

City of Worcester Retirement System

Actuarial Valuation and Review as of
January 1, 2011

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Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to submit this Actuarial Valuation and Review as of January 1, 2011. It summarizes the actuarial data used in the valuation, establishes the funding requirements for fiscal 2012 and later years and analyzes the preceding year's experience.

The census information and financial information on which our calculations were based was prepared by the staff of the Worcester Retirement System. That assistance is gratefully acknowledged. The actuarial calculations were completed under my supervision.

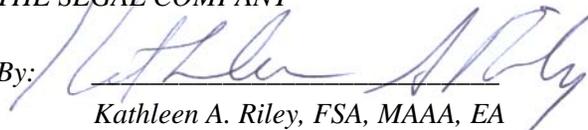
This actuarial valuation has been completed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices. To the best of our knowledge, the information supplied in this actuarial valuation is complete and accurate. Further, in our opinion, the assumptions as approved by the Board are reasonably related to the experience of and the expectations for the Plan.

I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and I meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion herein.

We look forward to reviewing this report at your next meeting and to answering any questions.

Sincerely,

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SECTION 1: Valuation Summary for the City of Worcester Retirement System

Purpose

This report has been prepared by The Segal Company to present a valuation of the City of Worcester Retirement System as of January 1, 2011. The valuation was performed to determine whether the assets and contributions are sufficient to provide the prescribed benefits. The contribution requirements presented in this report are based on:

- The benefit provisions of the M.G.L. Chapter 32;
- The characteristics of covered active participants, inactive participants, and retired participants and beneficiaries as of December 31, 2010;
- The assets of the Plan as of December 31, 2010;
- Economic assumptions regarding future salary increases and investment earnings; and
- Other actuarial assumptions, regarding employee terminations, retirement, death, etc.

Significant Issues in Valuation Year

The following key findings were the result of this actuarial valuation:

- The actuarial valuation report as of January 1, 2011 is based on financial information as of that date. Changes in the value of assets subsequent to that date are not reflected.
- During the plan year ended 2010, the market value rate of return was 13.69%, compared to the assumed rate of return of 8.25%. Because the actuarial value of assets gradually recognizes market value fluctuations over a five-year period, the actuarial rate of return was 9.64%. The actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2010 was \$725.0 million, or 106.3% of the market value of assets of \$681.7 million reported in the Annual Statement. As of December 31, 2009, the actuarial value of assets was 110.0% of the market value.
- As indicated in Section 2, Subsection B of this report, the total unrecognized investment loss as of December 31, 2010 is \$43,096,642. This investment loss will be recognized in the determination of the actuarial value of assets for funding purposes in the next few years, to the extent it is not offset by recognition of investment gains derived from future experience. This implies that earning the assumed rate of investment return of 8.00% per year (net of expenses) on a market value basis will result in investment losses on the actuarial value of assets in the next few years. A projection of the market value and actuarial value of assets indicates that large losses will be recognized as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012. These losses are reflected in the projected unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) shown in the funding schedule in Section 3, Exhibit G.

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- During 2010, 55 participants retired under the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) program. This increased the January 1, 2011 liability by \$3,879,584, which is being amortized in ten level payments of \$556,347 beginning in fiscal year 2012.
- During the year ended December 31, 2010, there was an experience gain of \$37,789,502 primarily due to the investment gain on an actuarial basis and lower than expected salary increases, partially offset by the 2010 ERI.
- This valuation reflects changes in the following assumptions:
 - The net investment return was decreased from 8.25% to 8.00%.
 - The annual salary increase rate was decreased from 5.00% to 4.75% (the inflation component was decreased from 4.00% to 3.75%).
 - The disabled life mortality assumption was changed from the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 7 years to the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 5 years.
 - The net 3(8)(c) liability assumption was reduced from an estimated liability of \$20.1 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$2.4 million to an estimated liability of \$15.7 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$1.8 million.

These changes will increase the unfunded liability by \$24,002,185. They will increase the normal cost by \$604,858.

- The unfunded liability has decreased from \$308.2 million as of January 1, 2010 to \$300.1 million as of January 1, 2011 due to the net experience gains partially offset by the assumption changes and the 2010 ERI discussed above.
- The recommended contribution for fiscal 2012 is \$32,706,347. This amount is equal to the fiscal 2011 appropriation of \$29,770,499, increased by 8% (\$32,150,000), plus the 2010 ERI amortization of \$556,347. The fiscal 2013 contribution is 8% higher than fiscal 2012. These amounts are based on a funding schedule that amortizes the 2002 ERI in level dollar amounts through fiscal 2018 (seven payments remaining), the 2003 ERI for one additional payment, the 2010 ERI in level dollar amounts through fiscal 2021 (ten payments remaining), and the Section 90 ACD liability in level dollar amounts through fiscal 2014 (three payments remaining). Beginning in fiscal 2014, the payment on the remaining unfunded liability is 4% greater than the prior year's payment. This results a funding schedule that fully funds the System by June 30, 2035 (24 payments remaining). In the prior funding schedule, the remaining unfunded liability was amortized in increasing (4.0% per year) payments through fiscal 2040.
- The funded ratio has increased from 68.80% as of January 1, 2010 to 70.73% as of January 1, 2011.

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Summary of Key Valuation Results

	2011	2010
Contributions for fiscal year beginning July 1:		
Recommended for fiscal 2012 and 2011	\$32,706,347	\$29,770,449
Funding elements for plan year beginning January 1:		
Normal cost, including administrative expenses	\$23,414,464	\$24,074,576
Market value of assets	681,901,180	617,736,339
Actuarial value of assets	724,997,822	679,509,973
Actuarial accrued liability	1,025,075,423	987,692,295
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability	300,077,601	308,182,322
GASB 25/27 for fiscal year beginning July 1:		
Annual required contributions (ARC)	\$32,706,347	\$30,196,905
Actual contributions	--	30,196,905
Percentage of ARC contributed	--	100.00%
Funded ratio	70.73%	68.80%
Demographic data for plan year beginning January 1:		
Number of retired participants and beneficiaries	2,798	2,774
Number of inactive participants entitled to a return of their employee contributions	691	697
Number of inactive participants with a vested right to a deferred or immediate benefit	62	73
Number of active participants	3,208	3,262
Total payroll in prior calendar year*	\$150,758,766	\$158,581,999
Average payroll in prior calendar year*	46,995	48,615

* Calendar year 2010 payroll figures were reduced by 4.5% for police officers to reflect retroactive payments made in 2010. Calendar year 2009 payroll figures were increased by 4.0% for police officers to reflect unsettled contracts.

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A. PARTICIPANT DATA

The Actuarial Valuation and Review considers the number and demographic characteristics of covered participants, including active participants, inactive participants, retired participants and beneficiaries.

This section presents a summary of significant statistical data on these participant groups.

More detailed information for this valuation year and the preceding valuation can be found in Section 3, Exhibits A and B.

A historical perspective of how the participant population has changed over the past ten valuations can be seen in this chart.

CHART 1
Participant Population: 2001 – 2010

Year Ended December 31	Active Participants	Inactive Participants	Retired Participants and Beneficiaries	Ratio of Non-Actives to Actives
2001	4,080	929	2,905	0.94
2002	3,679	1,094	3,001	1.11
2003	3,409	1,102	2,996	1.20
2004	3,498	1,017	2,964	1.14
2005	3,430	1,007	2,919	1.14
2006	3,397	1,072	2,864	1.16
2007	3,299	898	2,849	1.14
2008	3,352	910	2,792	1.10
2009	3,262	770	2,774	1.09
2010	3,208	753	2,798	1.11

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Active Participants

Plan costs are affected by the age, years of service and payroll of active participants. In this year's valuation, there were 3,208 active participants with an average age of 47.0, average years of service of 13.9 years and average payroll of \$46,995. The 3,262 active participants in the prior valuation had an average age of 47.2, average service of 14.0 years and average payroll of \$48,615.

Among the active participants, there were none with unknown age and/or service information.

Inactive Participants

In this year's valuation, there were 62 participants with a vested right to a deferred or immediate vested benefit and 691 participants entitled to a return of their employee contributions.

These graphs show a distribution of active participants by age and by years of service.

CHART 2
Distribution of Active Participants by Age as of December 31, 2010

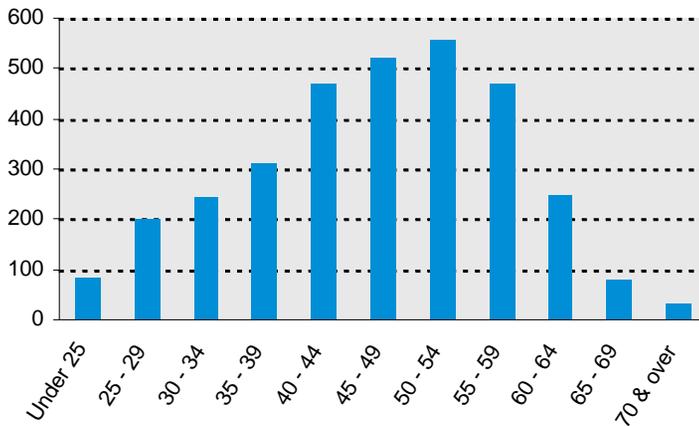
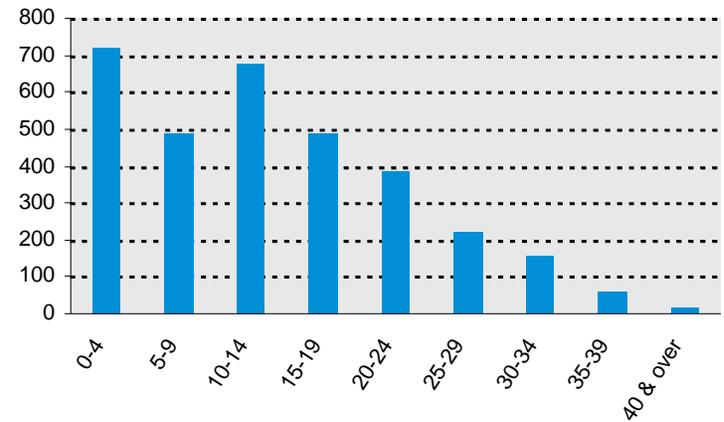


CHART 3
Distribution of Active Participants by Years of Service as of December 31, 2010



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Retired Participants and Beneficiaries

As of December 31, 2010, 2,284 retired participants and 514 beneficiaries were receiving total monthly benefits of \$5,138,267 excluding COLAs reimbursed by the Commonwealth. For comparison, in the previous valuation, there were 2,252 retired participants and 522 beneficiaries receiving monthly benefits of \$4,796,365 excluding COLAs reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

These graphs show a distribution of the current retired participants and beneficiaries based on their monthly amount and age, by type of pension.

CHART 4
Distribution of Retired Participants and Beneficiaries by Type and by Monthly Amount as of December 31, 2010

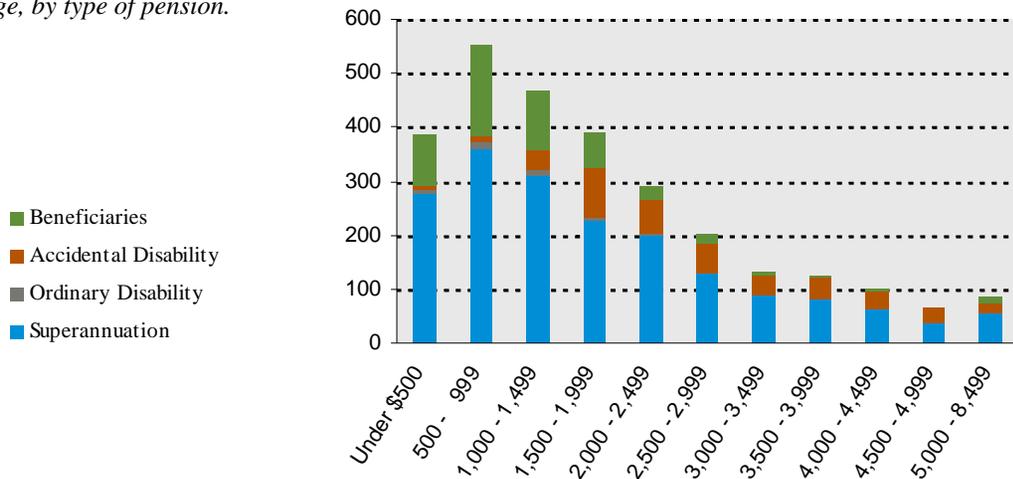
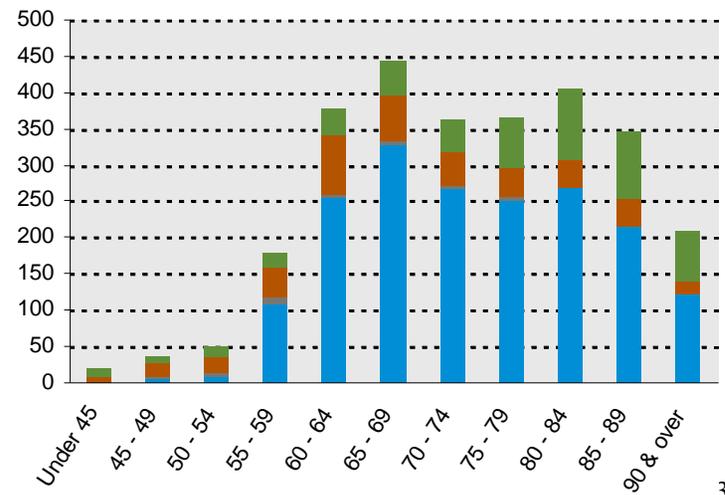


CHART 5
Distribution of Retired Participants and Beneficiaries by Type and by Age as of December 31, 2010



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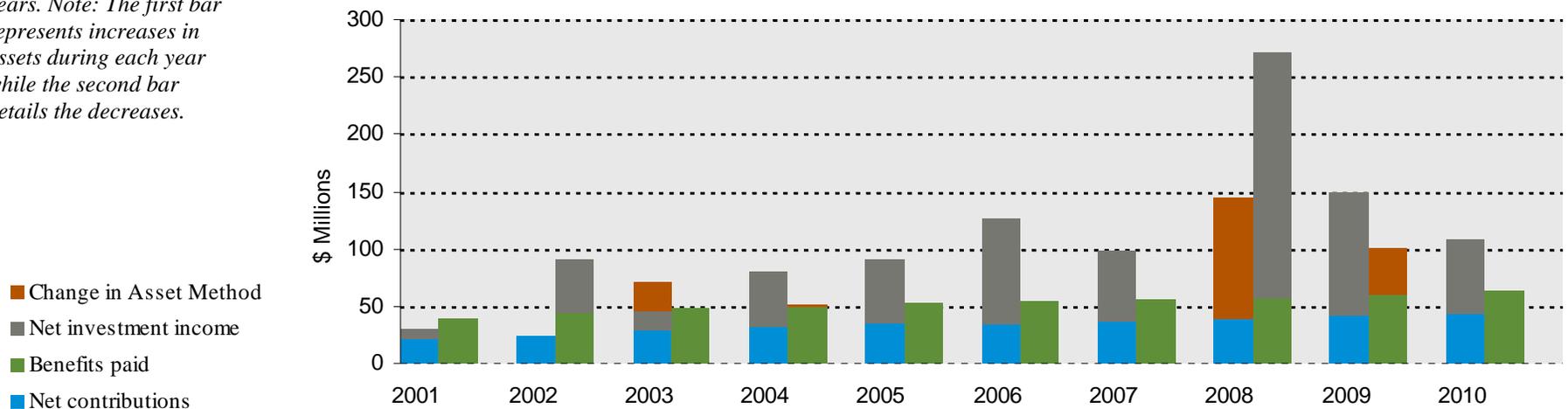
B. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Retirement plan funding anticipates that, over the long term, both net contributions (less administrative expenses) and net investment earnings (less investment fees) will be needed to cover benefit payments.

Retirement plan assets change as a result of the net impact of these income and expense components. Additional financial information, including a summary of these transactions for the valuation year, is presented in Section 3, Exhibits C and D.

The chart depicts the components of changes in the actuarial value of assets over the last ten years. Note: The first bar represents increases in assets during each year while the second bar details the decreases.

CHART 6
Comparison of Increases and Decreases in the Actuarial Value of Assets for Years Ended December 31, 2001 – 2010



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It is desirable to have level and predictable plan costs from one year to the next. For this reason, the Board has approved an asset valuation method that gradually adjusts to market value. Under this valuation method, the full value of market fluctuations is not recognized in a single year and, as a result, the asset value and the plan costs are more stable.

The amount of the adjustment to recognize market value is treated as income, which may be positive or negative. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are treated equally and, therefore, the sale of assets has no immediate effect on the actuarial value.

The chart shows the determination of the actuarial value of assets as of the valuation date.

CHART 7

Determination of Actuarial Value of Assets for Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. Market value of assets, December 31, 2010			\$681,901,180
2. Calculation of unrecognized return*	<u>Original</u>	<u>Unrecognized</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Return</u>	
(a) Year ended December 31, 2010	\$33,090,580	\$26,472,464	
(b) Year ended December 31, 2009	66,613,685	39,968,211	
(c) Year ended December 31, 2008	-275,514,085	-110,205,634	
(d) Year ended December 31, 2007	3,341,587	668,317	
(e) Year ended December 31, 2006	39,177,515	<u>0</u>	
(f) Total unrecognized return			-43,096,642
3. Preliminary actuarial value: (1) - (2f)			724,997,822
4. Adjustment to be within 10% corridor			0
5. Final actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2010: (3) + (4)			<u>\$724,997,822</u>
6. Actuarial value as a percentage of market value: (5) ÷ (1)			106.3%

* Unrecognized return is the difference between the total return and the expected return on a market value basis and is recognized over a five-year period.

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In 2001, the Board approved an asset valuation method that gradually adjusts to market value. A smoothing method was used through 2004.

From 2005 through 2008, the actuarial value of assets was set equal to market value.

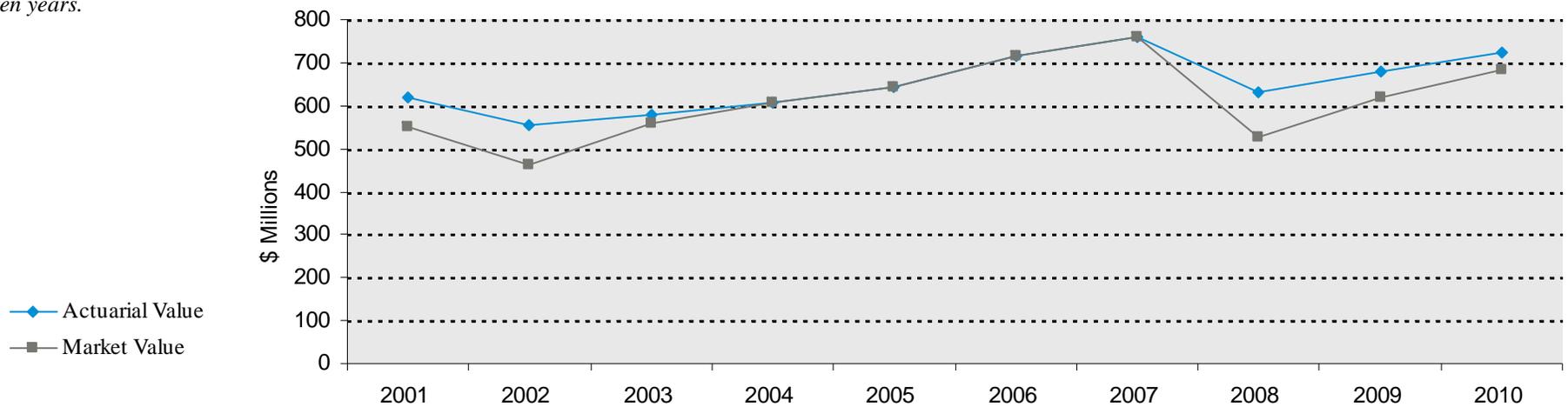
In 2009, the Board approved an asset valuation method that gradually adjusts to market value.

Effective with the 2010 valuation, the corridor around market value was reduced from 20% to 10%.

The actuarial asset value is significant because the Worcester Retirement System’s liabilities are compared to these assets to determine what portion, if any, remains unfunded. Amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is an important element in determining the contribution requirement.

This chart shows the change in the actuarial value of assets versus the market value over the past ten years.

CHART 8
Actuarial Value of Assets vs. Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2001 – 2010



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C. ACTUARIAL EXPERIENCE

To calculate the required contribution, assumptions are made about future events that affect the amount and timing of benefits to be paid and assets to be accumulated. Each year actual experience is measured against the assumptions. If overall experience is more favorable than anticipated (an actuarial gain), the contribution requirement will decrease from the previous year. On the other hand, the contribution requirement will increase if overall actuarial experience is less favorable than expected (an actuarial loss).

Taking account of experience gains or losses in one year without making a change in assumptions reflects the belief that the single year's experience was a short-term

development and that, over the long term, experience will return to the original assumptions. For contribution requirements to remain stable, assumptions should approximate experience.

If assumptions are changed, the contribution requirement is adjusted to take into account a change in experience anticipated for all future years.

The total experience gain for the year ended December 31, 2010 is \$37,789,502. A discussion of the major components of the actuarial experience is on the following pages.

This chart provides a summary of the actuarial experience during the past year.

CHART 9
Actuarial Experience for Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. Net gain from investments*	\$9,317,263
2. Net gain from administrative expenses	73,426
3. Net gain from other experience**	<u>28,398,813</u>
4. Net experience gain: (1) + (2) + (3)	\$37,789,502

* Details in Chart 10

** Details in Chart 13

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Investment Rate of Return

A major component of projected asset growth is the assumed rate of return. The assumed return should represent the expected long-term rate of return, based on the Worcester Retirement System’s investment policy. For valuation purposes, the assumed rate of return on the actuarial value of assets was 8.25% for 2010. The actual rate of return on an actuarial basis for the 2010 plan year was 9.64%.

Since the actual return for the year was greater than the assumed return, the Worcester Retirement System experienced an actuarial gain during the year ended December 31, 2010 with regard to its investments.

This chart shows the gain/(loss) due to investment experience.

CHART 10
Actuarial Value Investment Experience for Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. Actual return	\$64,588,917
2. Average value of assets	669,959,439
3. Actual rate of return: (1) ÷ (2)	9.64%
4. Assumed rate of return	8.25%
5. Expected return: (2) x (4)	\$55,271,654
6. Actuarial gain: (1) – (5)	<u>\$9,317,263</u>

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Because actuarial planning is long term, it is useful to see how the assumed investment rate of return has followed actual experience over time. The chart below shows the rate of return on an actuarial basis compared to the market value investment return for the last 12 years, including five-year, ten-year and 12-year averages.

Based upon this experience and future expectations, we have lowered the assumed rate of return from 8.25% to 8.00%.

CHART 11

Investment Return – Actuarial Value vs. Market Value: 1999 - 2010

Year Ended December 31	Actuarial Value Investment Return		Market Value Investment Return	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
1999	\$101,149,011	19.38	\$101,149,011	19.38
2000	35,128,309	5.80	2,494,022	0.41
2001	8,897,926	1.43	-29,978,425	-5.09
2002	-46,582,424	-7.63	-67,436,801	-12.50
2003	41,670,173	7.65	115,476,574	25.52
2004	47,848,351	8.43	66,406,965	12.09
2005	55,470,778	9.29	55,470,778	9.29
2006	91,535,234	14.42	91,535,234	14.42
2007	61,690,401	8.72	61,690,401	8.72
2008	-108,338,167	-14.45	-213,653,832	-28.49
2009	65,765,691	10.56	109,307,722	21.12
2010	<u>64,588,917</u>	9.64	<u>83,265,908</u>	13.69
Total	\$418,824,200		\$375,727,557	
	Five-year average return	5.18%		4.11%
	Ten-year average return	4.47%		4.58%
	Twelve-year average return	5.62%		5.31%

Notes: Each year's yield is weighted by the average asset value in that year.

2000, 2003, 2004, 2008 and 2009 actuarial value investment returns include a change in asset method.

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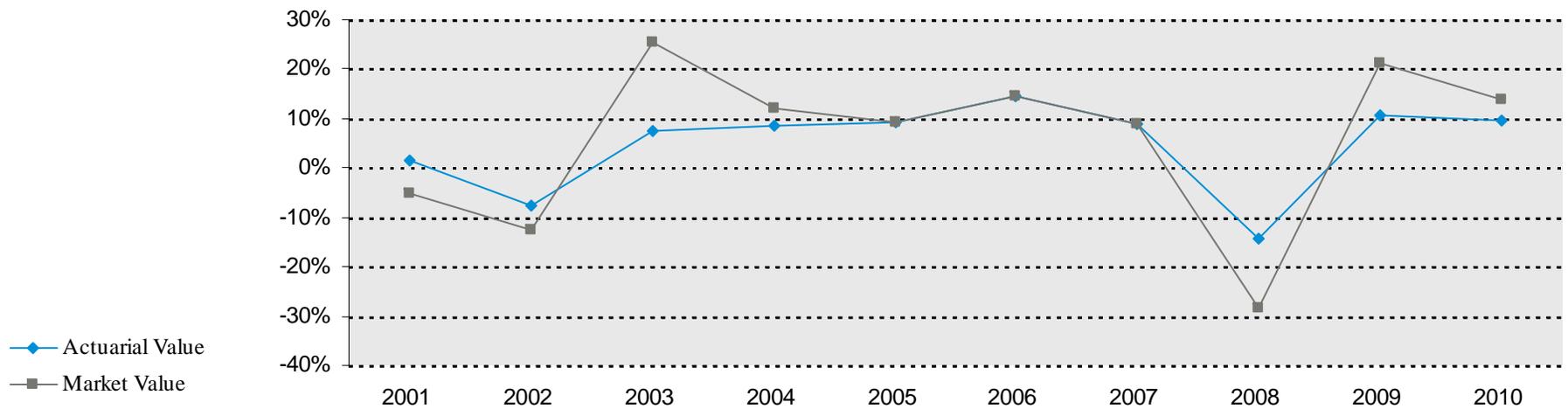
Chart 12 shows the actuarial rate of return and the market value rate of return for the past ten years.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2010 totaled \$557,170 compared to the assumption of \$625,000 payable at the beginning of the year. This resulted in a gain of \$73,426 for the year including an adjustment for timing. We have maintained the assumption of \$625,000 for the current year.

This chart illustrates how this leveling effect has actually worked over the years 2001 - 2010.

CHART 12
Market and Actuarial Rates of Return for Years Ended December 31, 2001 - 2010



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Other Experience

There are other differences between the expected and the actual experience that appear when the new valuation is compared with the projections from the previous valuation. These include:

- the extent of turnover among the participants,
- retirement experience (earlier or later than expected),
- mortality (more or fewer deaths than expected),
- the number of disability retirements, and
- salary increases different than assumed.

The net gain from this other experience for the year ended December 31, 2010 amounted to \$28,398,813, which is 2.8% of the actuarial accrued liability.

This valuation reflects the following changes in assumptions:

- The investment return assumption was lowered from 8.25% to 8.00%.
- The disabled life mortality table was changed from the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 7 years to the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 5 years.
- The salary scale was decreased from 5.00% to 4.75% (the inflation component was decreased from 4.00% to 3.75%).
- The net 3(8)(c) liability assumption was reduced from an estimated liability of \$20.1 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$2.4 million to an estimated liability of \$15.7 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$1.8 million.

These changes will increase the unfunded liability by \$24,002,185. They will increase the normal cost by \$604,858.

The chart shows elements of the experience gain/(loss) for the most recent year.

CHART 13

Experience Due to Changes in Demographics for Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. Salary increases for continuing actives less than expected	\$28,968,362
2. 2010 Early Retirement Incentive loss	-3,879,584
3. Miscellaneous experience gain	<u>3,310,035</u>
4. Total	\$28,398,813

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D. RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION

The amount of annual contribution required to fund the Plan is comprised of an employer normal cost payment and a payment on the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

The recommended contribution for fiscal 2012 is \$32,706,347. This amount is equal to the fiscal 2011 appropriation of \$29,770,499, increased by 8% (\$32,150,000), plus the 2010 ERI amortization of \$556,347. The fiscal 2013 contribution is 8% higher than fiscal 2012. These amounts are based on a funding schedule that amortizes the 2002 ERI in level dollar amounts through fiscal 2018 (seven payments remaining), the 2003 ERI for one additional payment, the 2010 ERI in level dollar amounts through fiscal 2021 (ten payments

remaining), and the Section 90 ACD liability in level dollar amounts through fiscal 2014 (three payments remaining). Beginning in fiscal 2014, the payment on the remaining unfunded liability is 4% greater than the prior year's payment. This results a funding schedule that fully funds the System by June 30, 2035 (24 payments remaining). In the prior funding schedule, the remaining unfunded liability was amortized in increasing (4.0% per year) payments through fiscal 2040.

Exhibit G in Section 3 shows the recommended contributions through fiscal 2035 based on this funding schedule.

The chart compares this valuation's recommended contribution with the prior valuation.

**CHART 14
Recommended Contribution**

	Year Beginning January 1			
	2011		2010	
	Amount	% of Payroll	Amount	% of Payroll
1. Total normal cost	\$22,789,464	14.45%	\$23,449,576	14.09%
2. Administrative expenses	625,000	0.40%	625,000	0.38%
3. Expected employee contributions	<u>-14,212,715</u>	<u>-9.01%</u>	<u>-14,834,807</u>	<u>-8.92%</u>
4. Employer normal cost: (1) + (2) + (3)	\$9,201,749	5.83%	\$9,239,769	5.55%
5. Actuarial accrued liability	1,025,075,423		987,692,295	
6. Actuarial value of assets	<u>724,997,822</u>		<u>679,509,973</u>	
7. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability: (5) - (6)	\$300,077,601		\$308,182,322	
8. Employer normal cost projected to July 1, 2011 and 2010	9,372,694	5.83%	9,422,752	5.55%
9. Projected unfunded actuarial accrued liability	311,849,791		320,642,935	
10. Payment on projected unfunded actuarial accrued liability	23,333,653	13.74%	20,347,747	11.99%
11. Recommended contribution: (8) + (10)	<u>32,706,347</u>	<u>20.36%</u>	<u>29,770,499</u>	<u>17.54%</u>
12. Projected payroll as of July 1	160,650,921		169,687,287	

Note: Recommended contributions are assumed to be paid at the beginning of the fiscal year.

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E. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE GASB

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) reporting information provides standardized information for comparative purposes of governmental pension plans. This information allows a reader of the financial statements to compare the funding status of one governmental plan to another on relatively equal terms.

Critical information to the GASB is the historical comparison of the GASB required contributions to the actual contributions. This comparison demonstrates whether a plan is being funded within the range of the GASB reporting requirements. Chart 15 below presents a graphical representation of this information for the Plan.

The other critical piece of information regarding the Plan's financial status is the funded ratio. This ratio compares the

actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liabilities of the plan as calculated under the GASB standards. High ratios indicate a well-funded plan with assets sufficient to pay most benefits. Lower ratios may indicate recent changes to benefit structures, funding of the plan below actuarial requirements, poor asset performance, or a variety of other factors.

Although the GASB requires that the actuarial value of assets be used to determine the funded ratio, Chart 16 shows the funded ratio calculated using both the actuarial value of assets (70.73%) and the market value of assets (66.52%).

The details regarding the calculations of these values and other GASB numbers may be found in Section 4, Exhibits II, III, and IV.

These graphs show key GASB factors.

CHART 15
Required Versus Actual Contributions

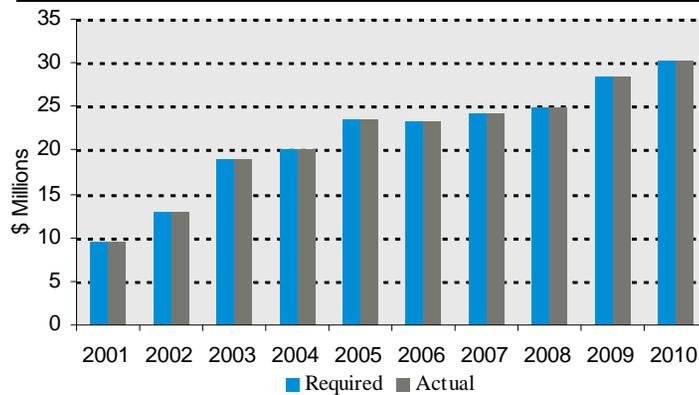
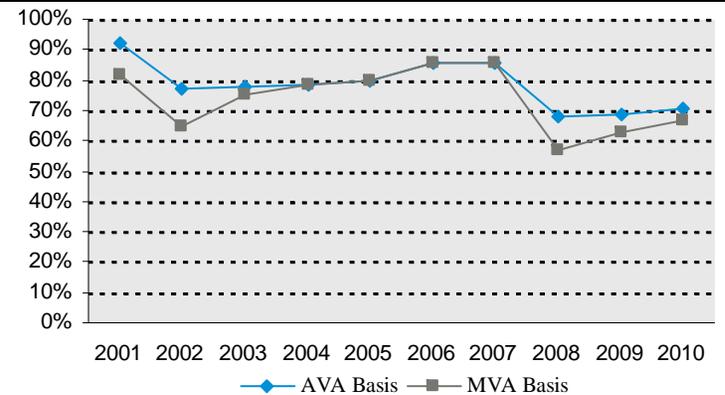


CHART 16
Funded Ratio



SECTION 3: Supplemental Information for the City of Worcester Retirement System

EXHIBIT A

Table of Plan Coverage

Category	Year Ended December 31		Change From Prior Year
	2010	2009	
Active participants in valuation:			
Number	3,208	3,262	-1.7%
Average age	47.0	47.2	N/A
Average years of service	13.9	14.0	N/A
Total payroll*	\$150,758,766	\$158,581,999	-4.9%
Average payroll*	46,995	48,615	-3.3%
Member contributions	152,215,911	151,961,970	0.2%
Inactive participants entitled to a return of their employee contributions	691	697	-0.9%
Inactive participants with a vested right to a deferred or immediate vested benefit	62	73	-15.1%
Retired participants:			
Number in pay status	1,826	1,771	3.1%
Average age	74.5	75.1	N/A
Average monthly benefit	\$1,814	\$1,673	8.4%
Disabled participants:			
Number in pay status	458	481	-4.8%
Average age	68.8	69.0	N/A
Average monthly benefit	\$2,616	\$2,547	2.7%
Beneficiaries in pay status	514	522	-1.5%

* Calendar year 2010 payroll figures were reduced by 4.5% for police officers to reflect retroactive salary payments made in 2010. Calendar year 2009 payroll figures were increased by 4.0% for police officers to reflect unsettled contracts.

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EXHIBIT B

**Participants in Active Service as of December 31, 2010
By Age, Years of Service, and Average Payroll**

Age	Years of Service									
	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 & over
Under 25	82	82	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	\$26,252	\$26,252	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
25 - 29	203	167	33	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
	\$35,529	\$35,048	\$37,945	\$35,774	--	--	--	--	--	--
30 - 34	243	113	89	41	--	--	--	--	--	--
	\$44,361	\$37,458	\$53,282	\$44,020	--	--	--	--	--	--
35 - 39	311	79	86	118	26	2	--	--	--	--
	\$50,494	\$32,145	\$52,848	\$57,654	\$65,316	\$58,957	--	--	--	--
40 - 44	470	89	73	121	137	47	3	--	--	--
	\$51,500	\$33,315	\$44,186	\$50,811	\$66,246	\$56,465	\$45,573	--	--	--
45 - 49	520	68	74	122	110	104	41	1	--	--
	\$49,383	\$29,937	\$35,271	\$36,735	\$61,359	\$66,591	\$68,927	\$50,773	--	--
50 - 54	556	59	61	121	84	107	84	40	--	--
	\$46,971	\$29,879	\$31,594	\$33,465	\$47,530	\$57,436	\$65,862	\$67,652	--	--
55 - 59	468	39	40	78	79	73	53	82	23	1
	\$51,137	\$31,948	\$35,935	\$38,695	\$42,985	\$49,579	\$64,916	\$73,056	\$73,534	\$93,038
60 - 64	247	19	24	50	34	36	23	27	25	9
	\$45,153	\$38,134	\$33,885	\$35,943	\$42,895	\$37,441	\$52,773	\$66,853	\$60,964	\$52,068
65 - 69	77	1	6	17	12	15	13	3	6	4
	\$36,502	\$51,688	\$40,606	\$32,419	\$38,068	\$32,498	\$32,339	\$48,230	\$45,818	\$44,987
70 & over	31	1	2	6	9	5	1	1	4	2
	\$32,730	\$3,747	\$29,180	\$34,192	\$35,722	\$26,323	\$45,487	\$46,446	\$26,029	\$49,103
Total	3,208	717	488	677	491	389	218	154	58	16
	\$46,995	\$32,869	\$42,735	\$42,786	\$55,292	\$55,088	\$62,456	\$69,764	\$61,973	\$52,488

* Calendar year 2010 payroll figures were reduced by 4.5% for police officers to reflect retroactive salary payments made in 2010.

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EXHIBIT C

Summary Statement of Income and Expenses on an Actuarial Value Basis

	Year Ended December 31, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009
Contribution income:		
Employer contributions	\$30,196,905	\$28,505,066
Employee contributions	13,960,465	14,190,598
Less administrative expenses	<u>-557,170</u>	<u>-538,983</u>
Net contribution income	\$43,600,200	\$42,156,681
Net investment income	<u>64,588,917</u>	<u>106,837,422</u>
Total income available for benefits	\$108,189,117	\$148,994,103
Less benefit payments:		
Pensions	-\$53,379,555	-\$51,203,670
Net 3(8)(c) reimbursements	-1,806,378	-2,358,945
Refunds, annuities, & Option B refunds	-9,250,746	-8,669,489
Workers' Compensation settlement	9,000	N/A
State reimbursements	<u>1,726,411</u>	<u>1,925,710</u>
Net benefit payments	-\$62,701,268	-\$60,306,394
Change in actuarial asset method	\$0	-\$41,071,731
Change in reserve for future benefits	\$45,487,849	\$47,615,978

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EXHIBIT D

Development of the Fund Through December 31, 2010

Year Ended December 31	Employer Contributions	Employee Contributions	Other Contributions	Net Investment Return*	Administrative Expenses	Benefit Payments	Actuarial Value of Assets at End of Year
2001	\$9,480,000	\$11,481,856	\$3,471	\$8,897,926	\$462,010	\$39,301,554	\$620,814,307
2002	12,956,778	11,182,339	0	-46,582,424	573,697	43,607,213	554,190,090
2003	18,928,252	10,333,125	0	41,670,173	440,295	47,558,278	577,123,067
2004	20,150,377	11,692,796	0	47,848,351	518,078	50,196,897	606,099,616
2005	23,579,478	11,905,078	0	55,470,778	556,781	52,481,665	644,016,504
2006	23,354,603	12,607,303	0	91,535,234	621,648	54,095,226	716,796,770
2007	24,166,318	12,829,448	0	61,690,401	555,774	55,516,831	759,410,332
2008	24,947,158	14,428,460	0	-108,338,166	554,276	57,999,513	631,893,995
2009	28,505,066	14,190,598	0	65,765,691	538,983	60,306,394	679,509,973
2010	30,196,905	13,960,465	0	64,588,917	557,170	62,701,268	724,997,822

* Net of investment expenses. Reflects changes in asset method in 2003, 2004, 2008 and 2009.

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EXHIBIT E

Development of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability for Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability at beginning of year		\$308,182,322
2. Normal cost at beginning of year		24,074,576
3. Total contributions		-44,157,370
4. Interest		
(a) For whole year on (1) + (2)	\$27,411,194	
(b) For half year on (3)	<u>-1,645,804</u>	
(c) Total interest		<u>25,765,390</u>
5. Expected unfunded actuarial accrued liability		\$313,864,918
6. Changes due to:		
(a) Net experience gain (including 2010 ERI)	-\$37,789,502	
(b) Changes in assumptions	<u>24,002,185</u>	
(c) Total changes		<u>-13,787,317</u>
7. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability at end of year		<u>\$300,077,601</u>

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EXHIBIT F

Table of Amortization Bases as of July 1, 2011

Type	Annual Payment	Rate of Increase	Years Remaining	Outstanding Balance
2002 ERI	\$1,547,977	0.0%	7	\$8,704,089
2003 ERI	485,626	0.0%	1	485,626
2010 ERI	556,347	0.0%	10	4,031,782
Section 90 ACD liability	1,114,537	0.0%	3	3,102,051
Remaining unfunded liability	<u>19,629,166</u>	4.0%	24	<u>295,526,243</u>
Total	\$23,333,653			\$311,849,791

Notes: Recommended contributions are assumed to be paid at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Payment on remaining unfunded liability is \$22,379,824 in fiscal 2013 and will increase 4% per year thereafter.

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**EXHIBIT G
Funding Schedule**

(1) Fiscal Year Ended June 30	(2) Employer Normal Cost	(3) Amortization of 2002 ERI Liability	(4) Amortization of 2003 ERI Liability	(5) Amortization of 2010 ERI Liability	(6) Amortization of Section 90 ACD Liability	(7) Amortization of Remaining Unfunded Liability	(8) Total Plan Cost: (2) + (3) + (4) + (5) + (6) + (7)	(9) Total UAAL at the Beginning of the Fiscal Year	(10) Total Plan Cost % Increase
2012	\$9,372,694	\$1,547,977	\$485,626	\$556,347	\$1,114,537	\$19,629,166	\$32,706,347	\$311,849,791	
2013	9,724,170	1,547,977	-	556,347	1,114,537	22,379,824	35,322,855	352,085,936	8.00%
2014	10,088,826	1,547,977	-	556,347	1,114,537	23,275,017	36,582,704	390,817,444	3.57%
2015	10,467,157	1,547,977	-	556,347	-	24,206,017	36,777,498	371,377,257	0.53%
2016	10,859,675	1,547,977	-	556,347	-	25,174,258	38,138,257	365,955,490	3.70%
2017	11,266,913	1,547,977	-	556,347	-	26,181,228	39,552,465	366,341,344	3.71%
2018	11,689,422	1,547,977	-	556,347	-	27,228,478	41,022,224	365,510,397	3.72%
2019	12,127,775	-	-	556,347	-	28,317,617	41,001,739	363,307,176	-0.05%
2020	12,582,567	-	-	556,347	-	29,450,321	42,589,235	361,187,869	3.87%
2021	13,054,413	-	-	556,347	-	30,628,334	44,239,094	357,675,700	3.87%
2022	13,543,953	-	-	-	-	31,853,468	45,397,421	352,610,300	2.62%
2023	14,051,851	-	-	-	-	33,127,606	47,179,457	346,417,379	3.93%
2024	14,578,795	-	-	-	-	34,452,710	49,031,505	338,352,955	3.93%
2025	15,125,500	-	-	-	-	35,830,819	50,956,319	328,212,264	3.93%
2026	15,692,706	-	-	-	-	37,264,052	52,956,758	315,771,961	3.93%
2027	16,281,182	-	-	-	-	38,754,614	55,035,796	300,788,542	3.93%
2028	16,891,726	-	-	-	-	40,304,798	57,196,524	282,996,643	3.93%
2029	17,525,166	-	-	-	-	41,916,990	59,442,156	262,107,192	3.93%
2030	18,182,360	-	-	-	-	43,593,670	61,776,030	237,805,418	3.93%
2031	18,864,199	-	-	-	-	45,337,417	64,201,616	209,748,688	3.93%
2032	19,571,606	-	-	-	-	47,150,913	66,722,519	177,564,173	3.93%
2033	20,305,541	-	-	-	-	49,036,950	69,342,491	140,846,321	3.93%
2034	21,066,999	-	-	-	-	50,998,428	72,065,427	99,154,121	3.93%
2035	21,857,011	-	-	-	-	52,008,149	73,865,160	52,008,149	2.50%

Notes: Assumes payment at beginning of fiscal year.

Normal cost and expenses are assumed to increase at 3.75% per year.

Item 7 increases 4% per year beginning in fiscal 2014.

Projected unfunded actuarial accrued liability reflects deferred investment losses.

Fiscal 2012 contribution is the budgeted contribution of \$32,150,000 (the approximate fiscal 2011 appropriation with an 8% increase, plus the 2010 ERI payment.)

Fiscal 2013 is the fiscal 2012 contribution increased by 8%.

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EXHIBIT H

Department Allocations of 2002, 2003 and 2010 ERI Amortization Payments and Section 90 ACD Amortization Payments

The total recommended employer contribution, excluding the ERI and Section 90 ACD amortizations, is \$29,001,860. This amount will be allocated to each department based on September 30 payroll. The ERI and

Section 90 ACD amortizations are allocated to each department based on actual ERI and Section 90 ACD participants, as shown below.

Department Allocation of ERI Amortizations

Department	Allocation of 2002 ERI Amortization	Allocation of 2003 ERI Amortization	Allocation of 2010 ERI Amortization	Allocation of Section 90 ACD Amortization
Airport	--	--	\$20,929	--
Auditing	--	--	20,461	--
Clerk	--	--	5,522	--
DPW – Other	--	\$110,745	124,239	\$20,771
DPW - Parks	--	--	11,714	--
DPW – Sewer	\$74,142	40,800	32,987	11,333
DPW – Water	98,439	18,186	126,091	25,807
Fire	295,264	--	--	426,045
Health	--	--	6,677	--
Housing Authority	147,672	--	--	--
Inspectional Services	--	--	31,635	--
Library	--	--	51,630	--
Police	112,260	--	13,502	365,773
Public Schools	354,103	113,388	106,535	49,558
Treasury	--	--	4,425	--
Other	<u>466,097</u>	<u>202,507</u>	--	<u>215,250</u>
Total Fiscal Year 2012 Payment	\$1,547,977	\$485,626	\$556,347	\$1,114,537

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EXHIBIT I

Definitions of Pension Terms

The following list defines certain technical terms for the convenience of the reader:

Assumptions or Actuarial

Assumptions:

The estimates on which the cost of the Plan is calculated including:

- (a) Investment return — the rate of investment yield that the Plan will earn over the long-term future;
- (b) Mortality rates — the death rates of employees and pensioners; life expectancy is based on these rates;
- (c) Retirement rates — the rate or probability of retirement at a given age;
- (d) Turnover rates — the rates at which employees of various ages are expected to leave employment for reasons other than death, disability, or retirement.

Normal Cost:

The amount of contributions required to fund the benefit allocated to the current year of service.

Actuarial Accrued Liability

For Actives:

The equivalent of the accumulated normal costs allocated to the years before the valuation date.

Actuarial Accrued Liability

For Pensioners:

The single-sum value of lifetime benefits to existing pensioners. This sum takes account of life expectancies appropriate to the ages of the pensioners and the interest that the sum is expected to earn before it is entirely paid out in benefits.

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued

Liability:

The extent to which the actuarial accrued liability of the Plan exceeds the assets of the Plan. There is a wide range of approaches to paying off the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, from meeting the interest accrual only to amortizing it over a specific period of time.

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Amortization of the Unfunded

Actuarial Accrued Liability: Payments made over a period of years equal in value to the Plan's unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

Investment Return:

The rate of earnings of the Plan from its investments, including interest, dividends and capital gain and loss adjustments, computed as a percentage of the average value of the fund. For actuarial purposes, the investment return often reflects a smoothing of the capital gains and losses to avoid significant swings in the value of assets from one year to the next.

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EXHIBIT I

Summary of Actuarial Valuation Results

The valuation was made with respect to the following data supplied to us:

1. Retired participants as of the valuation date (including 514 beneficiaries in pay status)	2,798
2. Participants active during the year ended December 31, 2010 with total accumulated contributions of \$152,215,911 and projected 2011 total payroll of \$157,720,871	3,208
3. Inactive participants with a vested right to a return of their employee contributions as of December 31, 2010	691
4. Inactive participants with a vested right to a deferred or immediate benefit as of December 31, 2010	62

The actuarial factors as of January 1, 2011 are as follows:

1. Normal cost, including administrative expenses	\$23,414,464
2. Expected employer contributions	<u>-14,212,715</u>
3. Employer normal cost: (1) + (2)	\$9,201,749
4. Actuarial accrued liability	1,025,075,423
Retired participants and beneficiaries	\$573,267,875
Active participants	444,178,751
Inactive participants	7,628,797
5. Actuarial value of assets (\$681,901,180 at market value as reported in the draft Annual Statement)	724,997,822
6. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability: (4) – (5)	300,077,601

The actuarial factors projected to July 1, 2011 are as follows:

1. Employer normal cost projected to July 1, 2011	\$9,372,694
2. Projected unfunded actuarial accrued liability	311,849,791
3. Payment on projected unfunded actuarial accrued liability (final payment in fiscal 2035)	23,333,653
4. Recommended contribution: (1) + (3)	32,706,347
5. Projected payroll as of July 1, 2011	160,650,921
6. Total recommended contribution as a percentage of projected payroll: (4) ÷ (5)	20.36%

Note: Recommended contributions are assumed to be paid at the beginning of the fiscal year.

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EXHIBIT II

Supplementary Information Required by the GASB – Schedule of Employer Contributions

Plan Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contributions	Actual Contributions	Percentage Contributed
2001	\$9,480,000	\$9,480,000	100.0%
2002	12,956,778	12,956,778	100.0%
2003	18,928,252	18,928,252	100.0%
2004	20,150,377	20,150,377	100.0%
2005	22,228,892	23,579,478	106.1%
2006	23,316,836	23,354,603	100.2%
2007	24,166,318	24,166,318	100.0%
2008	24,947,158	24,947,158	100.0%
2009	28,505,066	28,505,066	100.0%
2010	30,196,905	30,196,905	100.0%

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EXHIBIT III

Supplementary Information Required by the GASB – Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded/ (Overfunded) AAL (UAAL) (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a) / (b)	Projected Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Projected Payroll [(b) - (a)] / (c)
01/01/2002	\$620,814,307	\$671,876,943	\$51,062,636	92.40%	\$148,764,543	34.32%
01/01/2003	554,190,090	715,855,564	161,665,474	77.42%	142,802,508	113.21%
01/01/2004	577,123,067	743,570,440	166,447,373	77.62%	138,796,895	119.92%
01/01/2005	606,099,616	771,948,311	165,848,695	78.52%	147,126,606	112.73%
01/01/2006	644,016,504	806,957,464	162,940,960	79.81%	145,830,593	111.73%
01/01/2007	716,796,770	837,608,233	120,811,463	85.58%	152,838,201	79.05%
01/01/2008	759,410,332	889,924,310	130,513,978	85.33%	156,585,326	83.35%
01/01/2009	631,893,995	929,569,464	297,675,469	67.98%	166,050,095	179.27%
01/01/2010	679,509,973	987,692,295	308,182,322	68.80%	166,392,075	185.21%
01/01/2011	724,997,822	1,025,075,423	300,077,601	70.73%	157,720,871	190.26%

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EXHIBIT IV

Supplementary Information Required by the GASB

Valuation date	January 1, 2011
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization method	Level payments on the 2002, 2003 and 2010 ERI liability and the Section 90 ACD liability; payment on the remaining unfunded liability increases 4% per year beginning with fiscal 2014 payment
Remaining amortization period	7 years for the 2002 ERI liability 1 years for the 2003 ERI liability 10 years for the 2010 ERI liability 3 years for the Section 90 ACD liability and 24 years for the remaining unfunded liability
Asset valuation method	The difference between the expected return and the actual investment return on a market value basis is recognized over a five-year period.
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	8.00% (previously, 8.25%)
Projected salary increases	4.75% (previously, 5.00%)
Cost of living adjustments	3.00% of first \$12,000 of retirement income
Plan membership:	
Retired participants and beneficiaries receiving benefits	2,798
Inactive participants entitled to a return of their employee contributions	691
Inactive participants with a vested right to a deferred or immediate benefit	62
Active participants	<u>3,208</u>
Total	6,759

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EXHIBIT V

Actuarial Assumptions and Actuarial Cost Method

Mortality Rates:

Healthy: 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table
Disabled: 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 5 years (previously, 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 7 years)

Termination Rates before Retirement:	Rate (%)				
	Age	Mortality		Groups 1 and 2	
		Male	Female	Disability	Withdrawal
	20	0.05	0.03	0.02	12.00
	25	0.07	0.03	0.03	8.78
	30	0.08	0.04	0.04	5.55
	35	0.09	0.05	0.05	3.93
	40	0.11	0.07	0.07	2.31
	45	0.16	0.10	0.13	1.89
	50	0.26	0.14	0.19	1.46
	55	0.44	0.23	0.29	0.00
	60	0.80	0.44	0.38	0.00

*Notes: 55% of the disability rates shown represent accidental disability.
 20% of the accidental disabilities will die from the same cause as the disability.
 55% of the death rates shown represent accidental death.*

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Age	Mortality		Group 4	
	Male	Female	Disability	Withdrawal
20	0.05	0.03	0.08	2.10
25	0.07	0.03	0.12	1.88
30	0.08	0.04	0.17	1.65
35	0.09	0.05	0.41	1.11
40	0.11	0.07	0.65	0.56
45	0.16	0.10	0.89	0.28
50	0.26	0.14	1.13	0.00
55	0.44	0.23	1.33	0.00
60	0.80	0.44	1.53	0.00

*Notes: 90% of the disability rates shown represent accidental disability.
 60% of the accidental disabilities will die from the same cause as the disability.
 90% of the death rates shown represent accidental death.*

Retirement Rates:

Rate (%)			
Age	Groups 1 and 2	Age	Group 4
55	12.55	50	32.00
56	3.21	51	7.21
57	3.10	52	5.90
58	3.34	53	8.00
59	3.48	54	7.71
60	7.84	55	15.51
61	6.92	56	9.11
62	15.11	57	9.09
63	10.71	58	11.90
64	10.37	59	11.42
65	35.68	60	23.95
66	22.14	61	13.60

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Retirement Rates (continued):

		Rate (%)	
Age	Groups 1 and 2	Age	Group 4
67	21.59	62	19.50
68	21.64	63	12.53
69	25.36	64	18.73
70	100.00	65	100.00

Unknown Data for Participants: Same as those exhibited by participants with similar known characteristics.

Age of Spouse: Females three years younger than their spouses.

Percent Married: 80%

Net Investment Return: 8.00% (previously, 8.25%)

Salary Increases:

Age	Present salary as a percent of salary at 65	Annual increase rate (%)	(Previously, Annual increase rate (%))
20	12.39%	4.75%	5.00%
25	15.63	4.75	5.00
30	19.71	4.75	5.00
35	24.85	4.75	5.00
40	31.34	4.75	5.00
45	39.53	4.75	5.00
50	49.85	4.75	5.00
55	62.87	4.75	5.00
60	79.29	4.75	5.00

Includes allowance for inflation of 3.75% (previously, 4.00%).

Administrative Expenses: \$625,000 for calendar 2011

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2010 Salary:	<p>2010 salary equal to salaries provided in the data, except for new hires where salaries were calculated from annualized contributions divided by the contribution rate(s) reported.</p> <p>The salaries of police officers were reduced by 4.5% to reflect retroactive pay amounts.</p>
Total Service:	<p>Total creditable service based on adjusted date of hire. (Previously, total creditable service reported in the data.)</p>
Net 3(8)(c) Liability:	<p>Estimated liability of \$15.7 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$1.8 million. (Previously, estimated liability of \$20.1 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$2.4 million.)</p>
Actuarial Value of Assets:	<p>Market value of assets as reported in the System's Annual Statement less unrecognized return in each of the last five years. Unrecognized return is equal to the difference between the actual market value return and the expected market value return and is recognized over a five-year period, further adjusted, if necessary, to be within 10% of the market value.</p>
Actuarial Cost Method:	<p>Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method. Entry Age is the age of the participant less Total Service. Normal Cost and Actuarial Accrued Liability are calculated on an individual basis and are allocated by salary.</p>
Changes in Assumptions:	<p>The disabled life mortality table was changed from the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 7 years to the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set forward 5 years.</p> <p>The net investment return was decreased from 8.25% to 8.00%.</p> <p>The annual salary increase rate was decreased from 5.00% to 4.75%.</p> <p>The net 3(8)(c) liability assumption was reduced from an estimated liability of \$20.1 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$2.4 million to an estimated liability of \$15.7 million based on estimated net annual benefits of \$1.8 million.</p>

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EXHIBIT VI

Summary of Plan Provisions

This exhibit summarizes the major provisions of Chapter 32 of the Laws of Massachusetts.

Plan Year: January 1 – December 31

Retirement Benefits

Employees covered by the Contributory Retirement Law are classified into one of four groups depending on job classification. Group 1 comprises most positions in state and local government. It is the general category of public employees. Group 4 comprises mainly police and firefighters. Group 2 is for other specified hazardous occupations. (Officers and inspectors of the State Police are classified as Group 3.)

The annual amount of the retirement allowance is based on the member’s final three-year average salary multiplied by the number of years and full months of creditable service at the time of retirement and multiplied by a percentage according to the following table based on the age of the member at retirement:

Age Last Birthday at Date of Retirement			
Percent	Group 1	Group 2	Group 4
2.5	65 or over	60 or over	55 or over
2.4	64	59	54
2.3	63	58	53
2.2	62	57	52
2.1	61	56	51
2.0	60	55	50
1.9	59	--	49
1.8	58	--	48
1.7	57	--	47
1.6	56	--	46
1.5	55	--	45

A member’s final three-year average salary is defined as the greater of the highest consecutive three-year average annual rate of regular compensation and the average

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annual rate of regular compensation received during the last three years of creditable service prior to retirement. The \$30,000 cap on salary used in a benefit determination for any employee hired after January 1, 1979 has been removed.

The maximum annual amount of the retirement allowance is 80 percent of the member's final three-year average salary. Any member who is a veteran also receives an additional yearly retirement allowance of \$15 per year of creditable service, not exceeding \$300. The veteran allowance is paid in addition to the 80 percent maximum.

Employee Contributions

<u>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Contribution Rate</u>
Prior to January 1, 1975	5%
January 1, 1975 – December 31, 1983	7%
January 1, 1984 – June 30, 1996	8%
July 1, 1996 onward	9%

In addition, employees hired after December 31, 1978 contribute an additional 2 percent of salary in excess of \$30,000.

Employees hired after 1983 who leave with less than five years of credited service receive no interest on their contributions, and employees who leave with five but less than ten years receive one-half the rate of regular interest otherwise payable.

Retirement Benefits (Superannuation)

Members of Group 1, 2 or 4 may retire upon the attainment of age 55. For retirement at ages below 55, twenty years of creditable service is required.

Members who terminate before age 55 with ten or more years of creditable service are eligible for a retirement allowance upon the attainment of age 55 (provided they have not withdrawn their accumulated deductions from the Annuity Savings Fund of the System).

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Ordinary Disability Benefits

A member who is unable to perform his or her job due to a non-occupational disability will receive a retirement allowance if he or she has ten or more years of creditable service and has not reached age 55. The annual amount of such allowance shall be determined as if the member retired for superannuation at age 55, based on the amount of creditable service at the date of disability. For veterans, there is a minimum benefit of 50 percent of the member's most recent year's pay plus an annuity based on his or her own contributions.

Accidental Disability Benefit

For a job-connected disability, the benefit is 72 percent of the member's most recent annual pay plus an annuity based on his or her own contributions, plus additional amounts for surviving children. Benefits are capped at 75 percent of annual rate of regular compensation for employees who become members after January 1, 1988.

Death Benefits

In general, the beneficiary of an employee who dies in active service will receive a refund of the employee's own contributions. Alternatively, if the employee were eligible to retire on the date of death, a spouse's benefit will be paid equal to the amount the employee would have received under Option C. The surviving spouse of a member who dies with two or more years of credited service has the option of a refund of the employee's contributions or a monthly benefit regardless of eligibility to retire, if they were married for at least one year. There is also a minimum widow's pension of \$500 per month, and there are additional amounts for surviving children. If an employee's death is job-connected, the spouse will receive 72 percent of the member's most recent annual pay, in addition to a refund of the member's accumulated deductions, plus additional amounts for surviving children. However, in accordance with Section 100 of Chapter 32, the surviving spouse of a police officer, firefighter or corrections officer is killed in the line of duty will be eligible to receive an annual benefit equal to the maximum salary held by the member at the time of death.

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"Heart And Lung Law" And Cancer Presumption

Any case of hypertension or heart disease resulting in total or partial disability or death to a uniformed fireman, permanent member of a police department, or certain employees of a county correctional facility is presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty, unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence. Any case of disease of the lungs or respiratory tract resulting in total disability or death to a uniformed fireman is presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty, unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence. There is an additional presumption for uniformed firemen that certain types of cancer are job-related if onset occurs while actively employed or within five years of retirement.

Options

Members may elect to receive a full retirement allowance payable for life under Option A. Under Option B a member may elect to receive a lower monthly allowance in exchange for a guarantee that at the time of death any contributions not expended for annuity payments will be refunded to the beneficiary. Option C allows the member to take a lesser retirement allowance in exchange for providing a survivor with two-thirds of the lesser amount. Option C pensioners will have benefits converted from a reduced to a full retirement if the beneficiary predeceases the retiree.

Post-Retirement Benefits

The Board has adopted the provisions of Section 51 Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, which provide that the Retirement Board may approve an annual COLA in excess of the Consumer Price Index but not to exceed a 3% COLA on the first \$12,000 of a retirement allowance. Cost-of-living increases granted prior to July 1, 1998 are reimbursed by the Commonwealth and not reflected in this report.

Changes in Plan Provisions

During 2010, 55 participants retired under the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) program.