FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees and Plan Administrator North Miami Police Pension Plan North Miami. Florida

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the North Miami Police Pension Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the fiscal year ended, which collectively comprise the Plan's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Plan, as of September 30, 2024, and the change in fiduciary net position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
  error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
  examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Other Matter

#### Report on Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Plan's 2023 financial statements, and our report dated March 19, 2024, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. In our opinion, the comparative information presented herein as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the schedule of changes in the City's net pension liability and related ratios, the schedule of City contributions, and the schedule of investment returns on pages 4-9 and 21-23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Plan's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of administrative and investment expenses is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of administrative and investment expenses is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 14, 2025, on our consideration of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Plan's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

Miami, Florida March 14, 2025



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The discussion and analysis of the City of North Miami's North Miami Police Pension Plan ("NMPPP") provides an overview of the financial activities and funding conditions for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023.

#### Financial Highlights

The NMPPP net results from operations for fiscal year 2024 reflected the following financial activities:

- The net position experienced a substantial increase of \$17,390,616 or 17.30% compared to the previous year's increase of \$6,066,637 or 6.42%. This significant improvement was primarily due to a notable increase in the fair value of investments.
- Employer contributions decreased slightly from \$5,020,198 in fiscal year 2023 to \$4,994,768 in fiscal year 2024. Plan member contributions also saw a minor decline from \$930,523 to \$904,866. State contributions remained consistent at \$82.682.
- The Plan saw a remarkable increase in investment income, with a net investment gain of \$18,569,952 in fiscal year 2024 compared to \$6,962,387 in fiscal year 2023. This surge was primarily driven by an increase in the fair value of investments, which rose from \$4,784,757 in 2023 to \$16,072,901 in 2024.
- Total benefits paid to plan members increased from \$6,494,396 in 2023 to \$6,631,544 in 2024, reflecting both pension benefits and lump sum retirement payments.
- Administrative expenses increased from \$434,757 in fiscal year 2023 to \$530,108 in fiscal year 2024 due to salary adjustments, additional staffing, trustee training, and rising vendor costs.

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#### **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

The statement of fiduciary net position provides a snapshot of account balances at fiscal year end. It reports the assets available for future payments to retirees and any current liabilities that are owed as of the financial statement date. The resulting net position value, or assets minus liabilities, represents the value of net position restricted for pension benefits. The NMPPP continues to be adequately funded. It is important to remember that retirement system funding is based on a long time horizon, and that temporary ups and downs in the market are to be expected.

The summary of fiduciary net position is presented below:

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	September 30				
		2024		2023	
Assets:					
Cash	\$	121,184	\$	179,664	
Investments		117,731,397		100,266,996	
Receivables		241,974		334,695	
Other Assets		8,805		14,706	
Total Assets		118,103,360		100,796,061	
Liabilities		150,807		234,124	
Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits	\$	117,952,553	\$	100,561,937	

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### Statement of Changes in fiduciary Net Position

The statement of changes in fiduciary net position displays the effects of pension fund transactions that occurred during the fiscal year where additions less deductions equal the net increase or decrease in fiduciary net position.

The summary of changes in fiduciary net position is presented below:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30				
	2024	2023			
Additions					
Contributions	\$ 5,982	316 \$ 6,033,403			
Investment income, net	18,569	952 6,962,387			
Total Additions	24,552	268 12,995,790			
Deductions					
Benefits paid to plan members	6,631,	544 6,494,396			
Administrative expenses	530,	108 434,757			
Total Deductions	6,929,	6,929,153			
Change in Net Position	17,390,6	6,066,637			
Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits					
Beginning of year, as previously reported	100,561,9	94,495,300			
End of year	\$ 117,952,	553 \$ 100,561,937			

#### Funding Status

Of primary concern to most pension plan participants is the amount of money available to pay benefits. A pension plan can become underfunded when the employer fails to make annual, actuarially required contributions to that plan. The City has traditionally contributed the annual required contribution to the NMPPP as determined by the Plan's actuary. The funded ratio this year is 74.1% compared to 75.8%

#### **Net Pension Liability**

With the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 67, a measure of the accounting liability of the City of North Miami, Florida (the "City") is referred to as the net pension liability and is measured as of the Plan's year end and is presented in Note 4 and the required supplementary information section.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### Plan Membership

#### Change in Plan Membership

_	September 30					
	2024	2023	Change			
Inactive plan members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	73	73	(0)			
Inactive plan members entitled but not yet receiving benefits	4	3	(1)			
Active plan members	67	69_	(-2)			
Total Membership	144	145	(-1)			

#### **Asset Allocation**

The following table compares the Plan's policy target asset allocation to actual allocation for September 30, 2024 and 2023.

#### **Assets allocation**

_	202	24	202	23
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Equities	60.00%	62.60%	60.00%	60.60%
Fixed Income	21.00%	21.04%	21.00%	19.70%
Real Estate	19.00%	14.20%	19.00%	19.20%
Cash	0.00%	1.80%	0.00%	0.50%

#### **Investment Activities**

Investment income is vital to the NMPPP for current and future financial stability. Therefore, the trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to act prudently and discreetly when making Plan investment decisions. To assist the board of trustees in this area, the board employs the services of an investment consultant to periodically review and update the investment policy.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The board and its investment consultant review portfolio performance quarterly. Performance is evaluated by individual money managers and by the asset class that each manager holds. Each performance is compared [a] to an internal benchmark (7.00% actuarial rate of return), [b] to a universe of peers and [c] to a broad financial benchmark (for example, S&P 500).

- Total Fund Return (FY 2024): 18.35% significantly outperforming its benchmark.
- Equities Return: 29.60%, slightly lower than 29.79% in 2023.
- Fixed Income Return: 11.76%, improving from 9.98% in 2023.
- Real Estate Return: -9.96%. from -7.26% in 2023.

Overall performance results, gross of fees, for the Plan can be viewed in the table below:

#### Summary of Investment Returns

	Septemb	September 30,		Annualized			
	2024	2023	3 Yr. Return	5 Yr. Return			
Equities							
Fund Return	29.60%	18.08%	8.26%	13.31%			
Fund Policy	29.79%	18.97%	7.94%	12.46%			
Fixed Income							
Fund Return	11.76%	1.34%	-0.58%	1.30%			
Fund Policy	9.98%	1.82%	-0.21%	1.03%			
Real Estate							
Fund Return	-9.96%	-12.54%	-0.96%	2.70%			
Fund Policy	-7.26%	-12.22%	018%	2.94%			
Total Fund							
Fund Return	18.35%	7.33%	5.20%	9.16%			
Fund Policy	17.94%	9.06%	5.03%	8.64%			

The Plan uses the S&P 400, S&P 600, S&P 400 and the MSCI Europe Australasia Far East ("EAFE") indices as its equities policy. The Barclays Capital Government Credit Index (BCGC) and the Barclays Capital Intermediate Government Credit Index (BCIGC) for its fixed income policy. Real estate investments are measured against the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries ("NCREIF") index. The overall fund performance of the Plan is compared to the return of a portfolio comprised of the following:

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### Benchmarks per the Investment Policy

Bloomberg Intermediate US Gov't Credit Index	16.0%
Bloomberg US Aggregate Index	5.0%
S&P 600	12.0%
Russell 1000 Growth	12.0%
Russell 1000 Value	12.0%
S&P 400	12.0%
MSCI EAFE	12.0%
NCREIF ODC E	19.0%
	100.0%

#### **Financial Analysis Summary**

The North Miami Police Pension Plan (NMPPP) experienced significant financial growth in fiscal year 2024, primarily driven by strong investment returns. The Plan's net position increased by \$17.39 million (17.30%), compared to \$6.07 million (6.42%) in the prior year. This improvement was largely attributed to investment gains, as the fair value of investments surged from \$4.78 million in 2023 to \$16.07 million in 2024.

#### **Key Financial Highlights**

- Total contributions decreased slightly from \$6.03 million to \$5.98 million, with employer and plan member contributions declining marginally.
- Investment income rose significantly from \$6.96 million to \$18.57 million, with equity investments leading to the gains.
- Benefit payments increased by \$137,148, reflecting normal retirement trends.
- Administrative expenses grew by \$95,351 due to salary adjustments, additional staffing, and increased operational costs.

#### **Investment Performance**

- Overall Return: The Plan achieved an 18.35% return, significantly outperforming the benchmark.
- Equities: 29.60% return, considerably higher than 18.08% in 2023.
- Fixed Income: 11.76% return, much higher than 1.34% in 2023.
- Real Estate: -9.96% was a slight decline, compared to -12.54% in 2023

#### **Financial Position**

- Total Assets: Increased by 17.17% to \$118.1 million
- Net Position: Strengthened to \$117.9 million, reinforcing the Plan's long-term sustainability
- Liabilities: Remained minimal and decreased to 151K, reflecting sound financial management.

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

This financial report is designed to provide the Board of Trustees, Plan participants and the marketplace's credit analysts with an overview of the Plan's finances and the prudent exercise of the Board's oversight. If you have any questions regarding this report or need additional financial information, please contact the Plan Administrator at 305-853-9393 or at the following address: 12000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 508, North Miami, Florida 33181.



# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

### (WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
Cash	\$	121,184	\$	179,664
Investments:				
Money market funds		2,049,775		3,463,831
U.S. treasuries		6,576,539		5,527,038
U.S. agencies		9,508,407		7,380,761
Corporate bonds		1,640,267		1,638,419
Common stock		29,411,851		24,182,618
Equity mutual fund		15,518,257		11,112,828
Real state funds		16,746,998		18,653,225
Bond index fund		7,501,956		4,590,753
Equity securities index funds		28,777,347		23,717,523
Total investments		117,731,397		100,266,996
Receivables: Due from broker Plan member contributions Accrued interest Accrued dividends Total receivables	_	103,553 16,519 96,701 25,201 241,974		202,004 16,762 101,435 14,494 334,695
Other assets		8,805		14,706
Total assets		118,103,360		100,796,061
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Due to brokers		124,138		189,752
Payables		26,669		44,372
Total liabilities		150,807		234,124
NET POSITION  Net position restricted for pension benefits	\$	117,952,553	\$	100,561,937

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

(WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		
ADDITIONS:				
Contributions:				
Employer	\$ 4,994,768	\$ 5,020,198		
Plan members	904,866	930,523		
State contributions	82,682	82,682		
Total contributions	5,982,316	6,033,403		
Investment income:				
Net increase in fair value of investments	16,072,901	4,784,757		
Interest	901,085	716,663		
Dividends	1,917,695	1,760,806		
	18,891,681	7,262,226		
Less investment expenses	(321,729)	(299,839)		
Net investment income	18,569,952	6,962,387		
Total additions	24,552,268	12,995,790		
DEDUCTIONS:				
Benefits paid to plan members				
Pension benefits	6,631,544	5,979,576		
Lump sum retirement	-	514,820		
Total benefits paid to plan members	6,631,544	6,494,396		
Administrative expenses	530,108	434,757		
Total deductions	7,161,652	6,929,153		
Change in net position	17,390,616	6,066,637		
Net position restricted for pension benefits:				
Beginning of year	100,561,937	94,495,300		
End of year	\$ 117,952,553	\$ 100,561,937		



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### **NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements of the North Miami Police Pension Plan (the "Plan") are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Interest and dividends are recorded as earned.

#### **Method Used to Value Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value except for money market funds which are reported at amortized cost. Net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments includes realized and unrealized gains and losses. Realized gains and losses are determined on the basis of average cost. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the trade-date. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Within certain limitations as specified in the Plan, the investment policy is determined by the Board of Trustees and is implemented by the Plan's investment managers. A financial consultant monitors the investment managers.

For more detail regarding the methods used to measure the fair value of investments refer to the fair value hierarchy in Note 3.

#### **Uses of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### **Comparative Information**

The financial statements include certain prior year comparative information. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Plan's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, from which the summarized comparative information was derived.

#### **NOTE 2 - PLAN DESCRIPTION**

The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more information.

#### **Plan Description**

The City of North Miami, Florida (the "City" or the "Employer") is the administrator of a single-employer defined benefit pension plan established to provide pension benefits for its employees. The Plan is administered by a seven member Board of Trustees comprised of three members occupying positions specifically designated by Ordinance and four elected police members.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### NOTE 2 - PLAN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

#### Plan Description (Continued)

Effective January 1, 1977, the City established a retirement system by Ordinance 748 for all employees hired on or after that date and for all employees under the City's then existing retirement system, the Clair T. Singerman Employees' Retirement System ("691 plan"), who elected to join the new Plan. Effective April 3, 1994, all general employees were transferred to the 691 plan. In effect, this Plan's membership is now restricted to sworn police personnel hired on or after January 1, 1977. This Plan provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Since the Plan is a single-employer public employees' retirement system sponsored by the City, the Plan is considered part of the City's financial reporting entity and is included in the City's financial statements as a pension trust fund. The latest available actuarial valuation is as of October 1, 2023 (beginning of year valuation date); however, employer contribution requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 were based on the October 1, 2022 valuation. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by City Ordinance and may be amended only by City Council.

#### Plan Membership

The membership in the Plan as of October 1, 2023 (the date of the latest actuarial valuation):

Inactive Plan members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	73
Inactive Plan members entitled but not yet receiving benefits	4
Active Plan members	67
Total membership	144

Effective December 1, 2016, the Plan was closed to new members. New police officers hired by the City will join the Florida Retirement System ("FRS"). Existing members to the Plan had the option to remain in the Plan or to choose to participate in the FRS. These members had the option of keeping their accrued benefits in the Plan or receiving refunds of member contributions.

#### **Pension Benefits**

Plan members become partially vested (25%) after 5 years credited service, increasing 15% annually, with full vesting after 10 years of credited service.

Normal retirement is the earlier of age 55 and 10 years of service or age 50 and 20 years of service. A member may elect to receive in a lump sum at retirement an amount, which is the actuarial equivalent of the benefits otherwise payable under the Plan.

Early retirement is available at age 50 and 10 years of service. For certain members hired on or before December 31, 2006, early retirement is also available after 20 years of service regardless of age.

Normal retirement benefits are based on 1% of average final compensation (AFC) multiplied by the years of service up to July 1, 1979, plus 3% of average final compensation for the years of service from June 30, 1979 to June 30, 1997; and 3.5% of AFC for the years of service on or after July 1, 1997. Additionally, accumulated Plan member contributions up to September 30, 1982, are payable to the member in a lump sum upon termination or retirement.

Terminated members with less than five years creditable service receive their contribution plus accrued interest accumulated since initial employment. Partially vested members receive the greater of member contributions plus accrued interest or the sum of member contributions prior to October 1, 1982, plus their vested benefits.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### **NOTE 2 - PLAN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)**

#### **Contributions and Funding Policy**

Employees contribute 9.51% of their base salaries or wages based on the Plan's investment performance. Interest is credited annually on members' accumulated contributions at a rate of interest determined at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The interest rate was 0.00% for 2024. Employer and state contributions for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was 63.34% of covered payroll.

The Plan's funding policy provides for actuarially determined periodic employer contributions sufficient to pay the benefits provided by the Plan when they become due. The actuarial cost method used for determining the contribution requirements of the Plan is the Entry Age Normal.

Pursuant to Chapter 185, Florida Statutes, and the collective bargaining agreement of October 1, 2021, insurance premium tax monies received are shared between the City and the North Miami Police Share Plan. The net insurance premium tax received during the fiscal year was \$82,682.

#### **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

#### **Deposits**

Deposits, which include cash on hand, are covered by federal deposit insurance. At September 30, 2024, the Plan had an insured cash balance of approximately \$121,184 with one financial institution.

#### Investments

All investments made or held by the Plan shall be limited to the following as per the Plan's investment policy:

- 1. Time, savings and money market deposit accounts of a national bank, a state bank or a savings and loan association insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation provided the amount deposited does not exceed the insured amount.
- 2. Obligations issued by the U.S. government or an agency or instrumentality of the U.S. government, including mortgage-related securities.
- 3. Domestic and international equities.
- 4. Fixed income investments defined as preferred issues and fixed income securities.
- 5. Money market funds, defined as fixed income securities having a maturity of less than one year.
- 6. Bonds issued by the State of Israel.
- 7. Commingled stock, bond or money market funds whose investments are restricted to securities meeting the criteria in items 1 through 6 above.
- 8. Domestic commercial real estate property holdings.

#### Maturity

Neither state law nor Plan investment policy limits maturity terms on fixed income holdings. As of September 30, 2024, the Plan had the following fixed income investments in its portfolio:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)							
			Less than						More than
Type of Investment	Fair Value		<u>1 year</u>			1-5 Years	6	6-10 Years	10 Years
U.S. Treasuries	6,576,539	\$		-	\$	3,194,329	\$	3,382,210	\$ -
U.S. Agencies	9,508,407			-		-		-	9,508,407
Corporate Bonds	1,640,267							1,640,267	 
Total Fair Value	\$ 17,725,213	\$		_	\$	3,194,329	\$	5,022,477	\$ 9,508,407

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### **NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk refers to the portfolio's exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Plan does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to market value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

#### Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of investment expense was 17.81%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment manager and consultant expenses adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. Inputs to the internal rate of return calculation are determined on a monthly basis.

#### **Credit Risk**

State law and the Plan's investment policy limits investments in bonds, stocks, or other evidences of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state or organized territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, provided the corporation is listed on any one or more of the recognized national stock exchanges or on the National Market System of the NASDAQ Stock Market and, in the case of bonds only, holds a rating in one of the three highest classifications by a major rating service. The Plan's investment policy limits fixed income investments to a rating no lower than Standard & Poor's BBB to Moody's Baa.

The Plan's corporate bonds and agency bonds were all rated "A" or better under Standard & Poor's ratings and at least "A" under Moody's ratings.

The following tables disclose credit ratings of the fixed income securities, at September 30, 2024, as applicable:

		Fair Value	Porcentage of Portofolio
Moody rating of credit risk debt sec	uriti	es	
*AGY	\$	9,508,407	54%
A1		162,127	1%
A2		304,989	2%
A3		771,979	4%
Aa2		401,172	2%
Aaa		6,576,539	37%
Total fixed income	\$	17,725,213	100%

<sup>\*</sup>Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not have purchase limitations

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

The Plan's investment policy stipulates that not more than 5% of Plan assets can be invested in the common stock of any one issuing company nor can the aggregate investment in any one issuing company exceed 5% of the outstanding capital stock of any company. As of September 30, 2024, the value of each position held by the Plan portfolio comprised less than 5% of fiduciary net position and less than 5% of the value of the outstanding capital stock of the respective company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Custodial Credit Risk**

This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are held by the counterparty. The Plan has third party custodial arrangements with financial institutions to accept securities on a delivery versus payment basis for direct purchase agreements. All securities purchased by the Plan are designated as an asset of the Plan in the Plan's name and are held in safekeeping by the Plan's custodial bank or a third party custodial institution.

#### Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of fiduciary net position. The Plan, through its investment advisor, monitors the Plan's investment and the risks associated therewith on a regular basis which the Plan believes minimizes these risks.

#### Fair Value Hierarchy

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. The Plan categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market.

#### Level 1

Investments' fair values based on prices quoted in active markets for identical assets.

#### Level 2

Investments' fair values based on observable inputs for the assets either directly or indirectly, other than those considered Level 1 inputs, which may include quoted prices for identical assets in markets that are not considered to be active, and quoted prices of similar assets in active or inactive markets.

#### Level 3

Investments' fair values based upon unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the fair value techniques for the Plan's investments. Level 1 and 2 prices are obtained from various pricing sources by the Plan's custodian bank:

Money market funds are reported at amortized cost.

Equity securities traded on national or international exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price or current exchange rates (Level 1). This includes common stock, mutual fund equities and U.S. Treasury bonds and notes.

Debt securities classified as Level 2 are valued using pricing inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use to price an asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. This includes U.S. federal agencies, mortgage backed and collateralized securities, municipal bonds, and corporate obligations, including asset backed bonds and notes.

The Plan has investments in alternative assets consisting of real estate funds and collective investment trust funds which hold a variety of investment vehicles that do not have readily available market quotations. The alternative investments are measured at net asset value based on their proportionate share of the value of the investments as determined by the fund managers and are valued according to methodologies which include pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)

Real estate partnerships provide quarterly valuations to the pension trust fund management. Individual properties are valued by the investment management at least annually and are adjusted as frequently as quarterly if material market or operational changes have occurred. Properties are generally externally appraised every one to five years, depending on the investment. Annual audits of partnerships include a review of compliance with each partnership's valuation policies.

The fair value of collective investment trusts are determined by the fair values of the underlying holdings using reputable pricing sources and computing an overall net asset value per share. The holdings within each fund are publicly traded securities. The funds have daily openings and contributions and withdrawals can be made on a daily basis.

The following is a summary of the fair value hierarchy of the fair value of investments as of September 30, 2024:

			Fair \	√alue	Measurements	Using:	
		Q	uoted Prices		Significant		
			in Active		Other	Si	gnificant
		ı	Markets for		Observable	Uno	bservable
		lde	ntical Assets		Inputs		Inputs
Investments by fair value level	Fair Value		(Level 1)		(Level 2)		evel 3)
Debt securities							
U.S. treasuries	\$ 6,576,539	\$	6,576,539	\$	-	\$	-
U.S agencies	9,508,407		-		9,508,407		-
Corporate bonds	1,640,267		-		1,640,267		-
Total debt securities	17,725,213		6,576,539		11,148,674		-
Equity securities							
Common stock	29,411,851		29,411,851		_		-
Equity mutual fund	15,518,257		15,518,257		_		-
Total equity securities	44,930,108		44,930,108				-
Total investments by fair value level	62,655,321	\$	51,506,647	\$	11,148,674	\$	
Investments measured at							
Net Asset Value (NAV)							
Real estate funds	16,746,998						
Collective investment trust funds:							
Bond index fund	7,501,956						
Equity securities index funds	28,777,347						
Total investments measured at NAV	53,026,301						
Money market funds (exempt)	2,049,775						
Total	\$ 117,731,397						

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### **NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

#### Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient, including their related unfunded commitments and redemption restrictions.

	Fair Value	-	nfunded nmitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible	Redemption Notice Period (Days)
Real estate funds	\$ 16,746,998	\$	-	Quarterly	90
Collective investment trust funds:					
Bond index fund	7,501,956		-	Daily	1
Equity securities index funds	28,777,347		-	Daily	1
Total investments measured at NAV	\$ 53,026,301				

Real estate funds – Consists of two real estate partnerships. One of the funds is an open end diversified core real estate commingled fund whose primary objective is to provide returns that are attractive to other asset classes with stable income and the potential for market appreciation. The fund invests primarily in core institutional quality industrial, multi family, office, and retail properties located throughout the United States, and is diversified by product type, geographic region, and economic exposure in order to mitigate investment risk. Requests for redemption in this fund may be made at any time with 10 days' notice. The other real estate fund held by the plan invests directly and indirectly in real estate using vehicles such as joint ventures, partnerships and other participation interests with real estate owners, developers and others. The fund seeks a diversified portfolio consisting of yield-driven real estate value added investments consisting of multi-family, industrial, retail, residential and mixed-use properties. The fund provides for redemptions with 90 days' notice.

Collective investment trust funds — Consists of three index funds considered commingled in nature which are designed to match the returns of their respective benchmark index. The objective of two of the funds is to match the returns of the S&P Small-Cap 600 Index and S&P MidCap 400 Index through investments in substantially all the stocks contained in those indexes respectively. The objective of the third fund is to match the return of the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate U.S. Bond Index through investment in substantially all the bonds contained in that index. Each are valued at the net asset value held at the end of the period based upon the fair value of the underlying investments. These funds are open for withdrawal daily and provide for redemptions with 1 day notice.

#### NOTE 4 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE CITY

The components of the net pension liability of the City at September 30, 2024:

Total pension liability	\$ 148,282,668
Plan fiduciary net position	 117,952,553
Net pension liability	\$ 30,330,115
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage	
of total pension liability	79.55%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### NOTE 4 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)

#### **Significant Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2023 and rolled forward to September 30, 2024, using the following actuarial assumptions:

nflation 2.50%

Salary increases 3.50% - 9.00% depending on service

Investment rate of return 7.00%

Retirement age Mortality table Experience-based table of rates are specific to the type of eligibility condition.

The mortality tables are the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below Median Employee Male Table (pre-retirement), the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Employee Female Table (pre-retirement), the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below Median Healthy Retiree Male Table (post-retirement) and the PUB-2010 Safety Healthy Retiree Female Table (post-retirement). These tables use ages set forward one year and mortality improvements to all future years after 2010 using scale MP-2018. These are the same rates used for Special Risk Class members in the July 1, 2022 Actuarial Valuation of the Florida Retirement System (FRS).

#### Long-term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return(expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

	Long Term Expected	Long Term Expected
Asset Group	Real Rate of Return	Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	48.00%	7.50%
International Equity	12.00%	8.50%
Domestic Bonds	21.00%	2.50%
International Bonds	0.00%	3.50%
Real Estate	19.00%	4.50%
Alternative Assets	0.00%	6.24%

#### **Discount Rate**

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension Plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that Plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined 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 (7.00%) was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### NOTE 4 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)

#### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability of the City to Changes in the Discount Rate

Below is a table providing the sensitivity of the net pension liability of the City to changes in the discount rate. In particular, the table presents the Plan's net pension liability calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the discount rate:

Current Single Discount										
	1% Decrease	R	ate Assumption		1% Increase					
	6.00%		7.00%		8.00%					
\$	50,167,926	\$	30,330,115	\$	14,002,601					

#### **NOTE 5 - TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Plan by a letter dated September 26, 2014, that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. Management believes that the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.



### REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability:										
Service cost	\$ 2,569,368	\$ 2,565,332 \$	2,575,874	\$ 2,728,817 \$	2,745,074	\$ 2,884,226 \$	2,874,281	\$ 2,736,585 \$	2,688,621	\$ 2,364,576
Interest	9,611,608	9,259,494	8,821,801	8,368,131	8,192,391	7,986,311	7,175,820	7,112,421	6,699,774	6,407,038
Difference between actual & expected experience	4,678,142	(235,691)	1,335,775	1,753,351	1,490,024	(2,846,387)	5,426,628	(586,971)	(722,729)	(2,551,912)
Assumption changes	-	-	1,640,630	1,560,253	(2,593,823)	1,471,145	1,422,393	2,910,987	1,055,450	973,319
Benefit payments	(6,631,544)	(6,494,396)	(6,149,803)	(6,225,983)	(5,351,111)	(4,686,763)	(4,550,105)	(4,280,161)	(2,859,026)	(2,992,356)
Refunds	 	 	(27,341)	 (58,715)	<u>-</u>	 (71,573)	(18,657)	 (32,663)	(160,092)	 <u>-</u>
Net change in total pension liability	10,227,574	5,094,739	8,196,936	8,125,854	4,482,555	4,736,959	12,330,360	7,860,198	6,701,998	4,200,665
Total pension liability - beginning	 138,055,094	 132,960,355	124,763,419	 116,637,565	112,155,010	 107,418,051	95,087,691	87,227,493	80,525,495	 76,324,830
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 148,282,668	\$ 138,055,094 \$	132,960,355	\$ 124,763,419 \$	116,637,565	\$ 112,155,010 \$	107,418,051	\$ 95,087,691 \$	87,227,493	\$ 80,525,495
Plan fiduciary net position:										
Contributions - employer	\$ 4,994,768	\$ 5,020,198 \$	5,035,642	\$ 4,545,250 \$	4,682,955	\$ 4,724,031 \$	3,884,945	\$ 3,744,407 \$	3,558,223	\$ 3,358,659
Contributions - employer (from State/Share Plan)	82,682	82,682	82,682	186,255	197,038	184,085	82,682	82,682	576,823	82,682
Contributions - member	904,866	930,523	962,068	845,591	875,237	907,850	932,232	1,153,440	1,014,411	846,576
Net investment income	18.569.952	6.962.387	(10,063,022)	21.777.391	3.509.502	420.126	8.694.199	6.933.826	5,759,158	1.672.653
Benefit payments	(6,631,544)	(6,494,396)	(6,149,803)	(6,225,983)	(5,351,111)	(4,686,763)	(4,550,105)	(4,280,161)	(2,859,026)	(2,992,356)
Refunds	-	-	(27,341)	(58,715)	-	(71,573)	(18,657)	(32,663)	(160,092)	-
Administrative expenses	(530,108)	(434,757)	(382,499)	(280,229)	(270,755)	(253,291)	(227,839)	(159,823)	(136,260)	(126,435)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	17,390,616	6,066,637	(10,542,273)	 20,789,560	3,642,866	1,224,465	8,797,457	7,441,708	7,753,237	2,841,779
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	100,561,937	94,495,300	105,037,573	84,248,013	80,605,147	79,380,682	70,583,225	63,141,517	55,388,280	52,546,501
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 117,952,553	\$ 100,561,937 \$	94,495,300	\$ 105,037,573 \$	84,248,013	\$ 80,605,147 \$	79,380,682	\$ 70,583,225 \$	63,141,517	\$ 55,388,280
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 30,330,115	\$ 37,493,157 \$	38,465,055	\$ 19,725,846 \$	32,389,552	\$ 31,549,863 \$	28,037,369	\$ 24,504,466 \$	24,085,976	\$ 25,137,215
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	79.55%	72.84%	71.07%	84.19%	72.23%	71.87%	73.90%	74.23%	72.39%	68.78%
Covered payroll*	\$ 8,015,847	\$ 7,959,950 \$	8,214,176	\$ 8,887,506 \$	8,936,209	\$ 9,667,188 \$	9,962,588	\$ 9,058,510 \$	9,185,954	\$ 8,901,956
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	378.38%	471.02%	468.28%	221.95%	362.45%	326.36%	281.43%	270.51%	262.20%	282.38%

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated covered payroll

### REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)		Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 5,077,450	\$ 5,077,450	\$	-	\$ 8,015,847	63.34%
2023	5,102,880	5,102,880		-	7,959,950	64.11%
2022	5,118,324	5,118,324		-	8,214,176	62.31%
2021	4,731,505	4,731,505		-	8,887,506	53.24%
2020	4,879,993	4,879,993		-	8,936,209	54.61%
2019	4,908,116	4,908,116	-	-	9,667,188	50.77%
2018	3,967,627	3,967,627		-	9,962,588	39.83%
2017	3,827,089	3,827,089	-	-	9,058,510	42.25%
2016	3,640,905	4,135,046	(494,141	1)	9,185,954	45.01%
2015	3,441,341	3,441,341	-	-	8,901,956	38.66%

Notes to Schedule of City Contributions

Valuation Date: October 1, 2022

Notes Actuarially determined contributions are calculated as of October 1, which is

two years prior to the end 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 Dollar, Closed

Remaining Amortization Period 20 years

Asset Valuation Method Recognition of 20% of difference between market value of assets and

expected actuarial value of assets

Inflation 2.50%

Salary Increases 3.50% to 9.00% depending on service

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

Retirement Age Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility

condition

Mortality The mortality tables are the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below

Median Employee Male Table (pre-retirement), the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Employee Female Table (pre-retirement), the PUB-2010 Headcount Weighted Safety Below Median Healthy Retiree Male Table (post-retirement) and the PUB-2010 Safety Healthy Retiree Female Table (post-retirement). These tables use ages set forward one year and mortality improvements to all future years after 2010 using scale MP-2018. These are the same rates used for Special Risk Class members in the July 1, 2021

Actuarial Valuation of the Florida Retirement System (FRS).

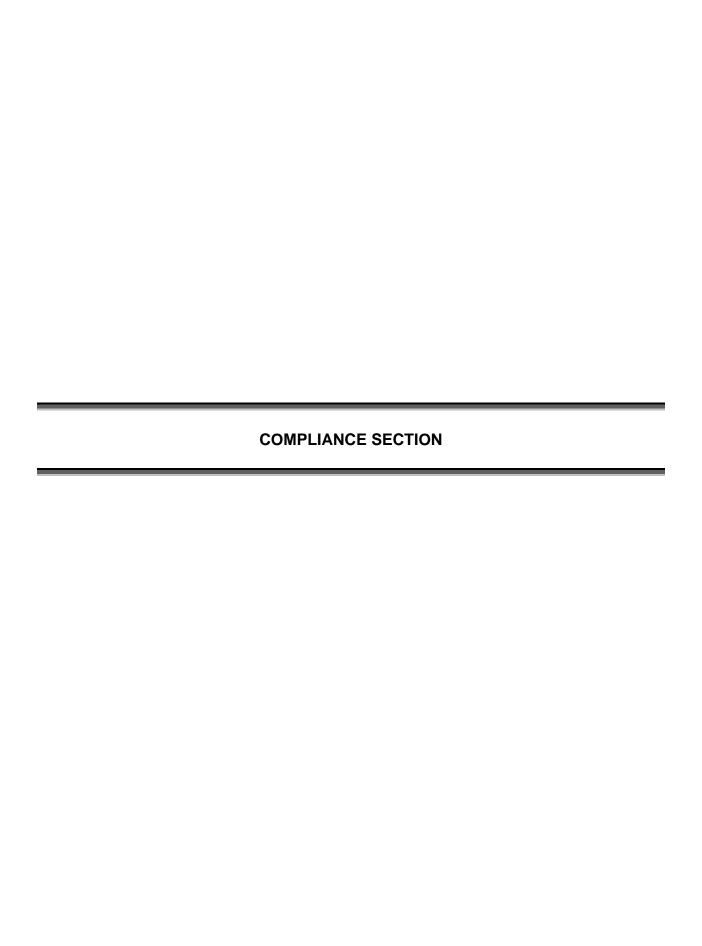
### REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u> 2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u> 2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	17.81%	7.33%	-8.98%	25.96%	4.94%	0.54%	12.26%	13.20%	8.07%	-0.99%

## SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND INVESTMENT EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

(WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

	2024	<u>2023</u>
Administrative expenses:		
Bookkeeping, secretarial, and telephone	\$ 174,339 \$	136,624
Audit and legal services	50,875	81,191
Training	76,939	31,672
Actuarial services	96,466	64,194
Office expenses	24,547	34,727
Performing monitoring	51,142	19,478
Office lease expense	31,439	44,477
Bond insurance	24,331	22,394
Bank fees	 30	
Total administrative expenses	\$ 530,108 \$	434,757
Investment expenses:		
Investment management fees	\$ 249,790 \$	256,434
Custodial fees	 71,939	43,405
Total investment management fees	\$ 321,729 \$	299,839





# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Trustees and Plan Administrator North Miami Police Pension Plan North Miami, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the North Miami Police Pension Plan (the "Plan"), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Plan's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 14, 2025.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Plan's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Plan's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

Miami, Florida March 14, 2025

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS AND STATUS

The following addresses the status of financial statement findings reported in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 schedule of findings and responses:

Matters that are not repeated:

- 2022-02 Bank/Investment Reconciliation
- 2023-01 Lack of Payroll Processing