Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer

June 30, 2018

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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Independent Auditors' Report

Mr. Andrew W. Maylor, Comptroller Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

We have audited the accompanying schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations of the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes. 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 employer pension expense (specified column totals) included in the accompanying schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer of MSERS as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Schedules

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these schedules in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer 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 and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the schedule of employer and nonemployer, 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 pension amounts by employer and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the specified column totals included in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer 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 policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the schedule of employer and nonemployer.

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 and nonemployer allocations and net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total employer pension expense for the total of all participating entities for MSERS as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018 in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Restriction on Use

Our report is intended solely for information and use of MSERS management and its board, MSERS employers and their auditors and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Boston, Massachusetts April 19, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER AND NONEMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS

As of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018

Employer/Nonemployer	C	Actual	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
Non Special Funding Situations:			
9045 - Commonwealth of Massachusetts:			
Employer contributions	\$	842,275,568	
Total Commonwealth of Massachusetts		842,275,568	92.10614%
6070 - Massachusetts State College Building Authority:			
Employer contributions		115,941	
Nonemployer contributions		168,912	
Total Massachusetts State College Building Authority		284,853	0.03115%
6090 - Massachusetts Convention Center Authority:			
Employer contributions		788,759	
Nonemployer contributions		1,829,678	
Total Massachusetts Convention Center Authority		2,618,437	0.28634%
9045 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation:		20.012.015	
Employer contributions		29,312,615	
Nonemployer contributions		10,189,061	
Total Massachusetts Department of Transportation		39,501,676	4.31966%
8060 - Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District:			
Employer contributions.		-	
Nonemployer contributions		518,899	
Total Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District		518,899	0.05674%
8100 - Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District:			
Employer contributions		-	
Nonemployer contributions		541,948	
Total Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District		541,948	0.05926%
8080 - Bristol/Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District			
Employer contributions.		311,957	
Nonemployer contributions		29,380	
Total Bristol/Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District		341,337	0.03733%
8160 - Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission:			
Employer contributions		-	
Nonemployer contributions		255,075	
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Total Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission		255,075	0.02789%
8020 - Merrimack Valley Planning Commission:			
Employer contributions		-	
Nonemployer contributions		173,139	
Total Merrimack Valley Planning Commission		173,139	0.01893%
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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
8010 - Montachusett Regional Planning Commission:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	174,972	
Total Montachusett Regional Planning Commission	174,972	0.01913%
8090 - Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District:		
Employer contributions	224,811	
Nonemployer contributions	325,903	
Total Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District	550,714	0.06022%
8070 - Nashoba Associated Boards of Health:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	584,312	
Total Nashoba Associated Boards of Health	584,312	0.06390%
8040 - North Middlesex Council of Governments:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions.	139,319	
Total North Middlesex Council of Governments	139,319	0.01524%
8030 - Northeast Metro Regional Vocational Technical School District:		
Employer contributions	411,344	
Nonemployer contributions	43,515	
Total Northeast Metro Regional Vocational Technical School District	454,859	0.04974%
8170 - Old Colony Planning Council:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	181,455	
Total Old Colony Planning Council	181,455	0.01984%
8180 - Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District:		
Employer contributions.	125,281	
Nonemployer contributions	78,933	
Total Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District	204,214	0.02233%
8110 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	436,723	
Total Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	436,723	0.04776%
8140 - Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions.	238,616	
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Total Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District	238,616	0.02609%

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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
8120 - Southeastern Regional School District:		
Employer contributions	531,992	
Nonemployer contributions	398,716	
– Total Southeastern Regional School District	930,708	0.10178%
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8200 - Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District:	202 720	
Employer contributions	292,720	
Nonemployer contributions	55,484	
Total Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District	348,204	0.03808%
8190 - Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District:		
Employer contributions	419,122	
Nonemployer contributions	154,356	
Total Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	573,478	0.06271%
8130 - Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District:	107 501	
Employer contributions	136,591 167,461	
Nonemployer contributions	107,401	
Total Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District	304,052	0.03325%
Special Funding Situations (Educational Collaboratives):		
6013 - ACCEPT Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	203,589	
Nonemployer contributions	344,467	
Total ACCEPT Education Collaborative	548,056	0.05993%
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6022 - Assabet Valley Collaborative: Employer contributions	83,112	
Nonemployer contributions	130,224	
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Total Assabet Valley Collaborative	213,336	0.02333%
6004 - Bi-County Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	182,206	
Nonemployer contributions	322,115	
Total Bi-County Education Collaborative	504,321	0.05515%
6018 - C.A.S.E. Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	310,915	
Nonemployer contributions		
Total C.A.S.E. Collaborative	877,140	0.09592%
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6016 - Cape Cod Collaborative:	2 20 0 7 2	
Employer contributions	239,873	
Nonemployer contributions	371,199	
Total Cape Cod Collaborative	611,072	0.06682%
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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
6010 - CAPS Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	191,429	
Nonemployer contributions	223,892	
Total CAPS Education Collaborative	415,321	0.04542%
6035 - Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	203,952	
Nonemployer contributions	283,438	
Total Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative	487,390	0.05330%
6017 - Collaborative for Educational Services:		
Employer contributions	322,698	
Nonemployer contributions.	619,810	
Total Collaborative for Educational Services	942,508	0.10307%
6021 - CREST Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	368,959	
Nonemployer contributions	580,704	
Total CREST Collaborative	949,663	0.10385%
6030 - EDCO Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	262,848	
Nonemployer contributions	363,080	
Total EDCO Collaborative	625,928	0.06845%
6019 - FLLAC Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	85,935	
Nonemployer contributions	165,502	
Total FLLAC Collaborative	251,437	0.02750%
6034 - LABBB Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	384,056	
Nonemployer contributions.	507,177	
Total LABBB Collaborative	891,233	0.09746%
6011 - Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	562,066	
Nonemployer contributions	727,409	
Total Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative	1,289,475	0.14101%
6014 - North River Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	256,523	
Nonemployer contributions.		
Total North River Collaborative	737,522	0.08065%
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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
6006 - North Shore Education Consortium:		
Employer contributions	297,829	
Nonemployer contributions	503,787	
Total North Shore Education Consortium	801,616	0.08766%
6007 - Pilgrim Area Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	88,481	
Nonemployer contributions		
Total Pilgrim Area Collaborative	227,195	0.02484%
6031 - READS Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	186,016	
Nonemployer contributions	214,306	
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Total READS Collaborative	400,322	0.04378%
6033 - SEEMS Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	411,333	
Nonemployer contributions	566,848	
Total SEEMS Collaborative	978,181	0.10697%
6009 - Shore Education Consortium:		
Employer contributions	409,937	
Nonemployer contributions	747,828	
Total Shore Education Consortium	1,157,765	0.12661%
6015 - South Coast Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	69,151	
Nonemployer contributions.	701,580	
Total South Coast Education Collaborative	770,731	0.08428%
6001 - South Shore Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	254,476	
Nonemployer contributions	460,018	
- Total South Shore Education Collaborative	714,494	0.07813%
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6003 - Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	297,556	
Nonemployer contributions	463,388	
Total Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative	760,944	0.08321%
6002 - Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	96,845	
Nonemployer contributions.		
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6027 - The Educational Co-Op: Employer contributions	88,647	
Nonemployer contributions	127,347	
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Total The Educational Co-Op	215,994	0.02362%
6020 - Valley Collaborative:		
Employer contributions	347,206	
Nonemployer contributions	443,410	
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Total Valley Collaborative	790,616	0.08646%
Special Funding Situations (Other than Educational Collaboratives):		
8150 - Berkshire Regional Planning Commission:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	215,804	
Total Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	215,804	0.02360%
8250 - Devens Enterprise Commission:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	43,724	
Total Devens Enterprise Commission	43,724	0.00478%
6037 - Franklin Regional Council of Governments:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	407,334	
Total Franklin Regional Council of Governments	407,334	0.04454%
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8210 - Massachusetts Development Finance Agency:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	262,432	
Total Massachusetts Development Finance Agency	262,432	0.02870%
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6200 - Massachusetts Healthcare Connector Authority:		
Employer contributions	- 1,070,618	
Nonemployer contributions	1,070,010	
Total Massachusetts Healthcare Connector Authority	1,070,618	0.11708%
8211 - Massachusetts Life Sciences Center:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	45,065	
Total Massachusetts Life Sciences Center	45,065	0.00493%
6100 - Massachusetts PRIM Board:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	985,101	
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Total Massachusetts PRIM Board	985,101	0.10772%

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Employer/Nonemployer	Actual Contributions	Employer/ Nonemployer Allocation Percentage
6060 - Massachusetts School Building Authority:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	975,651	
Total Massachusetts School Building Authority	975,651	0.10669%
1080 - Massachusetts Water Resources Authority:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	837,901	
Total Massachusetts Water Resources Authority	837,901	0.09163%
8050 - Metropolitan Area Planning Commission:		
Employer contributions	-	
Nonemployer contributions	1,577,340	
Total Metropolitan Area Planning Commission	1,577,340	0.17249%
Total for all entities	\$ 914,461,899	100.00000%

See accompanying notes to schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER AND NONEMPLOYER

As of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018

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Employer/Nonemployer	Net Pension Liability	Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	Changes of Assumptions	Changes in Proportion	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	Net Differences Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	Changes in Proportion	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	Proportionate Share of Plan Pension Expense	Net Amortization of Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportion	Total Employer Pension Expense
Non Special Funding Situations:												
Employer:												
9045 - Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 12,185,623,139	\$ 386,424,649	\$ 1,234,937,210	\$ 32,864,277	\$ 1,654,226,136	\$ 248,343,537	\$ 423,559,669	\$ 2,316,251	\$ 674,219,458	\$ 1,489,886,224	\$ 9,470,153	\$ 1,499,356,377
6070 - Massachusetts State College Building Authority	4,121,111	130,687	417,649	453,366	1,001,702	83,988	143,246	122,001	349,235	503,871	93,235	597,106
6090 - Massachusetts Convention Center Authority	37,882,242	1,201,304	3,839,130	148,133	5,188,567	772,042	1,316,748	3,585,442	5,674,231	4,631,706	(675,006)	3,956,700
9045 - Massachusetts Department of Transportation 8060 - Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District	571,490,561 7,507,172	18,122,835 238,064	57,917,018 760,805	2,754,903 1,137,076	78,794,756 2,135,945	11,647,003 152,996	19,864,421 260,942	43,987,229	75,498,653 413,938	69,873,810 917,871	(11,893,913) 357,861	57,979,897 1,275,732
8100 - Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District	7,840,634	248,638	794,600	327,349	1,370,587	159,792	272,532	318,414	750,739	958,642	(9,789)	948,853
8080 - Bristol/Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District	4,938,294	156,601	500,465	584,569	1,241,635	100,643	171,650	191,765	464,058	603,785	71,017	674,802
8160 - Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission	3,690,298	117,025	373,989	664,136	1,155,150	75,208	128,271	119,851	323,330	451,198	93,489	544,687
8020 - Merrimack Valley Planning Commission	2,504,889	79,434	253,855	54,761	388,050	51,050	87,067	107,253	245,370	306,262	(13,750)	292,512
8010 - Montachusett Regional Planning Commission	2,531,408	80,275 252,660	256,542 807,452	409,346 268,266	746,163 1,328,378	51,590 162,377	87,989 276,941	94,949 867,713	234,528 1,307,031	309,505 974,148	57,906	367,411 822,269
8090 - Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District 8070 - Nashoba Associated Boards of Health	7,967,456 8,453,535	268,074	807,452 856,713	268,266 134,288	1,328,378	162,377 172,283	2/6,941 293.836	1,112,828	1,578,948	1,033,579	(151,879) (469,826)	563,753
8040 - North Middlesex Council of Governments	2,015,598	63,918	204,268	93,372	361,558	41,078	70,060	95,244	206,382	246,439	(409,820) (5,786)	240,653
8030 - Northeast Metro Regional Vocational Technical School District	6,580,673	208,683	666,910	329,881	1,205,474	134,114	228,737	445,230	808,082	804,592	(157,402)	647,190
8170 - Old Colony Planning Council	2,625,201	83,249	266,048	138,417	487,714	53,502	91,249	53,695	198,446	320,973	24,258	345,231
8180 - Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District	2,954,466	93,691	299,417	215,907	609,015	60,212	102,694	255,728	418,634	361,231	(2,506)	358,725
8110 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	6,318,291	200,363	640,320	191,932	1,032,615	128,767	219,617	102,862	451,246	772,512	(37,942)	734,570
8140 - Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District 8120 - Southeastern Regional School District	3,452,177 13,465,019	109,474 426,996	349,857 1,364,596	18,080 1,341,051	477,411 3,132,643	70,356 274,418	119,994 468,030	156,407 835,291	346,757 1,577,739	422,084 1,646,313	(50,960) (63,325)	371,124 1,582,988
8200 - Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District	5,037,642	426,996 159,751	510,534	531,689	1,201,974	102,667	175,103	75,853	353,624	615,932	(65,525) 241,766	857,698
8190 - Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	8,296,794	263,104	840,829	137,858	1,241,791	169,089	288,388	222,928	680,405	1,014,415	28,042	1,042,457
8130 - Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District	4,398,873	139,495	445,798	77,819	663,112	89,649	152,900	202,478	445,027	537,832	(35,752)	502,080
Special Funding Situations:												
Nonemployer (Commonwealth) attributable to:												
6013 - ACCEPT Education Collaborative	7,929,001									969,446	75,143	1,044,589
6022 - Assabet Valley Collaborative	3,086,439									377,366	29,250	406,616
6004 - Bi-County Education Collaborative	7,296,265									892,084	69,147	961,231
6018 - C.A.S.E. Collaborative	12,690,024									1,551,557	120,264	1,671,821
6016 - Cape Cod Collaborative 6010 - CAPS Education Collaborative	8,840,685 6,008,657									1,080,914 734,654	83,783 56,944	1,164,697 791,598
6035 - Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative	7,051,316									862,135	66,826	928,961
6012 - CHARMS Collaborative.	-										-	-
6017 - Collaborative for Educational Services	13,635,736									1,667,186	129,226	1,796,412
6021 - CREST Collaborative	13,739,251									1,679,842	130,207	1,810,049
6030 - EDCO Collaborative	9,055,614 3,637,665									1,107,193 444,762	85,820 34,474	1,193,013 479,236
6019 - FLLAC Collaborative 6034 - LABBB Collaborative	3,637,665									444,762 1,576,486	34,474 122,196	4/9,236 1,698,682
6011 - Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative										2,280,929	176,799	2,457,728
6014 - North River Collaborative	10,670,101									1,304,590	101,121	1,405,711
6006 - North Shore Education Consortium	11,597,381									1,417,964	109,909	1,527,873
6007 - Pilgrim Area Collaborative	3,286,944									401,881	31,150	433,031
6031 - READS Collaborative	5,791,659 14,151,835									708,122 1,730,287	54,888 134,117	763,010 1,864,404
6033 - SEEMS Collaborative 6009 - Shore Education Consortium	14,151,835									2,047,950	154,117	2,206,690
6015 - South Coast Education Collaborative	11,150,552									1,363,332	105,674	1,469,006
6001 - South Shore Education Collaborative	10,336,943									1,263,856	97,964	1,361,820
6003 - Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative	11,008,959									1,346,020	104,332	1,450,352
6002 - Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative	3,560,611									435,341	33,744	469,085
6027 - The Educational Co-Op 6020 - Valley Collaborative	3,124,894 11,438,238									382,068 1,398,507	29,615 108,401	411,683 1,506,908
6020 - Valley Collaborative	3,122,145									1,398,507 381,732	29,589	1,506,908 411,321
8250 - Devens Enterprise Commission	632,577									77,343	5,995	83,338
6037 - Franklin Regional Council of Governments	5,893,105									720,526	55,849	776,375
8210 - Massachusetts Development Finance Agency	3,796,735									464,211	35,982	500,193
6200 - Massachusetts Healthcare Connector Authority	15,489,168									1,893,797	146,791	2,040,588
8211 - Massachusetts Life Sciences Center 6100 - Massachusetts PRIM Board	651,978 14,251,950									79,715 1,742,528	6,179 135,066	85,894 1,877,594
6000 - Massachusetts PRIM board	14,251,950									1,742,528	133,771	1,877,594 1,859,583
1080 - Massachusetts Water Resources Authority	12,122,334									1,482,148	114,884	1,597,032
8050 - Metropolitan Area Planning Commission	22,820,169									2,790,129	216,268	3,006,397
Total nonemployer (Commonwealth of Massachusetts)	330,283,527	10,473,794	33,472,185	26,602,028	70,548,007	6,731,193	11,480,314	14,209,092	32,420,599	40,382,413	3,130,108	43,512,521

See accompanying notes to schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM Notes to the Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer June 30, 2018

NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (MSERS) is a public employee retirement system (PERS), that administers a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, covering substantially all employees of the Commonwealth and certain employees of independent authorities and agencies. The former Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) employees and retirees became members of MSERS upon the creation of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). Other employees who transferred to MassDOT have been, and remain, members of MSERS. The assets and liabilities of the former MTA have been transferred to MSERS. MSERS is part of the Commonwealth's reporting entity and does not issue a stand-alone audited financial report.

Management of MSERS is vested in the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (the MSRB) which consists of five members-two elected by current and active MSERS members, one who is appointed by the State Treasurer, the State Treasurer, who serves as ex-officio and is the Chair of the MSRB and one by the remaining members of the MSRB.

Benefits provided. MSERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) establishes uniform benefit and contribution requirements for all contributory PERS. These requirements provide for superannuation retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. For employees hired after April 1, 2012, retirement allowances are calculated on the basis of the last five years or any five consecutive years, whichever is greater in terms of compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, and group creditable service, and group classification. The authority for amending these provisions rests with the Legislature.

Members become vested after ten years of creditable service. A superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of twenty years of creditable service or upon reaching the age of 55 with ten years of service. Normal retirement for most employees occurs at age 65; for certain hazardous duty and public safety positions, normal retirement is at age 55. Most employees who joined the system after April 1, 2012 cannot retire prior to age 60.

The MSERS' funding policies have been established by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Legislature has the authority to amend these policies. The annuity portion of the MSERS retirement allowance is funded by employees, who contribute a percentage of their regular compensation. Costs of administering the plan are funded out of plan assets.

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

Hire Date	% of Compensation			
Prior to 1975	5% of regular compensation			
1975 - 1983	7% of regular compensation			
1984 to 6/30/1996	8% of regular compensation			
7/1/1996 to present	9% of regular compensation except for State Police which is 12%			
	of regular compensation			
1979 to present	An additional 2% of regular compensation in excess of \$30,000			

In addition, members of Group 1 who join the system on or after April 2, 2012 will have their withholding rate reduced to 6% after achieving 30 years of creditable service.

NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer (the Schedules) present amounts that are elements of the financial statements of the MSERS or of its participating employers and nonemployers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of the MSERS or its participating employers and nonemployers. The amounts presented in the Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of the MSERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions related to the reported amounts. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations are based on actual contributions adjusted for any nonemployer contributions.

The MGLs governing employer contribution requirements to MSERS are varied and vary among employers to such an extent that there is no uniform contribution method. Consequently, MSERS developed an effective contribution methodology which allocates total actual contributions amongst the employers in a consistent manner (based on an employer's share of total covered payroll). Any differences between the effective contribution and an employer's actual contributions are considered a nonemployer contribution from the Commonwealth. According to MGL, certain nonemployer contributions are the legal responsibility of the Commonwealth and have accordingly been reflected on the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations as special funding situations.

The schedule of pension amounts presents each employer in sufficient detail to permit each contributing employer as well as each employer considered to be in special funding situation to derive the necessary information for the preparation of their individual financial statements.

For entities considered to be in a 100% special funding situation there is no net pension liability recognized. However, the notes to the financial statements for these entities must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entity's total proportionate share of the net pension liability as well its portion of pension expense as both revenue and pension expense.

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The special funding situations created by MGL are described below.

Educational Collaboratives

Collaboratives contribute amounts equal to the normal cost of employees' benefits at a rate established by the Public Employees' Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), currently 5.6% of covered payroll. Legally, the collaboratives are only responsible for contributing the annual normal cost of their employees' benefits (i.e., the present value of the benefits earned by those employees in any given year) and are not legally responsible for the past service cost attributable to those employees or previously retired employees of the collaboratives. The Commonwealth as a nonemployer is legally responsible for the entire past service cost related to the collaboratives and therefore has a 100% special funding situation.

Other Special Funding Situations

MGLs established certain entities whose employees are members of MSERS. However, MGL does not provide an employer funding mechanism for these entities. Consequently, the Commonwealth is considered the nonemployer contributor and is considered legally responsible to make all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of these entities. Therefore, these entities are also considered to be in a 100% special funding situation as defined by GASB.

NOTE 3 - COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Components of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2018 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

Total pension liability	\$ 41,225,000
Less: Plan fiduciary net position	27,995,021
Employers/nonemployers' net pension liability	\$ 13,229,979
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	67.91%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2018 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2018 rolled forward to June 30, 2018. This valuation used the following assumptions:

- 1. (a) 7.35% investment rate of return, (b) 3.50% interest rate credited to the annuity savings fund and (c) 3.00% cost of living increase on the first \$13,000 of allowance each year.
- 2. Salary increases are based on analyses of past experience but range from 4.00% to 9.00% depending on group and length of service.

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- 3. Mortality rates were as follows:
 - Pre-retirement reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Employees Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year for females
 - Post-retirement reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year for females
 - Disability the morality rate reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year.
- 4. Experience studies were performed as follows:
 - Dated February 27, 2014 and encompasses the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2011.

Investment assets of MSERS are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT) Fund. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
Global Equity	39.0%	5.0%
Portfolio Completion Strategies	13.0%	3.7%
Core Fixed Income	12.0%	0.9%
Private Equity	12.0%	6.6%
Real Estate	10.0%	3.8%
Value Added Fixed Income	10.0%	3.8%
Timberland/Natural Resources	4.0%	3.4%
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.35%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the Commonwealth's contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rates. Based on those assumptions, the net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, 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.

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Sensitivity Analysis

The following illustrates the sensitivity of the collective net pension liability to changes in the discount rate as of June 30, 2018. In particular, the table presents the MSERS collective net pension liability assuming it was calculated using a single discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower or one-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate (amounts in thousands):

1% Decrease to 6.35%	 Current Discount Rate 7.35%		% Increase to 8.35%
\$ 17,831,800	\$ 13,229,979	\$	9,297,900

NOTE 4 - DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

The following table summarizes the changes in both deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources excluding employer specific amounts (change in proportion) (amounts in thousands):

	Year of Deferral	Amortization Period	Balance Ju1y 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2018
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			<u> </u>			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Difference between expected						
and actual experience	2015	5.5 years	\$ 125,000	\$-	\$ (50,000)	\$ 75,000
	2016	5.4 years	370,858	-	(109,076)	261,782
	2018	5.3 years		102,008	(19,247)	82,761
Subtotal			495,858	102,008	(178,323)	419,543
Change of assumptions	2014	5.5 years	27,817	-	(18,544)	9,273
	2015	5.5 years	1,059,092	-	(423,637)	635,455
	2017	5.4 years	247,704	-	(56,297)	191,407
	2018	5.3 years		622,000	(117,359)	504,641
Subtotal			1,334,613	622,000	(615,837)	1,340,776
Total deferred outflows of reso	urces		\$1,830,471	\$ 724,008	\$ (794,160)	\$ 1,760,319
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Difference between expected						
and actual experience	2017	5.4 years	\$ (348,930)	\$ -	\$ 79,302	\$ (269,628)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan						
investments		5 years	(380,945)	-	380,945	-
	2015	5 years	407,872	-	(203,935)	203,937
	2016	5 years	806,778	-	(268,926)	537,852
	2017	5 years	(986,512)	-	246,629	(739,883)
	2018	5 years		(577,207)	115,441	(461,766)
Subtotal			(152,807)	(577,207)	270,154	(459,860)
Total deferred inflows of resou	rces		\$ (501,737)	\$ (577,207)	\$ 349,456	\$ (729,488)

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	
2019	\$ 816,378
2020	366,350
2021	(204,840)
2022	11,961
2023	40,982
Total	\$ 1,030,831

NOTE 5 - COLLECTIVE PENSION EXPENSE

The following table shows the components of pension expense, excluding employer specific pension expense for changes in proportion, as of June 30, 2018 (amounts in thousands):

Service cost	\$ 856,200
Interest on the total pension liaiblity	2,852,239
Employee contributions	(600,705)
Projected earnings on plan investments	(1,883,541)
Transfers and reimbursements from other systems	(41,747)
Member make up, redeposits and payments from rollovers	(24,802)
Cost of living adjustment reimbursements	(19,500)
Other reimbursements	(32,075)
Administrative expense	16,369
Other expenses that do not reduce the total pension liability	50,433
Recognition (amortization) of deferred outflows and inflows of resources:	
Differences between expected and actual experience	99,021
Differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	(270,154)
Changes of assumptions	 615,837
Pension expense	\$ 1,617,575

The employer/nonemployer proportionate share of the collective pension expense is equal to the collective pension expense multiplied by the employer/nonemployer proportionate share percentage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 as shown in the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations.