,973,008
Contractual Services Expenditures:			
Management Fees	4,696,535	—	4,696,535
Consulting Fees	1,807,512	—	1,807,512
Custodial Fees	909,949	—	909,949
Actuarial Fees	—	142,707	142,707
Auditing Fees	—	129,903	129,903
Legal Fees	883,857	46,180	930,037
Information Technology Fees	495,830	1,280,602	1,776,432
Other Contractual Services	—	522,021	522,021
Contractual Services Expenditures Subtotal	8,793,684	2,121,413	10,915,097
Other Expenditures:			
Communication			
Telephone and Network Fees	—	268,770	268,770
Printing, Postage, and Mailing Expenses	90	204,738	204,828
Subtotal	90	473,508	473,598
Facility			
Lease	53,263	97,597	150,860
Maintenance	—	46,921	46,921
Utilities	—	23,066	23,066
Subtotal	53,263	167,584	220,847
Software			
Licensing and Maintenance	368,383	256,540	624,923
Subtotal	368,383	256,540	624,923
Education, Meeting and Travel			
Professional Development and Administrative	16,134	35,918	52,052
Travel Cost	86,808	44,253	131,061
Subtotal	102,942	80,171	183,113
General Administrative			
Other Overhead Expense	3,230	185,070	188,300
Membership and Subscription	70,392	131,440	201,832
Subtotal	73,622	316,510	390,132
Other Expenditures Subtotal	598,300	1,294,313	1,892,613
Total On-Budget Expenses	12,492,653	10,288,065	22,780,718
Other Expenditures Off-Budget:			
Investment Management Fees	504,168,107	—	504,168,107
Right to Use Leases and SBITA	—	136,548	136,548
Other Expenditures Subtotal	504,168,107	136,548	504,304,655
Total Expenses	\$ 516,660,760	\$ 10,424,613	\$ 527,085,373

Note to Schedule: NMERB's budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Schedule of Investing Activity and Administrative Investment Expenses - Continued
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Investment Operations	Administrative Operations	Total
Total Investment Operations Expense	\$ 512,961,791	\$ —	\$ 512,961,791
Total Administrative Operations Expense	3,698,969	10,424,613	14,123,582
 Total Expenses	 \$ 516,660,760	 \$ 10,424,613	 \$ 527,085,373

Notes to Schedule

1. Personal services and employee benefits represent actual wages, adjusted for year-end accruals.
2. Professional contractual services represent the cost of on-budget investment contracts.
3. Other investment expenses are the off-budget investment manager fees booked at fiscal year-end.
4. Communication expenses are based on the expenses of the staff in the workgroup.
5. Investment facility expenses represent leased office space in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
6. Software expenses represent the costs of software licensing and maintenance for investment software.
7. Education, Meeting and Travel expenses include the cost of employee in-state and out-of-state business travel and professional development.
8. General administrative expenses for investment operations represent costs for information feeds, subscriptions, memberships, and other overhead based on the staff in the workgroup and are included in the total administrative operations expenses.

Schedule of Cash and Short-Term Investments
June 30, 2024

Educational Employees Retirement Fund
Pension Trust Account
Fund 60500

Short Term Investment Accounts:	
Investment in State General Fund Investment Pool	\$ 12,295,709
Other Cash	118,802
State Street Bank - Short-Term Investments, at Fair Value	303,881,031
Total	<u>\$ 316,295,542</u>

Notes to Schedule

1. Individual deposit accounts and investment accounts held in the name of the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board are shown above as required by Section 12-6-5(A), NMSA 1978. All cash activity is accounted for within the Statewide Human Resources Accounting and Management System (SHARE) fund 60500.
2. Additional information on credit risk related to state agency investments held in the State Treasurer's General Fund Investment Pool can be found in the State Treasurer's separately issued financial statements which disclose the collateral pledged to secure cash and investments.
3. State Street Bank balances for cash held by foreign currency and other portfolio managers are securitized by State Street Bank. See Note 7 for additional information on custodial and credit risk with respect to funds held by State Street Bank.

NMERB reports annual performance measure results (outputs and outcomes) through the state's budget process in pursuit of cost-effective and responsive government services in conformance with the Accountability in Government Act (Sections 6-3A-1 to 6-3A-10, NMSA 1978). Agency performance measures are included in the General Appropriations Act. NMERB selected the measures below based on our primary services of prudent asset management and pension benefit administration.

Accountability In Government Act Performance Measures June 30, 2024

Type	Description	Target	Actual
Outcome	Average rate of net return over the last five years	7.00%	8.09%
Outcome	Funding period of unfunded actuarial accrued liability, in years**	<30	22
Outcome	Average rate of net return over the last ten years	7.00%	7.41%
Explanatory	Five-year performance ranking in a national peer survey of public plans	N/A	18th
Explanatory	Ten-year performance ranking in a national peer survey of public plans	N/A	11th
Explanatory	Five-year annualized investment returns to meet or exceed board approved reference portfolio benchmark, in basis points	N/A	809
Explanatory	Ten-year annualized investment returns to meet or exceed board approved reference portfolio benchmark, in basis points	N/A	741

Notes to Schedule

* NMERB's contribution rate structure is intended to be sufficient to pay NMERB's normal cost and to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) in payments which are level as a percentage of payroll. Except for short-term fluctuations, the amortization period should not extend beyond June 30, 2049 (25 years from June 30, 2024) in accordance with the funding policy set by the Board of Trustees. The amortization period, or funding period, is the number of years expected to be required to completely amortize the UAAL, assuming that NMERB's experience is consistent with all the actuarial assumptions.

Additional Information

Independent Auditor's Report:



Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

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New Mexico Educational Retirement Board

Mr. Joseph M. Maestas, PE, CFE
New Mexico State Auditor

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board, a component unit of the State of New Mexico, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise New Mexico Educational Retirement Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered New Mexico Educational Retirement Board's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of New Mexico Educational Retirement Board's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of New Mexico Educational Retirement Board's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether New Mexico Educational Retirement Board's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 21, 2024

Schedule of Findings and Responses:

New Mexico Educational Retirement Board
Schedule of Findings and Responses
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Material weaknesses identified? No

Significant deficiencies identified not considered
to be material weaknesses? No

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? No

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters reported.

Schedule of Prior Audit Findings:

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

No findings reported in the prior fiscal year

EXIT CONFERENCE - June 30, 2024

NMERB staff prepared the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), financial statements, statements, schedules, and notes for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The contents of this report were discussed during an exit conference with the Chair of the Audit Committee and management of NMERB on November 21, 2024. The following individuals attended this exit conference:

New Mexico Educational Retirement Board

Mary Lou Cameron, Audit Committee Chairperson

David Archuleta, Executive Director

Lawrence Esquibel, Deputy Director

Renada Peery-Galon, ASD Director/Chief Financial Officer

Felicia Sena, Financial Coordinator

Ian Padilla-Salazar, Executive & Human Resource Assistant

Moss Adams LLP

Kory Hoggan, Partner

Aaron Hamilton, Assurance Senior Manager

The contents of this report will also be presented to the NMERB Board of Trustees as part of the regular board meeting succeeding the submission and release of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report by the New Mexico State Auditor.

Actuarial Section



Sierra Blanca Mountain Range



November 1, 2024

Board of Trustees
Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico
P.O. Box 26129
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0129

Subject: Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2024

Dear Members of the Board:

The results of the June 30, 2024 annual actuarial valuation are presented in this report. We certify that the information contained in this report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico (ERB) as of June 30, 2024.

This report was prepared at the request of the Board and is intended for the Board's use and those designated or approved by the Board. This report may be provided to parties other than the ERB only in its entirety and only with the permission of the Board.

To the best of our knowledge, this report is based on benefit provisions in effect as of June 30, 2024, audited financial information prepared as of that date, member data gathered as of that date, and the actuarial assumptions and methods previously adopted by the Board.

Valuations are prepared annually, as of June 30th of each year, the last day of ERB's plan and fiscal years.

ACTUARIAL VALUATION

The primary purposes of the valuation report are to determine the adequacy of the current employer contribution rate, to describe the current financial condition of ERB, to analyze changes in ERB's financial condition, and to provide various summaries of the membership data.

This report does not provide information required under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Nos. 67 & 68. All of the information required by GASB is provided in a stand-alone report entitled "GASB Reporting and Disclosure Information for ERB Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024."

The valuation report provides a "snapshot" of ERB's estimated financial condition as of the valuation date. The valuation does not predict ERB's future financial condition or its ability to pay benefits in the future and it also does not provide any guarantee of future financial soundness of ERB. Over time, ERB's total cost will depend on a number of factors, including the amount of benefits the plan pays, the number of members receiving benefits, the period of time over which benefits are paid, plan expenses, and the amount earned on any assets invested toward the payment of benefits. These amounts and other variables are uncertain and unknowable at the valuation date.

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To prepare the valuation report, actuarial assumptions, including those adopted by the Board on February 23, 2024, are used in a forward looking financial and demographic model to present a single scenario from a wide range of possibilities; the results based on that single scenario are included in the valuation. The future is uncertain and the plan's actual experience will differ from those assumptions; these differences may be significant or material because the results are sensitive to the assumptions made, and, in some cases, to the interaction between the assumptions.

Different assumptions or scenarios within the range of possibilities may also be reasonable and results based on those assumptions would be different. As a result of the uncertainty inherent in a forward-looking projection over a long period of time, no one projection is uniquely "correct" and many alternative projections of the future could also be regarded as reasonable. Two different actuaries could, quite reasonably, arrive at different results based on the same data and different views of the future.

FINANCING OBJECTIVES

In accordance with Laws 2022, Chapter 29 (Senate Bill 36), employer contributions for the current fiscal year are scheduled to be 18.15% of active member payroll, member contributions for employees with annual salary more than \$24,000 are 10.70% of pay, and member contributions for employees with annual salary of \$24,000, or less, are 7.90% of pay.

These contribution rates are intended to be sufficient to pay ERB's normal cost and to eliminate ERB's unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) over a period established in the funding policy set by the Board of Trustees. The current Board of Trustees funding policy aims to eliminate the UAAL by June 30, 2049 (25 years from June 30, 2024). The amortization period, also referred to as the funding period, is the number of years expected to be required to completely eliminate the UAAL, assuming that ERB's experience exactly follows all of the actuarial assumptions. The Actuarially Determined Contribution under the Board's funding policy can be considered a "Reasonable Actuarially Determined Contribution" as required by the Actuarial Standards of Practice.

PROGRESS TOWARD REALIZATION OF FINANCING OBJECTIVES

The financial condition of the plan, as measured by the funded ratio, increased from 2023 to 2024. This increase was primarily due to better than assumed asset experience, assumption changes resulting from the 2024 Experience Study, and expected improvements based on the current funding policy.

The funded ratio (the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability) was 62.9% as of June 30, 2023, and is 64.8% as of June 30, 2024. During the last fiscal year, the UAAL decreased from \$9.6 billion to \$9.4 billion. The funded ratio based on the fair value of assets was 63.1% as of June 30, 2023, and is 65.8% as of June 30, 2024.

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 is not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligations or assess the need for future contributions

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since it does not reflect normal cost contributions, the timing of amortization payments, or future experience other than expected.

Currently, employers are scheduled to make contributions of 18.15% during FY2025 and every year thereafter. **Based on open group projections, assuming the actuarial value of assets 7.00% per year going forward, the plan is expected to be fully funded by June 30, 2046. Therefore, the Board's financing objectives of being fully funded by 2049 are currently being met.** These expectations reflect currently scheduled statutory contributions, anticipated future cost-of-living adjustments based on the plan's projected funded status, and new hire benefits in place for Tier 4 members.

RECENT EVENTS

The annual investment return during FY2024 on the market value of assets was approximately 9.2% and the annual return from that same period on the actuarial value of assets was 7.9%. The return on the actuarial value of assets reflects the five-year "smoothing" of gains and losses at work in the asset valuation method.

BENEFIT PROVISIONS

There were no modifications to the benefit provisions with an actuarial impact that were reflected in the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

Actuarial assumptions and methods are adopted by the Board of Trustees based upon recommendations made by the plan's actuary. The Board adopted revised assumptions on February 23, 2024, following the findings identified by the actuarial experience study for the period ending June 30, 2023. These new assumptions are summarized below:

The economic changes were as follows:

- Increase the assumed administrative expenses from 0.35% to 0.37% of payroll;
- Increase the general wage inflation assumption for purposes of salary increases from 3.00% to 3.40%; however, no change was made to the assumption for increases of new hire pay of 3.00%;
- Modest increases to the service-based merit component of the salary increase assumption;

The demographic changes were as follows:

- Updated the mortality rates for healthy and disabled retirees to the 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables with plan-specific adjustments;
- Update the mortality projection scale to the ultimate rates of the most recent Scale MP;
- Modest adjustments to termination and retirement rates to better reflect plan experience.

The recommended assumptions and methods are internally consistent, reasonably based on the actual experience of ERB, and are expected to have no significant bias. The assumptions and methods used for funding purposes meet the guidance set by the Actuarial Standards of Practice.

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The results of the actuarial valuation are dependent upon the actuarial assumptions used. Actual results can and almost certainly will differ, as actual experience deviates from the assumptions. Even seemingly minor changes in the assumptions can materially change the liabilities, calculated contribution rates and funding periods.

MEMBER AND FINANCIAL DATA

Member data for retired, active, and inactive participants was supplied as of June 30, 2024 by the ERB staff. We have not subjected this data to any auditing procedures, but have examined the data for reasonableness and consistency with the prior year's data. Asset information as of June 30, 2024 was also supplied by the ERB staff.

We provide some of the information used in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Specifically, we provided information used in the preparing the schedules of Active Member Valuation Data, Retirants and Beneficiaries, Analysis of Financial Experience, Schedule of Funding Progress, Solvency Test, and the Schedule of Retirees & Beneficiaries Added to/and Removed from Rolls that are found in the Actuarial Section; and we provided the Schedule of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios as well as the Schedule of Employer Contributions in the Financial Section.

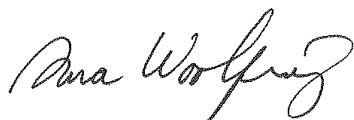
CERTIFICATION

All of our work conforms with the 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 New Mexico state law and, where applicable, the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, and the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

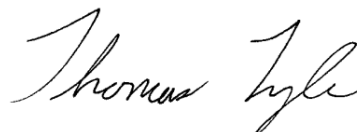
The undersigned are independent actuaries and consultants. Both are Enrolled Actuaries, are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meet all of the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries. Both of the undersigned are experienced in performing valuations for large public retirement systems.

We would like to especially thank the ERB staff for their assistance in the preparation of our report.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Woolfrey, FSA, EA, MAAA
Senior Consultant



Thomas Lyle, FSA, EA, MAAA
Consultant

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; 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.

This report should not be relied on for any purpose other than the purpose described above. Determinations of the financial results associated with the benefits described in this report in a manner other than the intended purpose may produce significantly different results.

The valuation was based upon information furnished by the ERB's staff, concerning ERB 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 the ERB's staff.

The developed findings included in this report consider data or other information through June 30, 2024.

This is one of multiple documents comprising the actuarial report. The other document comprising the actuarial report is a PowerPoint presentation presented to the Board of Trustees following the publication of this report.

Valuation as of:	06/30/2024	06/30/2023
Contribution Rates for Fiscal Year Ending:	06/30/2025	06/30/2024
Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active members - Retirees and beneficiaries - Inactive, vested - Inactive, nonvested - Total Payroll 	62,970 55,706 13,480 <u>40,524</u> 172,680 \$ 3.9 billion	61,503 54,774 13,669 <u>41,087</u> 171,033 \$ 3.6 billion
Statutory contribution rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employer Member 	18.15% 10.70%	18.15% 10.70%
Assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market value Actuarial value Return on market value Return on actuarial value Employer contributions External cash flow % Ratio of actuarial to market value 	\$ 17.5 billion \$ 17.2 billion 9.2% 7.9% \$ 770.4 million -1.4% 98.5%	\$ 16.3 billion \$ 16.2 billion 6.7% 7.7% \$ 662.8 million -2.0% 99.7%
Actuarial Information on AVA (smoothed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal cost % Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) Funded ratio Funding period Funding Policy Contribution 	14.24% \$ 9.4 billion 64.8% 22 years 16.52%	13.83% \$ 9.6 billion 62.9% 26 years 17.85%
Gains/(losses) on the UAAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset experience Liability experience COLA experience Benefit changes Assumption/method changes Total 	\$ 152.4 million (347.5) million 12.4 million 0.0 million <u>345.9 million</u> \$ 163.2 million	\$ 111.0 million (672.8) million (158.2) million 0.0 million <u>0.0 million</u> \$ (720.0) million

Introduction

The results of the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation of the Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico (ERB) are presented in this report. Table 1 of our report summarizes the key actuarial results. Table 2 analyzes changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Tables 3 and 4 show more detailed actuarial information. Tables 5a and 5b develop the Funding Policy Contribution and compare to the actual contributions received. Tables 6a, 6b, 6c, 14, 15, 16 and 17 show statistical information about the membership, and Tables 7 through 9b, and Table 12 show information about plan assets. Tables 10a and 10b show the calculation of the actuarial gains and losses. Table 11 shows a history of the plan's funding progress. Table 13 shows the solvency test, used by some funds in their annual report. Finally, Appendix 1 is a summary of the benefit and contribution provisions of ERB, Appendix 2 is a summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions, and Appendix 3 is a glossary of terms.

Analysis of Changes

Table 2 shows an analysis of the changes in the UAAL. Since the UAAL is an actuarial present value, with future anticipated benefits discounted using an annual 7.00% interest rate, the UAAL increases each year by the imputed interest rate, less employer contributions made to amortize the UAAL. (Keep in mind that part of the employer contribution is used to pay the normal cost, so only part of each year's contribution is available to amortize the UAAL.)

As shown in Table 2, the UAAL increased by \$669.9 million for imputed interest and decreased by \$703.4 million because of contributions made in excess of the normal cost. This means that the UAAL was expected to decrease \$33.5 million before recognizing plan experience. The UAAL as of June 30, 2023 was \$9.6 billion, and the expected UAAL as of June 30, 2024, recognizing actual contributions made, was expected to be \$9.5 billion.

A cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was applied as of July 1, 2024 to retirement benefits for retirees eligible to receive a COLA as defined in Section 22-11-31 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated. A 2.10% adjustment factor was applied to all disabled retirees who had been retired for at least three years, i.e., members who began receiving a disability retirement benefit in calendar year 2019 or earlier. Since the plan's funded ratio as of June 30, 2023 was 90% or less, all non-disability retirements with 25 or more years of service credit at retirement and whose monthly annuity is less than the median monthly benefit of all non-disability retirees from the prior year (i.e., \$1,746.63 as of June 30, 2024) received an annual adjustment of 1.89%. All remaining non-disability retirements received an annual adjustment of 1.68%. Note that the adjustment is only applied to members who retired in calendar year 2023 or earlier; members who retired in 2024 are ineligible. The overall actual COLA was less than the expected 1.8% which resulted in a net \$12.4 million decrease in UAAL.

The plan experienced an actuarial gain on investments of \$152.4 million. The investment gain resulted from the fact that the return on the actuarial value of assets, 7.9%, was greater than the 7.0% assumed investment return. The market rate of return in FY2024 was 9.2%. The investment returns stated in this report are calculated net of investment-related expenses and may differ from the actual rate of return reported by ERB's investment consultants.

The UAAL also increased by \$347.5 million as a result of liability experience different than expected. Most notably, individual salaries increased by 4.2% more than expected. However, it is important to note that greater than expected salaries will also result in greater than expected contributions.

the assumption and method changes adopted by the Board as a result of the 2024 experience study decreased the UAAL by \$345.9 million.

There were no benefit changes since the last actuarial valuation.

As a result of all the above experience, the UAAL decreased from \$9.6 billion to \$9.4 billion.

Funding Policy and Period

The Board of Trustees has established a funding policy with a goal of eliminating the UAAL by a specified date. At its November 2018 meeting, the Board of Trustees updated the funding policy to establish a goal of eliminating the UAAL by June 30, 2049 (25 years from June 30, 2024). This funding policy does not directly impact the level of funding on an annual basis since the members and the employers all contribute a fixed percentage of payroll. However, the **Funding Policy Contribution** amount provides the Board of Trustees with a valuable benchmark which can be used to determine whether the total contribution being received by ERB is sufficient to meet the long-term goal of eliminating the UAAL by June 30, 2049.

The **funding period** is calculated by determining how long it will take to reduce the UAAL to zero based on the currently scheduled contribution rates. Since the contributions to ERB are not based directly on the Funding Policy Contribution then the funding period will not necessarily equal the remaining period established by the funding policy.

The Funding Policy Contribution fully recognizes the value of the lower new hire benefits and the anticipated cost-of-living adjustments less than the assumed 1.80% while the plan is less than fully funded.

Table 5a of our report calculates the Funding Policy Contribution and Table 5b tracks how closely the contributions received during the past fiscal year compared to the Funding Policy Contribution. As noted on Table 5b, ERB only received 103.5% of the contributions necessary to support their Funding Policy.

Appendix 1 of our report summarizes the provisions of ERB.

This valuation reflects benefits promised to members by statute. There are no ancillary benefits (i.e., retirement type benefits not required by statutes but which might be deemed an ERB liability if continued beyond the availability of funding by the current funding source).

The overall percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index resulted in a base cost of living adjustment of 2.10% during the preceding fiscal year. The ERB funded status was such that most eligible benefits were increased by 1.68% ($2.10\% \times 80\%$). As a result of this increase being less than the assumed 1.80%, the ERB granted COLA on July 1, 2024 resulted in an actuarial gain of \$12.4 million.

Actuarial assumptions and methods are set by the Board of Trustees, based upon recommendations made by the plan's actuary. The Board adopted new assumptions on February 23, 2024 in conjunction with the four-year actuarial experience study period ending June 30, 2023. The assumptions and methods have been updated since the prior valuation. These new assumptions are summarized below:

The economic changes were as follows:

- Increase the assumed administrative expenses from 0.35% to 0.37% of payroll;
- Increase the general wage inflation assumption for purposes of salary increases from 3.00% to 3.40%; however, no change was made to the assumption for increases of new hire pay of 3.00%;
- Modest increases to the service-based merit component of the salary increase assumption;

The demographic changes were as follows:

- Update the mortality rates for healthy and disabled retirees to the 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables with plan-specific adjustments;
- Update the mortality projection scale to the ultimate rates of the most recent Scale MP;
- Modest adjustments to termination and retirement rates to better reflect plan experience.

The calculation of the Funding Policy Contribution reflects an open group projection, recognizing new hire benefits as well as anticipated cost-of-living adjustments less than the assumed 1.80% while the plan is less than fully funded.

We believe the assumptions are internally consistent and are reasonably based on the actual experience of ERB. Appendix 2 of our report summarizes the current actuarial assumptions being utilized in the preparation of the actuarial valuations.

In addition to the actuarial assumptions, the actuary also makes use of an actuarial funding method to allocate costs to particular years. In common with most public sector retirement plans, ERB uses the entry age normal actuarial cost method. This method produces a relatively level pattern of funding over time, and thereby provides equity between various generations of taxpayers. We continue to believe this method is appropriate for ERB.

ERB assets are held in trust. The ERB staff has provided the asset information as of June 30, 2024 used in this valuation.

Table 7 of our report shows a reconciliation of the assets from the beginning of the prior year to the valuation date.

Table 8 shows the development of the actuarial value of assets (AVA). The AVA is a “smoothed” fair value. A smoothed value is used in order to dampen some of the year-to-year fluctuations that would occur if the market value were used instead. The method used phases in differences between the actual and expected market returns over five years. The expected return is determined using the 7.00% assumption and the plan’s market value, adjusted for contributions received and benefits and refunds paid. Both the actual and expected returns are computed net of investment expenses.

Note that the actuarial value is currently 98.5% of the fair value. The dollar amount of the difference between the actuarial value and market value is the value of the deferred gains, and totals \$266.2 million. Over any short time period, a disparity between actuarial value and market value may appear, but over the long term, we would expect the actuarial value and the market value to continue to track each other fairly closely.

Table 9a shows that the investment return rate for FY2024 on market value was 9.2%, while it was 7.9% on the actuarial value of assets. Table 9b shows historical return rates since the current actuarial asset method was adopted.

Finally, Table 12 shows a history of cash flows to the trust, and the net cash flow measured as a percentage of the assets. The net cash flow is negative 1.4% of market value. A slightly negative cash flow like this is typical for a mature defined benefit plan where the annual investment earnings are expected to finance a large portion of the annual benefit payments.

It should be noted that the actual rate of return on the fair value of assets of 9.2% that is stated in this report is based on a simplifying assumption that all contributions and benefit payments occur in the middle of the year. Additionally, this return is calculated net of investment-related expenses. This methodology is consistent with other procedures incorporated into this actuarial valuation. However, this actual rate of return may differ from the actual rate of return reported by ERB’s investment consultants which are based on more sophisticated methods.

Membership data was provided in electronic files by the ERB staff. Data for active members includes gender, birthdate, service, salary paid in the prior year, and accumulated contributions. Data for inactive, nonretired members was similar, but includes the member's accrued benefit as well. For retired members, data includes status (service retiree, disabled retiree, or beneficiary), gender, birthdate, pension amount, form of payment, beneficiary gender and birthdate if applicable, and date of retirement.

While not verifying the correctness of the data at the source, we performed various tests to ensure the internal consistency of the data and its overall reasonableness.

Tables 6a and 6b summarize the data for all members. Table 6c is a history of key statistical information about active members, and Table 14 is a history of statistical information about retirees. Table 15 is an age/service distribution of active members and their average pay. Table 17 is a reconciliation that tracks changes in the plan population from last year to this year.

The number of active members increased since last year, from 61,503 to 62,970.

Total payroll increased 8.9% since last year. For all comparative purposes, payroll is the amount supplied by the ERB staff (i.e., the 2023-2024 member pay). However, this figure is increased by one year's expected pay increase to determine the member's rate of pay as of July 1, 2024. Pay is assumed to change only at the beginning of a school/fiscal year.

Average pay increased 6.36% since last year. Average pay for members active in both this valuation and the last year's valuation increased 8.4%. The difference between these two figures is due to the effect of retirements and terminations, and their replacement by new members who generally earn less.

Risks Associated with Measuring the Actuarial Accrued Liability and Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution

The determination of the actuarial accrued liability and the actuarially determined employer contribution (ADEC) 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 the actuarially determined contribution 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 system'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 system'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 from the State and employers may not be made in accordance with the current arrangement 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 Funding Policy Contribution calculated in Tables 5a and 5b may be considered as a minimum contribution that complies with the Board's funding policy and State statute. The timely receipt of the Funding Policy Contribution is critical to support the financial health of the system. Users of this report should be aware that contributions made consistent with the Funding Policy Contribution 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:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Ratio of the market value of assets to total payroll	4.3	4.4	4.8	5.4	4.2
Ratio of actuarial accrued liability to payroll	6.5	6.9	7.4	7.6	7.3
Ratio of actives to retirees and beneficiaries	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Ratio of net cash flow to market value of assets	-1.4%	-2.0%	-3.1%	-3.0%	-3.5%
Duration of the actuarial accrued liability	12.7	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7

Ratio of Fair 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 fair 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 ratio of liability to payroll may be used as a measure of sensitivity of the liability itself. For example, if the actuarial accrued liability is 2.5 times the payroll, 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 Fair 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 risk assessment is outside the scope of the annual actuarial valuation. 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.

Risk Measures – Low Default Risk Obligation Measure

Introduction

In December 2021, the Actuarial Standards Board (ASB) adopted a revision to Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOP) No. 4, Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Costs or Contributions. The revised ASOP No 4 requires calculation and disclosure of a liability referred to by the ASOP as the “Low-Default-Risk Obligation measure” (LDROM). The rationale that ASB cited for the calculation and disclosure of the LDROM was included in the Transmittal Memorandum of ASOP No. 4 and the presented below (emphasis added):

“The ASB believes that the calculation and disclosure of this measure provided **appropriate, useful information for the intended user regrading the funded status of a pension plan.** The calculation and disclosure of this additional measure is **not intended to suggest that this is the “right” liability measure** for a pension plan. However, the ASB does believe that **this additional disclosure provides a more complete assessment of a plan’s funded status and provides additional information regarding the security of benefits that members have earned as of the measurement date.”**

Comparing the Accrued Liabilities and LDROM

One of the fundamental financial objectives of the Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico (ERB) is to finance each member’s retirement benefits over the period from the member’s date of hire until the member’s projected date of retirement (entry age actuarial cost method) as a level percentage of payroll. To fulfill this objective, the discount rate that is used to value the accrued liabilities of ERB is set equal to the expected return on the Fund’s diversified portfolio of assets (referred to sometimes as the investment return assumption). For ERB, the investment return assumption is 7.00%.

The LDROM is meant to approximately represent the lump sum cost to a plan to purchase low-default-risk fixed income securities whose resulting cash flows essentially replicate in timing and amount the benefits earned (or the costs accrued) as of the measurement date. The LDROM is very dependent upon market interest rates at the time of the LDROM measurement. The lower the market interest rates, the higher the LDROM, and vice versa. The LDROM results presented in this report are based on the entry age actuarial cost method and discount rates based upon the intermediate rate from the FTSE Pension Discount Curve and Liability Index published by the Society of Actuaries. This rate is 5.32% as of June 30, 2024. This measure may not be appropriate for assessing the need for or amount of future contributions. This measure may not be appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan’s benefit obligation.

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

Valuation Accrued Liabilities	LDROM
\$26,604,961,232	\$32,706,100,955

Table 1**Actuarial Information**

	June 30, 2024 (1)	June 30, 2023 (2)
1. Payroll		
a. Supplied by System (annualized)	\$ 3,866,489,836	\$ 3,550,591,908
b. Adjusted for one-year's pay increase	4,070,231,609	3,720,985,507
2. Normal cost rate (payable monthly)		
a. Total normal cost rate	14.24%	13.83%
b. Assumed administrative expenses	0.37%	0.35%
c. Less: member contribution rate	(10.70%)	(10.70%)
d. Employer normal cost rate	3.91%	3.48%
3. Employer normal cost (Item 2d * Item 1b)	\$ 159,146,056	\$ 129,490,296
4. Actuarial accrued liability for active members		
a. Actuarial present value of future benefits	\$ 14,206,476,398	\$ 12,913,856,269
b. Less: actuarial present value of future normal costs	(4,214,303,365)	(3,502,045,174)
c. Actuarial accrued liability	\$ 9,992,173,033	\$ 9,411,811,095
5. Total actuarial accrued liability for:		
a. Retirees and beneficiaries	\$ 15,411,568,747	\$ 15,203,126,971
b. Inactive members	1,201,219,452	1,162,182,769
c. Active members (Item 4c)	9,992,173,033	9,411,811,095
d. Total	\$ 26,604,961,232	\$ 25,777,120,835
6. Actuarial value of assets	\$ 17,232,005,190	\$ 16,207,390,686
7. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) (Item 5d - Item 6)	\$ 9,372,956,042	\$ 9,569,730,149
8. Payment towards unfunded liability for next fiscal year		
a. Employer contribution rate	18.15%	18.15%
b. Less: Employer normal cost rate (Item 2d)	(3.91%)	(3.48%)
c. Payment Towards Unfunded Liability	14.24%	14.67%
d. Unfunded liability contribution (Item 8c * Item 1b)	\$ 579,600,981	\$ 545,868,574
e. Expected ARP contribution	19,927,772	16,222,245
f. Total	\$ 599,528,753	\$ 562,090,819
9. Funding period based on current statutory contribution requirement and an open group projection	22 years	26 years

Table 2**Analysis of Change in Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)**

Basis (1)	Year Ending	
	June 30, 2024 (2)	June 30, 2023 (3)
1. UAAL at prior valuation	\$ 9,569.7	\$ 8,841.0
2. Increases/(decreases) due to:		
a. Interest on UAAL	669.9	618.9
b. Amortization payments ¹	(703.4)	(610.2)
c. Liability experience	347.5	672.8
d. Asset experience	(152.4)	(111.0)
e. Actual COLA More/(Less) than Expected	(12.4)	158.2
f. Changes in actuarial assumptions and methods	(345.9)	0.0
g. Benefit changes	0.0	0.0
h. Total	\$ (196.7)	\$ 728.7
3. Current UAAL (Item 1 + Item 2h)	\$ 9,373.0	\$ 9,569.7

Note : Dollar amounts in millions

¹ Actual contributions reduced by normal cost, administrative expenses and adjusted for timing.

Table 3**Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits**

	June 30, 2024 (1)	June 30, 2023 (2)
1. Active members		
a. Service retirement benefits	\$ 13,076,005,689	\$ 11,873,041,717
b. Refunds and deferred termination benefits	904,634,221	840,137,856
c. Survivor benefits	95,783,149	87,923,658
d. Disability retirement benefits	130,053,339	112,753,038
e. Total	<u>\$ 14,206,476,398</u>	<u>\$ 12,913,856,269</u>
2. Retired members		
a. Service retirement	\$ 14,684,881,888	\$ 14,493,248,812
b. Disability retirement	110,195,072	109,716,144
c. Beneficiaries	616,491,787	600,162,015
d. Total	<u>\$ 15,411,568,747</u>	<u>\$ 15,203,126,971</u>
3. Inactive members		
a. Vested terminations	\$ 968,037,579	\$ 935,451,288
b. Nonvested terminations	229,927,922	223,546,286
c. Unallocated contributions	3,253,951	3,185,195
d. Total	<u>\$ 1,201,219,452</u>	<u>\$ 1,162,182,769</u>
4. Total actuarial present value of future benefits	\$ 30,819,264,597	\$ 29,279,166,009

Table 4**Analysis of Normal Cost**

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
	(1)	(2)
1. Gross normal cost rate (payable monthly)		
a. Service retirement benefits	10.17%	9.62%
b. Refunds and deferred termination benefits	3.81%	3.96%
c. Disability retirement benefits	0.17%	0.16%
d. Survivor benefits	0.09%	0.09%
e. Total	<u>14.24%</u>	<u>13.83%</u>
2. Plus: Assumed administrative expenses	0.37%	0.35%
3. Less: member contribution rate	<u>(10.70%)</u>	<u>(10.70%)</u>
4. Employer normal cost rate	3.91%	3.48%

Table 5a

**Calculation of Funding Policy Contribution
(For Following Fiscal Year)**

	<u>June 30, 2024</u> (1)	<u>June 30, 2023</u> (2)
1. Funding period (years)	25	26
2. Funding Policy Contribution for Employers		
a. Total Contribution Needed to Fund the Unfunded Liability by June 30, 2049*	16.52%	17.85%
b. Statutory rate	18.15%	18.15%
c. Funding Policy Contribution (greater of (Item 2a, Item 2b))	18.15%	18.15%

* Beginning with the valuation as of June 30, 2021, Funding Policy Contribution reflects an open group projection recognizing new hire benefits as well as anticipated cost-of-living adjustments less than the assumed 1.80% while ERB is less than fully funded.

Table 5b

**Actual Contributions as Percentage of
Funding Policy Contribution for Year Ending June 30, 2024**

1. Actual employer contributions		
a. On behalf of active ERB members	\$	724,563,642
b. On behalf of return-to-work retirees		26,397,768
c. On behalf of ARP members		19,422,780
d. Total	\$	770,384,190
2. Statutory employer contribution rate		18.15%
3. Imputed fiscal year payroll for active ERB members (Item 1a / Item 2)	\$	3,992,086,182
4. Funding Policy Contribution for Employers		
a. Employer's funding policy contribution for active ERB members as percent of payroll		18.15%
b. Employer's funding policy contribution for active ERB members (Item 4a * Item 3)	\$	724,563,642
c. Funding policy contribution (Item 4b + Item 1c)	\$	743,986,422
5. Percentage of Funding Policy Contribution Received in Prior Year (Item 1d / Item 4c)		103.5%

Table 6a**Active Membership Data**

	June 30, 2024 (1)	June 30, 2023 (2)
1. Active members		
<u>Tier 1</u>		
a. Number	18,391	20,012
b. Total payroll supplied by System (annualized)	\$ 1,390,481,652	\$ 1,402,480,553
c. Average salary	\$ 75,607	\$ 70,082
d. Average age	53.3	52.9
e. Average service	19.7	19.1
<u>Tier 2</u>		
a. Number	4,753	5,028
b. Total payroll supplied by System (annualized)	\$ 331,022,216	\$ 321,069,479
c. Average salary	\$ 69,645	\$ 63,856
d. Average age	48.5	48.0
e. Average service	11.8	10.9
<u>Tier 3</u>		
a. Number	14,929	16,011
b. Total payroll supplied by System (annualized)	\$ 901,559,248	\$ 877,271,713
c. Average salary	\$ 60,390	\$ 54,792
d. Average age	45.4	44.7
e. Average service	7.6	6.7
<u>Tier 4</u>		
a. Number	24,897	20,452
b. Total payroll supplied by System (annualized)	\$ 1,243,426,720	\$ 949,770,163
c. Average salary	\$ 49,943	\$ 46,439
d. Average age	39.5	39.1
e. Average service	2.2	1.8
<u>Total</u>		
a. Number	62,970	61,503
b. Total payroll supplied by System (annualized)	\$ 3,866,489,836	\$ 3,550,591,908
c. Average salary	\$ 61,402	\$ 57,730
d. Average age	45.6	45.8
e. Average service	9.3	9.5

Table 6b**Inactive Membership Data**

	June 30, 2024 (1)	June 30, 2023 (2)
1. Vested inactive members (excluding pending refunds)		
a. Number	13,480	13,669
b. Total annualized deferred monthly benefits	\$ 116,551,555	\$ 113,941,932
c. Average annualized deferred monthly benefit	\$ 8,646	\$ 8,336
2. Nonvested inactive members and vested pending refunds		
a. Number	40,524	41,087
b. Employee assessments with interest due	\$ 229,927,922	\$ 223,546,286
c. Average refund due	\$ 5,674	\$ 5,441
3. Service retirees		
a. Number	51,119	50,331
b. Total annualized monthly benefits	\$ 1,337,851,042	\$ 1,288,227,741
c. Average annualized monthly benefit	\$ 26,171	\$ 25,595
4. Disabled retirees		
a. Number	738	751
b. Total annualized monthly benefits	\$ 9,979,520	\$ 9,889,530
c. Average annualized monthly benefit	\$ 13,522	\$ 13,168
5. Beneficiaries		
a. Number	3,849	3,692
b. Total annualized monthly benefits	\$ 71,788,835	\$ 68,072,345
c. Average annualized monthly benefit	\$ 18,651	\$ 18,438

Note: Retirement benefits include impact of July 1 cost-of-living increases.

Table 6c

Historical Summary of Active Member Data

Year Ending June 30,	Active Members		Covered Payroll		Average Salary		Average Age	Average Service
	Number	Percent Increase	Amount in \$ Millions	Percent Increase	\$ Amount	Percent Increase		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1982	42,015	---	\$622	---	\$14,810	---	40.9	10.7
1984	40,385	-3.9%	670	7.7%	16,600	12.1%	42.0	9.9
1986	45,311	12.2%	786	17.3%	17,353	4.5%	41.7	9.7
1988	45,492	0.4%	863	9.8%	18,968	9.3%	43.9	10.1
1990	48,858	7.4%	1,033	19.7%	21,146	11.5%	42.6	8.5
1992	51,161	4.7%	1,150	11.3%	22,486	6.3%	43.0	8.9
1993	52,296	2.2%	1,191	3.6%	22,774	1.3%	43.2	8.9
1994	53,744	2.8%	1,259	5.7%	23,420	2.8%	43.3	9.0
1995	54,840	2.0%	1,356	7.7%	24,735	5.6%	43.2	9.0
1996	55,782	1.7%	1,414	4.3%	25,341	2.4%	43.7	9.1
1997	56,685	1.6%	1,449	2.5%	25,556	0.8%	43.9	9.1
1998	58,097	2.5%	1,543	6.5%	26,555	3.9%	44.0	9.0
1999	58,615	0.9%	1,637	6.1%	27,936	5.2%	44.3	9.2
2000	60,090	2.5%	1,796	9.7%	29,884	7.0%	44.5	9.1
2001	60,155	0.1%	1,820	1.3%	30,248	1.2%	44.9	9.2
2002	61,091	1.6%	1,979	8.7%	32,387	7.1%	45.2	9.3
2003	62,614	2.5%	2,032	2.7%	32,460	0.2%	45.3	9.3
2004	62,901	0.5%	2,142	5.4%	34,061	4.9%	45.6	9.4
2005	63,362	0.7%	2,209	3.1%	34,865	2.4%	45.6	9.3
2006	61,829	-2.4%	2,219	0.5%	35,896	3.0%	45.7	9.2
2007	62,687	1.4%	2,341	5.5%	37,347	4.0%	45.9	9.3
2008	63,698	1.6%	2,492	6.4%	39,118	4.7%	46.1	9.4
2009	63,819	0.2%	2,586	3.8%	40,517	3.6%	46.3	9.6
2010	63,295	-0.8%	2,576	-0.4%	40,695	0.4%	46.5	9.7
2011	61,673	-2.6%	2,524	-2.0%	40,923	0.6%	46.8	10.0
2012	60,855	-1.3%	2,495	-1.1%	41,004	0.2%	47.0	10.0
2013	61,177	0.5%	2,517	0.9%	41,141	0.3%	47.0	9.9
2014	61,173	0.0%	2,539	0.9%	41,503	0.9%	46.6	9.8
2015	60,998	-0.3%	2,610	2.8%	42,793	3.1%	46.5	9.7
2016	60,057	-1.5%	2,612	0.1%	43,493	1.6%	46.4	9.8
2017	59,495	-0.9%	2,591	-0.8%	43,553	0.1%	46.4	9.8
2018	60,358	1.5%	2,609	0.7%	43,228	-0.7%	46.3	9.7
2019	60,197	-0.3%	2,708	3.8%	44,980	4.1%	46.3	9.7
2020	61,091	1.5%	2,952	9.0%	48,324	7.4%	46.1	9.6
2021	58,988	-3.4%	2,924	-0.9%	49,576	2.6%	46.1	9.8
2022	59,887	1.5%	3,125	6.9%	52,178	5.3%	45.9	9.6
2023	61,503	2.7%	3,551	13.6%	57,730	10.6%	45.8	9.5
2024	62,970	2.4%	3,866	8.9%	61,402	6.4%	45.6	9.3

Table 7**Reconciliation of Plan Net Assets**

		Year Ending	
		June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
		(1)	(2)
1.	a. Value of assets at beginning of year (Value reported in prior valuation)	\$ 16,261,793,470	\$ 15,550,701,708
	b. Adjustment	0	0
	c. Value of assets at beginning of year after adjustment	\$ 16,261,793,470	\$ 15,550,701,708
2.	Revenue for the year		
	a. Contributions		
	i. Member contributions	\$ 435,808,030	\$ 394,165,107
	ii. Member service purchases	2,188,573	1,650,074
	iii. Employer contributions	750,961,410	646,939,117
	iv. Employer contributions for ARP members	19,422,780	15,811,155
	v. Total	\$ 1,208,380,793	\$ 1,058,565,453
	b. Net investment income		
	i. Investment income	\$ 2,002,671,130	\$ 1,188,473,281
	ii. Investment expenses	(512,825,243)	(151,721,300)
	iii. Net investment income	\$ 1,489,845,887	\$ 1,036,751,981
	c. Total revenue	\$ 2,698,226,680	\$ 2,095,317,434
3.	Expenditures for the year		
	a. Refunds	\$ 67,049,122	\$ 54,086,836
	b. Benefit payments	1,380,637,422	1,317,587,613
	c. Administrative and miscellaneous expenses	14,123,582	12,551,223
	d. Total expenditures	\$ 1,461,810,126	\$ 1,384,225,672
4.	Increase in net assets (Item 2c - Item 3d)	\$ 1,236,416,554	\$ 711,091,762
5.	Value of assets at end of year (Item 1c + Item 4)	\$ 17,498,210,024	\$ 16,261,793,470

Table 8**Development of Actuarial Value of Assets**

				Year Ending June 30, 2024
1.	Market value of assets at beginning of year			\$ 16,261,793,470
2.	Net new investments			
	a. Contributions			\$ 1,208,380,793
	b. Expenditures			(1,461,810,126)
	c. Subtotal			(253,429,333)
3.	Market value of assets at end of year			\$ 17,498,210,024
4.	Net earnings (Item 3 - Item 1 - Item 2c)			\$ 1,489,845,887
5.	Assumed investment return rate			7.00%
6.	Expected return			\$ 1,129,455,516
7.	Excess (Shortfall) return (Item 4 - Item 6)			\$ 360,390,371
8.	Excess return on assets for last four years :			
	<u>Period End</u>	<u>Excess Return</u>	<u>Percent Deferred</u>	<u>Deferred Amount</u>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
a.	June 30, 2021	2,940,424,017	20%	\$ 588,084,803
b.	June 30, 2022	(1,464,882,118)	40%	(585,952,847)
c.	June 30, 2023	(40,399,031)	60%	(24,239,419)
d.	June 30, 2024	360,390,371	80%	288,312,297
				\$ 266,204,834
9.	Actuarial value of assets (Item 3 - Item 8)			\$ 17,232,005,190
10.	Actuarial value as percentage of market value			98.5%

Table 9a**Estimation of Yields**

	Year Ending	
	June 30, 2024 (1)	June 30, 2023 (2)
A. Market value yield		
1. Beginning of year market assets	\$ 16,261,793,470	\$ 15,550,701,708
2. Investment income (including realized and unrealized gains and losses)	\$ 1,489,845,887	\$ 1,036,751,981
3. End of year market assets	\$ 17,498,210,024	\$ 16,261,793,470
4. Estimated dollar weighted market value yield	9.2%	6.7%
B. Actuarial value yield		
1. Beginning of year actuarial assets	\$ 16,207,390,686	\$ 15,358,353,947
2. Actuarial return	\$ 1,278,043,837	\$ 1,174,696,958
3. End of year actuarial assets	\$ 17,232,005,190	\$ 16,207,390,686
4. Estimated actuarial value yield	7.9%	7.7%

Table 9b**History of Investment Return Rates**

Plan Year Ending June 30 of (1)	Market (2)	Actuarial (3)
1995	18.5%	11.5%
1996	12.2%	12.0%
1997	20.3%	13.4%
1998	19.6%	15.0%
1999	11.3%	16.4%
2000	13.1%	15.1%
2001	-11.1%	9.5%
2002	-8.8%	3.3%
2003	2.7%	0.1%
2004	15.3%	0.8%
2005	9.6%	1.1%
2006	12.0%	6.4%
2007	16.7%	11.6%
2008	-6.0%	9.3%
2009	-17.7%	2.2%
2010	17.7%	2.0%
2011	19.0%	4.2%
2012	1.6%	2.2%
2013	10.8%	5.6%
2014	14.2%	12.0%
2015	3.7%	9.7%
2016	3.1%	6.7%
2017	11.8%	8.2%
2018	7.2%	7.5%
2019	8.1%	6.6%
2020	-0.6%	5.8%
2021	30.0%	10.3%
2022	-2.1%	8.6%
2023	6.7%	7.7%
2024	9.2%	7.9%
Average Returns (all returns net of administrative and investment-related expenses)		
Last 5 years	8.1%	8.1%
Last 10 years	7.4%	7.9%
Last 15 years	9.1%	7.0%
Last 20 years	7.3%	6.7%
Last 25 years	6.1%	6.5%

Table 10a**Investment Experience Gain or Loss**

Item (1)	Year Ending	
	June 30, 2024 (2)	June 30, 2023 (3)
1. Actuarial assets, beginning of year	\$ 16,207,390,686	\$ 15,358,353,947
2. Total contributions during year	\$ 1,208,380,793	\$ 1,058,565,453
3. Benefits, refunds and administrative paid	\$ (1,461,810,126)	\$ (1,384,225,672)
4. Assumed net investment income		
a. Beginning of year assets	\$ 1,134,517,348	\$ 1,075,084,776
b. Contributions	42,293,328	37,049,791
c. Benefits and refunds paid	<u>(51,163,354)</u>	<u>(48,447,899)</u>
d. Total	\$ 1,125,647,322	\$ 1,063,686,668
5. Expected actuarial assets, end of year (Sum of items 1 through 4)	\$ 17,079,608,675	\$ 16,096,380,396
6. Actual actuarial assets, end of year	\$ 17,232,005,190	\$ 16,207,390,686
7. Asset gain (loss) for year (Item 6 - Item 5)	\$ 152,396,515	\$ 111,010,290

Table 10b**Total Experience Gain or Loss**

Item (1)	Year Ending	
	June 30, 2024 (2)	June 30, 2023 (3)
A. Calculation of total actuarial gain or loss		
1. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL), previous year	\$ 9,569,730,149	\$ 8,841,049,868
2. Normal cost (incl. admin) for the previous year	\$ 528,735,878	\$ 468,975,808
3. Less: contributions for the year	\$ (1,208,380,793)	\$ (1,058,565,453)
4. Interest at 7 %		
a. On UAAL	\$ 669,881,110	\$ 618,873,491
b. On normal cost	18,505,756	16,414,153
c. On contributions	(42,293,328)	(37,049,791)
d. Total	\$ 646,093,538	\$ 598,237,853
5. Expected UAAL (Sum of Items 1 - 4)	\$ 9,536,178,772	\$ 8,849,698,076
6. Actual UAAL	\$ 9,372,956,042	\$ 9,569,730,149
7. Total gain (loss) for the year (Item 5 - Item 6)	\$ 163,222,730	\$ (720,032,073)
B. Source of gains and losses		
8. Asset gain (loss) for the year	\$ 152,396,515	\$ 111,010,290
9. Liability experience gain (loss) for the year	(347,477,394)	(672,809,968)
10. Actual COLA (More) Less than Expected	12,417,948	(158,232,395)
11. Assumption change	345,885,661	0
12. Benefit change	0	0
13. Total	\$ 163,222,730	\$ (720,032,073)

Table 11**Schedule of Funding Progress**

Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (3)-(2)	Funded Ratio (2)/(3)	Annual Covered Payroll	UAAL as % of Payroll (4)/(6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
June 30, 2010	9,431	14,354	4,922	65.7%	2,576	191.1%
June 30, 2011	9,642	15,293	5,651	63.0%	2,524	223.9%
June 30, 2012	9,606	15,837	6,231	60.7%	2,495	249.7%
June 30, 2013	9,829	16,362	6,534	60.1%	2,517	259.6%
June 30, 2014	10,715	16,971	6,256	63.1%	2,539	246.4%
June 30, 2015	11,472	18,014	6,542	63.7%	2,610	250.6%
June 30, 2016	11,906	18,536	6,630	64.2%	2,612	253.8%
June 30, 2017	12,508	19,871	7,363	62.9%	2,591	284.2%
June 30, 2018	12,997	20,458	7,461	63.5%	2,609	286.0%
June 30, 2019	13,383	21,288	7,904	62.9%	2,708	291.9%
June 30, 2020	13,707	22,712	9,004	60.4%	2,952	305.0%
June 30, 2021	14,599	23,265	8,666	62.8%	2,924	296.3%
June 30, 2022	15,358	24,199	8,841	63.5%	3,125	282.9%
June 30, 2023	16,207	25,777	9,570	62.9%	3,551	269.5%
June 30, 2024	17,232	26,605	9,373	64.8%	3,867	242.4%

Note : Dollar amounts in millions

Table 12**History of Cash Flow**

Year Ending June 30,	Contributions ¹	Expenditures				External Cash Flow for the Year ²	Market Value of Assets	External Cash Flow as Percent of Market Value
		Benefit Payments	Refunds	Administrative Expenses	Total			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
2001	315.2	(340.6)	(36.6)	(3.5)	(380.7)	(65.5)	6,667.0	-1.0%
2002	328.6	(367.5)	(28.5)	(5.8)	(401.8)	(73.2)	6,011.2	-1.2%
2003	337.9	(396.1)	(28.3)	(4.3)	(428.7)	(90.8)	6,083.4	-1.5%
2004	355.6	(422.4)	(26.4)	(2.6)	(451.4)	(95.8)	6,911.5	-1.4%
2005	371.0	(455.0)	(27.2)	(5.3)	(487.5)	(116.5)	7,451.1	-1.6%
2006	408.5	(494.1)	(28.3)	(5.2)	(527.6)	(119.1)	8,219.3	-1.4%
2007	449.5	(540.1)	(27.5)	(5.6)	(573.2)	(123.7)	9,455.8	-1.3%
2008	496.2	(578.8)	(29.5)	(6.1)	(614.4)	(118.2)	8,770.0	-1.3%
2009	538.8	(617.7)	(29.7)	(8.7)	(656.1)	(117.3)	7,113.7	-1.6%
2010	566.8	(656.2)	(28.8)	(11.5)	(696.5)	(129.7)	8,232.5	-1.6%
2011	559.0	(701.8)	(35.1)	(11.4)	(748.3)	(189.3)	9,588.6	-2.0%
2012	545.6	(754.6)	(40.6)	(12.0)	(807.2)	(261.6)	9,489.0	-2.8%
2013	550.2	(811.7)	(41.7)	(11.0)	(864.4)	(314.2)	10,191.7	-3.1%
2014	634.0	(868.3)	(38.9)	(16.6)	(923.8)	(289.8)	11,346.1	-2.6%
2015	689.7	(920.8)	(36.4)	(10.6)	(967.8)	(278.1)	11,497.7	-2.4%
2016	692.9	(973.7)	(39.0)	(9.7)	(1,022.4)	(329.5)	11,532.8	-2.9%
2017	691.8	(1,019.4)	(33.3)	(9.8)	(1,062.5)	(370.7)	12,509.4	-3.0%
2018	678.7	(1,069.6)	(37.8)	(9.9)	(1,117.3)	(438.6)	12,970.3	-3.4%
2019	710.0	(1,122.3)	(42.4)	(9.3)	(1,174.0)	(464.0)	13,544.7	-3.4%
2020	781.3	(1,169.3)	(50.9)	(10.9)	(1,231.1)	(449.8)	13,019.2	-3.5%
2021	782.9	(1,217.6)	(45.5)	(12.1)	(1,275.2)	(492.3)	16,361.5	-3.0%
2022	859.9	(1,270.8)	(50.7)	(13.0)	(1,334.5)	(474.6)	15,550.7	-3.1%
2023	1,058.6	(1,317.6)	(54.0)	(12.6)	(1,384.2)	(325.6)	16,261.8	-2.0%
2024	1,208.4	(1,380.6)	(67.1)	(14.1)	(1,461.8)	(253.4)	17,498.2	-1.4%

Amounts in \$ millions

¹ Column (2) includes employee and employer contributions, as well as employer contributions for ARP members.² Column (7) = Column (2) + Column (6).

Table 13**Solvency Test**

Year Ending June 30, (1)	Actuarial Liability For			Total Actuarial Liability (AAL) (5)	Actuarial Value of Assets (6)	Cumulative portion of AAL covered		
	Total Active Member Contributions (2)	Retirees and Beneficiaries (3)	Active and Inactive Members (Employer Financed) (4)			Total Active Member Contributions (7)	Retirees and Beneficiaries (8)	Active and Inactive Members (Employer Financed) (9)
2009	\$ 2,298,505,189	\$ 6,606,725,003	\$ 4,978,042,890	\$ 13,883,273,082	\$ 9,366,271,312	100%	100%	9%
2010	2,434,760,057	6,933,427,044	4,985,322,322	14,353,509,423	9,431,321,589	100%	100%	1%
2011	2,189,058,132	7,726,559,891	5,377,454,401	15,293,072,424	9,642,229,673	100%	96%	0%
2012	2,304,519,473	8,338,284,890	5,194,168,167	15,836,972,530	9,606,304,017	100%	88%	0%
2013	2,381,795,094	9,285,395,005	4,695,089,104	16,362,279,203	9,828,547,715	100%	80%	0%
2014	2,456,349,658	9,828,072,718	4,686,899,356	16,971,321,732	10,714,996,256	100%	84%	0%
2015	2,541,087,642	10,621,041,144	4,852,296,216	18,014,425,002	11,472,378,929	100%	84%	0%
2016	2,618,651,735	11,093,020,967	4,824,755,559	18,536,428,261	11,905,958,700	100%	84%	0%
2017	2,690,665,840	12,001,060,252	5,178,971,540	19,870,697,632	12,507,831,342	100%	82%	0%
2018	2,789,838,603	12,575,650,668	5,092,506,831	20,457,996,102	12,996,625,320	100%	81%	0%
2019	2,883,336,173	13,050,104,203	5,354,132,381	21,287,572,757	13,383,320,024	100%	80%	0%
2020	3,022,626,983	13,641,242,486	6,047,706,771	22,711,576,240	13,707,345,072	100%	78%	0%
2021	3,075,598,929	14,185,632,113	6,004,022,004	23,265,253,046	14,599,015,189	100%	81%	0%
2022	3,201,769,304	14,672,121,461	6,325,513,050	24,199,403,815	15,358,353,947	100%	83%	0%
2023	3,396,766,588	15,203,126,971	7,177,227,276	25,777,120,835	16,207,390,686	100%	84%	0%
2024	3,589,154,216	15,411,568,747	7,604,238,269	26,604,961,232	17,232,005,190	100%	89%	0%

A solvency test is one way of evaluating a system's progress under its funding program. In a short-term solvency test, the plan's present assets are compared with:

1. The liabilities for active member accumulated contributions on deposit;
2. The liabilities for future benefits to present retirees and beneficiaries; and
3. The liabilities for service already rendered by active and inactive members.

In a system that has been following an actuarially determined financing principle, the liabilities for active member contributions on deposit (column 2) and the liabilities for future benefits to present retirees (column 3) should be fully covered by present assets. In addition, the additional liabilities for service already rendered by active members (column 4) should be partially covered by the remainder of present assets. Generally, if the system has been using actuarially determined financing, the funded portion of the liability will increase over time.

Table 14**Historical Retired Participants' Data**

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u> (1)	<u>Number</u> (2)	<u>Average Monthly</u> (3)
1984	8,462	\$ 430
1986	10,004	512
1988	11,375	663
1990	12,741	767
1992	14,107	846
1993	15,001	890
1994	15,814	966
1995	16,593	976
1996	17,381	1,011
1997	18,317	1,055
1998	19,244	1,104
1999	20,109	1,139
2000	21,186	1,228
2001	22,191	1,274
2002	23,052	1,315
2003	24,085	1,376
2004	24,947	1,420
2005	26,100	1,466
2006	28,539	1,472
2007	29,969	1,523
2008	31,192	1,566
2009	32,496	1,607
2010	33,747	1,628
2011	35,457	1,669
2012	37,336	1,714
2013	40,310	1,767
2014	42,246	1,790
2015	44,043	1,819
2016	45,797	1,831
2017	47,340	1,857
2018	48,919	1,889
2019	50,197	1,921
2020	51,397	1,949
2021	52,790	1,981
2022	53,972	2,017
2023	54,774	2,079
2024	55,706	2,124

Note: Retirement benefits include impact of July 1 cost-of-living increases.

Table 15

**Distribution of Active Members by Age and by Years of Service
As of June 30, 2024**

Attained Age	Years of Credited Service												Total Count & Avg. Comp.
	0	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 & Over	
	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	
Under 25	772 \$30,269	949 \$35,511	432 \$35,781	129 \$33,424	42 \$38,005	27 \$37,140	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	2,351 \$33,788
25-29	735 \$40,589	1,213 \$44,327	1,096 \$46,619	723 \$50,086	489 \$51,929	713 \$53,535	8 \$53,901	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	4,977 \$47,198
30-34	615 \$45,209	1,080 \$47,937	919 \$49,266	654 \$52,168	475 \$54,555	2,166 \$61,524	389 \$66,177	3 \$39,897	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	6,301 \$54,596
35-39	620 \$43,132	1,057 \$52,215	912 \$52,943	602 \$53,535	484 \$58,459	2,180 \$60,659	1,509 \$73,930	288 \$70,420	4 \$58,815	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	7,656 \$59,437
40-44	446 \$47,576	816 \$52,101	767 \$51,349	519 \$55,750	457 \$60,850	2,124 \$63,166	1,510 \$73,460	1,426 \$79,582	309 \$75,627	2 \$62,432	0 \$0	0 \$0	8,376 \$64,700
45-49	314 \$52,298	642 \$51,116	602 \$49,380	399 \$55,044	284 \$58,048	1,824 \$63,541	1,464 \$76,115	1,361 \$78,374	1,273 \$83,650	184 \$80,780	0 \$0	0 \$0	8,347 \$68,619
50-54	281 \$52,684	501 \$50,103	444 \$52,590	363 \$51,360	295 \$57,056	1,485 \$60,601	1,307 \$69,746	1,380 \$74,751	1,403 \$81,459	733 \$88,150	69 \$80,102	1 \$101,761	8,262 \$68,696
55-59	237 \$48,413	489 \$53,317	420 \$50,685	264 \$53,033	227 \$56,613	1,298 \$57,444	1,103 \$68,837	1,207 \$69,882	1,130 \$73,886	628 \$80,866	231 \$86,102	33 \$77,137	7,267 \$65,671
60-64	172 \$51,965	283 \$52,414	305 \$48,678	211 \$52,851	199 \$60,546	1,169 \$57,714	880 \$65,519	832 \$68,376	747 \$70,295	468 \$75,349	228 \$79,799	111 \$83,549	5,605 \$64,063
65 & Over	152 \$41,667	227 \$45,235	250 \$39,706	141 \$48,561	158 \$54,922	836 \$51,892	627 \$67,286	443 \$64,497	395 \$69,294	249 \$67,958	188 \$92,104	162 \$103,255	3,828 \$61,267
Total	4,344 \$43,033	7,257 \$47,683	6,147 \$48,582	4,005 \$52,037	3,110 \$56,559	13,822 \$60,059	8,797 \$71,277	6,940 \$73,993	5,261 \$77,504	2,264 \$80,641	716 \$85,092	307 \$93,318	62,970 \$61,402

Table 16**Reconciliation of Members by Status for Year Ending June 30, 2024**

	Active Members	Inactive, Nonretired Members		Annuitants			Grand Total
		Vested	Nonvested	Service Retirees	Disabled Retirees	Beneficiaries	
Number at beginning of year	61,503	13,669	41,087	50,331	751	3,692	171,033
Refund paid (non-death)	(988)	(1,146)	(5,024)				(7,158)
Refund due	(3,746)		3,746				0
Vested terminations	(2,076)	2,076					0
Retirements (nondisabled)	(1,456)	(552)	(34)	2,042			0
Disabled retirements	(7)	(6)			13		0
New Alternate Payee resulting from QDRO				34			34
Death before retirement - refund			(1)				(1)
Death before retirement - annuity	(20)	(29)				49	0
Death of annuitant - survivor benefit due				(272)	(8)	280	0
Death of annuitant - no further benefits due				(967)	(17)	(164)	(1,148)
New hires	7,750	10	1,911				9,671
Reemployments	2,011	(575)	(1,206)	(18)			212
Adjustments and corrections	(1)	33	45	(31)	(1)	(8)	37
Number at end of year	62,970	13,480	40,524	51,119	738	3,849	172,680

Table 17

**Schedule of Retirees & Beneficiaries
Added to/and Removed from Rolls**

Year Ending June 30, (1)	Added to Rolls		Removed from Rolls		Rolls - End of Year		% Increase/ Decrease in Annual Allowances (5)	Average Annual Benefit
	Number (2)	Annual Allowances* (2)	Number (3)	Annual Allowances (3)	Number (4)	Annual Allowances (4)		
2012	2,768	\$ 72,218,345	889	\$ 14,359,797	37,336	\$ 768,140,575		\$ 20,574
2013	3,855	102,030,450	881	15,541,594	40,310	854,629,431	11.3%	21,201
2014	2,913	69,897,967	977	16,901,682	42,246	907,625,716	6.2%	21,484
2015	2,861	72,123,070	1,064	18,187,814	44,043	961,560,972	5.9%	21,832
2016	2,879	65,686,730	1,125	20,801,404	45,797	1,006,446,298	4.7%	21,976
2017	2,682	68,362,756	1,139	20,082,332	47,340	1,054,726,722	4.8%	22,280
2018	2,744	75,757,772	1,165	21,822,890	48,919	1,108,661,604	5.1%	22,663
2019	2,524	72,426,614	1,246	23,906,579	50,197	1,157,181,639	4.4%	23,053
2020	2,502	70,175,227	1,302	25,177,685	51,397	1,202,179,181	3.9%	23,390
2021	2,945	83,903,581	1,552	31,218,272	52,790	1,254,864,490	4.4%	23,771
2022	2,771	81,922,448	1,589	30,479,953	53,972	1,306,306,985	4.1%	24,203
2023	2,326	92,191,916	1,524	32,309,285	54,774	1,366,189,616	4.6%	24,942
2024	2,432	85,526,257	1,500	32,096,476	55,706	1,419,619,397	3.9%	25,484

* The Annual Allowances added to the rolls in each year include the COLA granted to all retirees for the year. As a result, the Annual Allowances added to the rolls do not necessarily correspond to the number of retirees and beneficiaries added to the rolls in the same year.

1. Effective Date: July 1, 1957
2. Plan Year/Fiscal Year: Twelve-month period ending June 30th.
3. Administration: The Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico (ERB) is responsible for administration of the plan and investment of plan assets.
4. Type of Plan: ERB is a qualified, defined benefit, governmental retirement plan. For government accounting purposes, it is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system.
5. Eligibility: All those employed and working more than 0.25 of a full-time equivalent (FTE) at public and state schools in New Mexico, including public colleges, universities, public technical and vocational institutions participate in ERB. Employees at regional education cooperatives and the New Mexico Activities Association participate in ERB. In addition, employees at certain state agencies that provide an educational program also participate if the employee filling a position is required to be a certified educator. Their participation is a condition of employment. However, see the section on the Alternative Retirement Plan below for an exception. Moreover, employees of ERB, the Public Education Department, certain State agencies, School for the Visually Handicapped, and School for the Deaf can choose to be ERB members upon hire.

6. Member Contributions: Members must contribute a percentage of their salary to ERB. “Salary” for this purpose includes substantially all earnings. The member contribution rate is set by statute, and has been changed from time to time. The following schedule shows recent and future member contribution rates. Member contributions are paid directly by employers so member contributions are considered “pre-tax” for federal income tax treatment.

Fiscal Year Ended	Member Contribution Rate
FYE 2005 and earlier	7.600%
FYE 2006	7.675%
FYE 2007	7.750%
FYE 2008	7.825%
FYE 2009	7.900%
FYE 2010*	9.400%
FYE 2011*	9.400%
FYE 2012*	11.150%
FYE 2013*	9.400%
FYE 2014*	10.100%
FYE 2015 to FYE 2019*	10.700%
FYE 2020 and later**	10.700%

* For members whose annual salary is greater than \$20,000. Members with annual salary of \$20,000 or less will continue to contribute 7.90%.

** For members whose annual salary is greater than \$24,000. Members with annual salary of \$24,000 or less will continue to contribute 7.90%.

7. Employer Contributions: The school district or other local administrative unit which employs a member contributes a percentage of the member's salary to ERB. "Salary" for this purpose includes substantially all earnings. The employer contribution rate is set by statute, and has been changed from time to time. The following schedule shows recent and future employer contribution rates. In addition, state universities, colleges and junior colleges contribute 6.25% (7.25% for FY2024 and later) of the earnings of non-members who are participating in the Alternative Retirement Plan.

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Employer Contribution Rate</u>
FYE 2005 and earlier	8.65%
FYE 2006	9.40%
FYE 2007	10.15%
FYE 2008	10.90%
FYE 2009	11.65%
FYE 2010*	10.90%
FYE 2011*	10.90%
FYE 2012*	9.15%
FYE 2013*	10.90%
FYE 2014	13.15%
FYE 2015 to FYE 2019	13.90%
FYE 2020 to FYE 2021	14.15%
FYE 2022	15.15%
FYE 2023	17.15%
FYE 2024 and later	18.15%

* For members whose annual salary is greater than \$20,000. For members with annual salary of \$20,000 or less, the employer contributed 12.40% in FYE2010 through FYE2013.

8. Service: Employees receive credit for each calendar quarter in which they are contributing members. Credit is also granted for service prior to ERB's effective date, and certain military service. Allowed service credit may also be purchased for specific types of prior employment, including military service, teaching in another state, or teaching for an accredited private school or higher learning institution in New Mexico.
9. Tier: Members who join ERB by June 30, 2010 are in Tier 1, members who join between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2013 are in Tier 2, members who join between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2019 are in Tier 3 and members who join later are in Tier 4. Members who terminated, took a refund, later rejoined ERB, and repaid their refund to ERB prior to June 30, 2019 were allowed to rejoin their prior tier. Otherwise, members that take a refund and later rejoin ERB will be eligible for Tier 4 benefits.
10. Final Average Compensation (FAC): The average of the member's earnings for the last 60 months, or such other consecutive 60-month period that gives the largest average.

11. Normal Retirement

a. Eligibility:

- Tier 1 members may retire upon Normal Retirement on the earliest of (i) the date he/she attains age 65 with credit for 5 years of service, or (ii) the date the member completes 25 years of service, or (iii) the date that the sum of the member's age and service is at least 75, provided the member is at least age 60.
- Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 members may retire upon Normal Retirement on the earliest of (i) the date he/she attains age 67 with credit for 5 years of service, or (ii) the date the member completes 30 years of service, or (iii) the date that the sum of the member's age and service is at least 80, provided the member is at least age 65.

b. Monthly Benefit:

- Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 members: 2.35% of FAC (monthly) times years of service. Tier 3 members who retire with 30 years of service and prior to attaining age 55 shall have their benefits reduced to an amount equal to the actuarial equivalent of the benefit the member would receive if the member had retired at age 55.
- Tier 4 members: FAC (monthly) times the aggregate Benefit Percentage, as detailed in the table below, over the course of their career. Tier 4 members who retire with 30 years of service and prior to attaining age 58 shall have their benefits reduced to an amount equal to the actuarial equivalent of the benefit the member would receive if the member had retired at age 58. Benefits are based under the schedule below:

For Service In:	Years	Benefit Percentage
The first 10 years of service	1-10	1.35%
The next 10 years of service	11-20	2.35%
The next 10 years of service	21-30	3.35%
Service after 30 years	30+	2.40%

- #### c. Payment Form:
- Benefits are paid as a monthly life annuity, with a guarantee that if the sum of payments made does not exceed the member's accumulated contributions with interest, determined as of the date of retirement, the balance will be paid in a lump-sum to the member's beneficiary. Optional forms of payment are available; see below.

12. Early Retirement

- #### a. Eligibility:
- Tier 1 members may take early retirement once the sum of his/her age and service equals or exceeds 75, while Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 members may take early retirement once the sum of his/her age and service equals or exceeds 80.

- b. Monthly Benefit: Monthly benefit calculated as Appendix 1, 11 b., multiplied by the early retirement factor below:
- c. Early Retirement Factors:

Tier 1		Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4	
Age at Retirement	Factor	Age at Retirement	Factor
60 or later	1.000	65 or later	1.000
59	.976	64	.976
58	.952	63	.952
57	.928	62	.928
56	.904	61	.904
55	.880	60	.880
54	.808	59	.808
53	.736	58	.736
52	.664	57	.664
51	.592	56	.592
50	.520	55	.520
49	.448	54	.448
48	.376	53	.376
47	.304	52	.304
46	.232	51	.232
45	.160	50	.160

The reduction for Tier 1 members is from age 60 and the reduction for Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 members is from age 65. The reduction is 2.4% per year for the first five years the retirement precedes age 60 (Tier 1) or age 65 (Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4), and 7.2% for any additional years before the indicated age.

- d. Payment Form: Same as for Normal Retirement above.

13. Disability Retirement

- a. Eligibility: A member is eligible provided (i) he/she has credit for at least 10 years of service, and (ii) the disability is approved by the Board of Trustees.
- b. Monthly Benefit: 2% of FAC (monthly) times years of service, but not less than the smaller of (i) one-third of FAC, or (ii) 2% of FAC times years of service projected to age 60.
- c. Payment Form: The disability benefit commences immediately upon the member's retirement. Disability benefits are payable as a monthly life annuity, with a guarantee that if the payments

made do not exceed the sum of the member's accumulated contributions with interest as of the date of retirement, the balance will be paid in a lump-sum to the member's beneficiary. If the disabled member survives to age 60, the regular optional forms of payment are available.

14. Vested Termination Benefit

- a. Eligibility: A member with at least five (5) years of service who does not withdraw his/her contributions from the fund is eligible for a vested termination benefit.
- b. Monthly Benefit: Same as for Normal Retirement above. Benefits may be reduced if they commence prior to Normal Retirement. Both FAC and Service are determined at the time the member leaves active employment.
- c. Payment Form: Benefits commence when the participant attains his/her normal retirement age. Alternatively, benefits may commence at the early retirement age, applying the same reduction factors as are used for regular early retirement. The form of payment is the same as for Normal Retirement above.
- d. Death Benefit: Upon the death of an inactive vested member who has not retired, the beneficiary may elect to receive an annuity as described under the Death in Service benefit below, with payments deferred until the member would have been eligible for retirement if the member was not eligible at the time of death. Alternatively, the beneficiary may receive a refund of the member's contributions, plus interest based upon a rate set by the Board of Trustees.

15. Withdrawal (Refund) Benefit

- a. Eligibility: All members leaving covered employment with less than five (5) years of service for a reason other than the member's death. Alternatively, members eligible for other benefits may withdraw their contributions in lieu of the regular benefits due.
- b. Benefit: The member who elects to withdraw receives a lump-sum payment of his/her employee contributions, plus interest computed at a rate set by the Board of Trustees.

16. Death in Service

Benefit: Upon the death of an active member, the beneficiary may receive a refund of the member's contributions, plus interest based upon a rate set by the Board of Trustees. If the member has five (5) or more years of service, the beneficiary may elect to receive an annuity determined as though the member had retired, elected option B below, and then died, in lieu of the refund. If the member is not eligible for early or normal retirement, this benefit may still be elected, with payments deferred until the member would have been eligible for retirement.

17. Optional Forms of Payment: There are optional forms of payment available on an actuarially equivalent basis, as follows:

- a. Option B – A Joint and 100% Survivor annuity with a “pop-up” feature. The regular life annuity amount is reduced to provide a Joint and 100% Survivor benefit, i.e., a benefit payable as long as either the member or joint annuitant are alive. If the joint annuitant predeceases the member, then the member’s benefit amount reverts to the regular life annuity amount.
 - b. Option C – A Joint and 50% Survivor annuity with a “pop-up” feature. The regular life annuity amount is reduced to provide a Joint and 50% Survivor benefit, i.e., a benefit payable as long as both the member and the joint annuitant are alive, reducing to 50% of this amount upon the member’s death, if the joint annuitant is still living. If the joint annuitant predeceases the member, then the member’s benefit amount reverts to the regular life annuity amount.
18. Cost-of-Living Increase: All retired members and beneficiaries receiving benefits receive an automatic adjustment in their benefit commencing on July 1 following the later of: (i) the year a member retires, or (ii) the year in which a member attains age 65 (Tier 1 and Tier 2) or age 67 (Tier 3 and Tier 4).

If the plan’s funded ratio for the next preceding fiscal year is 100%, or greater, Section 22-11-31(C)(1) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated defines the adjustment factor as $\frac{1}{2}$ of the percentage increase of the consumer price index between the next preceding calendar year and the preceding calendar year. The adjustment factor cannot exceed four percent, nor be less than two percent. However, if the percentage increase of the consumer price index is less than two percent, the adjustment factor will be equal to the percentage increase of the consumer price index.

If the plan’s funded ratio for the next preceding fiscal year is greater than 90%, but less than 100%, Section 22-11-31(C)(2) indicates that the adjustment factor for all non-disability retirements will be 95% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1) if the member had 25 or more years of service credit at retirement and whose annuity is less than or equal to the median adjusted annuity for the fiscal year next preceding the adjustment date. For all other retirees eligible for an adjustment, the adjustment factor will be 90% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1).

If the plan’s funded ratio for the next preceding fiscal year is 90%, or less, Section 22-11-31(C)(3) indicates that the adjustment factor for all non-disability retirements will be 90% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1) if the member had 25 or more years of service credit at retirement and whose annuity is less than or equal to the median adjusted annuity for the fiscal year next preceding the adjustment date. For all other retirees eligible for an adjustment, the adjustment factor will be 80% of the adjustment factor defined in Section 22-11-31(C)(1).

Finally, annuities shall not be decreased in the event that there is a decrease in the consumer price index between the next preceding calendar year and the preceding calendar year.

19. Alternative Retirement Plan (ARP): Since July 1, 1991, certain members employed by higher education institutions may elect participation in the ARP, a defined contribution plan, rather than in

ERB. If this election is not made at the time of initial hire, the employee remains a member of the ERB defined benefit plan permanently. No benefits are paid to ARP members from the ERB defined benefit plan. Also as discussed in the section on Employer Contributions above, the employer of an ARP member makes a contribution of 7.25% of the member's salary to ERB.

The assumptions and methods applied in this actuarial valuation were adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 23, 2024 based on the experience investigation that covered the period ending June 30, 2023.

I. Valuation Date

The valuation date is June 30 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 contribution rate is set by statute for both employees and for the employers. The funding period is determined, as described below, using the Individual Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method.

The Individual Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method assigns the plan's total unfunded liabilities (the actuarial present value of future benefits less the actuarial value of assets) to various periods. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is assigned to the years prior to the valuation, and the normal cost is assigned to the year following the valuation. The remaining costs are the normal costs for future years. Then each year's contribution is composed of (i) that year's normal cost, plus (ii) a payment used to reduce the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

The normal contribution is determined using the Entry Age Normal method. Under this method, a calculation is made to determine the rate of contribution which, if applied to the compensation of each individual member during the entire period of anticipated covered service, would be required to meet the cost of all benefits payable on his behalf. The salary-weighted average of these rates is the normal cost rate. This calculation reflects the plan provisions that apply to each individual member.

The employer normal cost rate is equal to (i) the normal cost rate, minus (ii) the member contribution rate.

The actuarial accrued liability is the difference between the total present value of future benefits and the actuarial present value of future normal costs. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is the excess of the actuarial accrued liability over the actuarial value of assets.

The balance of the employers' contributions--the remainder after paying their share of the normal cost--is used to reduce the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The funding period is the length of time required for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to be completely eliminated, assuming that the portion used to reduce the unfunded liability remains level as a percentage of total payroll. New entrant pay is assumed to increase 3.00% per year for each new group of new entrants incorporated into the open group projection. The contribution made by employers to ERB on behalf of employees who elected to participate in the Alternative Retirement Plan is also used to eliminate the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The funding period fully recognizes the value of the lower new hire benefits and the anticipated cost-of-living adjustments less than the assumed 1.80% while the plan is less than fully funded.

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 return in excess of (less than) expected investment income. 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). Returns are measured net of all investment and administrative expenses.

IV. Actuarial Assumptions

A. Economic Assumptions

1. Investment return: 7.00% per year, net of investment-related expenses (composed of an assumed 2.30% inflation rate and a 4.70% real rate of return).
2. Salary increase rate: Inflation rate of 2.30% plus productivity increase rate of 1.10% plus step-rate/promotional as shown:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Step-Rate/Promotional Component Rates of Increase</u>	<u>Total Annual Rate of Increase</u>
0	6.00%	9.40%
1	3.75%	7.15%
2	3.25%	6.65%
3	2.75%	6.15%
4	2.25%	5.65%
5	2.00%	5.40%
6	1.75%	5.15%
7	1.25%	4.65%
8	1.00%	4.40%
9	0.75%	4.15%
10-11	0.50%	3.90%
12-14	0.25%	3.65%
15 or more	0.00%	3.40%

3. Cost-of-living increases: 1.80% per year, compounded annually. Note that increases are deferred until July 1 following the year a member retires, or the year in which a member attains the age of 65 (67 for Tier 3 and Tier 4), whichever is later or, for disabled retirees, until July 1 of the third year following retirement.
4. Payroll growth: New hire payroll growth of 3.00% per year results in average open group payroll growth of 2.80% per year (with no allowance for membership growth).

5. Contribution accumulation: The accumulated member account balance with interest is estimated at the valuation date by assuming that member contributions increased 5.50% per year for all years prior to the valuation date. Contributions are credited with 4.00% interest, compounded annually, applicable to the account balances in the past as well as the future.

B. Demographic Assumptions

1. Mortality after termination or retirement -
 - a. Healthy males – 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Table, set back one year. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2021.
 - b. Healthy females – 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Table. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2021.
 - c. Disabled males – 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Table, set forward two years with minimum rates at all ages of 4.0%. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2021.
 - d. Disabled females – 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Table, set forward three years with minimum rates at all ages of 2.0%. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2021.
2. Mortality rates of active members – Pub-2010 Teachers Active Employee Mortality table. Generational mortality improvements in accordance with the Ultimate MP scales are projected from the year 2010.
3. Disability Incidence – As shown below for selected ages (rates are only applied to eligible members, which are members with at least 10 years of service):

Age	Occurrence of Disability per 100 Members	
	Males	Females
25	.007	.010
30	.007	.010
35	.042	.020
40	.091	.050
45	.133	.080
50	.168	.120
55	.182	.168

4. Retirement - Select and ultimate as shown below for selected ages (rates are only applied to members eligible for retirement):

Retirement Per 100 Members

Age	Males - Years of Service						
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25	26+
45	0	0	0	0	0	25	18
50	0	0	0	0	0	25	18
55	0	0	0	0	7	25	18
60	0	0	0	17	17	25	21
62	0	0	25	17	17	25	21
65	0	40	35	30	30	25	25
67	0	25	25	25	25	25	25
70	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Age	Females - Years of Service						
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25	26+
45	0	0	0	0	0	25	12
50	0	0	0	0	0	25	15
55	0	0	0	0	6	25	20
60	0	0	0	20	15	25	25
62	0	0	25	25	25	30	25
65	0	28	28	28	25	35	35
67	0	28	28	28	25	35	25
70	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

The retirement assumption was further modified for members who joined after June 30, 2010. The probability of retirement upon first eligibility for Normal Retirement reflects the accumulated probability of retirement from the first eligibility for members who joined ERB by June 30, 2010 (generally, 25 years of service or Rule of 75) to their actual first eligibility for Normal Retirement (generally, 30 years of service or Rule of 80).

Early Retirement Per 100 Members – Members joined after June 30, 2010

Age	Years of Service					
	Males			Females		
	15-19	20-24	25-29	15-19	20-24	25-29
55	0	0	7	0	0	6
60	0	17	17	0	15	15
62	17	17	17	25	25	25
65	30	30	30	28	25	25

5. Termination (for causes other than death, disability, or retirement):

Completed Service	Terminations per 100 Members	
	Males	Females
0	26.0	24.0
1	22.0	20.0
2	18.0	16.5
3	14.0	13.5
4	11.5	11.5
5	10.0	10.0
6	9.0	9.0
7	7.5	7.5
8	7.0	7.0
9	6.2	6.0
10	5.3	5.3
11	4.6	4.5
12	4.0	4.2
13	3.4	3.5
14	3.1	3.0
15	2.5	2.7
16	2.2	2.5
17	2.0	2.0
18	1.8	1.8
19 and over	0.0	0.0

Rates are not applied after the member is eligible for reduced or unreduced retirement benefits.

C. Other Assumptions

1. Age difference: Males are assumed to be three years older than females. All beneficiaries are assumed to be spouses.
2. Percent electing annuity on death: It is assumed that beneficiaries of deceased members will elect to receive the refund of contributions with interest, unless the member is eligible for early or normal retirement, in which case the beneficiary will elect to receive the survivor annuity.
3. Percent electing deferred termination benefit: All vested active members terminating prior to eligibility for a retirement benefit are assumed to elect the more valuable of (i) an immediate refund, or (ii) a deferred annuity commencing when the member is eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit.
4. Assumed age for commencement of deferred benefits: Members electing to receive a deferred benefit are assumed to commence receipt when eligible for an unreduced benefit (or attained age if later).

5. Investment and administrative expenses: The assumed investment return rate is intended to be the net rate of return after payment of all investment-related expenses. Administrative Expenses are assumed to be 0.37% of valuation payroll per year.
6. Percent married: For valuation purposes 100% of members are assumed to be married.
7. Decrement timing: Retirement and termination are assumed to occur at end of year while death and disability are assumed to occur middle of year to approximate incidence throughout the year.
8. Eligibility age and service: Eligibility age and service are calculated at decrement time and rounded for death and disability and truncated for retirement and termination. In cases where fractional age and service sum to 75/80 or greater, depending on tier, but the truncated integer ages do not produce Rule of eligibility, eligibility service is incremented by one. In cases where fractional service is 24.75/29.75 at retirement decrement time, 25/30-year eligibility is assumed.

V. Participant Data

Participant data was supplied on an electronic file for (i) active members, (ii) inactive members, who are entitled to either a future deferred benefit or a refund of their employee contributions and the accumulated interest, and (iii) members and beneficiaries receiving benefits.

The data for active and inactive, non-retired members included birth date, gender, years of service, salary, and accumulated employee contributions (without interest). For retired members and beneficiaries, the data included date of birth, gender, beneficiary or joint annuitant date of birth (where applicable), current monthly benefit, date of retirement, and a form of payment code.

Salary supplied for the current year was the total earnings for the year preceding the valuation date. The valuation payroll is estimated by increasing the payroll supplied by ERB staff by one year's expected pay increase and adjusted for partial year pays for new hires. New hires without pay information are populated with an average non-zero new hire pay.

We have subjected this data to any auditing procedures, but have examined the data for reasonableness and consistency with the prior year's data.

VI. Actuarial Model

This report was prepared using our proprietary valuation model and related software which in our professional judgment has the capability to provide results that are consistent with the purposes of the valuation. We performed tests to ensure that the model reasonably represents that which is intended to be modeled.

1. **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.
2. **Actuarial Assumptions:** Assumptions as to future experience under the Plan. 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.
3. **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 Funding Policy Contribution.
4. **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 Plan'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.
5. **Actuarially Equivalent:** Of equal actuarial present value, determined as of a given date and based on a given set of Actuarial Assumptions.
6. **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.
- 7. 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, non-retired 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.
- 8. 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, such as the funded ratio and the Funding Policy Contribution.
- 9. Actuarial Value of Assets or Valuation Assets:** The value of the Plan'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 Funding Policy Contribution.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Amortization Payment:** That portion of the pension plan contribution or Funding Policy Contribution which is designed to pay interest on and to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.
- 13. 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.

- 14. Decrements:** Those causes/events due to which a member's status (active-inactive-retiree-beneficiary) changes, that is: death, retirement, disability, or termination.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Defined Contribution Plan:** An employer-sponsored 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. The ARP is a defined contribution plan.
- 17. 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.
- 18. Experience Study:** A periodic review and analysis of the actual experience of the Plan 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.
- 19. 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 fair value of assets (MVA), rather than the AVA, although GASB 25 reporting requires the use of the AVA.
- 20. Funding Period or Amortization Period:** The term "Funding Period" is used in two ways. In the first sense, it is the period used in calculating the Amortization Payment as a component of the Funding Policy Contribution. This funding period is chosen by the Board of Trustees as part of the funding policy. 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.
- 21. Funding Policy Contribution:** The employer's contribution rate determined in accordance with the funding policy established by the Board of Trustees. The Funding Policy Contribution consists of the Employer Normal Cost and the Amortization Payment. This contribution amount is sometimes referred to as the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) or Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC).
- 22. GASB:** Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- 23. GASB 67 and GASB 68:** Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 67 and No. 68. These are the governmental accounting standards that set the accounting rules for public retirement systems and the employers that sponsor or contribute to them. Statement No. 67 sets the accounting rules for the employers that sponsor or contribute to public retirement systems, while Statement No. 68 sets the rules for the systems themselves.

- 24. 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.
- 25. 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.
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.

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Members & Retirees of the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB):

It is once again my privilege to report to you the investment activity for the fiscal year ending June 30th. I am pleased to note that all the markets where we invest and all our asset classes posted positive results for the fiscal year, with the exception of a modest downturn in real estate. Market performance is of overwhelming importance in our results. While we can choose which markets to participate in, we cannot influence the direction or magnitude of returns. We can only earn what various markets will allow us to earn. Positive or negative, we certainly do not know ahead of time. The median return for U.S. public funds with \$1 billion or more in assets was 9.57%, according to *InvMetrics*, a data reporting firm. We use this as our peer group for comparison. NMERB's investment portfolio trailed the median with a return of 8.64%, primarily due to a less concentrated portfolio exposure to public equities. On a positive note, this did result in net investment gains of approximately \$1.4 billion for the fiscal year and did exceed our annual 7% goal.

In equity markets, the S&P 500 posted an outstanding gain of 24.6% for the fiscal year. The Europe, Australasia, and Far East (EAFE) index for developed foreign equity markets was up 11.6%, while the MSCI Emerging Markets Equity index posted a gain of 12.5%. Bonds were also positive. In the high yield bond space, the Barclays US High Yield index returned 10.44%. Higher quality Investment Grade Bonds in the FTSE U.S. Big Index produced a more modest 2.7% gain. NMERB's fixed income portfolio is a combination of managers operating in markets related to those two indices. Our fixed income portfolio returned a positive 7.4%.

Meeting or exceeding our 7% annual goal is the most important measure of our investment success. We did so for the 2024 fiscal year, and our long-term targets generally continue to exceed performance expectations. The average annual return exceeded 7% in all periods measured, except for the three-year period. The three-year period was one in which markets did not provide a good opportunity to generate substantial results as evidenced by the fact that our 4.99% was in the top 12% of our peer group. Since the inception of performance reporting in 1983, the ERB portfolio has generated a net return of 8.92% annually.

Besides the actuarial hurdle, we also use other secondary measures to gauge our performance on a relative basis. For the year, the actual portfolio return of 8.64% fell short of the Fund's policy index return of 9.56%. the main reason for this was our actual allocation to public equities was short of our policy index targets for most of the year. We did address this in May. For all the longer periods measured, our actual returns exceeded the

policy return. Likewise, on the peer group measure, our portfolio fell short of the median public returns for the year but exceeded that benchmark for periods longer than a year. You may find the details of performance on page 17 of the Quarterly Investment Performance Report available on our website. The report is the source document for the data referenced in this letter. As such, please note that the performance report was prepared in August, prior to the annual report (the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) and lacks certain updates to information that are included in the annual report. Most notably, much of the private alternative investment data in the performance report is as of March 31, 2024, while the annual report includes an adjustment for June 30th reporting.

Our portfolio also contains investments in the alternative investment category. The performance of these assets was mixed for the year:

Alternative Asset Performance	
Category	Results
Private Equity	3.9 %
Real Assets	9.0 %
Real Estate	-2.5 %
Diversifying Assets	10.6 %
Opportunistic Credit	8.6 %

As we are all painfully aware, inflation has risen significantly over the last few years. To combat this rise, the Federal Reserve has raised rates quickly and significantly. This policy seems to have been effective as the rate of increase in inflation is now falling to more tolerable levels. In the real estate sector, most properties are financed with a mortgage. Unlike a typical 30-year fixed rate mortgage that you may be familiar with, commercial mortgages have floating rates, which are subject to changes in prevailing interest rates. Thus, the rapid increase in interest rates has impacted the value of real estate properties and led to the negative returns for the year.

Returns are not the only metric to take into consideration when evaluating investment results. Risk is the other key factor and receives as much, or more, consideration in our management of these assets. Our allocation plan is designed to result in a lower volatility of returns than the historical NMERB portfolio and the average public pension fund. In short, we are seeking to mute the extreme differences in returns from one quarter or one year to the next. This philosophy has contributed positively to our longer-term comparative performance. The success of this approach is highlighted on pages 28-31 of the performance report referenced earlier. When ranked relative to other public pension funds, NMERB's portfolio exhibits a very low volatility, as measured by standard deviation, consistently in the lowest 2%. Our returns over multi-year periods are at or above the top 25% of peer funds. Risk and return can be combined in a measure of investment efficiency called the "Sharpe Ratio", which measures the unit of return produced for the unit of risk taken. NMERB is consistently in the top 10% in peer rankings for multi-year periods in this measure.

While we have highlighted the results for the year so far, one should not place a great deal of significance on the results in a single year. The required return assumption is intended to be a target that is met on average over several years. Thus, longer term results over multiple years are of much greater significance in gauging the contribution of the NMERB investment portfolio to long-term sustainability. For these periods, results are as follows:

Investment Returns	
Period	%
3 years	4.99
5 years	8.09
10 years	7.41
Since Inception*	8.92
<i>*Since inception of reporting in July 1983.</i>	

In summary, we met our primary goal for the fiscal year, and we are meeting our goals in the long run, which is more important. As we look to the future, you can be assured that your NMERB Board of Trustees and staff will strive to continue to provide superior investment results.

Sincerely,



Bob Jacksha
Chief Investment Officer

Performance reported in this letter is based on time weighted rates of return calculated using the market value of assets as of June 30, 2024, and is presented net of investment manager fees. Performance shown for periods longer than one year has been annualized.

Recognizing NMERB's fiduciary responsibilities to the pension plan and long-term nature of the pension fund, assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan. NMERB's Investment Division seeks to diversify investment assets to both enhance returns and control risk. Over the long term, the fund's objective is to earn the actuarial rate of return of 7%.

The strategy used within the equity investment program is to build a diversified portfolio of stocks. This includes large and mid-capitalization domestic stocks, as well as international equities. Large capitalization domestic stocks are managed internally in an S&P 500 index strategy. Mid-sized capitalization domestic stocks are managed internally in an S&P 400 index strategy. These portfolios replicate all of the holdings in their respective indices. A portfolio of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) provides exposure to real estate through an equity vehicle. A portion of this exposure is obtained through an index portfolio based on the Wilshire REIT index.

Domestic investment grade fixed income securities are actively managed by internal managers. The investment grade securities include U.S. Treasury and agency, corporate, and asset-backed securities. Additional diversification is achieved through investments in an opportunistic credit allocation which incorporates high yield debt and other credit strategies in both domestic and foreign debt. The fund also has investments in other alternative investment sectors to further diversify risks. These include investments in private equity, private real estate, absolute return strategies, global tactical asset allocation, risk parity and real assets in the form of infrastructure, mining and mineral, agriculture, timber, water, and energy assets.

NMERB is authorized to invest or reinvest the fund in accordance with the Uniform Prudent Investor Act, Section 45-7-601 NMSA 1978. Key guidelines are to:

- Set a higher standard of care and prudence for investments, above and beyond the previous standard guiding principles of law;
- Apply to the trust as a whole, rather than individual investments;
- Require investment strategy to be based on suitable risk and reward strategies; and
- Require diversification unless the trustees reasonably determine it is not in the best interest of the Fund.

NMERB's investment activity is further governed by the Educational Retirement Act of New Mexico (Chapter 22, Article 11 NMSA 1978). The "prudent investor" standard, as defined by the Section 22-11-13 NMSA 1978, requires all members of the Board of Trustees and NMERB staff to discharge their duties solely in the interest of Fund participants and beneficiaries, with the care, skill, prudence and diligence they would exercise in the conduct of their own affairs.

The Board of Trustees (Trustees) relies on the Investment Committee to monitor the activities of the Investment Division. The Investment Committee is composed of three (3) Trustees appointed by the Board Chair. The Chief Investment Officer, within the parameters of state statute and investment policies established by the Trustees, uses both external and internal managers to implement NMERB's investment goals and objectives.

Asset Allocation Policy

Asset allocation is the greatest determinant of Fund performance. The Investment Committee uses the target asset allocation plan approved by NMERB's Board of Trustees to carry out its responsibilities in conjunction with analyses of the Fund's long-term liabilities. The latest analysis can be found at <https://www.erb.nm.gov/investments/>. The Investment Committee and NMERB staff regularly monitor the position of the Fund relative to the target allocations, periodically rebalancing among classes to maintain prescribed relationships. The Investment Committee reviews NMERB's investment policies annually with respect to target allocation guidelines. NMERB's Investment Policy Statement is available on NMERB's website at http://www.erb.nm.gov/investment_policies.html.

The following schedule shows the asset allocation on June 30, 2024. NMERB's board approved the policy targets in December 2022. All asset classes were within policy range as of June 30, 2024.

Schedule of Asset Allocation Versus Policy Targets

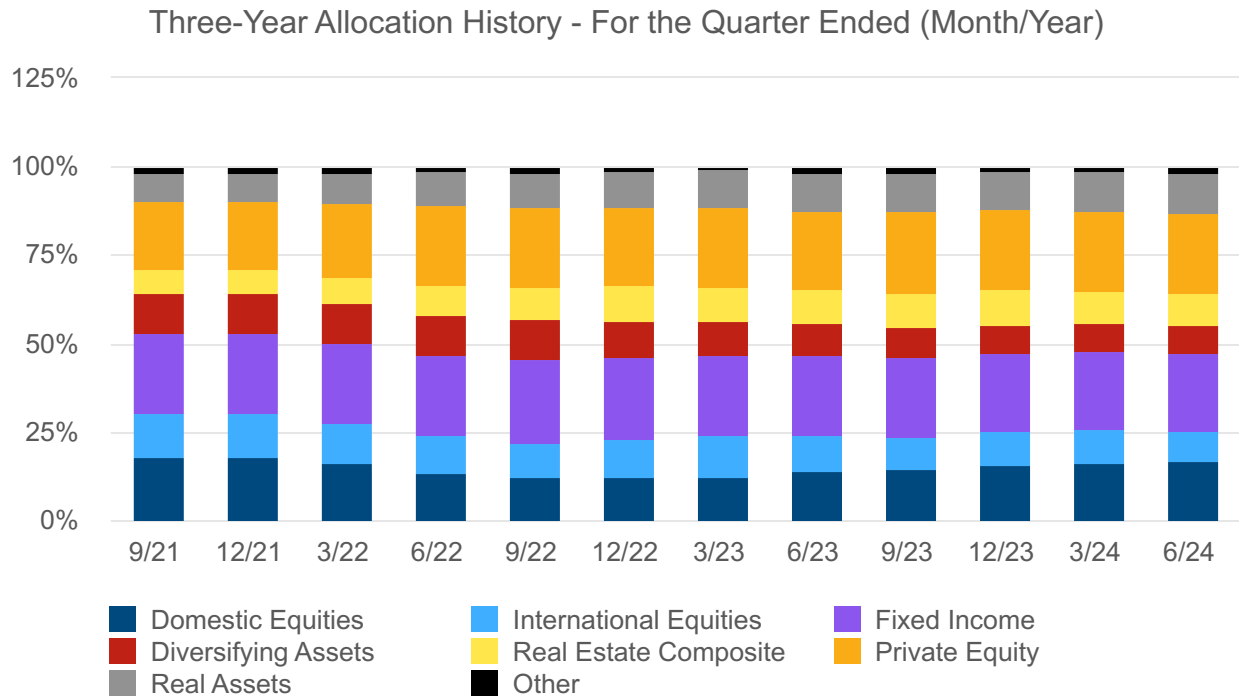
	Allocation	Policy Target ¹
Equities		
<i>Domestic Equities</i>		
Large cap equities	13.6%	15.0%
Small-mid cap equities	3.2%	4.0%
Total domestic equities	16.8%	19.0%
<i>International Equities</i>		
Developed markets	4.4%	5.0%
Emerging markets	4.5%	4.0%
Total international equities	8.9%	9.0%
Fixed Income		
Core fixed income	4.8%	6.0%
Opportunistic credit	16.9%	18.0%
Emerging markets debt	—%	—%
Total fixed income	21.7%	24.0%
Alternatives		
Global asset allocation	1.7%	2.0%
Other diversifying assets	6.3%	8.0%
REITs	0.9%	—%
Private real estate	8.3%	8.0%
Private equity	22.4%	17.0%
Inflation-linked assets	11.3%	12.0%
Total alternatives	50.9%	47.0%
Cash	1.7%	1.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

¹ Long-Term Policy Target approved by the Board in December 2022.

Notes: Allocations shown here include cash held in separately managed portfolios.

Asset Allocation Policy

The Graph below is a three-year asset allocation history on a quarterly basis that ranges from September 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024.



Investment Results

The investment performance shown in the schedules and chart below is based on time weighted rates of return calculated using the fair value of assets as of June 30, 2024. Performance shown for periods longer than one year has been annualized.

Over the past five years, the Fund returned 8.09% per annum, outperforming the policy index by 40 basis points and ranking in the 18th percentile of the Investment Metrics Public DB Funds greater than \$1 Billion universe and outperforming the actuarial assumed rate of 7.00%. The Fund's volatility was 6.8%, which ranks in the 1st percentile of its peers over this period. The Fund's risk-adjusted performance, as measured by the Sharpe Ratio, ranks in the 2nd percentile of its peers.

Over the past three years, the Fund returned 4.99% per annum, outperforming the policy index by 44 basis points and ranking in the 12th percentile of its peer group. Over the same period, the Fund's volatility ranks in the 2nd percentile of its peers, resulting in a three-year Sharpe Ratio of 0.35, which ranks in the 8th percentile.

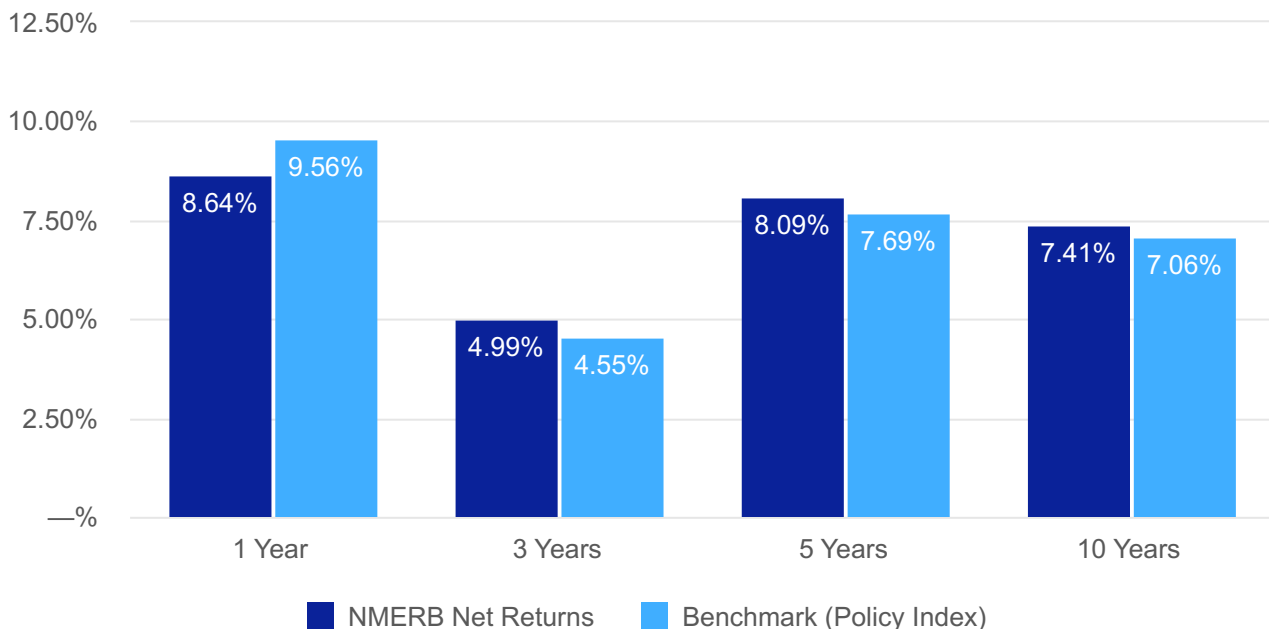
Fund Performance Summary (Net of Fees) at June 30, 2024

1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
8.64%	4.99%	8.09%	7.41%	7.82%	7.93%

Portfolio Returns and Benchmarks

The following two charts show the investment return of NMERB versus benchmarks as of June 30, 2024.

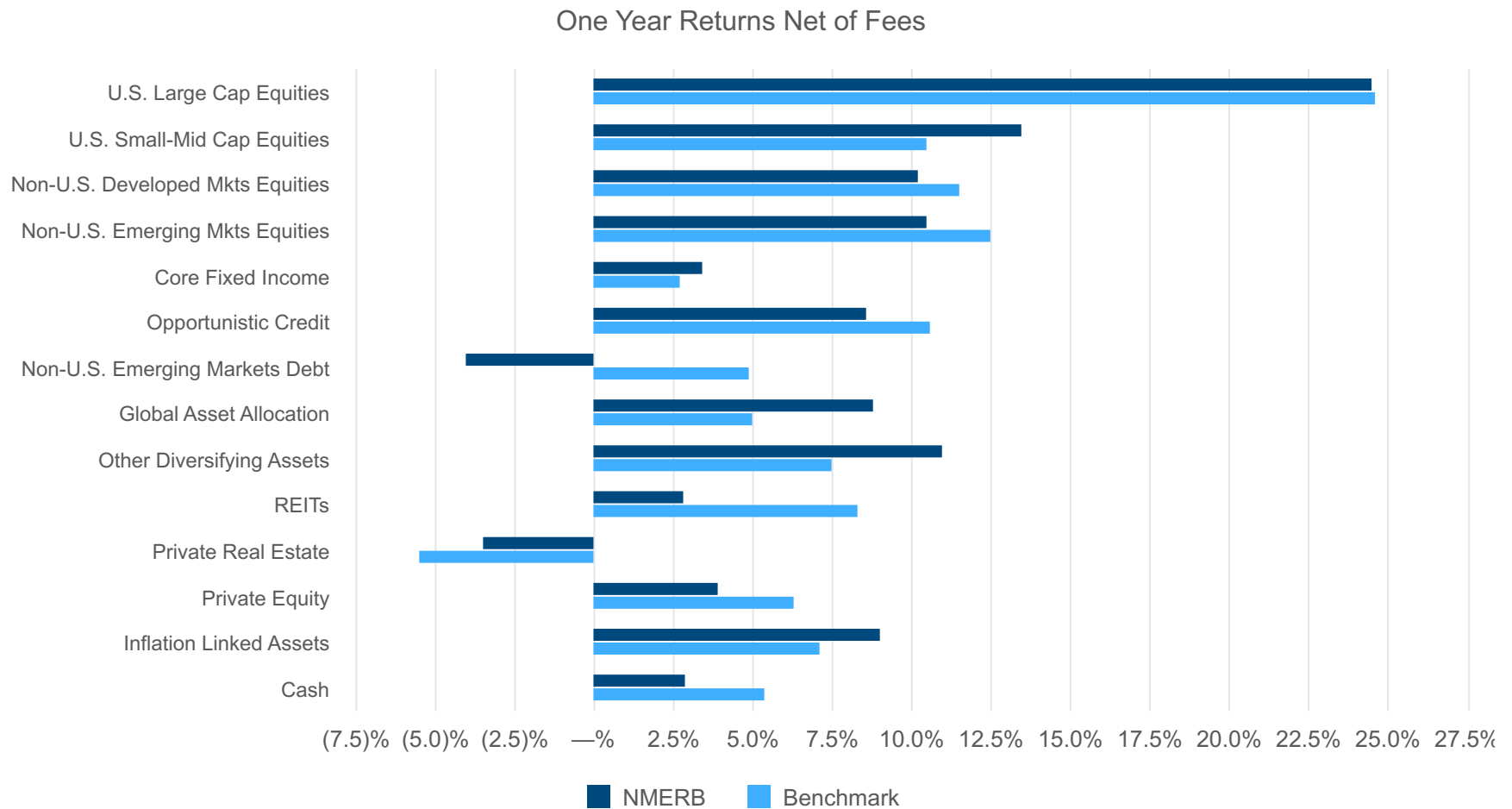
Portfolio Returns and Benchmarks



Investment Results

One-Year Returns Net of Fees

The chart below compares benchmarks to actual returns by asset type. Detailed performance figures can be found on the NMERB website at https://www.erb.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-Q2-NM-ERB-IPA_8-15-24.pdf.



Total Fund Performance Detail

A schedule of investment results is presented below. The investment results basis for calculations is a time-weighted rate of return based on the market rate of return. Performance information was obtained from the *Investment Performance Analysis For Period Ending June 30, 2024* prepared by NEPC. The complete analysis can be found at https://www.erb.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-Q2-NM-ERB-IPA_8-15-24.pdf.

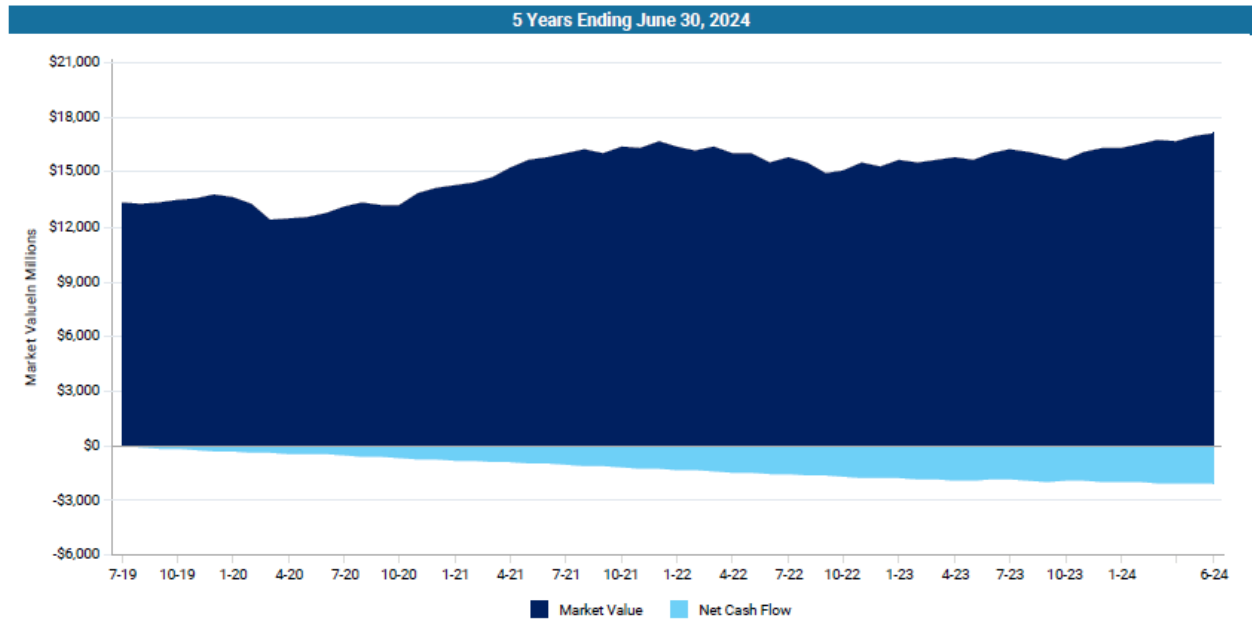
Schedule of Investment Results (Net of Fees) For the Year Ending June 30, 2024

	Fair Value	Percentage of Portfolio	Investment Results (%)					Return	Since
			1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years			
U. S. Equity	2,869,000,76	16.8	22.3	8.8	14.3	12.2	11.6	Jan-85	
U.S. Large Cap Equity	2,320,482,43	13.6	24.5	10.0	15.3	13.0	8.3	Aug-99	
U.S. Small/Mid Cap Equity	548,518,323	3.2	13.5	4.2	9.5	8.5	7.8	Aug-99	
Non-U.S. Equity	1,529,437,93	8.9	10.6	(2.6)	3.9	2.9	5.8	Jul-95	
Non-U.S. Developed Mkts Equity	757,029,687	4.4	10.2	1.9	6.2	4.1	6.0	Sep-95	
Non-U.S. Emerging Mkts Equity	772,408,251	4.5	10.5	(5.6)	2.3	2.0	5.5	Sep-00	
Fixed Income	3,707,902,49	21.7	7.4	3.8	4.7	4.8	3.3	Jan-85	
Core Fixed Income	820,678,235	4.8	3.4	-2.7	—	1.5	4.2	Dec-99	
Non-U.S. Emerging Mkt Debt	8,014	—	(4.0)	-6.2	-2.3	(0.1)	0.3	Sep-11	
Opportunistic Credit	2,887,216,24	16.9	8.6	6.2	6.4	6.1	7.7	May-08	
Diversifying Assets	1,361,739,01	8.0	10.6	1.1	3.2	3.2	5.8	Oct-09	
Global Asset Allocation	282,670,603	1.7	8.8	4.4	3.2	2.3	2.7	Nov-12	
Other Diversifying Assets	1,079,068,41	6.3	11.0	6.8	6.8	0	7.8	Feb-18	
Real Estate Composite	1,575,364,58	9.2	(2.5)	6.9	8.1	9.5	9.8	Dec-03	
Public Real Estate	147,192,559	0.9	2.8	(2.1)	2.6	4.5	7.4	Dec-03	
Private Real Estate	1,428,172,02	8.3	(3.5)	11.3	10.8	12.5	9.4	Jan-08	
Private Equity	3,851,473,50	22.5	3.9	7.5	14.1	13.6	9.1	Jun-06	
Real Assets	1,932,044,28	11.3	9.0	12.5	8.6	8.7	5.0	Jul-08	
Infrastructure	669,968,471	3.9	10.2	11.9	10.6	9.5	5.7	Jul-08	
Natural Resources	1,262,075,81	7.4	8.1	12.8	7.3	7.8	5.8	Mar-09	
Cash	213,815,663	1.2							
Legacy Assets	199,996								
Total Portfolio Return		99.6	8.6	5.0	8.1	7.4	8.9	Jul-83	

The following graph shows total fund asset growth for the three-year period ending June 30, 2024. The table that follows the graph shows total fund asset growth since NMERB's investment consultant, NEPC, began tracking investment performance in 2005. The chart and table were extracted from the *Investment Performance Analysis For Period Ending June 30, 2024* prepared by NEPC.

New Mexico Educational Retirement Board-Top Plan ASSET GROWTH SUMMARY

June 30, 2024



	Last Three Months	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since 10/1/05
Beginning Market Value	16,758,302,807	16,364,461,484	16,020,767,019	15,840,166,309	13,329,141,720	7,694,652,368
Net Cash Flow	-43,998,220	-117,002,926	-261,676,607	-1,085,860,213	-2,069,082,700	-6,035,016,076
Net Investment Change	404,354,681	871,200,711	1,359,568,857	2,362,707,932	5,856,955,009	15,459,744,481
Ending Market Value	17,118,659,269	17,118,659,269	17,118,659,269	17,118,659,269	17,118,659,269	17,118,659,269
Net Change	360,356,462	754,197,785	1,097,892,250	1,278,492,959	3,789,517,549	9,424,006,901

Schedule of Fund's Ten Largest Stock Holdings

Company Name	CUSIP No.	Number of Shares	Fair Value
Microsoft Corp.	594918104	374,447	\$ 167,359,087
Nvidia Corp	67066G104	1,244,280	153,718,351
Apple Inc.	37833100	726,864	153,092,096
Amazon.com Inc.	23135106	461,800	89,242,850
Meta Platforms Inc. Class A	30303M102	110,450	55,691,099
Alphabet Inc. CL A	02079K305	298,120	54,302,558
Alphabet Inc. CL C	02079K107	246,480	45,209,361
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. CL B	84670702	91,657	37,286,068
Eli Lilly + Co.	532457108	40,208	36,403,519
Broadcom Inc.	11135F101	22,146	35,556,067
Total			<u>\$ 827,861,056</u>

Schedule of Ten Largest Fixed Income Holdings

Security Name	CUSIP No.	Par	Fair Value
State Street Bank + Trust Co.	8611249M9	20,504,286	\$ 20,504,286
US Treasury N/B	912810SR0	25,000,000	15,383,750
US Treasury N/B	91282CAM3	15,000,000	14,143,350
STRIP Principle	912803GS6	47,000,000	13,152,950
US Treasury N/B	91282CKG5	10,000,000	9,898,000
Federal HM LN PC Pool QB1437	3133A7S26	11,353,636	9,480,059
US Treasury N/B	912828ZB9	10,000,000	9,143,800
Federal HM LN PC Pool SD 5330	3132DS4P4	8,862,544	8,966,059
FNMA Pool BF0705	3140FXYB2	9,055,427	8,546,965
CLNC 2019 FL1, LTD	12565DAC7	8,340,319	8,315,545
Total			<u>\$ 117,534,764</u>

NMERB holds on custody two fixed income portfolios: its internal domestic fixed income portfolio and its emerging market portfolio, which is separately managed. A complete list of holdings is available upon request.

Fees, Commissions and Carried Interest

Fees, commissions, and carried interest for the year ended June 30, 2024 are listed below.

Schedule of Asset Management Costs-Unaudited For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

All Asset Classes:		Description of Investments Subject to the Agreement		
Consultant	Location		Fees	
NEPC	Out of state	Total fund	\$ 499,772	
Third-party marketers		Description of Investments Subject to the Agreement	Fees, Commissions, or Retainers	
Not Applicable				
		Value of the Investment at 06/30/24	Management Fees	Performance Fees
Equities-Internal	Domestic Equity	\$ 2,869,000,761	\$ —	\$ —
Equities-External	Domestic Equity	100,444,169	647,460	—
Equities-External	Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	182,986,317	1,153,653	—
Equities-External	International Equity	1,529,431,161	6,036,273	—
Fixed Income-Internal	Domestic Fixed Income	\$ 820,678,235	\$ —	\$ —
Fixed Income-External	Domestic Fixed Income	79,768,827	776,394	—
Fixed Income-External	International Fixed Income	—	—	—
	Listed Infrastructure	—	—	—
	Commodities	—	—	—
	TIPS	—	—	—
	Other	—	—	—
		\$ 5,582,309,470	\$ 8,613,780	\$ —
For private asset classes and alternative investment classes:		Description of Investments Subject to the Agreement by Asset Class	Fees	
Consultant	Location			
Caledon Capital Management	Out of State	Real Estate	\$ 476,342	
Hamilton Lane	Out of State	Infrastructure	512,500	
Banner Ridge	Out of State	Private Equity	106,121	
NEPC	Out of State	Private Equity	107,091	
Top Tier	Out of State	Private Equity	105,687	
			\$ 1,307,741	
Third-party marketers		Description of Investments Subject to the Agreement	Fees, Commissions, or Retainers	
N/A				
Asset Class*	Brief Description of Investments	Management Fees	Carried Interest	
Global Asset Allocation	Investment Mix Targeting Diversity	\$ 4,632,027	\$ —	
Diversifying Assets	Investment Mix Targeting Diversity	45,480,145	7,245,842	
Private Equity	Investment Mix Targeting Investments			
	Not Listed on a Public Exchange	138,279,868	24,513,891	
Real Return/Real Assets	Investment Mix Targeting Real Assets	66,769,675	15,045,345	
Real Estate	Investment Mix Targeting Real Estate	68,061,695	7,599,210	
Risk Parity	Investment Mix Targeting Balanced Risk	—	—	
Opportunistic Credit	Investments Providing Capital to Borrowers	99,607,497	22,206,793	
Other	Other	—	—	
		\$ 422,830,907	\$ 76,611,081	

The next schedule provides information on profit sharing. Certain investment manager contracts, primarily in the alternative assets category, provide for the manager to earn a share of the profits from NMERB investments once certain rate of return hurdles are met. Typically, the manager's profits share is 10-20% of profits above the specified hurdle rate.

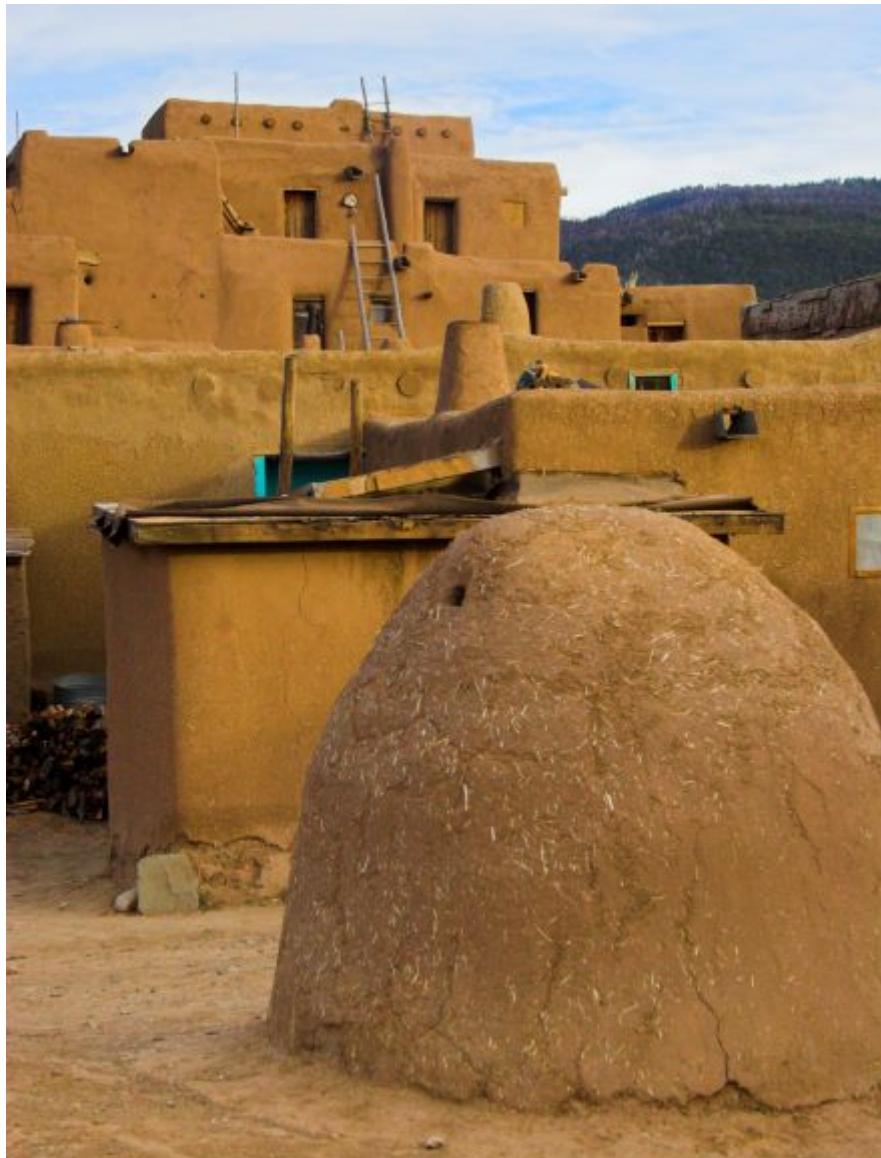
The amounts shown in the schedule below are based on profits at June 30, 2024. The profits shown are subject to change as they increase and decrease through time. Whether or not any profit share will ultimately be distributed to investment partners depends on the distribution terms of the underlying profit-sharing agreement and on profits at the time of distribution. Given this, profit share not paid cannot be estimated and accrued. NMERB does not accrue carried interest; it only reports amounts that have been paid and even those amounts can be adjusted over time. Carried interest provisions in NMERB's limited liability partnership agreements vary by manager and investment. Only reporting the amounts paid reduces the variability/volatility on a year over year basis. NMERB records profit share paid as a reduction of profits; however, the amount paid may be adjusted in subsequent years to reflect the actual profit share when profit share becomes payable to the general partners under the applicable profit-sharing agreement.

**Schedule of Investment Profit Share (Expense) by
Category of Investment for the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2024**

Category	Profit Share*
Infrastructure	\$ 1,487,923
Natural Resources	13,557,422
Diversifying Assets	7,245,842
Opportunistic Credit	22,206,793
Private Equity	24,513,891
Private Real Estate	7,599,210
Total	<u>\$ 76,611,081</u>

**Negative performance fees can result from adjustments caused by fluctuations in fair value.*

Statistical Section



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The Statistical Section provides additional historical perspective, context, and relevant details to assist readers in using information found within the fiscal year 2024 financial statements, note disclosures, and supplementary information to assess the economic condition of NMERB. This information has not been audited by NMERB's independent auditor. All non-accounting data is taken from internal NMERB sources except for information derived from the actuarial valuations and investment performance analysis, both prepared by external consultants for NMERB.

The charts and schedules in the Statistical Section are organized into two categories: Financial Trends and Demographic and Economic Information.

Summary of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

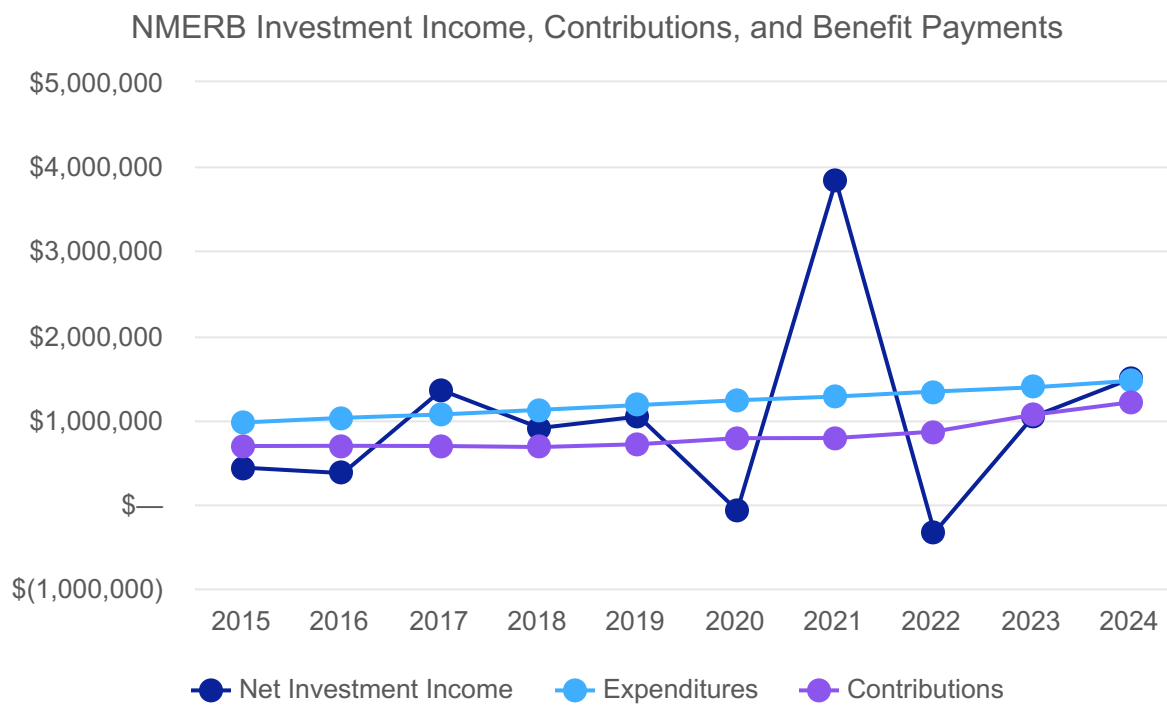
The following fiscal year tables show trend information. Unless otherwise noted, the information is derived from the annual financial reports for the relevant year.

Summary of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Last Ten Years (Dollars in Thousands)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Additions										
Contributions:										
Employer	\$750,961	\$646,939	\$501,927	\$445,655	\$444,606	\$400,577	\$382,862	\$390,010	\$391,508	\$389,767
Member	\$437,997	\$395,815	\$347,917	\$330,067	\$329,725	\$303,442	\$287,324	\$292,809	\$293,848	\$292,822
Employer ARP	\$19,423	\$15,811	\$10,017	\$7,217	\$6,950	\$5,972	\$5,862	\$5,834	\$5,480	\$5,362
Total Contributions	\$1,208,381	\$1,058,565	\$859,861	\$782,939	\$781,281	\$709,991	\$676,048	\$688,653	\$690,836	\$687,951
Investment Income:										
Interest, dividends, other	\$495,907	\$261,119	\$242,757	\$283,257	\$209,093	\$142,276	\$138,513	\$125,198	\$126,427	\$133,004
Investment expenses	\$(512,825)	\$(151,721)	\$(187,489)	\$(185,999)	\$(143,400)	\$(114,060)	\$(84,214)	\$(103,106)	\$(87,883)	\$(76,436)
Net change asset value	\$1,505,448	\$926,849	\$(392,258)	\$3,736,190	\$(141,571)	\$1,009,667	\$845,832	\$1,324,655	\$326,027	\$366,761
Net investment income	\$1,488,530	\$1,036,247	\$(336,990)	\$3,833,448	\$(75,878)	\$1,037,883	\$900,131	\$1,346,747	\$364,571	\$423,329
Other income	\$1,316	\$505	\$803	\$1,092	\$241	\$487	\$2,116	\$3,642	\$2,098	\$8,147
Total additions	\$2,698,227	\$2,095,317	\$523,674	\$4,617,479	\$705,644	\$1,748,361	\$1,578,295	\$2,039,042	\$1,057,506	\$1,119,427
Deductions										
Benefit payments, refunds	\$1,447,687	\$1,371,675	\$1,321,514	\$1,263,064	\$1,220,261	\$1,164,645	\$1,107,441	\$1,052,675	\$1,012,731	\$957,183
Administrative expense	\$14,124	\$12,551	\$12,982	\$12,088	\$10,878	\$9,326	\$9,908	\$9,848	\$9,661	\$10,598
Total deductions	\$1,461,810	\$1,384,226	\$1,334,496	\$1,275,152	\$1,231,139	\$1,173,971	\$1,117,350	\$1,062,524	\$1,022,391	\$967,781
Net increase (decrease) in net position	\$1,236,417	\$711,091	\$(810,822)	\$3,342,327	\$(525,495)	\$574,389	\$460,945	\$976,518	\$35,114	\$151,646
Net position restricted for pensions										
Beginning of the year	\$16,261,793	\$15,550,702	\$16,361,524	\$13,019,197	\$13,544,691	\$12,970,301	\$12,509,356	\$11,532,838	\$11,497,723	\$11,346,076
End of the year	\$17,498,210	\$16,261,793	\$15,550,702	\$16,361,524	\$13,019,197	\$13,544,691	\$12,970,301	\$12,509,356	\$11,532,838	\$11,497,723

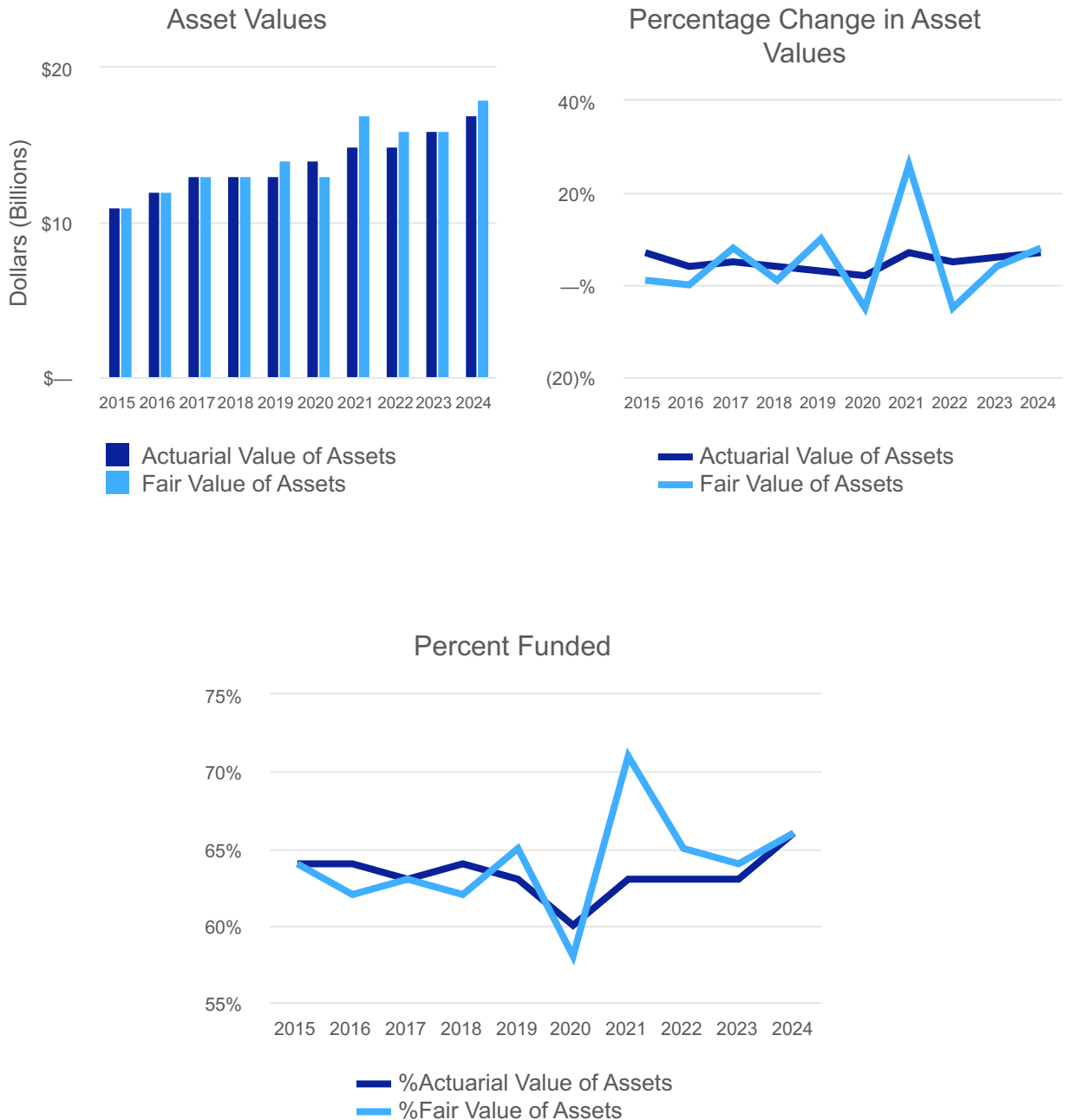
NMERB Investment Income, Contributions, and Benefit Payments

The chart shows the relationship between net investment income, benefit payments (expenditures), and contributions over the past ten years.



Asset Smoothing

The following three charts illustrate the impact of smoothing volatility in actuarial computations. Smoothing asset values reduces the year-to-year volatility of calculated results, such as the funded ratio. Accordingly, the use of smoothed asset values to determine contribution rates makes more sense than using fair fair value. It also makes more sense when the objective is long-term investment returns, which require investing in classes of assets that, by their nature, tend to be somewhat volatile in fair value.



Retirees and Beneficiaries Data

NMERB administers the Educational Employees' Retirement Plan, which was established by the New Mexico Educational Retirement Act to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for educational employees (certified teachers and other employees of the State of New Mexico's public schools, institutions of higher learning, and state agencies providing educational programs). The schedule below shows the number of retirees, total annual benefits paid to retirees, and the average monthly individual benefit paid.

Retirees and Beneficiaries Data

Fiscal Year of Retirement	Number	Total Annual Benefits	Average Monthly Benefit
2024	55,706	\$1,380,637,422	\$2,124
2023	54,774	1,317,587,813	2,079
2022	53,972	1,270,821,870	2,017
2021	52,790	1,217,645,352	1,981
2020	51,397	1,169,304,517	1,949
2019	50,197	1,122,274,311	1,921
2018	48,919	1,069,597,322	1,889
2017	47,340	1,019,330,495	1,857
2016	45,797	973,703,652	1,831
2015	44,043	920,755,421	1,819
2014	42,246	859,575,335	1,790
2013	40,310	811,665,051	1,767
2012	37,336	754,554,951	1,714
2011	35,457	701,771,592	1,669
2010	33,747	656,232,670	1,628
2009	32,496	617,705,038	1,607
2008	31,192	578,775,611	1,566
2007	29,969	650,143,723	1,523
2006	28,539	494,096,614	1,472
2005	26,100	454,983,452	1,466
2004	24,947	422,418,366	1,420
2003	24,085	396,081,755	1,376
2002	23,052	367,494,870	1,315

Number of Members Retiring

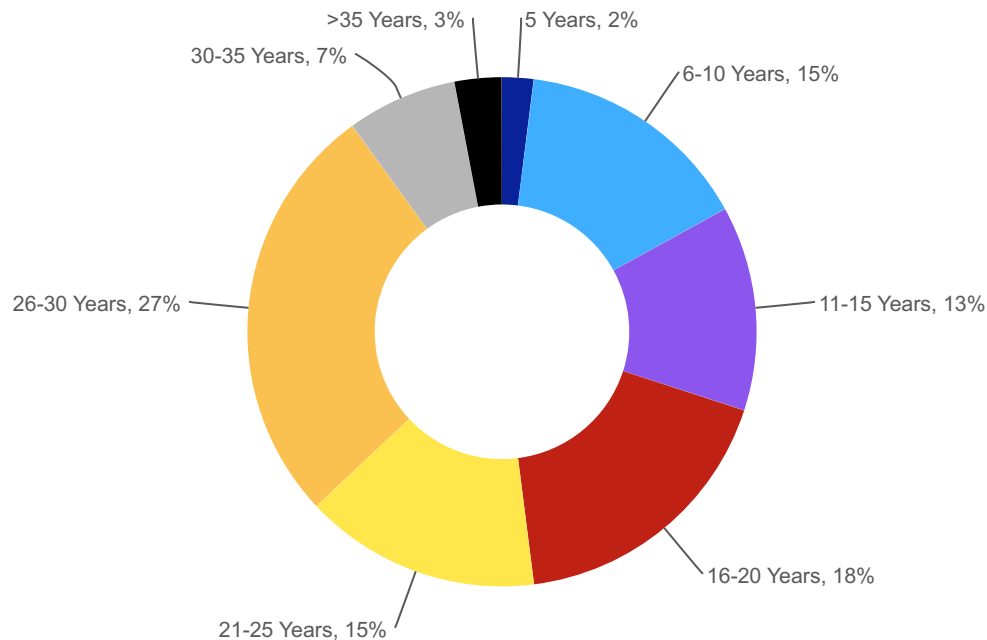
Members Retiring Last Five Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Number Retiring	2,055	1,998	2,428	2,556	2,159
Average Age at Retirement	62.7	62.6	62.4	62.2	62.5
Median Age at Retirement	63.1	63.0	63.0	62.0	63.0
Average Service Credit	19.9	19.0	18.9	20.7	19.8
Median Service Credit	20.5	19.5	19.0	21.0	20.0
Average Monthly Benefit	\$2,447	\$2,119	\$1,944	\$2,187	\$2,032
Median Monthly Benefit	\$2,070	\$1,711	\$1,540	\$1,825	\$1,612

*Does not include reciprocities and QDROs.

Years of Service at Retirement

Years of Service at Retirement Fiscal Year 2024



Average Benefit Payment New Retirees

Schedule of Average Benefit Payments New Retirees Last Five Fiscal Years

	Years of Service Credit							
	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	>35
Period 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020								
Average monthly benefit	\$ 396	\$ 682	\$ 1,131	\$ 1,630	\$ 2,364	\$ 3,381	\$ 4,177	\$ 4,865
Average Final Salary	\$ 37,864	\$ 42,547	\$ 43,757	\$ 47,758	\$ 52,320	\$ 63,143	\$ 67,512	\$ 66,550
Number of retirees	53	248	380	373	473	275	94	30
Period 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021								
Average monthly benefit	\$ 391	\$ 790	\$ 1,136	\$ 1,761	\$ 2,571	\$ 3,202	\$ 4,216	\$ 5,042
Average Final Salary	\$ 28,098	\$ 46,187	\$ 42,110	\$ 48,919	\$ 54,919	\$ 59,379	\$ 65,861	\$ 68,945
Number of retirees	133	277	494	486	669	338	110	49
Period 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022								
Average monthly benefit	\$ 399	\$ 833	\$ 1,274	\$ 1,803	\$ 2,740	\$ 3,735	\$ 4,105	\$ 5,027
Average Final Salary	\$ 26,765	\$ 44,777	\$ 44,552	\$ 48,251	\$ 57,467	\$ 66,003	\$ 63,214	\$ 64,967
Number of retirees	165	409	526	483	581	180	60	25
Period 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023								
Average monthly benefit	\$ 241	\$ 589	\$ 1,190	\$ 1,735	\$ 2,248	\$ 3,181	\$ 4,261	\$ 5,866
Average Final Salary	\$ —	\$ 40,538	\$ 50,551	\$ 49,990	\$ 54,377	\$ 63,466	\$ 71,761	\$ 80,066
Number of retirees	40	342	266	380	307	492	131	40
Period 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024								
Average monthly benefit	\$ 202	\$ 601	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,894	\$ 2,428	\$ 3,468	\$ 4,707	\$ 6,369
Average Final Salary	\$ —	\$ 45,351	\$ 53,056	\$ 57,198	\$ 59,464	\$ 68,448	\$ 78,426	\$ 88,099
Number of retirees	34	301	279	364	306	548	154	68

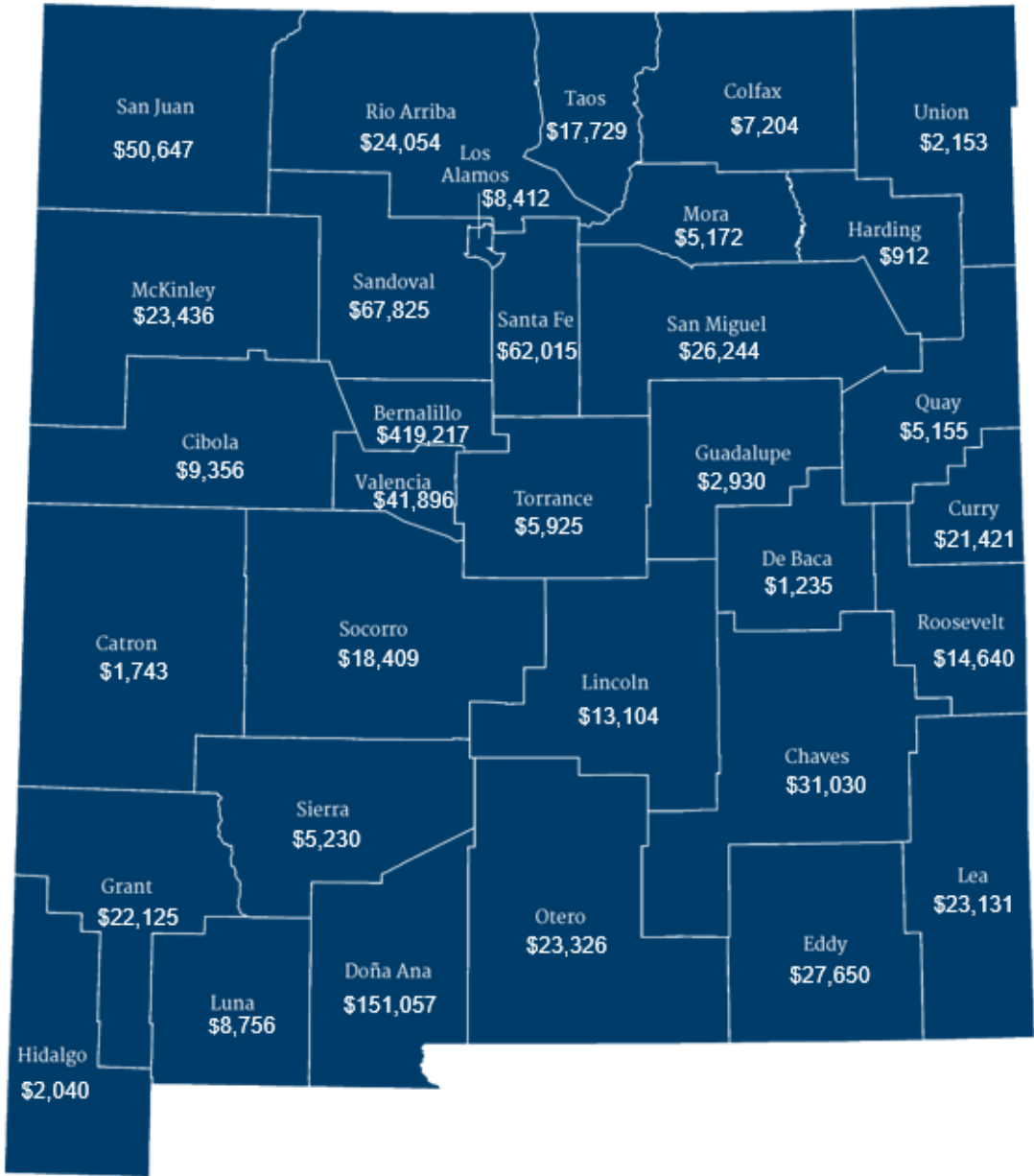
Benefit Recipients by Type of Retirement and Option Selected

Benefit Recipients by Type of Retirement and Option Selected
June 30, 2024

Amount of Monthly Benefit (\$)	Number of Benefit Recipients	Type of Retirement*		
		Straight Life Benefit (Option A)	Joint 100% Survivor Benefit (Option B)	Joint 50% Survivor Benefit (Option C)
1-250	2,246	1,244	682	320
251-500	3,846	2,420	1,019	407
501-750	4,735	3,062	1,180	493
751-1,000	4,333	2,754	1,140	439
1,001-1,250	4,241	2,599	1,142	500
1,251-1,500	3,915	2,382	1,113	420
1,501-1,750	3,842	2,369	1,076	397
1,751-2,000	3,674	2,204	1,056	414
Over 2,000	24,874	14,787	7,078	3,009
Total	<u>55,706</u>	<u>33,821</u>	<u>15,486</u>	<u>6,399</u>

* See the Financial Section of this report for an explanation of each option.

2024 Retiree Gross Benefits by New Mexico County



The direct impact of NMERB’s pension benefits ripples through New Mexico’s economy.

New Mexico Benefit Payments	\$	1,145,178,982
Outside New Mexico		235,458,440
Total Gross Benefit Payments	\$	1,380,637,422

Schedule of Membership Status

The following schedule portrays the number of members by status in the current year and in each membership level over the last ten years.

Schedule of Members by Membership Status by Fiscal Year - Last Ten Years

Status	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Active-working	62,970	61,503	59,887	58,988	61,091	60,197	60,358	59,495	60,057	60,998
Service retirees	51,119	50,331	49,592	48,421	47,093	45,988	44,796	43,282	41,771	40,140
Beneficiaries	3,849	3,692	3,615	3,591	3,491	3,378	3,279	3,218	3,189	3,071
Disability	738	751	765	778	813	831	844	840	837	832
Inactive, vested	13,480	13,669	12,648	12,215	11,513	11,436	10,621	10,581	10,219	9,513
Inactive, nonvested	40,524	41,087	40,625	39,321	39,401	39,703	36,891	36,098	34,009	31,535
Total	172,680	171,033	167,132	163,314	163,402	161,533	156,789	153,514	150,082	146,089

Average Active Members and Years of Service

Average Active Member Age and Years of Service

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Average Age	45.6	45.8	45.9	46.1	46.1
Average Years of Service	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.6
Average Annual Salary	\$61,402	\$57,730	\$52,178	\$49,576	\$48,324

The schedules on the following pages show years of credited service and average annual compensation for active members, principal employers ranked by number of employees in active status, and participating employers by New Mexico County.

Distribution of Active Members by Age and by Years of Service As of June 30, 2024

Years of Credited Service

	0	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 & Over	Total
Attained Age	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.
Under 25	772 \$30,269	949 \$35,511	432 \$35,781	129 \$33,424	42 \$38,005	27 \$37,140	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	2,351 \$33,788
25-29	735 \$40,589	1,213 \$44,327	1,096 \$46,619	723 \$50,086	489 \$51,929	713 \$53,535	8 \$53,901	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	4,977 \$47,198
30-34	615 \$45,209	1,080 \$47,937	919 \$49,266	654 \$52,168	475 \$54,555	2,166 \$61,524	389 \$66,177	3 \$39,897	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	6,301 \$54,596
35-39	620 \$43,132	1,057 \$52,215	912 \$52,943	602 \$53,535	484 \$58,459	2,180 \$60,659	1,509 \$73,930	288 \$70,420	4 \$58,815	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	\$7,656 \$59,437
40-44	446 \$47,576	816 \$52,101	767 \$51,349	519 \$55,750	457 \$60,850	2,124 \$63,166	1,510 \$73,460	1,426 \$79,582	309 \$75,627	2 \$62,432	0 \$0	0 \$0	8,376 \$64,700
45-49	314 \$52,298	642 \$51,116	602 \$49,380	399 \$55,044	284 \$58,048	1,824 \$63,541	1,464 \$76,115	1,361 \$78,374	1,273 \$83,650	184 \$80,780	0 \$0	0 \$0	8,347 \$68,619
50-54	281 \$52,684	501 \$50,103	444 \$52,590	363 \$51,360	295 \$57,056	1,485 \$60,601	1,307 \$69,746	1,380 \$74,751	1,403 \$81,459	733 \$88,150	69 \$80,102	1 \$101,761	8,262 \$68,696
55-59	237 \$48,413	489 \$53,317	420 \$50,685	264 \$53,033	227 \$56,613	1,298 \$57,444	1,103 \$68,837	1,207 \$69,882	1,130 \$73,886	628 \$80,866	231 \$86,102	33 \$77,137	7,267 \$65,671
60-64	172 \$51,965	283 \$52,414	305 \$48,678	211 \$52,851	199 \$60,546	1,169 \$57,714	880 \$65,519	832 \$68,376	747 \$70,295	468 \$75,349	228 \$79,799	111 \$83,549	5,605 \$64,063
65 & Over	152 \$41,667	227 \$45,235	250 \$39,706	141 \$48,561	158 \$54,922	836 \$51,892	627 \$67,286	443 \$64,497	395 \$69,294	249 \$67,958	188 \$92,104	162 \$103,255	3,828 \$61,267
Total	4,344 \$43,033	7,257 \$47,683	6,147 \$48,582	4,005 \$52,037	3,110 \$56,559	13,822 \$60,059	8,797 \$71,277	6,940 \$73,993	5,261 \$77,504	2,264 \$80,641	716 \$85,092	307 \$93,318	62,970 \$61,402

Principal Employers Ranked by Number of Employees in Active Status

Fiscal Year Ended

Employer Name	June 30, 2024		June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022		June 30, 2021		June 30, 2020		June 30, 2019		June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017		June 30, 2016		June 30, 2015	
Albuquerque Public Schools	10,934	18%	10,853	18%	10,960	18%	11,173	18%	11,772	19%	11,670	19%	11,571	19%	11,598	19%	11,797	20%	11,802	19%
University of New Mexico	7,048	11%	6,791	11%	6,536	11%	6,486	11%	6,568	11%	6,661	11%	6,719	11%	6,833	11%	6,629	11%	7,081	12%
New Mexico State University	3,472	6%	3,367	5%	3,231	5%	3,286	5%	3,494	6%	3,478	6%	3,780	6%	3,693	6%	3,716	6%	4,294	7%
Las Cruces Public Schools	3,290	5%	3,192	5%	3,086	5%	3,059	5%	3,211	5%	3,099	5%	3,043	5%	2,977	5%	2,856	5%	3,052	5%
Rio Rancho Public Schools	1,969	3%	2,032	3%	1,995	3%	2,045	3%	2,145	3%	1,958	3%	2,037	3%	2,055	3%	1,855	3%	2,077	3%
Gadsden Independent Schools	1,937	3%	1,956	3%	1,967	3%	1,908	3%	1,943	3%	1,877	3%	1,853	3%	1,867	3%	1,897	3%	1,891	3%
Central New Mexico Community College	1,655	3%	1,624	3%	1,587	3%	1,606	3%	1,687	3%	1,619	3%	1,675	3%	1,570	3%	1,655	3%	1,969	3%
Santa Fe Public Schools	1,499	2%	1,545	3%	1,581	3%	1,577	3%	1,701	3%	1,604	3%	1,619	3%	1,682	3%	1,649	3%	1,614	3%
Gallup McKinley County Schools	1,444	2%	1,355	2%	1,388	2%	1,433	2%	1,563	3%	1,529	2%	1,586	3%	1,624	3%	1,594	3%	1,730	3%
Farmington Public Schools	1,302	2%	1,350	2%	1,319	2%	1,307	2%	1,331	2%	1,329	2%	1,276	2%	1,319	2%	1,291	2%	1,289	2%
All other active employees	28,420	45%	27,484	45%	26,237	43%	25,108	41%	25,676	43%	25,534	42%	25,199	40%	24,277	41%	25,118	39%	24,199	39%
Total	62,970	100%	61,549	100%	59,887	97%	58,988	96%	61,091	100%	60,358	97%	60,358	97%	59,495	100%	60,057	98%	60,998	99%

Participating New Mexico Employer by County

County	Employer Name	Category	Employer
Bernalillo County	ABQ Charter Academy	Charter School	2340
Bernalillo County	ABQ Institute for Math and Science	Charter School	2341
Bernalillo County	ABQ Talent Development Academy	Charter School	2361
Bernalillo County	Ace Leadership High School	Charter School	2390
Bernalillo County	ACES Technical Charter School	Charter School	02441
Bernalillo County	Albuquerque Collegiate School	Charter School	2435
Bernalillo County	Albuquerque Public Schools	Public School	2003
Bernalillo County	Albuquerque School of Excellence	Charter School	2412
Bernalillo County	Alice King Community School	Charter School	2356
Bernalillo County	Altura Preparatory School	Charter School	2434
Bernalillo County	Amy Biehl Charter High	Charter School	2303
Bernalillo County	Central New Mexico Community College	Universities and Colleges	2123
Bernalillo County	Central Regional Ed Coop	State Agency	2150
Bernalillo County	Cesar Chavez Community School	Charter School	2336
Bernalillo County	Christine Duncan Community School	Charter School	2353
Bernalillo County	Cien Aguas International School	Charter School	2367
Bernalillo County	Coral Community Charter School	Charter School	2421
Bernalillo County	Corrales International School	Charter School	2363
Bernalillo County	Cottonwood Classical Prep School	Charter School	2364
Bernalillo County	Digital Arts and Technology Academy	Charter School	2350
Bernalillo County	East Mountain High School	Charter School	2304
Bernalillo County	El Camino Real Academy	Charter School	2323
Bernalillo County	Explore Academy	Charter School	2432
Bernalillo County	Gilbert L. Sena Charter High School	Charter School	2339
Bernalillo County	Gordon Bernell Charter School	Charter School	2362
Bernalillo County	Health Leadership High School	Charter School	2430
Bernalillo County	Horizon Academy West	Charter School	2327
Bernalillo County	La Academia de Esperanza	Charter School	2329
Bernalillo County	La Promesa Early Learning Center	Charter School	2343
Bernalillo County	Los Puentes Charter School	Charter School	2322
Bernalillo County	Media Arts Collaborative Charter	Charter School	2365
Bernalillo County	Mission Achievement & Success Charter	Charter School	2425
Bernalillo County	Montessori Elementary	Charter School	2351
Bernalillo County	Montessori Rio Grande Charter	Charter School	2334
Bernalillo County	Mountain Mahogany Community	Charter School	2342
Bernalillo County	Native American Community Charter	Charter School	2354
Bernalillo County	New Mexico Activities Association	State Agency	2148
Bernalillo County	North Valley Academy	Charter School	2328
Bernalillo County	Nuestros Valores Charter	Charter School	2311
Bernalillo County	Public Academy for Performing Arts	Charter School	2320
Bernalillo County	Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts	Charter School	2445

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Bernalillo County	Robert F Kennedy Charter	Charter School	2318
Bernalillo County	Roots and Wings Community School	Charter School	2313
Bernalillo County	SAHQ Academy	Charter School	2403
Bernalillo County	Siembra Leadership High School	Charter School	2433
Bernalillo County	Solare Collegiate Charter	Charter School	2440
Bernalillo County	South Valley Academy	Charter School	2309
Bernalillo County	South Valley Preparatory School	Charter School	2396
Bernalillo County	Southwest Aeronautics Mathematics & Science	Charter School	2420
Bernalillo County	Southwest Primary Learning Center	Charter School	2346
Bernalillo County	Southwest Secondary Learning	Charter School	2310
Bernalillo County	Tech Leadership High School	Charter School	2394
Bernalillo County	The Albuquerque Sign Language Academy	Charter School	2402
Bernalillo County	The Great Academy	Charter School	2413
Bernalillo County	The Int'l School at Mesa del Sol	Charter School	2368
Bernalillo County	The New America School	Charter School	2366
Bernalillo County	The New Mexico International School	Charter School	2414
Bernalillo County	Tierra Adentro of New Mexico	Charter School	2370
Bernalillo County	Twenty-First Century Charter	Charter School	2308
Bernalillo County	University Hospital	Special School	2295
Bernalillo County	University of New Mexico	Universities and Colleges	2095
Bernalillo County	Voz Collegiate Preparatory Charter School	Charter	02442
Bernalillo County	William W. & Josephine Dorn Charter	Charter School	2417
Catron County	Quemado	Public School	28084
Catron County	Reserve Independent Schools	Public School	28085
Chaves County	Dexter Consolidated Schools	Public School	4008
Chaves County	Hagerman Municipal Schools	Public School	4009
Chaves County	Lake Arthur Municipal Schools	Public School	4010
Chaves County	New Mexico Military Institute	Special School	4097
Chaves County	Roswell Independent Schools	Public School	4011
Chaves County	Sidney Gutierrez Middle Charter	Charter School	4317
Colfax County	Cimarron Municipal Schools	Public School	9027
Colfax County	High Plains Reg Ed Coop	State Agency	9150
Colfax County	Maxwell Municipal Schools	Public School	9028
Colfax County	Moreno Valley High School	Charter School	9324
Colfax County	Raton Public Schools	Public School	9029
Colfax County	Springer Municipal Schools	Public School	9030
Curry County	Clovis Community College	Universities and Colleges	5011
Curry County	Clovis Municipal Schools	Public School	5012
Curry County	Grady Municipal Schools	Public School	5013
Curry County	Melrose Schools	Public School	5014
Curry County	Regional Education Coop #6	State Agency	5016
Curry County	Texico Municipal Schools	Public School	5015
De Baca County	Fort Sumner Municipal Schools	Public School	27083

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Doña Ana County	Alma d'Arte Charter	Charter School	7335
Doña Ana County	Gadsden Independent Schools	Public School	7021
Doña Ana County	Hatch Valley Municipal Schools	Public School	7022
Doña Ana County	J Paul Taylor Academy	Charter School	7420
Doña Ana County	La Academia Dolores Huerta	Charter School	7337
Doña Ana County	Las Cruces Public Schools	Public School	7023
Doña Ana County	Las Montanas Charter School	Charter School	7338
Doña Ana County	New America School-Las Cruces	Charter School	7421
Doña Ana County	New Mexico State University	Universities and Colleges	7098
Doña Ana County	Raices Del Saber Xinachtli Community School	Charter School	7445
Eddy County	Artesia Public Schools	Public School	3004
Eddy County	Carlsbad Municipal Schools	Public School	3005
Eddy County	Jefferson Montessori Academy	Charter School	3321
Eddy County	Loving Municipal Schools	Public School	3006
Eddy County	Pecos Connections Academy	Charter School	3433
Eddy County	Southeast New Mexico College	Universities and Colleges	3010
Grant County	Aldo Leopold High School	Charter School	8347
Grant County	Cobre Consolidated Schools	Public School	8024
Grant County	Silver Consolidated Schools	Public School	8026
Grant County	Western New Mexico University	Universities and Colleges	8099
Guadalupe County	Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools	Public School	24072
Guadalupe County	Vaughn Municipal Schools	Public School	24073
Harding County	Mosquero Municipal Schools	Public School	31091
Harding County	Roy Municipal Schools	Public School	31092
Hidalgo County	Animas Public Schools	Public School	23121
Hidalgo County	Lordsburg Municipal Schools	Public School	23070
Lea County	Eunice Public Schools	Public School	6016
Lea County	Hobbs Municipal Schools	Public School	6017
Lea County	Jal Public Schools	Public School	6018
Lea County	Lovington Municipal Schools	Public School	6019
Lea County	New Mexico Junior College	Universities and Colleges	6124
Lea County	Regional Education Coop #7	State Agency	6150
Lea County	Tatum Municipal Schools	Public School	6020
Lincoln County	Capitan Municipal Schools	Public School	26077
Lincoln County	Carrizozo Municipal Schools	Public School	26078
Lincoln County	Corona Public Schools	Public School	26079
Lincoln County	Hondo Valley Public Schools	Public School	26080
Lincoln County	Regional Education Coop IX	State Agency	26150
Lincoln County	Ruidoso Municipal Schools	Public School	26081
Los Alamos County	Los Alamos Schools	Public School	32093
Luna County	Deming Cesar Chavez	Charter School	19301
Luna County	Deming Public Schools	Public School	19059
McKinley County	Dzil Ditl' Ooi School for Empowerment	Charter School	13437

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McKinley County	Gallup McKinley City Schools	Public School	13041
McKinley County	Hozho Academy	Charter School	13436
McKinley County	Middle College High School	Charter School	13369
McKinley County	Six Directions Indigenous School	Charter School	13438
McKinley County	Zuni Public-School District	Public School	13142
Mora County	Mora Independent Schools	Public School	30089
Mora County	Wagon Mound Public Schools	Public School	30090
Otero County	Alamogordo Public Schools	Public School	15046
Otero County	Cloudcroft Municipal Schools	Public School	15047
Otero County	New Mexico School for the Blind & Visually	Special School	15104
Otero County	Tularosa Municipal Schools	Public School	15049
Quay County	House Municipal Schools	Public School	10119
Quay County	Logan Municipal Schools	Public School	10120
Quay County	Mesalands Community College	Universities and Colleges	10141
Quay County	San Jon Schools	Public School	10032
Quay County	Tucumcari Municipal Schools	Public School	10033
Rio Arriba County	Chama Valley Schools	Public School	17126
Rio Arriba County	Dulce Independent Schools	Public School	17115
Rio Arriba County	Espanola Public Schools	Public School	17054
Rio Arriba County	McCurdy Charter School	Charter School	17424
Rio Arriba County	Mesa Vista Consolidated Schools	Public School	17127
Rio Arriba County	Northern New Mexico Community College	Universities and Colleges	17105
Roosevelt County	Dora Consolidated Schools	Public School	11117
Roosevelt County	Eastern New Mexico University-Portales	Universities and Colleges	11101
Roosevelt County	Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Universities and Colleges	11102
Roosevelt County	Elida Municipal Schools	Public School	11034
Roosevelt County	Floyd Municipal Schools	Public School	11118
Roosevelt County	Portales Municipal Schools	Public School	11035
San Juan County	Aztec Municipal Schools	Public School	16050
San Juan County	Bloomfield Schools	Public School	16051
San Juan County	Central Consolidated Schools	Public School	16053
San Juan County	Dream Dine' Charter School	Charter School	16359
San Juan County	Farmington Municipal Schools	Public School	16052
San Juan County	Mosaic Academy Charter	Charter School	16356
San Juan County	San Juan College	Universities and Colleges	16155
San Miguel County	Las Vegas City Schools	Public School	12037
San Miguel County	Luna Community College	Universities and Colleges	12128
San Miguel County	New Mexico Highlands University	Universities and Colleges	12102
San Miguel County	Northeast Rec	State Agency	12151
San Miguel County	Pecos Independent Schools	Public School	12039
San Miguel County	Pecos Valley Rec #8	State Agency	12150
San Miguel County	Rio Gallinas School	Charter School	12326
San Miguel County	West Las Vegas Schools	Public School	12038

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Sandoval County	Bernalillo Public Schools	Public School	29086
Sandoval County	Cuba Independent Schools	Public School	29087
Sandoval County	Explore Academy – Rio Rancho	Charter School	29125
Sandoval County	Jemez Mountain School District	Public School	29122
Sandoval County	Jemez Valley Public Schools	Public School	29088
Sandoval County	NW Regional Education Cooperative #2	State Agency	29150
Sandoval County	Rio Rancho Public Schools	Public School	29123
Sandoval County	San Diego Riverside Charter	Charter School	29305
Sandoval County	Sandoval Academy of Bilingual Education	Charter School	29303
Sandoval County	The Ask Academy	Charter School	29408
Sandoval County	Walatowa	Charter School	29330
Santa Fe County	Academy for Technology & The Classics	Charter School	1301
Santa Fe County	DFA	State Agency	1341
Santa Fe County	Monte Del Sol Charter School	Charter School	1306
Santa Fe County	New Mexico Connections	Charter School	1418
Santa Fe County	New Mexico School for the Arts	Charter School	1416
Santa Fe County	New Mexico School for The Deaf	Special School	1094
Santa Fe County	Pojoaque Valley Schools	Public School	1001
Santa Fe County	Santa Fe Community College	Universities and Colleges	1003
Santa Fe County	Santa Fe Public Schools	Public School	1002
Santa Fe County	The Masters Program	Charter School	1398
Santa Fe County	Thrive Community School	Charter School	1425
Santa Fe County	Tierra Encantada Charter High	Charter School	1343
Santa Fe County	Turquoise Trail Charter School	Charter School	1315
Sierra County	Southwest Rec #10	State Agency	21150
Sierra County	Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools	Public School	21063
Socorro County	Cottonwood Valley Charter	Charter School	25319
Socorro County	Magdalena Municipal Schools	Public School	25075
Socorro County	NM Institute of Mining & Tech	Universities and Colleges	25106
Socorro County	Socorro Consolidated Schools	Public School	25076
Taos County	Anansi Charter School	Charter School	20316
Taos County	Penasco Independent Schools	Public School	20060
Taos County	Questa Independent Schools	Public School	20125
Taos County	Red River Valley Charter	Charter School	20312
Taos County	Taos Academy Charter School	Charter School	20265
Taos County	Taos Integrated School of the Arts	Charter School	20415
Taos County	Taos International School	Charter School	20435
Taos County	Taos Municipal Charter School	Charter School	20307
Taos County	Taos Municipal Schools	Public School	20062
Taos County	Vista Grande High School	Charter School	20317
Torrance County	Estancia Municipal Schools	Public School	22065
Torrance County	Estancia Valley Classical Academy	Charter School	22201
Torrance County	Moriarty-Edgewood School District	Public School	22066

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Torrance County	Mountainair Public Schools	Public School	22067
Union County	Clayton Municipal Schools	Public School	18056
Union County	Des Moines Municipal Schools	Public School	18057
Valencia County	Belen Consolidated Schools	Public School	14043
Valencia County	Grants-Cibola County Schools	Public School	14044
Valencia County	Los Lunas Schools	Public School	14045
Valencia County	School of Dreams Academy	Charter School	14366

Glossary of Acronyms

AC – Audit Committee

The NMERB AC is a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees charged with oversight of the financial and internal controls of the agency.

ARC – Annual Required Contribution

The employer's periodic contributions, expressed as a dollar amount or a percentage of covered plan compensation, determined under GASB 25. The ARC consists of the Employer Normal Cost and the Amortization Payment.

ARP – Alternative Retirement Plan

NMERB's ARP is a Defined Contribution Plan offered at colleges and universities. Under the provisions of this Plan participating Employers remit 7.25% of the annual employee's gross salary to NMERB. The balance of the employer and employee contributions are remitted to the ARP vendor and credited to the participants' accounts.

BOT – Board of Trustees

The BOT is composed of nine members. The Educational Retirement Act defines the composition of the BOT in Section 22-11-3 NMSA, 1978; duties and powers of the BOT are addressed in Sections 22-11-4 through 22-11-14.

ACFR – Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

U.S. government financial statements comprising the financial report of a state, municipal, or other governmental entity that complies with the accounting requirements promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. GASB provides standards for the content of an ACFR in its annually updated publication *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*.

COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

All retired members and beneficiaries receiving benefits receive an automatic adjustment in their benefit.

DBP – Defined Benefit Plan

A DBP plan is a pension plan in which a sponsor promises a specified monthly benefit on retirement that is predetermined by a formula based on the employee's earnings history, tenure of service and age, rather than depending directly on individual investment returns.

DCP – Defined Contribution Plan

DCP is a retirement plan in which the employer, employee or both make contributions on a regular basis. Individual accounts are set up for participants and benefits are based on the amounts credited to these accounts plus any investment earnings on the money in the account.

DFA – New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration

DFA is the fiscal agency in New Mexico charged with the mission to provide budgetary and fiscal oversight for State agencies.

DR/BCF – Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plan

A DR/BCF is a documented process or set of procedures intended to recover and protect the information technology infrastructure in the event of a disaster.

ENC – 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.

NMERB – New Mexico Educational Retirement Board

NMERB is the agency of the State of New Mexico which administers the Educational Retirement Plan.

GASB – Government Accounting Standards Board

GASB is the independent organization that establishes and improves standards of accounting and financial reporting for U.S. state and local governments.

GFOA – Government Finance Officers Association

GFOA is a professional membership organization open to those whose career, studies, or interests involve government financial management. The organization established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program to ensure users of governmental financial statements have the information they need to assess the health of participating governments.

GL – General Ledger

A GL is the complete record of financial transactions over the life of the entity, holding the account information needed to prepare financial statements.

IC – Investment Committee

The NMERB IC is a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees charged with oversight of the investment function of the Plan.

IPA – Independent Public Accountant

The IPA is the certified public accounting firm used to audit the agency's books and records.

MD&A – Management Discussion and Analysis

MD&A is required supplementary information in an entity's annual report that introduces the financial statements and provides an analytical overview of financial activities.

NAV – Net Asset Value

NAV is the value of an entity's assets minus the value of its liabilities.

NCPERS – National Conference on Public Retirement Systems

NCPERS is the largest trade association for public sector pension funds, representing more than 500 funds throughout the United States and Canada.

NCTR – National Council on Teacher Retirement

The NCTR is an independent organization dedicated to safeguarding the integrity of public retirement systems in the United States and its territories to which teachers belong and to promoting the rights and benefits of all present and future members of the systems.

NMAC – New Mexico Administrative Code

The NMAC represents the administrative laws of the State of New Mexico.

NMSA - New Mexico Statutes Annotated

The NMSA represents state statutes enacted by legislation.

NPL – Net Pension Liability

The NPL is the amount by which the total pension liability exceeds the pension plan's net assets.

PPCC – Pension Planning Coordinating Council

The PPCC is a coalition of three national associations that represent public retirement systems and administrators: National Association of State Retirement Administrators, National Council on Teacher Retirement, and National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems.

TPL – Total Pension Liability

The TPL is the total actuarial value of projected pension benefits attributable to past periods of employee service.

UAAL – Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability

The UAAL is the difference between accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets accumulated to finance an obligation, expressed in dollar amounts.

VD – Valuation Date, or Actuarial Valuation Date

The VD is the date as of which the value of the 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.

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