

**CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS
PENSION TRUST FUND**

SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

ALL MEMBERS

Prepared October, 2024

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PLAN

The City of Boynton Beach has established a defined benefit pension plan to provide eligible employees with retirement and related benefits.

This Summary Plan Description is applicable to all Members. It contains a brief description of the Plan and your rights, obligations and benefits under it. This Summary Plan Description is not meant to interpret, extend or change the provisions of the Plan in any way. The provisions of the Plan may only be determined accurately by reading the actual Plan documents. These documents include appropriate City ordinances, Chapters 112 and 175, Florida Statutes, and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

A copy of these documents is on file at the Office of the Pension Administrator and may be read by you, your beneficiaries or your legal representatives at any reasonable time. If you have any questions regarding the Plan or this Summary Plan Description, you should direct them, in writing, to the Plan's Administrator. In the event of any conflict between this Summary Plan Description and the actual provisions of the Plan documents, the Plan documents control. This Summary Plan Description is solely intended as a guide to your benefits and is not intended to create a contract or promise of any specific benefit. Any examples used in this Summary Plan Description are for illustration purposes only and do not represent the actual benefit to be received by any specific person.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PLAN

There is certain general information you may need to know about the Plan. This general information is summarized below.

Name of Plan

City of Boynton Beach Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund

Employer

City of Boynton Beach

Plan Administrator

Board of Trustees
City of Boynton Beach Municipal Firefighters
Pension Trust Fund
C/O Precision Pension Administration
13790 NW 4 Street, Suite 105
Sunrise, Florida 33325
Telephone: (561) 340-3470

Trustee

Plan Administrator

Designated Agent for Service of Legal Process

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Type of Administration

The Board of Trustees, as the Plan Administrator, is responsible for the overall administration of the Plan. The Board of Trustees consists of five Trustees. Two of the Trustees are active firefighters who are elected by active members of the Plan; two of the Trustees are appointed by the City Council and must be legal residents of the City; and a fifth member is appointed by the other four.

The Plan Administrator has discretionary authority to construe the terms of the Plan and make determinations on questions which may affect your eligibility for benefits. The Plan Administrator may also retain the services of attorneys, accountants, actuaries, investment advisors and other professionals.

The Trustees serve a four year term and are eligible for re-election or re-appointment. All Trustees serving as of January 1, 2014 had their current term extended for a two (2)-year period. The Trustees receive

no compensation for their service, and they only receive reimbursement for travel for educational activities on behalf of the Fund. In order to keep up on the latest trends in pension management, Trustees regularly attend schools and seminars pertaining to the management of pension funds for public employees.

Administrative Expense Budget

An administrative expense budget is prepared each year. A copy of the Board's administrative expense budget is available upon request.

Social Security Numbers

Pursuant to Section 119.071(5)(a)2, Florida Statutes, your social security number is requested for the purpose of determining eligibility for retirement benefits as a plan member, retiree or beneficiary; the processing of retirement benefits; verification of retirement benefits; income reporting; or other notice or disclosures related to retirement benefits. Your social security number will be used solely for one or more of these purposes.

Plan Year

Each 12 month period beginning on October 1st and ending on September 30th. The Plan's fiscal records are maintained on this basis.

Relevant Provisions of Local and State Laws

The Plan is set forth in Section 18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Boynton Beach.

The most recent amendment to the Plan reflected in this Summary Plan Description is Ordinance No. 24-009.

The Plan is also governed by certain provisions of Part VII, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Chapter 175 F.S., and various federal laws.

Relevant Provisions of Collective Bargaining Agreements

Certain employees covered by the Plan are members of the Local 1891 of the International Association of Firefighters.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the unit and the Employer covers the current period through September 30, 2025.

Custodian

The custodian of the Plan is responsible for the safe-keeping of securities owned by the Pension Fund.

The custodian is:

Regions Bank
Tampa, Florida

Investment Consultant

The investment consultant for the Plan is:

Mariner Institutional
Orlando, Florida

Investment Manager(s)

The investment manager is responsible for selecting the securities to be bought and sold by the Pension Fund, in accordance with guidelines established by the Plan Administrator. The investment managers are:

Brandywine Global Investment
Management, LLC
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Monroe Capital, LLC
Chicago, Illinois

Crescent Capital
New York, New York

LBC Credit Partners
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Deerpath Capital Management, LP
Chicago, Illinois

Schroders Investment Management
New York, New York

Harrison Street Core Property Fund
Chicago, Illinois

Serenitas Credit Gamma Fund, LLC
Boston, Massachusetts

Intercontinental Real Estate Corp
Boston, Massachusetts

Taurus Private Markets, LLC
Malvern, Pennsylvania

Member

You are a Member of the Plan if you fulfill the prescribed eligibility requirements (see Eligibility and Credited Service section).

Beneficiary

Your Beneficiary is each person designated by you to the Plan Administrator to receive any payments that may become payable by the Plan upon your death. You should designate a Beneficiary when you become

a Member of the Plan. Prior to retirement, you may change your designation at any time upon written notification to the Plan Administrator.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN

Benefits of the Plan are financed by contributions that are paid into the pension fund and by investment earnings generated by investments of the pension fund. Contributions to the fund are made by:

You

Your contribution rate is 12% of your Covered Salary (see later page for definition of Covered Salary) while you are an actively accruing member. These contributions will cease upon your retirement, death, or employment termination. Interest is not credited on these contributions. Effective June 1, 2024 (or as soon as administratively possible thereafter), if you elect to participate in the DROP your contribution rate is 6% of your Covered Salary for three years.

State of Florida

Monies are paid each year by the State pursuant to Chapter 175, F.S. Said monies are used for the benefit of firefighters.

Your Employer

The City of Boynton Beach must contribute an amount determined by the Plan's actuary to be sufficient, along with your contribution and the State contribution, to fund systematically the benefits under the Plan. The Employer's contribution will vary depending on the experience of the Plan.

ELIGIBILITY AND CREDITED SERVICE

Eligibility

You are eligible to be a Member of the Plan if you are a firefighter of the Employer. Your employment must be full-time, as determined by the Employer. You become a Member of the Plan on the day you become a full-time firefighter.

Credited Service

Credited Service is used to compute the amount of pension benefit when you retire, to determine whether you are eligible for certain benefits and to determine whether you are vested. Your Credited Service is equal to your total length of service with the Employer omitting periods when you were not employed by the Employer. Vacations and other paid leaves of absence are included. Unpaid leaves of absence are not included. Also not included in Credited Service is any period during which you could have but did not contribute to the Plan or for service for which you have withdrawn your own contributions.

Break in Service

If you terminate employment, receive a refund of contributions, and later return to work for the Employer, you will lose credit for previous service unless you repay the contributions you withdrew from the fund, with interest.

Military Service

Should you be called to active duty of employment in order to enter the military, your period of leave (not to exceed five years) will be included in your Credited Service if you return to work for the Employer within one year after your discharge. You would be required to make a contribution to the Plan in an amount that you would have contributed had you not taken the leave of absence.

Prior Military/Firefighter Service

You may purchase up to five years of Credited Service based on 1) honorable military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, or 2) service as a full-time firefighter employed by a city, county, state, federal or other public agency other than the Employer. You will receive this Credited Service once you pay the Fund the full actuarial cost of such service. You will be allowed to purchase the service via biweekly payroll deductions over a period of five years or in one lump sum payment. Purchased service

will count for benefit computation purposes but not vesting. Please note that no service credit may be purchased if you are receiving or will receive any other retirement benefit based on such service, including a military or public pension.

Family and Medical Leave Act

Should you take a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act, your service will remain continuous even if you are not in a pay status. Use of accumulated leave time will be treated as Credited Service. A contribution will be picked up from paid leave. Use of unpaid leave, however, will not be treated as Credited Service.

Permissive Service Credit

If you do not have prior firefighter or military service, you may purchase an enhanced benefit multiplier. Under the provision, your regular benefit multiplier (3.0% for retirement) will be twice as large for the number of years purchased, not to exceed five years. You will receive this benefit once you pay the Fund the full actuarial cost of the enhancement. You will be allowed to purchase the service via biweekly payroll deductions over a period of five years or in one lump sum payment. Your purchase does not count for vesting or retirement eligibility purposes.

RETIREMENT DATES

Normal Retirement Date

The Normal Retirement Date is the earliest date when unreduced retirement benefits may be paid to you. Your Normal Retirement Date is the first day of the month coincident with or next following the earlier of completion of 20 years of Credited Service regardless of age or age 55 with completion of ten years of Credited Service.

Early Retirement Date

Your Early Retirement Date is the first day of any month coincident with or next following the date when you reach age 50 and complete ten years of Credited Service. You may then retire at any time with reduced benefits as described later.

Transfer of Accumulated Leave

If you are eligible to receive accumulated sick, vacation or any other leave upon your retirement (early, normal, or entry into the DROP), you may elect, by the December 31 prior to your retirement, to have the leave transferred to this Plan and then distributed in one of the following manners:

1. Receive in a lump sum payment an amount equal to the amount of the leave transferred to the Plan;
2. Transfer the entire amount directly to any other eligible retirement plan;
3. Use the transferred leave to purchase additional service credit in this Plan; or
4. Transfer the entire amount into your DROP account.

If you fail to make an election as to the method of distribution, you will be deemed to have elected option #1. If you elect not to transfer your leave to this Plan (or fail to make such election by the December 31 prior to the year of your retirement), such leave will be paid directly to you in one lump sum payment when you terminate.

If you elect to enter the DROP, you will be required to preserve a balance of 120 hours of both sick and vacation pay at the time of your entry into the DROP and all remaining sick and vacation pay must be transferred into the DROP account.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Normal Retirement Benefit

The monthly benefit that you will receive if you continue in employment until your Normal Retirement Date is called your Normal Retirement Benefit. The amount of your Normal Retirement Benefit is based on the following factors:

1. Your Covered Salary - This is the amount of your cash compensation excluding bonuses and incentive pay, but including, step-up pay, overtime pay not to exceed 300 hours per year, and a lump sum payment of accumulated unused sick and vacation hours, but not to exceed the number of accumulated sick and vacation hours as of September 27, 2013.
2. Your Average Monthly Salary - This is the average of your Covered Salary during the highest three years out of the final ten years of employment.
3. Your years of Credited Service at your Normal Retirement Date.

The calculation of your Normal Retirement Benefit is as follows:

3.0% of your Average Monthly Salary multiplied by your years of Credited Service.

As an example, if your Average Monthly Salary at your Normal Retirement Date is \$8,000 and your Credited Service is 22 years, then the calculation would be as follows:

$3.0\% \times \$8,000 \times 22 \text{ years} = \$5,280$ which would be your monthly Normal Retirement Benefit.

Effective October 1, 2018, for all Firefighters who were not eligible for Normal Retirement as of October 1, 2018, retirement benefits are limited to a maximum benefit cap of \$95,000.00 per year (\$7,916.67 per month) as of the retirement or DROP Entry date. This maximum benefit cap shall increase by 1.5% annually (the first such increase occurred on October 1, 2020; they occur on each October 1st thereafter). As of October 1, 2024, the maximum benefit cap is \$102,341.98 (\$8,528.50 per month). As of October 1, 2025, the maximum benefit cap increases to \$103,877.11 (\$8,656.43 per month). In accordance with Florida Chapter 175 minimum benefit provisions, in no event will your retirement benefit be less than 2.75% of your Average Monthly Salary multiplied by all of your years of Credited Service (regardless of the maximum benefit cap).

The retirement benefit is paid to you for the rest of your life in accordance with the Normal Form of Benefit Payment as described later. (However, see the sections on Death Benefits After Retirement and Election of Optional Forms of Benefit Payments.) Your benefits from this Plan are paid in addition to any benefits you may receive from Social Security.

Accrued Benefit

The portion of your Normal Retirement Benefit that you have earned at any point in time is your Accrued Benefit. Your Accrued Benefit is computed in the same way as the Normal Retirement Benefit, except you use your present Average Monthly Salary and Credited Service in the calculation. The Accrued Benefit is a monthly amount which starts on your Normal Retirement Date.

Early Retirement Benefit

If you decide to retire early, you may receive an immediate Early Retirement Benefit payable for the rest of your life. The benefit is equal to your Accrued Benefit but reduced for the number of months by which the starting date of the benefit precedes the date when you would have reached normal retirement had you continued in full-time employment. The benefit is reduced to take into account the younger age and earlier commencement of benefit payments. The following table shows how much your benefit will be reduced if payments begin before your Normal Retirement Date:

Number of Years Early	Percentage Reduction
1	3%
2	6
3	9
4	12
5	15

The maximum benefit cap (\$95,000.00 per year or \$7,916.67 per month, increased 1.5% per year starting October 1, 2020) is applied to your total Accrued Benefit before applying the early retirement reduction.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

If you have reached your Normal Retirement Date but have less than 30 years (33 years effective

October 1, 2023) of Credited Service, you are eligible to enter the DROP Plan. Prior to October 1, 2023, the maximum period of participation in the DROP was five years, provided that the total period of active membership combined with DROP participation shall not exceed 30 years. Effective October 1, 2023, the maximum period of participation in the DROP is 8 years, provided that the total period of active membership combined with DROP participation shall not exceed 33 years. Election into the DROP Plan is voluntary, but it is irrevocable once DROP payments begin. If you enter the DROP Plan you will cease to accrue a benefit in the Plan, you will no longer be eligible for disability or preretirement death benefits, and you will never have the right to actively accrue pension benefits as a fully contributing member under Plan again. Your Credited Service and Average Monthly Salary as of the first date of participation in the DROP Plan will be used to calculate your retirement benefit.

Effective June 1, 2024 (or as soon as administratively possible thereafter), DROP participants shall make employee contributions at the rate of 6% of Covered Salary for three years. If the DROP member separates from service prior to completing three years of contributions, the member will receive a refund of the 6% contributions.

Upon entering the DROP, a member's service pension is calculated by the Plan's actuary as if the member had actually retired and separated from service on the date of entry into the DROP. The member, however, keeps working for the City for up to five years (or up to 8 years effective October 1, 2023). The pension payments which the member would have received had he or she actually separated from service are deposited into an account for the member's benefit and are invested as part of the Pension Fund. The member is no longer eligible for any increase in pension benefits due to additional years of service.

If you enter the DROP Plan, the monthly benefit that you would have received if you had retired on your election date will be paid into a DROP account. **For monthly benefits deposited into your DROP account during the first five years of DROP participation (and investment earnings thereon),** you may choose between one of the following two investment options:

- 1) Interest credits at the same rate earned by the Plan (net of expenses), or
- 2) Guaranteed annual fixed interest rate of 7%.

Under the first option, DROP monies gain or lose interest at the same net rate as the Plan (net of

expenses). As a result, your DROP account balance will fluctuate with the performance of the financial markets. Although a participant's DROP account may earn more than the 7%, it is also possible that the DROP account will earn less than 7%, or even lose money, based on the investment performance of the Pension Fund.

Under the second option, DROP monies will earn interest at an annual fixed rate of seven percent (7%). This option should be viewed as a more predictable and safer alternative, as the fixed rate of return is guaranteed with no risk of loss.

For monthly benefits deposited into your DROP account during the years 6, 7 and 8 of DROP participation (and investment earnings thereon), interest will be credited annually at the same rate of investment return earned by the Plan (net of expenses), but at a rate no less than 0% and no more than 8%.

The selection of an investment option is an important decision and should be made after careful deliberation. Once an option is selected, it may be changed once a year on new money deposits. DROP participants should carefully review the Plan's Frequently Asked Questions booklet, which is available upon request. It is also recommended that each DROP participant consult legal and financial advisers, weigh their options carefully, and make a decision that best suits their personal needs.

You may participate in the DROP Plan for five years (this period may be extended to up to 8 years effective October 1, 2023) or, if earlier, until you have a total of 30 years of service (33 years of service effective October 1, 2023). Upon retirement, the balance in your DROP account will become payable. You will have the following options of payment:

1. A lump sum payment or series of lump sum payments (not required to be received immediately after termination of employment), or
2. Equal periodic payments.

Any form of payment must comply with the minimum distribution requirements of the IRC 401(a)(9). For example, payments must commence by age 72 or age 73 for retirees who attain age 72 on or after January 1, 2023.

Should you pass away during your participation in the DROP Plan, your Beneficiary will receive a single lump sum payment of the balance in the DROP account. DROP payments to your Beneficiary will be

in addition to any survivor benefits payable by the Plan.

Loans from your DROP account are available after you terminate employment, provided you participated in the DROP for at least 12 months. The minimum amount of a loan is \$5,000 and the maximum is the smaller of your total DROP account balance and \$50,000 (reduced by your highest outstanding loan balance during the last 12 months). The term of a loan must be no less than one year and no more than five years. The interest rate is the prime rate published by an established local bank on the last day of the calendar quarter preceding the date you submit an application for a loan. Loans will be considered in default if two consecutive months or a total of four months of repayments are missed. If a loan is in default, the full balance becomes due and payable immediately. If not then repaid immediately, the loan may be canceled and the outstanding balance treated as a distribution, which may be taxable. If you default on a loan, you will not be eligible for additional loans.

13th Check

If certain conditions are met (including cumulative experience gains in the Plan) and you are a retiree (normal, early, disability or DROP) or a beneficiary of a retiree, you will receive a thirteenth check in December.

Cost of living allowance (COLA)

Each retiree, beneficiary and disability retiree who retires or enters the DROP on or after December 1, 2006 will receive an automatic 2.0% increase in retirement benefits on October 1st of each year beginning five years after retirement (or date of DROP entry). Effective June 1, 2024, DROP participants who complete three years of DROP participation with member contributions at the 6% rate will receive an automatic 2.8% increase in retirement benefits on October 1st of each year beginning eight years after the date of DROP entry. Also effective June 1, 2024, COLA increases for disability retirees will begin on the October 1st following five years after what would have been the member's normal retirement date.

Ad Hoc Benefit for Retirees – Ordinance 10-016

An ad hoc supplemental benefit up to \$500 may be paid annually to each retiree so long as additional premium tax revenues, as defined by Chapter 175 of the Florida Statutes, are available. This is not a guaranteed benefit and is subject to the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

If you become totally and permanently disabled as provided by the Plan, you may be eligible for a disability benefit. Disability eligibility determinations are made by the Board of Trustees. In the case of a disability incurred in the line of duty, you will be eligible for a benefit regardless of your length of service. In the case of a disability that is not incurred in the line of duty, you will only be eligible for a benefit if you have at least ten years of Credited Service.

Prior to June 1, 2024, the amount of your benefit due to a line of duty disability was 66 2/3% of your basic monthly rate of earnings in effect on the date of disability. Effective June 1, 2024, the amount of your benefit due to a line of duty disability is the greater of 60% of your basic monthly rate of earnings in effect on the date of disability or your accrued benefit. This amount is reduced by any Social Security benefits you may receive. In no event shall the amount of your benefit be less than 42% of your Average Monthly Salary. This benefit is payable until your death or recovery.

The amount of your benefit due to non-line of duty disability is 2.5% of your Average Monthly Salary multiplied by your years of service, with a minimum of 25% of your Average Monthly Salary. This benefit is payable until your death or recovery.

Your disability benefit is subject to the maximum benefit cap (\$95,000.00 per year or \$7,916.67 per month, increased 1.5% per year starting October 1, 2020) as long as the maximum benefit cap does not reduce the minimum disability benefit (42% of your Average Monthly Salary for a line of duty disability; 25% of your Average Monthly Salary for a non-line of duty disability).

If you are initially diagnosed with a qualifying variety of cancer while employed as a firefighter, and as a result of the diagnosis of cancer or circumstances arising from the treatment of such cancer, you are determined to be wholly prevented from rendering useful and efficient service as a firefighter and are likely to remain so disabled continuously and permanently, the disability shall be considered to be a line of duty disability. The statutory requirements governing the “cancer presumption” are set forth in Section 112.1816, Florida Statutes.

If your disability is caused by hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, tuberculosis, hypertension or heart

disease and you are determined to be wholly prevented from rendering useful and efficient service as a firefighter and are likely to remain so disabled continuously and permanently, the disability shall be considered to be a line of duty disability unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence.

If you apply for disability retirement, you will be required to submit to a medical examination as determined by the Plan Administrator. The burden of proving that you are totally and permanently disabled from useful and efficient service as a firefighter will be on you.

SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Before Retirement

If you pass away before you are vested, your Beneficiary will receive a refund of your accumulated contributions. If you pass away after you are vested, your spouse will receive 3.0% of your Average Monthly Salary multiplied by the amount of your continuous service as of the date of your death. Payment will continue until your spouse's death.

Your surviving spouse's benefit is subject to the maximum benefit cap (\$95,000.00 per year or \$7,916.67 per month, increased 1.5% per year starting October 1, 2020) as of the date of your death.

After Retirement

If you were receiving a form of retirement payment which provided for a survivor's benefit to be paid after your death, your Beneficiary will receive payments following your death. A later page describes the various forms of retirement payments.

VESTED RETIREMENT BENEFIT

If you terminate employment, other than by reason of retirement, disability or death, you may be entitled to a deferred Vested Retirement Benefit. This benefit is equal to your Accrued Benefit on your termination date multiplied by your vested interest. The following chart shows your vested interest in your Accrued Benefit.

Vesting Schedule	
Completed Years of Credited Service	Vested Interest
Less than 10	0%
10 or more	100

The vested benefit is payable on the date which would have been your Normal Retirement Date had you continued in full-time employment. If earlier, you may receive your vested benefit, reduced as for Early Retirement, any time after your 50th birthday.

Your vested benefit is subject to the maximum benefit cap (\$95,000.00 per year or \$7,916.67 per month, increased 1.5% per year starting October 1, 2020) as of the date you separate employment. If early retirement is elected, the maximum benefit cap is applied to your total Accrued Benefit before applying the early retirement reduction.

If you terminate employment with less than ten years of Credited Service, you will receive a refund of your own contributions without interest.

The taxable portion of any refund you receive is subject to an automatic 20% withholding for federal income tax purposes. This tax can be avoided, however, if you roll the taxable portion over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or another qualified employer plan. This rollover will result in no tax being due until you begin withdrawing funds from the IRA or other qualified employer plan. The rollover of the distribution, however, must be made directly by the Plan to your chosen IRA or other qualified employer plan.

FORMS OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Normal Form of Benefit Payment

Unless you elect otherwise before retirement, your pension is payable as a Ten Year Certain and Life Annuity. This is a series of monthly payments for your life. If you should pass away before benefits have been paid for ten years, your Beneficiary will receive the same monthly amount for the balance of the ten years.

Election of Optional Forms of Benefit Payments

You have the right at any time before your actual retirement date to elect not to have your retirement benefit paid in the Normal Form. Your benefit would then be paid in the form which you choose.

You may choose among the options described below and revoke any such elections and make a new election at any time before your actual retirement. You must make such an election by written request to the Plan Administrator. Such an election shall be subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator. This election also applies to disability retirees and to terminated members who are eligible for payment of deferred Vested Retirement Benefits. The options available are as follows:

1. Option 1 - Joint and Last Survivor Annuity

You may elect to receive a decreased monthly retirement benefit during your lifetime and have such decreased retirement benefit (or a designated fraction thereof) continued after the death of either you or your Beneficiary during the remaining lifetime of you or your Beneficiary.

2. Option 2 - Single Life Annuity

You may elect to receive an increased monthly retirement benefit with payments for your life, ceasing upon your death.

3. Option 3 - Survivor Annuity

You may elect to receive a decreased monthly retirement benefit during your lifetime and have such decreased retirement benefit (or a designated fraction thereof) continued after your death to your Beneficiary during the remaining lifetime of your Beneficiary.

4. Option 4 - Other

You may elect another optional form which is subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator and which is actuarially equivalent to the Normal Form of Benefit.

In no event may the total of benefit payments to you and your Beneficiary be less than your own accumulated contributions.

AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

The Plan may be amended or terminated at any time by the Employer. If the Plan were terminated, you would immediately become fully vested in the benefit you had earned so far. All of the assets of the Plan would be allocated to the Members according to certain classes of priority. Only after all accrued benefits have been paid and any other liabilities have been satisfied could any remaining money be returned to the Employer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There are certain circumstances which may result in the disqualification, ineligibility, denial, loss, forfeiture, suspension or deferral of your benefits in this Plan. The following is a list of these circumstances:

1. If you terminate employment before you have enough Credited Service to have earned a vested interest, no benefits will be payable except for a return of your own contributions without interest.
2. If you die before attaining ten years of Credited Service, no benefits will be payable except for a return of your own contributions without interest.
3. No credit is allowed either for benefit accrual or vesting purposes for any period in which you are not considered a full-time employee.
4. Your retirement benefit will not be payable until your actual retirement date, even if you continue to work beyond your normal retirement date.
5. In the event that this Plan terminates and the available Plan assets are less than the value of all Accrued Benefits, then your Accrued Benefit may be reduced.
6. Your Accrued Benefit may be forfeited if you are convicted of certain felonies as provided by State law (Chapter 112.3173 F.S.).
7. Payment of your benefits may be subject to an income deduction order made pursuant to a state domestic relations law.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Retain this Summary Plan Description with your other important papers for later reference or for replacement by updated versions and supplemental notices, if any.
2. Upon completing eligibility requirements, sign a Membership Form, including a Beneficiary designation.
3. Keep your Beneficiary designation form updated to express your wishes.
4. If you terminate employment, check to see if you are entitled to a Vested Retirement Benefit and the date payable.
5. If you should terminate employment with rights to a deferred Vested Retirement Benefit, then, shortly before the date on which it is to begin, you should contact and notify the Employer to begin such payments.
6. Upon your retirement under Early or Normal Retirement, complete the form necessary to indicate which Optional Form of Benefit you desire.

CLAIMS AND PROCEDURES

The Plan Administrator has adopted rules to follow when a member applies for a benefit. These rules may be obtained from the office of the Pension Administrator.

PERTINENT ACTUARIAL INFORMATION		
	October 1, 2023	October 1, 2022
Number of Members of the Plan		
Active Employees	130	117
Those Receiving or Due to Receive Benefits	143	135
Annual Payroll of Active Members	\$ 14,304,178	\$ 12,910,978
Annual Rate of Benefits in Pay Status	9,229,478	8,465,065
Actuarial Accrued Liability	188,245,713	174,533,538
Net Assets Available for Benefits (Actuarial Value)	136,383,773	130,237,341
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	51,861,940	44,296,197
Required Contribution to be Made to the Plan Over and Above Contributions by Members of the Plan	8,100,635	7,164,753
Required Contribution as % of Payroll of Active Members	55.25%	54.14%
Required Contribution to be Paid on	10/1/2024	10/1/2023

PENSION FUND INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS		
	Year Ending 9/30/2023	Year Ending 9/30/2022
Market Value at Beginning of Period	\$138,792,289	\$164,883,145
Income		
Member Contributions	1,781,527	1,528,306
State Contributions	1,637,868	1,056,527
Employer Contributions*	5,703,846	5,545,366
Other Contributions (Buy-Backs, DROP Rollovers)	438,726	194,185
Investment Earnings		
Interest, Dividends and Other	3,854,262	3,450,700
Net Appreciation	9,699,114	(29,280,125)
Total Earnings	13,553,376	(25,829,425)
Total Income	23,115,343	(17,505,041)
Disbursements		
Monthly Benefit Payments	7,029,883	6,765,520
DROP Distributions	1,218,760	1,180,246
Refund of Contributions	58,282	12,850
Investment Related Expenses	396,769	443,117
Other Administrative Expenses	192,301	184,082
Ad Hoc Payments from State Reserve	0	0
Other Expenses	0	0
Total Disbursements	8,895,995	8,585,815
Net Increase During Period	14,219,348	(26,090,856)
Market Value at End of Period	153,011,637	138,792,289
Less: DROP Account Balance	27,291,946	24,470,083
Less: State Contribution Reserve	2,350,665	1,656,263
Final Market Value	123,369,026	112,665,943