Hampshire County Retirement System

Independent Auditors' Report and Management's Schedule of Employer Allocations and Schedule of Pension Amounts
By Employer

December 31, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Retirement Board of Hampshire County Retirement System Northampton, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying schedule of employer allocations of Hampshire County Retirement System as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the schedule. We have also audited the total for all entities of the columns titled net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense (specified column totals) included in the accompanying schedule of pension amounts by employer of Hampshire County Retirement System as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the schedule.

Management's Responsibility for the Schedules

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on the schedule of employer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule of employer allocations and specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the schedule of employer allocations and specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the schedule of employer allocations and specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the schedule of employer allocations and specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer 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 the entity's internal control.

Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting polices used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the schedule of employer allocations and specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the employer allocations and net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense for the total of all participating entities for Hampshire County Retirement System, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of Hampshire County Retirement System as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and our report thereon, dated September 06, 2019, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Restriction on Use

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of Hampshire County Retirement System management, Retirement Board, Hampshire County Retirement System employers and their auditors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Portland, Maine September 06, 2019

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS AS OF AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

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	Actual	Employer
	Employer	Allocation
Employer	Contributions	Percentage
Hampshire Council of Governments	\$ 282,659	1.25081%
Town of Amherst	6,211,314	27.48614%
Amherst Housing Authority	189,499	0.83857%
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District	1,358,348	6.01092%
Town of Belchertown	2,907,783	12.86744%
Belchertown Housing Authority	30,848	0.13651%
Belchertown Water District	41,866	0.18526%
Town of Chesterfield	83,732	0.37053%
Chesterfield/Goshen Regional School District	81,529	0.36078%
Town of Cummington	57,291	0.25352%
Foothills Health District	13,221	0.05851%
Gateway Regional School District	568,500	2.51571%
Town of Goshen	70,511	0.31202%
Town of Granby	980,077	4.33701%
Granby Housing Authority	28,645	0.12676%
Town of Hadley	1,105,022	4.88991%
Hadley Housing Authority	8,815	0.03901%
Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority	6,610	0.02925%
Hampshire County Regional School District	485,682	2.14923%
Town of Hatfield	583,924	2.58396%
Hatfield Housing Authority	13,221	0.05851%
Town of Huntington	105,436	0.46657%
Town of Middlefield	48,477	0.21452%
Town of Pelham	185,093	0.81907%
Town of Plainfield	70,511	0.31202%
Quabbin Health District	58,870	0.26051%
South Hadley Fire District #1	555,279	2.45720%
South Hadley Fire District #2	229,162	1.01408%
Town of South Hadley	2,869,344	12.69734%
South Hadley Housing Authority	57,291	0.25352%
So Hadley-Granby-Easthampton Veterans District	15,424	0.06825%
Town of Southampton	745,799	3.30029%
Town of Ware	1,900,394	8.40957%
Ware Housing Authority	56,311	0.24919%
Town of Westhampton	200,517	0.88732%
Town of Williamsburg	276,992	1.22574%
Town of Worthington	113,996	0.50445%
Total	\$ 22,597,993	100.00000%

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER AS OF AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

					Changes in					Changes in				
			Difference		Proportion and			Difference		Proportion and				
			Between		Differences			Between		Differences				
			Projected and		Between			Projected and		Between				
		Differences	Actual		Employer	Total	Differences	Actual		Employer	Total		NetAmortization	
		Between	Investment		Contributions	Deferred	Between	Investment		Contributions	Deferred	Proportionate	Jo	Total
	December 31, 2018	Expected	Earnings on	Changes	and Proportionate	Outflows	Expected	Earnings on	Changes	and Proportionate	Inflows	Share of Plan	Deferred Amounts	Employer
	Net Pension	and Actual	Pension Plan	Jo	Share of	of	and Actual	Pension Plan	Jo	Share of	Jo	Pension	from Changes in	Pension
Employer	Liability	Experience	Investments	Assumptions	Contributions	Resources	Experience	Investments	Assumptions	Contributions	Resources	Expense	Proportion	Expense
Hampshire Council of Governments	\$ 2.697.437	49	\$ 388.624	\$ 85,548	\$ 200.343	\$ 674.515	\$ 26.235	\$ 169,347	\$ 88.210	\$ 69,023	\$ 352.815	\$ 349.719	\$ (1.127)	348,592
Town of Amherst	59.275.288		8.539.893	1.879.899	1.212.815	11.632.607	576.505	3.721.347	1.938.399	247.266	6.483.517	7.684.972	137.704	7.822.676
Amherst Housing Authority	1.808.420	•	260,542	57.354	228,956	546,852	17.588	113,534	59,138	134,011	324,271	234,459	(1.584)	232.875
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District	12.962.861	•	1.867.581	411,114	170,755	2 449 450	126.075	813.818	423.906	21.317	1.385.116	1.680.619	18981	1,699,600
Town of Belchertown	27,749,303	•	3,997,889	880,062	282,706	5.160,657	269.887	1.742.122	907.446	165.134	3.084.589	3,597,664	(5,370)	3,592,294
Belchertown Housing Authority	294,391		42.413	9,337	40.716	92.466	2.863	18,482	9,627		30.972	38,167	24,109	62.276
Belchertown Water District	399.523	•	57.560	12.671	38.493	108.724	3.886	25.082	13.065	68.647	110.680	51.798	3.860	55,658
Town of Chesterfield	799.067		115,123	25,342	45,313	185.778	7.772	50,166	26.131	63,691	147,760	103,598	(18,482)	85.116
Chesterfield/Goshen Regional School District	778,041		112,094	24,675	68,316	205,085	7,567	48,846	25,443	75,405	157,261	100,872	(9,506)	91,366
Town of Cumminaton	546,729	'	78,768	17,339	82.236	178,343	5.317	34,324	17,879	6,384	63,904	70,883	10,468	81,351
Foothills Health District	126,180		18,179	4,002	17,784	39,965	1,227	7,922	4,126		13,275	16,359	6.324	22,683
Gateway Regional School District	5,425,259	'	781,626	172,061		953,687	52,765	340,602	177,415	446,172	1,016,954	703,378	(152,492)	550,886
Town of Goshen	672,887	•	96,944	21,340	57,722	176,006	6,544	42,244	22,004	33,881	104,673	87,239	2,845	90,084
Town of Granby	9,352,987		1,347,501	296,628	133,218	1,777,347	996'06	587,187	305,858	284,113	1,268,124	1,212,604	(78,821)	1,133,783
Granby Housing Authority	273,365	'	39,384	8,670	672	48,726	2,659	17,162	8,939	1,103	29,863	35,441	(-)	35,434
Town of Hadley	10,545,345	•	1,519,286	334,443	379,831	2,233,560	102,563	662,044	344,850	270,170	1,379,627	1,367,191	25,149	1,392,340
Hadley Housing Authority	84,127	•	12,120	2,668	218	15,006	818	5,282	2,751	342	9,193	10,907	•	10,907
Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority	63,079		880'6	2,001	13,147	24,236	614	3,960	2,063	16,133	22,770	8,178	(20)	8,158
Hampshire County Regional School District	4,634,926		667,762	146,995	28,070	842,827	45,079	290,984	151,569	148,210	635,842	600,913	(6,423)	594,490
Town of Hatfield	5,572,444	'	802,831	176,729	300,328	1,279,888	54,197	349,842	182,228	17,898	604,165	722,461	80,335	802,796
Hatfield Housing Authority	126,180		18,179	4,002	7,787	29,968	1,227	7,922	4,126	210	13,785	16,359	3,557	19,916
Fown of Huntington	1,006,182		144,962	31,911	29,513	206,386	9,786	63,169	32,904	147,305	253, 164	130,450	(8,327)	122,123
Town of Middlefield	462,624	'	66,651	14,672	17,320	98,643	4,499	29,044	15,129	6,384	55,056	59,979	(744)	59,235
Town of Pelham	1,766,367		254,483	56,020	34,303	344,806	17,179	110,894	57,763	213,964	399,800	229,007	(18,701)	210,306
Town of Plainfield	672,887	'	96,944	27,340	39,615	157,899	6,544 46,4	42,244	22,004	2,718	73,510	87,239	24,803	112,042
Auabbin nearth District	201,003		262 447	11,011	44 070	124,930	0,404	02,00	10,372	1,431	700,000	72,037	4,237	410,11
South Hadies File District #1	3,239,079		703,447	100,039	14,073	940,579	01,030	332,000	74 546	230,491	646.633	007,019	(40,230)	030,700
South reduction of South Hadley	27 382 473		3 045 039	968 428	545 382	5 358 849	266 310	1 719 002	805.451	1 414 675	7 205 537	3 550 105	111 986	3,662,001
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South Hadrey Housing Admonity So Hadley-Graphy-Easthampton Veterans District	147 185		21205	4 668	361	26,103	1 432	9.240	4 813	4,592 200,4	16 079	19.082	2,730	19,078
Town of Southampton	7 117 247		1 025 394	225,722	273 606	1 524 722	69 222	446.826	232 745	127 835	876 628	922 743	(17 430)	905.313
Town of Ware	18.135.674	,	2.612.837	575.168	159.887	3.347.892	176.386	1.138.571	593.065	269.957	2.177.979	2.351.269	(80.684)	2.270.585
Ware Housing Authority	537,391	•	77.423	17.043	50,315	144,781	5.227	33,738	17.574	910	57.449	69.672	27.532	97,204
Town of Westhampton	1.913.552		275,689	60,688	91,615	427,992	18,611	120,134	62.576	72.392	273,713	248,090	(8.274)	239.816
Town of Williamsburg	2,643,372		380,835	83,834	149,505	614,174	25.709	165,953	86.442	108,025	386,129	342,710	(40.324)	302,386
Town of Worthington	1,087,873		156 732	34 502	100 000	000 000	40 504	700 00	36 676	00 000	404 544	444 044	40000	107 666
			1000	300,10	470,024	020,020	100,00	162,00	02,07	00,00	134,011	15,14	40,023	300, 101

See Independent Auditors' Report and management's notes to schedules.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Hampshire County Retirement System (the Plan), a cost sharing multiemployer plan serving 37 employers, provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined benefit plan covering all member unit employees deemed eligible by the retirement board, with the exception of the school department employees who serve in a teaching capacity.

Plan Amendments

The Plan did not adopt any significant plan amendments during 2018.

Administration of the Plan

The Plan is administered by a five person Board of Retirement consisting of the Chairperson who shall be appointed by the other four board members, a second member appointed by the Advisory Council, a third and fourth member who shall be elected by the members in or retired from the service of the Plan, and a fifth member, who shall not be a member of the Plan, appointed by the other four board members. The Board of Retirement has the authority to amend or establish policies that are not governed by Massachusetts Law or the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission.

Contributions

Participation in the plan is required for all full-time employees. There are three classes of membership:

Group 1:

General employees, including clerical, administrative, technical, and all other employees not otherwise classified.

Group 2:

Certain specified hazardous duty positions.

Group 4:

Police officers, firefighters, and other specified hazardous positions.

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Membership of each group as of December 31, 2018:

			Inactive (retired) members	
		Inactive	entitleld to	
		(retired)	benefits	
		members	but not yet	
	Active	receiving	receiving	
Group	members	benefits	benefits	Total
Group 1	1,634	1,090	545	3,269
Group 2 & 4	374	218	126	718
	2,008	1,308	671	3,987

Member contributions vary depending on the most recent date of membership:

Prior to 1975: 5% of compensation 1975-1983: 7% of compensation 1984-6/30/96: 8% of compensation 7/1/96-present: 9% of compensation

1979 to present: an additional 2% of compensation in excess of \$30,000

Upon termination, a member may withdraw their contributions plus statutory interest.

Employers were required to contribute \$22,597,993, for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Payment of Benefits

Once a member has met one of the conditions below, they are eligible to receive benefits:

Tier 1 (Membership prior to April 2, 2012):

- 1) Completion of 20 years of service, or
- 2) Reach age 55 if hired prior to 1978, or classified as Group 4, or
- 3) Reach age 55 with 10 years of service, if hired after 1978, and if classified in Group 1 and 2. or
- 4) Disabled or death

Tier 2 (Membership on or after April 2, 2012):

- 1) If classified as Group 1, attain age 60 with 10 years of creditable service, or
- 2) If classified as Group 2, attain age 55 with 10 years creditable service, or
- 3) If classified as Group 4, attain age 55, or
- 4) Disabled or death

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

The amount of benefit is determined by their benefit rate and cannot exceed 80% of the member's highest three year average compensation. The benefit amount may be adjusted for a cost of living adjustment by annual vote of the Retirement Board. Cost of Living adjustment may be granted in an amount determined by the Retirement Board up to a maximum of 3% on the first \$13,000.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The schedules are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Basis of Allocation

The Schedule of Employer Allocations is prepared using the historical measure basis of actual contributions.

NOTE 3 - NET PENSION LIABILITY

The net pension liability is the actuarial total liability less the fiduciary net position. The components of the net pension liability are as follows:

	2018
Total pension liability	\$524,593,396
Plan fiduciary net position	308,938,203
Net pension liability (asset)	\$215,655,193

The following are significant assumptions used to measure the total pension liability and projected cash flows:

- 1) Discount rate is estimated to be 7.45% per year based on prior results.
- 2) Inflation is estimated to be 3%.
- 3) Asset allocation is estimated to be 28% fixed income; 55% equities; 12% real estate; and 5% other.
- 4) Increase in salaries will be 4.25% per year for Group 1 and 4.75% for Group 4.
- 5) Mortality was based upon the RP2000 Table projected with scale BB with base year of 2009. Mortality for disabled lives used a base year of 2012.
- 6) Cost of Living Allowance base is fixed at \$13,000.
- 7) Mortality assumptions reflect the recent experience study published in 2014.

NOTE 4 – COMPONENTS OF SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER

Net Pension Liability

The Net Pension Liability is the product of the Total Net Pension Liability multiplied by the Employer Allocation Percentage for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Difference between Expected and Actual Experience

The difference between the projected total pension liability and accrued liability is the amount of the difference between expected and actual experience. Each employer's proportionate share of this amount is the product of the Difference between Expected and Actual Experience multiplied by the Employer's Allocation Percentage for the year ended December 31, 2018, as shown in the schedule of employer allocations.

Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments

The difference between the actual earnings on plan investments compared to the plan's expected rate of return of 7.45% is amortized over a closed period of 5 years. Each employer's proportionate share of this amount is the product of the Total Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments multiplied by the Employer's Allocation Percentage for the year ended December 31, 2018, as shown in the schedule of employer allocations.

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate assumption was changed from 7.50% down to 7.45%. Each employer's proportionate share of this amount is the product of the Change of Assumptions multiplied by the Employer's Allocation Percentage for the year ended December 31, 2018, as shown in the schedule of employer allocations.

Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions

The Changes in Proportion are the December 31, 2018 Net Pension Liability multiplied by the December 31, 2017 Employer Allocation Percentage less the current year Net Pension Liability plus the December 31, 2018 Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments multiplied by the December 31, 2017 Employer Allocation Percentage less the current year Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments. The changes in proportion are amortized over the average expected remaining service life of members, which is 6.79 years in 2018. The first year is recognized as pension expense and the remaining years are shown as either deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources.

NOTE 4 – COMPONENTS OF SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER (CONTINUED)

Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

	Year of deferral	Amortization period	Balance January 1	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31
Deferred outflows of resources: Difference between projected and actual investments						
earnings	2014	5 years	\$ 1,479,402	\$ -	\$ (1,479,402)	\$ -
	2015	5 years	8,536,754	-	(4,268,377)	4,268,377
	2016	5 years	139,092	-	(46,364)	92,728
	2018	5 years		33,385,880	(6,677,176)	26,708,704
			\$ 10,155,248	\$ 33,385,880	\$(12,471,319)	\$ 31,069,809
Changes in assumptions	2016	5.1 years	\$ 10,096,329	\$ -	\$ (3,256,881)	\$ 6,839,448
Deferred inflows of resources: Differences between expected and actual experience	2016	5.1 years	\$ (2,643,349)	\$ -	\$ 852,693	\$ (1,790,656)
	2017	6.79 years	(370,828)		64,046	(306,782)
			\$ (3,014,177)	\$ -	\$ 916,739	\$ (2,097,438)
Difference between projected and actual investments earnings	2017	5 years	\$ (18,051,988)	\$ -	\$ 4,512,997	\$(13,538,991)
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Changes in assumptions	2017	6.79 years	\$ (8,524,559)	\$ -	\$ 1,472,290	\$ (7,052,269)

Pension Expense

Each employer's proportionate share of the collective pension expense is equal to the Total Pension Expense multiplied by the Employer's Allocation Percentage for the year ended December 31, 2018, as shown in the schedule of employer allocations.

Service cost	\$ 12,771,414
Interest cost	37,396,643
Employee contributions	(8,378,578)
Projected earnings on pension plan investments	(23,721,476)
Administrative expenses	870,363
Recognition of deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources:	
Differences between expected and actual experience	(916,739)
Changes of assumptions	1,784,591
Differences between projected and actual earnings on plan	
investments	 7,958,322
Pension Expense per Actuarial Certification Report	\$ 27,764,540

Subsequent to the measurement date of the pension liability, there were adjustments made to the financial statements of the Plan.

NOTE 4 – COMPONENTS OF SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER (CONTINUED)

Below is the reconciliation between the Actuarial Certification report and the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer:

Actuarial Certification Report	\$ 27,764,540
Year end accruals	194,898
Total Pension Expense	\$ 27,959,438

NOTE 5 – FUTURE RECOGNITION OF DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in the pension expense as follows:

Total	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Thereafter
\$15,220,559	7,346,772	3,078,395	868,259	5,140,840	(1,213,707)	

NOTE 6 - MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Management has reviewed subsequent events as of September 06, 2019, the date the schedules were available to be issued. At that time, there were no material subsequent events.