# CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (with required supplementary information)

**REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019



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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Members of the Employees' Retirement System Investment Committee and the City Commission of Kalamazoo Kalamazoo, Michigan

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statements of plan net position of the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System (the System), as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of changes in plan net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 financial statements 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 financial statements.

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

# **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the plan net position of the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the respective changes in its plan net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Emphasis of a Matter**

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

# **Other Matter**

# Required Supplementary Information

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

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June 25, 2021

#### CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following is a discussion and analysis of the financial performance and position of the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System ("The Retirement System"). It is intended to provide an overview of the Retirement Systems' financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the Independent Auditor's Report and with the financial statements, which follows this section.

#### **Condensed Financial Information**

The table below compares key financial information in a condensed format between the current year and the prior years:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2020	2019	2018		
Total assets Total liabilities	\$ 704,618,702 41,919	\$ 677,160,239 20,971	\$ 594,407,875 36,462		
Net position held in trust for pension benefits	\$ 704,576,783	\$ 677,139,268	\$ 594,371,413		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 57,798,914	\$ 112,193,170	\$ (47,440,721)		
Contributions Plan members	1,285,845	1,238,420	1,209,623		
Total additions (reductions)	59,084,759	113,431,590	(46,231,098)		
Pension benefits Refund payments to terminated employees	31,065,811 46,733	30,034,033 179,863	29,858,901 72,516		
Total benefits paid	31,112,544	30,213,896	29,931,417		
General and administrative expenses	534,700	449,839	394,032		
Total deductions from net position	31,647,244	30,663,735	30,325,449		
Net increase (decrease) in net position held in trust	27,437,515	82,767,855	(76,556,547)		
Net position held in trust for pension benefits Beginning of Year	677,139,268	594,371,413	670,927,960		
End of Year	\$ 704,576,783	\$ 677,139,268	\$ 594,371,413		
Ratio of benefits paid to contributions	2420%	2440%	2474%		

#### CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Overall Fund Structure and Objectives**

The Retirement System is a single-employer defined benefit contributory retirement plan. It was established to provide retirement, disability, and death benefits to city retirees and their beneficiaries. Active members earn service credit that entitles them to receive benefits in the future. Benefits currently being paid are significantly greater than contributions currently being received. Plan members are required to contribute 1.0% to 6.5% of their annual covered salary to the Retirement System, depending upon their bargaining unit. The City contributes such additional amounts, as necessary, based on actuarial determinations, to provide assets sufficient to pay for member benefits.

The City was not required to make a contribution for 2020 or 2019. The excess of benefits over contributions is funded through investment income. The Retirement System is authorized by the State's Pension Investment Act, as amended, to invest in common stocks, real estate, and various other obligations, subject to certain limitations.

Each year, an actuarial valuation of the Retirement System is completed. As of the December 31, 2020, actuarial report, the valuation of assets represents 130.8% of accrued liabilities. Last year the ratio was 130.5%. The decrease in funding position is primarily the result of updating actuarial assumptions.

# **Asset Allocation**

It is the responsibility of the City of Kalamazoo Retirement Investment Committee (RIC) to recommend to the City Commission the investment policies and strategies, and retaining/monitoring the various investment managers, trustees, advisors, actuaries, and other fiduciaries utilized by the Retirement System. The RIC determines the allocation of assets in accordance with allowable legal limits. In setting asset allocation policy, the RIC reviews the expected returns of various asset classes, the Plan's actuarial assumption rate, and the risks associated with alternative asset mix strategies. The RIC has established the following asset allocation:

Asset Class	Target
Migra Capitalization Domostic Equity	5.00%
Micro Capitalization Domestic Equity	, ,
Small Capitalization Domestic Equity	10.00%
Small Capitalization Value International Equity	10.00%
S&P Index Funds	30.00%
Large Capitalization Domestic Equity	5.00%
Emerging Markets Equity	10.00%
Intermediate Fixed Income	12.50%
Long Fixed Income	12.50%
Real Estate Securities	2.50%
Real Estate	2.50%

#### CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This asset allocation policy offers the optimal mix for meeting longer term goals at an acceptable level of risk. The asset classes stated above shall be further diversified (where possible) as to style and manager type to reduce risk further, while providing the opportunity for enhanced return. The Retirement System's investments are held in nine portfolios administered by five investment managers.

# **Economic Factors, Investment Returns, and Other Important Matters**

The Retirement System's purpose is to provide long-term benefit payments to its members. It is through long-term investing, as shown by the 30 year history of returns realized by the investment strategy of the Retirement Investment Committee (RIC), that these promised benefits will be primarily funded. Through its investment policy asset allocation, the RIC has positioned the portfolio for this long-term investment objective. There are no major changes to the investment strategy for 2021.

In addition, to further maximize investment returns and preserve fund assets, the RIC carefully monitors the performance of each of its investment managers and takes the necessary corrective action to ensure acceptable investment results. To this end, the RIC voluntarily complies with the guidelines put forth by the Employee Retirement Income System Act (ERISA), which is designed to protect the interests of members and beneficiaries of pension systems.

The City's Group Trust contains the City's Pension, the Central County Transportation Authority's (CCTA) Pension, and OPEB investment assets. The investment portfolio reported a net return of 9.25% in 2020, comparatively lower than the net return of 19.27% in 2019. Equities returned 9.25%, Fixed Income returned 10.24%, while Real Estate had losses of (1.73%). The net position of the Pension System at year end was approximately \$704.5 million, an increase of \$27.4 million from fiscal year 2019.

In 2020 markets experienced volatile trading with large day to day swings due mostly to the COVID-19 pandemic. After historic plunges in February and March, the market saw an incredible and relatively quick recovery. Federal stimulus and vaccine development spurred economic growth, and the stock market set multiple new highs throughout the year. 2021 will bring another year of uncertainty, as Global and US economies continue to recover from the pandemic.

# **Contacting the System's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide the public, citizens, and other interested parties with a general overview of the Retirement System's financial position. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Steve Vicenzi, Director of Management Services, City of Kalamazoo, 241 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, (269) 337-8336.

# **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	2020		 2019
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	257,258	\$ 81,099
Receivables			
Accounts		33,102	-
Interest and dividends		622,728	882,229
Investments sold		3,723,357	 2,084,661
Total receivables		4,379,187	 2,966,890
Investments, at fair value			
U.S. Treasuries		50,101,613	45,586,361
Corporate bonds		76,612,417	55,993,872
Municipal bonds		268,419	-
Collateralized mortgage obligations		43,683,461	60,923,029
Equity mutual funds		494,344,812	478,349,931
Real estate mutual funds		34,971,535	 33,259,057
Total investments		699,982,257	 674,112,250
Total assets		704,618,702	 677,160,239
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		41,919	 20,971
NET POSITION			
Net position restricted for pension benefits	\$	704,576,783	\$ 677,139,268

# CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET POSITION YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

	 2020	 2019
ADDITIONS TO NET POSITION		
Investment income Change in fair value of investments Interest Dividends	\$ 48,623,966 3,510,851 7,742,103	\$ 98,769,881 4,503,471 11,136,626
Total investment income	59,876,920	114,409,978
Less investment expense	 (2,078,006)	 (2,216,808)
Net investment income	57,798,914	112,193,170
Contributions		
Plan members	 1,285,845	 1,238,420
Total additions to net position	 59,084,759	 113,431,590
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET POSITION		
Benefits	31,065,811	30,034,033
Refunds of contributions	46,733	179,863
Administrative expenses	224,903	220,934
Other expenses	 309,797	 228,905
Total deductions from net position	 31,647,244	 30,663,735
CHANGE IN PLAN NET POSITION	27,437,515	82,767,855
Net position - beginning of year	 677,139,268	594,371,413
Net position - end of year	\$ 704,576,783	\$ 677,139,268

#### **NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION**

#### Plan Administration

The City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System (the System) is a single-employer defined benefit contributory plan which provides pension, disability, and death benefits to all full-time employees and some part-time employees of the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan (the City).

The System is administered by the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System Pension Board of Trustees. The Board consists of five individual trustees either elected or appointed in accordance with the City Ordinance. One member is a City Commissioner and one member is the City Manager. The remaining three members, including one Public Safety representative and one General Member representative, are elected by active members of the retirement system. All elected terms are three years. The Plan benefit provisions were established and may be amended under the authority of City Ordinances. Employee contribution requirements were established and may be amended subject to collective bargaining agreements and approval by the City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo.

#### Plan Membership

System membership consisted of the following at December 31, 2020 and 2019, according to actuarial valuations as of those dates:

	2020	2019
Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	913	903
Terminated plan members entitled to, but not yet receiving, benefits	66	68
Active plan members	592	596
Total	1,571	1,567
Number of participating employers	1	1

# **NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION (continued)**

#### **Benefits Provided**

The System provides retirement, death and disability benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries as follows:

Regular retirement - General members are eligible for benefits at age 57 with 25 or more years of service or age 62 with 10 or more years of service. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) members are eligible for benefits at age 60 with 20 or more years of service. Exempt members are eligible for benefits at age 62 with 5 years of service. Public safety members are eligible for benefits with 25 years of service or at age 50 with 10 or more years of service. Retirement benefits are calculated as final average compensation (highest 3 consecutive years out of the last 10) times 2.1% for each year of service for general plan members, Kalamazoo Municipal Employee's Association (KMEA) members, and AFSCME members, 2.3% for each year of service for exempt members and 2.7% for each year of service for the general member administrator, City manager, and public safety members. The maximum benefit is 70.2% of final average compensation for public safety members.

Early retirement - General members are eligible for benefits at age 55 with 15 or more years of service. Public safety members are eligible for benefits with 20 years of service. Retirement benefits are calculated as regular retirement but reduced by 4/10 of 1% for each month and fraction of a month by which retirement precedes age 62 if less than 25 years of service or age 57 if 25 or more years of service for general plan members and 2% of final average compensation multiplied by years of credited service for public safety members.

Deferred retirement - Members are eligible for benefits with 10 years of service for most members, 5 years for exempt members, 9 years for AFSCME members hired before October 2, 2016, and 8 years for KMEA members hired before January 1, 2009. Benefits begin at age 62 for general members, and at age 50 for public safety members. Retirement benefits are calculated as regular or early retirement but based upon service and final average compensation at termination date for general members as early retirement for public safety members.

Death and disability - Members are eligible for benefits, in accordance with plan provisions, after 10 years of service for most members, 5 years for exempt members, 9 years for AFSCME members hired before October 2, 2016, and 8 years for KMEA members hired before January 1, 2009. Service requirements are waived for duty disability and death benefits.

Benefit terms provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to each member's retirement allowance subsequent to the member's retirement date. Pensions of AFSCME members who retire on or after October 25, 1999, are increased 1% per year, compounded annually, beginning 1 year after retirement and 2% per year, compounded annually, beginning at age 75. Pensions of KMEA members are increased 1.5% per year, compounded annually, beginning the latter of the retirees' 64<sup>th</sup> birthday and 1 year after retirement and 2% per year, compounded annually, beginning at age 75. Pensions of service, are increased 2% per year, compounded annually. Pensions of exempt members are increased 1.5% per year, compounded annually. Pensions of exempt members are increased 1.5% per year, compounded annually. Pensions of the City manager are increased 2% per year, compounded annually.

# **NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION (continued)**

#### Deferred Retirement Option Program

Public safety administrators meeting relevant provisions for an unreduced retirement allowance, authorization by the City Manager, and approval of the City Commission are eligible for the deferred retirement option program (DROP). The annual benefit is computed as regular retirement but is frozen at date of DROP election. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the balance of amounts held by the Plan pursuant to the DROP were \$286,645 and \$149,351, respectively.

#### **Contributions**

System members are required to contribute between 1.0 to 6.5% of annual compensation to the System for pension benefits, depending on bargaining unit. The City is required to contribute such additional amounts, as necessary, based on actuarial determinations, to provide assets sufficient to pay for member benefits. No employer contributions were required for years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

# **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The System's more significant accounting policies are described below:

<u>Reporting Entity</u> - The accompanying financial statements are exclusive presentations of the financial condition and results of operations of the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System. The City of Kalamazoo is the plan sponsor of the City of Kalamazoo Employees' Retirement System. As a result, industry standards require the City to include the financial activities of the System in the City's Annual Financial Report. The Annual Financial Report of the City of Kalamazoo is available for public inspection at the Kalamazoo City Hall.

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> - The System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The City's contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide them. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

<u>Valuation of Investments</u> - Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent appraisals. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value at determined by the custodian under the direction of the Board with the assistance of a valuation service.

# **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

<u>Valuation of Investments (continued)</u> - The investments of the System are pooled with those of the City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust and the Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA). The purchases, maturities, and investment performance are allocated between the System, the OPEB Trust fund, and the CCTA based on the fair value of their respective investments. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, the System's investments represented approximately 83.4% and 83.3% of the portfolio, respectively.

Administration - Administrative costs are financed through the System's investment earnings.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

# **Deposits**

The System does not maintain any checking or other demand/time deposit accounts. Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents in the statements of plan net position include cash and short-term investments in money market accounts held by the System's investment managers. These accounts are insured by the Securities Investors Protection Corporation for up to \$500,000 each. The balances of these accounts as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, were \$257,258 and \$81,099, respectively. These amounts were fully insured as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### **Investments**

The Michigan Public Employees Retirement Systems' Investment Act, Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended, authorizes the System to invest in stocks, government and corporate securities, mortgages, real estate, and various other investment instruments, subject to certain limitations. The System's Investment Committee is responsible for recommending to the City Commission the investment policies and strategies, and retaining/monitoring the various investment managers, trustees, advisors, actuaries, and other fiduciaries utilized by the System. The City Commission is responsible for approving the recommendations of the Investment Committee. All investment decisions are subject to Michigan law and the investment policy established by the City Commission.

# **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

# Investments (continued)

The adopted asset allocation policy as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, was as follows:

Asset Class	Target	2020	2019	
Micro Capitalization Domestic Equity	5.00%	4.78%	4.87%	
Small Capitalization Domestic Equity	10.00%	4.78%	4.87%	
Small Capitalization Value International Equity	10.00%	4.08%	5.37%	
S&P Index Funds	30.00%	4.28%	4.37%	
Large Capitalization Domestic Equity	5.00%	4.28%	4.37%	
Emerging Markets Equity	10.00%	7.18%	7.87%	
Intermediate Fixed Income	12.50%	-0.92%	0.57%	
Long Fixed Income	12.50%	-0.92%	0.57%	
Real Estate Securities	2.50%	2.28%	2.77%	
Real Estate	2.50%	2.28%	2.77%	

The System's investments are held in nine portfolios administered by five investment managers. Following is a summary of the System's investments as of December 31:

	 2020		2019
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 50,101,613	\$	45,586,361
Corporate bonds	76,612,417	•	55,993,872
Municipal bonds	268,419		-
Collateralized mortgage obligations	43,683,461		60,923,029
Equity mutual funds	494,344,812		478,349,931
Real estate mutual funds	34,971,535		33,259,057
Total investments	\$ 699,982,257	\$	674,112,250

### **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

#### Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value hierarchy is also established which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.
- Level 2: Prices determined using other significant observable inputs. Observable inputs are inputs that other market participants may use in pricing a security. These may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk and others.
- Level 3: Prices determined using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may be used in situations where quoted prices or observable inputs are unavailable or deemed less relevant (for example, when there is little or no market activity for an investment at the end of the period). Unobservable inputs reflect the organization's own assumptions about the factors market participants would use in pricing an investment and would be based on the best information available.

<u>2020</u>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Federal Home Loan	\$-	\$ 10,592,791	\$ -	\$ 10,592,791
Fannie Mae	-	26,030,927	-	26,030,927
Ginnie Mae	-	7,059,743	-	7,059,743
U.S. Treasury Notes	-	50,101,613	-	50,101,613
Corporate Bonds	-	76,612,417	-	76,612,417
Municipal Bonds	-	268,419	-	268,419
Equity mutual funds	494,344,812	-	-	494,344,812
Real estate mutual funds	34,971,535	-	-	34,971,535
	\$ 529,316,347	\$ 170,665,910	\$-	\$ 699,982,257

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the carrying amounts and fair values for each investment are as follows:

#### **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

#### Fair Value Measurements (continued)

<u>2019</u>	Level 1	Level 2 Level 3		Total	
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Federal Home Loan	\$-	\$ 18,437,435	\$-	\$ 18,437,435	
Fannie Mae	-	40,524,473	-	40,524,473	
Ginnie Mae	-	1961121	-	1,961,121	
U.S. Treasury Notes	-	45,586,361	-	45,586,361	
Corporate Bonds	-	55,993,872	-	55,993,872	
Equity mutual funds	478,349,931	-	-	478,349,931	
Real estate mutual funds	33,259,057			33,259,057	
	\$ 511,608,988	\$ 162,503,262	\$ -	\$ 674,112,250	

#### Custodial Credit Risk

For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the System will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The System's investment policy does not address custodial credit risk. Although uninsured and unregistered, the System's investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk since the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department in the System's name. Short-term investments in money market funds and investments in mutual funds are not subject to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book form.

# **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

#### Credit Risk

The System's investment policy provides that its investments in bonds must be rated in the top four major investment grades as determined by two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the System's investments in fixed income securities were rated by Standard & Poor's and Moody's as follows:

	2020			2019		
Standard & Poor's	Corporate Bonds	Municipal Bonds	СМО	Corporate Bonds	СМО	
AAA AA BBB Not rated	\$ 6,149,020 11,427,890 26,059,935 31,355,283 1,620,289		\$ - 43,683,461 - - -	\$ 1,662,984 5,373,562 28,223,484 20,733,842	\$ - 60,923,029 - - -	
	\$ 76,612,417	\$ 268,419	\$ 43,683,461	\$ 55,993,872	\$ 60,923,029	
Moody's						
Aaa Aa A Baa Ba Not rated	\$ 8,929,303 8,899,104 35,679,192 20,947,286 54,804 2,102,728	-	\$ 43,683,461 - - - - -	\$ 3,082,746 6,339,689 29,931,889 15,456,367 - 1,183,181	\$ 60,923,029 - - - - - - -	
	\$ 76,612,417	\$ 268,419	\$ 43,683,461	\$ 55,993,872	\$ 60,923,029	

#### **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

The System's investment policy requires that the securities of any one company or government agency should not exceed 5% of the total fund. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the System's investments were within that range.

The System's investment policy and State statutes provide that no more than 70% of the total investments may be in equity holdings and no more than 5% in real estate. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the System's equity holdings accounted for 70% and 71%, respectively, of the total investment portfolio; the System's holdings in real estate were 5% at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

# Rate of Return

For the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 8.71% and 19.30%, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

#### Interest Rate Risk

For investments, the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the investment is known as interest rate risk. The System's investment policy does not address interest rate risk. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, maturities of the System's debt securities were as follows:

		Investment Maturities (fair value by years)					
<u>2020</u>	Fair Value	Less than 1	1-5	6-10	More than 10		
U.S. Treasuries Corporate Bonds Municipal Bonds Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	\$ 50,101,613 76,612,417 268,419 43,683,461	\$ - 2,504,705 - -	\$ 23,123,122 31,381,649 - 1,334,470	\$ 14,357,492 19,630,346 - 435,648	\$ 12,620,999 23,095,717 268,419 41,913,343		
	\$ 170,665,910	\$ 2,504,705	\$ 55,839,241	\$ 34,423,486	\$ 77,898,478		

# **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

#### Interest Rate Risk (continued)

		I	nvestment Maturitie	es (fair value by year	s)	
2019	Fair Value	Less than 1	1-5	6-10	More than 10	
U.S. Treasuries Corporate Bonds Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	\$ 45,586,361 55,993,872 60,923,029	\$- 1,090,876 -	\$ 39,446,140 34,670,146 3,486,439	\$- 5,362,217 854,421	\$ 6,140,221 14,870,633 56,582,169	
	\$ 162,503,262	\$ 1,090,876	\$ 77,602,725	\$ 6,216,638	\$ 77,593,023	

#### **Derivatives**

The System's investment policy permits the prudent use of derivatives to reduce portfolio risk and enhance investment return. Under the terms of the investment agreements, portfolio managers are required to report all derivative holdings on a quarterly basis. The Investment Committee monitors these reports to evaluate the System's exposure to credit, market, and legal risk.

The portfolios managed by Jennison Associates have utilized U.S. currency futures contracts, a type of derivative, to reduce overall portfolio volatility caused by interest rate risk. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the portfolio had no U.S. currency futures contracts.

# Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The System's exposure to foreign currency risk derives from its positions in foreign currency-denominated fixed-income investments. The System's investment policy permits it to invest up to 10% of total investments in foreign currency-denominated investments.

#### **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

The System's exposure to foreign currency risk in U.S. dollars as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, is summarized below:

Currency		2020	2019			
	<b>.</b>		<b>.</b>			
Canadian Dollar	\$	462,697	\$	1,713,503		
Euro		1,846,995		2,407,267		
Norwegian Krone		1,491,532		159,680		
British Pound Sterling		2,942,693		3,091,251		
Swiss Franc		-		312,667		
	\$	6,743,917	\$	7,684,368		

# **NOTE 4 - RESERVES**

Member contributions - Members contribute at rates stated in the City Ordinance or collective bargaining agreements for the applicable unit. Interest is credited at least annually to the reserve for member contributions. The balance represents active members' contributions and interest, less amounts transferred to funds for retirement, amounts refunded to terminated members, and transferred inactive accounts.

Employer contributions - All employer contributions are credited to the reserve for employer contributions. Interest is credited at least annually, and transfers are made to the reserve for retired benefit payments to fund the employer's share of retirement allowances, as recommended by the System's actuaries and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Retired benefit payments - The reserve represents the reserves for payment of future retirement benefits to persons already on the retirement rolls. At retirement, a member's accumulated contributions (with interest) are transferred to the reserve for retired benefit payments from the reserves for employer contributions and member contributions. Interest is credited at least annually.

# **NOTE 4 - RESERVES (continued)**

The reserve balances as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, are as follows:

	2020	 2019
Member contributions Employer contributions	\$ 26,891,255 286,141,167	\$ 29,745,020 275,297,312
DROP contributions	286,645	149,351
Retired benefit payments	 391,257,716	 371,947,585
Total reserves	\$ 704,576,783	\$ 677,139,268

#### **NOTE 5 - PENSION BENEFITS**

During 2001, the City Ordinance was amended to provide for a supplemental benefits payment to certain retirees. Subject to certain limitations as described in the Ordinance, these payments may occur every third year commencing in 2001. No amounts were paid in 2020 or 2019.

#### **NOTE 6 - ADMINISTRATIVE AND INVESTMENT EXPENSES**

The following provides additional details related to administrative and investment expenses for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

		202	0		.9	
			Percent of			Percent of
	Amount		Amount Net Position		Amount	Net Position
Investment advisor fees	\$	1,825,825	0.259%	\$	2,003,323	0.296%
Trust and custodial fees		252,181	0.036%		213,485	0.032%
Administrative expenses		224,903	0.032%		220,934	0.033%
Other expenses		309,797	0.044%		228,905	0.034%
	\$	2,612,706		\$	2,666,647	

#### **NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The System is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, errors, and omissions. The System participates in the City of Kalamazoo's risk management program for all of these exposures. The City's risk management program is primarily a self-insured program with reinsurance amounts in excess of aggregate loss funds. The City estimates the liability for unpaid claims (including claims incurred but not reported) and allocates the cost to all appropriate entities and funds. There is no further exposure to the System that would require a liability to be recorded in the financial statements.

# **NOTE 8 - NET PENSION ASSET**

The components of the net pension asset of the System at December 31, 2020 and 2019, were as follows:

	 2020	2019
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY Service cost Interest	\$ 7,038,828 36,008,134	\$ 6,377,103 34,448,827
Changes of benefit terms	875,728	
Differences between expected and actual experience	(2,647,268)	4,007,357
Changes of assumptions	-	22,845,295
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	 (31,112,544)	 (30,213,896)
NET CHANGE IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	10,162,878	37,464,686
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY, BEGINNING	 508,700,773	 471,236,087
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY, ENDING (A)	\$ 518,863,651	\$ 508,700,773
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION		
Contributions - member	\$ 1,285,845	\$ 1,238,420
Net investment income (loss)	57,798,914	112,193,170
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(31,112,544)	(30,213,896)
Administrative expenses	(224,903)	(220,934)
Other	 (309,797)	 (228,905)
NET CHANGE IN PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	27,437,515	82,767,855
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION, BEGINNING	 677,139,268	 594,371,413
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION, ENDING (B)	\$ 704,576,783	\$ 677,139,268
SYSTEM'S NET PENSION (ASSET), ENDING (A)-(B)	\$ (185,713,132)	\$ (168,438,495)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	135.79%	133.11%
Covered payroll	\$ 39,215,899	\$ 37,425,219
System's net pension (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	(473.57)%	(450.07)%

# **NOTE 8 - NET PENSION ASSET (continued)**

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019 and measurement date of December 31, 2020:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open period
Remaining amortization period	10 years
Asset valuation method	5 years smoothed market
Inflation	3.5% (which includes price inflation of 2.25%)
Projected salary increases	3.5% to 15.50% (includes inflation)
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the
	type of eligibility condition.
Mortality rates	The Pub-2010 Amount-Weighted, Safety, Employee,
	Male and Female tables, with future mortality
	improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018.

# NOTE 8 - NET PENSION ASSET (continued)

#### Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018 and measurement date of December 31, 2019:

Entry age normal
Level percentage of payroll, open period
10 years
5 years smoothed market
3.5% (which includes price inflation of 2.25%)
3.5% to 15.50% (includes inflation)
7.50%
Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the
type of eligibility condition.
RP-2000 Mortality Combined Healthy Tables,
projected 20 Years with U.S. Projection Scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2018, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25% for the actuarial valuations as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that City contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determine contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary 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.

#### **NOTE 8 - NET PENSION ASSET (continued)**

# Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the System's net pension liability (asset), calculated using the discount rate, as well as what the System's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate:

<u>2020</u>	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount	Increase
	(6.25%)	Rate (7.25%)	(8.25%)
Total pension liability	\$ 580,581,395	\$ 518,863,651	\$ 467,489,580
Plan fiduciary net position	704,576,783	704,576,783	704,576,783
Net pension liability (asset)	\$ (123,995,388)	\$ (185,713,132)	\$ (237,087,203)
2019	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount	Increase
	(6.25%)	Rate (7.25%)	(8.25%)
<u>2019</u> Total pension liability Plan fiduciary net position	Decrease	Discount	Increase

#### **NOTE 9 - UNCERTAINTIES**

The COVID-19 outbreak in the United States has caused business disruption through mandated and voluntary closings of many businesses. While the disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty around the duration of the closings. Therefore, the System expects this matter to potentially negatively impact its operating results. However, the related financial impact and duration cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

# **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

# CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM'S NET PENSION ASSET AND RELATED RATIOS LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS (ULTIMATELY TEN FISCAL YEARS WILL BE DISPLAYED)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
CHANGE IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY Service cost Interest Changes of benefit terms	\$     7,038,828 36,008,134 875,728	\$ 6,377,103 34,448,827	\$	\$     5,604,960 32,746,676	\$	\$ 6,187,334 32,334,356 -	\$ 6,259,728 31,603,299
Difference between expected and actual experience Changes of assumptions Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(2,647,268) - (31,112,544)	4,007,357 22,845,295 (30,213,896)	313,218 - (29,931,417)	3,079,970 - (28,491,380)	(2,513,167) - (28,496,870)	(1,574,739) 12,509,343 (28,356,700)	- - (27,802,129)
NET CHANGE IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	10,162,878	37,464,686	10,230,310	12,940,226	(15,243,467)	21,099,594	10,060,898
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY, BEGINNING	508,700,773	471,236,087	461,005,777	448,065,551	463,309,018	442,209,424	432,148,526
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY, ENDING (A)	\$ 518,863,651	\$ 508,700,773	\$ 471,236,087	\$ 461,005,777	\$ 448,065,551	\$ 463,309,018	\$ 442,209,424
CHANGE IN PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Contributions - employer Contributions - member Net investment income (loss) Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions Administrative expenses Other	\$ - 1,285,845 57,798,914 (31,112,544) (224,903) (309,797)	\$ - 1,238,420 112,193,170 (30,213,896) (220,934) (228,905)	\$	\$ - 1,086,257 94,301,279 (28,491,380) (147,099) (8,848,472)	\$ - 1,085,940 72,939,990 (28,496,870) (153,024) (21,875,722)	\$ 1,602,053 1,084,798 (9,974,517) (28,356,700) (125,770) (174,885)	\$ 760,912 1,067,029 41,065,447 (27,802,131) (122,107) (110,326)
NET CHANGE IN PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	27,437,515	82,767,855	(76,556,547)	57,900,585	23,500,314	(35,945,021)	14,858,824
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION, BEGINNING	677,139,268	594,371,413	670,927,960	613,027,375	589,527,061	625,472,082	610,613,258
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION, ENDING (B)	\$ 704,576,783	\$ 677,139,268	\$ 594,371,413	\$ 670,927,960	\$ 613,027,375	\$ 589,527,061	\$ 625,472,082
SYSTEM'S NET PENSION (ASSET), ENDING (A)-(B)	\$ (185,713,132)	\$ (168,438,495)	\$ (123,135,326)	\$ (209,922,183)	\$ (164,961,824)	\$ (126,218,043)	\$ (183,262,658)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	135.79%	133.11%	126.13%	145.54%	136.82%	127.24%	141.44%
Covered payroll	\$ 39,215,899	\$ 37,425,219	\$ 34,999,543	\$ 32,780,965	\$ 37,291,474	\$ 37,198,788	\$ 36,331,892
System's net pension (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	(473.57)%	(450.07)%	(351.82)%	(640.38)%	(442.36)%	(339.31)%	(504.41)%

# CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2	2020	 2019	 2018		2017	 2016	 2015	 2014	 2013	2012
Actuarially determined contribution Contributions in relation to the actuarially	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
determined contribution		-	 -	 -	_	-	 -	1,602,053	 760,912	905,746	905,746
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$ 	\$ (1,602,053)	\$ (760,912)	\$ (905,746)	\$ 905,746
Covered payroll Contributions as a percentage of	\$ 39	,215,899	\$ 37,425,219	\$ 34,999,543	\$	32,780,965	\$ 37,291,474	\$ 37,198,788	\$ 36,331,892	\$ 36,539,969	\$ 42,305,663
covered payroll		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%	0.00%	4.31%	2.09%	2.48%	2.14%

Actuarial valuation information relative to the determination of contributions:

Valuation date

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 each year, which is immediately prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open period
Remaining amortization period	10 years
Asset valuation method	5- year smoothed market
Inflation	3.5% (which includes price inflation of 2.25%)
Salary increases	3.5% to 15.50% including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition.
	Last updated for the 2014 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period
	2009-2013.
Mortality rates	The Pub-2021 Amount-Weighted, Safety, Employee, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected to 2025 using scale MP-2019

# CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS (ULTIMATELY TEN FISCAL YEARS WILL BE DISPLAYED)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Annual money-weighted rate of return,							
net of investment expense	8.71%	19.30%	(7.22)%	15.72%	12.64%	(1.62)%	6.82%