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**EAST LAKE TARPON  
SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control  
District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund  
Palm Harbor, Florida

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, information regarding the fiduciary net position of the Plan as of September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in fiduciary net position for the years 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's 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 one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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 auditor's 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, these financial statements present only the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund, a pension trust fund of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (the "District") and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of the District in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information on pages 27 through 31 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Plan has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of the basic financial statements. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### *Other Information*

The additional information on page 32 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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 above information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Tampa, Florida  
February 6, 2023

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
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STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 997	\$ -
Receivables:		
Interest and dividends	<u>18,170</u>	<u>20,168</u>
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,428</u>	<u>1,428</u>
Investments:		
U.S. Government obligations	783,943	863,183
U.S. Government agency obligations	168,981	266,714
Corporate obligations	1,042,872	1,223,648
Domestic equities	3,683,323	8,010,283
International equities	152,235	321,247
Mutual funds - equity securities	7,054,980	7,225,291
Mutual funds - fixed income	3,460,711	2,632,391
Real estate investment fund	2,213,199	1,853,324
Temporary investment funds	616,926	786,225
Total investments	<u>19,177,170</u>	<u>23,182,306</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>19,197,765</u>	<u>23,203,902</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	<u>14,888</u>	<u>23,887</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>14,888</u>	<u>23,887</u>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pensions</b>	<u>\$ 19,182,877</u>	<u>\$ 23,180,015</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of these financial statements.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021**

	2022	2021
<b>Additions to Net Position Attributed to:</b>		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 704,150	\$ 700,319
Plan members buy back	22,632	27,737
Plan members	184,141	143,887
Total contributions	910,923	871,943
Intergovernmental revenue:		
State excise tax rebate	335,632	329,447
Investment income (loss):		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	(4,478,260)	3,601,242
Interest and dividend income	542,085	471,694
Other investment income	664	695
Total investment income (loss)	(3,935,511)	4,073,631
Less investment expenses	87,822	97,207
Net investment income (loss)	(4,023,333)	3,976,424
Total additions (deductions), net	(2,776,778)	5,177,814
<b>Deductions from Net Position Attributed to:</b>		
Benefits:		
Age and service	1,102,615	951,506
Disability	41,237	97,350
DROP	-	97,635
Share	-	73,006
Refund of contributions	-	4,701
Administrative expenses	76,508	85,531
Total deductions	1,220,360	1,309,729
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	(3,997,138)	3,868,085
<b>Net Position Available for Benefits:</b>		
Beginning of year	23,180,015	19,311,930
End of year	\$ 19,182,877	\$ 23,180,015

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following brief description of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund (Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Ordinance for more complete information.

The Plan is a single employer, defined benefit, local law pension plan covering all full-time firefighters of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (District).

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	25
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	7
Active plan members	37
 Total	 69
 Current employees:	
Vested	13
Nonvested	24
 Total	 37

At October 1, 2021, the date of the most recent Plan actuarial valuation, there were 25 retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits.

General Fund - The Plan is a defined benefit pension plan covering all full-time firefighters of the District. Participation in the Plan is required as a condition of employment. Originally established in 2001 and subsequently amended, the Plan provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The Plan is subject to the provisions of Chapter 175 of the State of Florida Statutes.

The Plan, in accordance with the above statutes, is governed by a five-member pension board. Two firefighters, two District residents and a fifth member elected by the other four members constitute the pension board. The District and the Plan participants are obligated to fund all Plan costs based upon actuarial valuations. The District is authorized to establish benefit levels. The Board of Trustees establishes the actuarial assumptions used in the determination of contribution levels.



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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Pension Benefits - Under the Plan, participants with ten or more years of continuous service are entitled to annual pension benefits beginning at a normal retirement age of 55 or the completion of twenty-five continuous years of service and the attainment of age 52. Benefits are equal to 4.00 percent (3.00 percent prior to October 1, 2021) of the participant's average final compensation times the number of years of service, provided however, in no event shall the monthly benefit exceed one hundred percent of average final compensation. A participant's monthly retirement benefit ceases upon the later of death or one hundred twenty months from the date of commencement.

A participant is eligible for early retirement upon the attainment of age 50 and the completion of 10 years of credited service. The amount of the monthly benefit of an early retiree is reduced by three percent for each year by which the commencement of benefits precedes the date which would have been the participant's normal retirement date.

The Plan provides for an automatic COLA for normal retirees only that begins five years after retirement of 0.65% per year.

Death Benefits - For any deceased, actively employed participant with less than ten years of credited service, the benefit payable shall be equal to one hundred percent of the participant's contributions. If the participant has ten years or more of credited service, the benefit will be equal to the benefit calculated as for normal retirement based on the deceased participant's credited service and average final compensation.

Disability Benefits - Benefits payable to participants under service-incurred disability shall be monthly installments of four percent of the participant's average final compensation in effect at the date of disability multiplied by the total years of credited service. The benefit shall be paid from the date of disability until recovery or death of the participant and continued to the beneficiary for life. A participant with ten years of continuous service, who becomes disabled due to a nonservice incurred cause, will receive benefits of four percent of the participant's average final compensation multiplied by the total years of credited service. This benefit shall be paid from the date of disability until recovery or death.

Refund of Contributions - If a nonvested firefighter retires, dies, becomes disabled, or terminates employment with the District, accumulated contributions are refunded to the firefighter or the designated beneficiary.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan - Any Plan participant who is eligible to receive an early or normal retirement pension may elect to participate in a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) while continuing his or her active employment as a firefighter. Upon participation in the DROP, the participant becomes a retiree for all Plan purposes so that he or she ceases to accrue any further benefits under the pension plan. Normal retirement payments that would have been payable to the participant as a result of retirement are accumulated and invested in the DROP to be distributed to the participant upon his or her termination of employment. Participation in the DROP ceases for a Plan participant after 5 years.

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

*Basis of Accounting:*

Basis of accounting is the method by which revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and are reported in the financial statements. The accrual basis of accounting is used for the Plan. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and collection is reasonably assured, and expenses are recognized when the liabilities are incurred. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. District contributions to the plan as calculated by the Plan's actuary, are recognized as revenue when due and the District 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.

*Basis of Presentation:*

The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 67, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans* and the Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which covers the reporting requirements for defined benefit pensions established by a governmental employer. The accompanying financial statements include solely the accounts of the Plan which include all programs, activities and functions relating to the accumulation and investment of the assets and related income necessary to provide the service, disability and death benefits required under the terms of the Plan and the amendments thereto.

*Valuation of Investments:*

GASB statement No. 72 addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is 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. This statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. Purchase and sales of investments are recorded on a trade date basis.

Investment income is recognized on the accrual basis as earned. Unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments includes the difference between cost and fair value of investments held. The net realized and unrealized investment appreciation or depreciation for the year is reflected in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*Asset Allocation:*

In order to provide a diversified portfolio, the Board has engaged an investment professional to manage and administer the funds. The investment manager is responsible for the assets and allocation of their mandate only and may be provided an addendum to this policy with their specific performance objectives and investment criteria. The Board has established the following asset allocation targets for the total fund:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Benchmark Inex</u>
Domestic Equity	45.0%	35% - 60%	Russell 3000
International Equity	15.0%	5% - 25%	MSCI-ACWI ex. U.S.
Fixed income			
Core Fixed Income	15.0%	10% - 50%	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate
Non-Core Fixed Income*	10.0%	0% - 15%	
Real Estate			
Direct Real Estate*	10.0%	0% - 15%	NCREIF ODCE
Alternatives*	5.0%	0% - 10%	
	<u>100.0%</u>		

Targets and ranges above are based on the fair value of total Plan assets.

\*Defaults to Core Fixed Income if not funded.

The investment consultant will monitor the aggregate asset allocation of the portfolio and will rebalance to the target asset allocation based on market conditions. If at the end of any calendar quarter, the allocation of an asset class falls outside of its allowable range, barring extenuating circumstances such as pending cash flows or allocation levels viewed as temporary, the asset allocation will be rebalanced into the allowable range. To the extent possible, contributions and withdrawals from the portfolio will be executed proportionally based on the most current market values available. The Board does not intend to make short-term changes to the target allocations.

*Rate of Return:*

For the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, the annual money-weighted rate of return on Pension Plan investments, net of pension plan expense, was -17.47 percent and 20.71 percent, respectively, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*Custody of Assets:*

Custodial and investment services are provided to the Plan under contract with a trust company having trust powers in the State of Florida. The Plan's investment policies are governed by ordinances of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District and Florida Statutes.

*Authorized Plan Investments:*

The Board recognizes that the obligations of the Plan are long-term, and that investment policy should be made with a view toward performance and return over a number of years. The general investment objective, then, is to obtain a reasonable total rate of return defined as interest and dividend income plus realized and unrealized capital gains or loss commensurate with the Prudent Investor Rule and Chapter 175 of the Florida Statutes.

Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, annuities and life insurance contracts, time deposits insured by the FDIC, bonds issued by the State of Israel, real estate (limited to ten percent, at cost, of Plan assets), and common or preferred stocks and high-quality corporate bonds or notes. The Board may invest up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the Plan's assets in foreign securities.

In addition, the Plan limits investments in common stock (equity investments) as follows:

- a. No more than five percent of the Plan's assets may be invested in the common or capital stock of any single corporation.
- b. The Plan's investment in common stock of any single corporation shall not exceed five percent of such corporation's outstanding common or capital stock.
- c. No more than seventy percent (70%) of the Plan's assets are to be invested in common stock or convertible bonds.

*Actuarial Funding Method:*

The Plan has elected the Entry Age Normal Cost Method for funding purposes. Under this method, the normal cost is the sum of the individual normal costs for all active participants. For an active participant, the normal cost is the participant's normal cost accrual rate, multiplied by the participant's current compensation.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*Subsequent Events:*

Management has adopted the provisions set forth in GASB Statement No. 56, *Subsequent Events*, and considered subsequent events through February 6, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

*Funding Policy:*

As a condition of participation, firefighters are required to contribute 7% to the Plan. The District's funding policy is to make monthly contributions to the Plan in fixed amounts, actuarially computed, such that, when combined with firefighters' contributions and the State insurance fund excise tax rebate, all firefighters' benefits will be fully provided for by the time they retire.

A rehired member may buy back one or more years of continuous past service by paying into the Plan the amount of contributions that the participant would otherwise have paid for such continuous past service, plus the interest that would have been earned had such funds been invested by the Plan during that time.

*Administrative Costs:*

Plan expenses, including fees and expenses connected with providing administrative services by external service providers, are paid from Plan assets.

*Cash:*

The Plan considers money market and demand account bank and broker-dealer deposits as cash. Temporary investments, shown on the balance sheet are composed of investments in short-term custodial proprietary money market funds.

*Federal Income Taxes:*

A favorable determination letter indicating that the Plan is qualified and exempt from Federal income taxes was not requested from the Internal Revenue Service. The Board believes that the Plan is designed and continues to operate in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and therefore has recorded no income tax liability or expense.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*Use of Estimates:*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Reclassification:*

Certain figures in the financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 have been reclassified to conform to the presentation used in the financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

**NOTE 3 - PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the District may terminate the Plan at any time by a written resolution of the District's Board of Commissioners of East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, duly certified by an official of the District. In the event that the Plan is terminated or contributions to the Plan are permanently discontinued, the benefits of each firefighter in the Plan at such termination date would be non-forfeitable.

**NOTE 4 - NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN REALIZED AND UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) OF INVESTMENTS**

The Plan's investments appreciated (depreciated) in value during the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, are as follows:

	2022	2021
Realized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ (829,825)	\$ 311,780
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(3,648,435)	3,289,462
	\$ (4,478,260)	\$ 3,601,242

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**NOTE 4 - NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN REALIZED AND UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

The calculation of realized gains and losses is independent of the calculation of net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of plan investments.

Unrealized gains and losses on investments sold in 2022 that had been held for more than one year were included in net appreciation (depreciation) reported in the prior year.

**NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS**

Investments at both fair value and cost as of September 30, 2022 and 2021 are summarized as follows:

Investment Type	2022		2021	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 862,715	\$ 783,943	\$ 843,249	\$ 863,183
U.S. Government agency obligations	184,394	168,981	260,729	266,714
Corporate obligations	1,160,324	1,042,872	1,200,956	1,223,648
Domestic equities	3,250,958	3,683,323	5,220,566	8,010,283
International equities	176,433	152,235	268,367	321,247
Mutual funds - equity securities	6,896,483	7,054,980	6,956,924	7,225,291
Mutual funds - fixed income	4,038,938	3,460,711	2,602,326	2,632,391
Real estate investment fund	477,493	2,213,199	538,704	1,853,324
Temporary investment funds	616,926	616,926	786,225	786,225
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$ 17,664,664</b>	<b>\$ 19,177,170</b>	<b>\$ 18,678,046</b>	<b>\$ 23,182,306</b>

Investments that are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form include investments in open-ended international equity, fixed income mutual, real estate investment trust and exchange traded funds.

The Plan's investments are managed under a separate investment agreement with Dana Investment Advisors, Inc. These accounts give Salem Trust Company custodianship but give Dana Investment Advisors, Inc. the authority to manage the investments. These assets are invested in accordance with the specific investment guidelines as set forth in Section four of the Plan Resolution. Investment management fees are calculated quarterly as a percentage of the fair market value of the Plan's assets managed. The real estate investment trust (REIT) is held by U.S. Real Estate Investment Fund, L.L.C. (U.S. Real Estate).

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**NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

The investment manager and funds listed above are monitored by the Board of Trustees and an investment advisor.

Exchange traded fund shares are commonly referred to as ETFs. ETFs are funds that trade like other publicly traded securities and are designed to track an index. Similar to shares of an index mutual fund, each share of the Funds represents partial ownership in an underlying portfolio of securities intended to track a market index. Unlike shares of a mutual fund, which can be bought and redeemed from the issuing fund by all shareholders at a price based on net asset value (NAV), only authorized participants may purchase or redeem shares directly from the Fund at NAV. Also, unlike shares of a mutual fund, the shares of the Funds are listed on a national securities exchange and trade in the secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day.

The Funds invest in a particular segment of the securities market and seek to track the performance of a securities index that generally is not representative of the market as a whole. The Funds are designed to be used as part of broader asset allocation strategies. Accordingly, an investment in the Funds should not constitute a complete investment program.

The Plan's investments are uninsured and unregistered and held in the custodians' or the Bank's accounts in the Plan's name as described above. The alternative investment funds are open-ended, and the U.S. Real Estate fund is a REIT.

Alternative investment funds are investment vehicles valued using the net asset value (NAV) provided by the investment managers of those funds. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by each fund minus its liabilities and then divided by the number of shares or percentage of ownership outstanding. The NAV's unit price is quoted on a private market that is not active, however, the unit price is based on underlying investments which are traded on an active market.

The values of alternative investments are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized in a current transaction. The fair value may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a ready market for the underlying funds existed, and the differences could be material. Future confirming events will also affect the estimates of fair value and the effect of such events on the estimates of fair value could be material.

There were no bond or stock investments that individually represented 5% or more of the Plan's net position available for benefits as of September 30, 2022 and 2021.



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**NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

The Plan has no instrument that, in whole or in part, is accounted for as a derivative instrument under GASB statement No. 53, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments during the current Plan year.

The Plan held the following fixed income investments as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

2022 Investment Maturities (in years)					
Investment Type	Fair Value	<1 Year	1 - 5 Years	6 - 10 Years	> 10 Years
Total	\$ 1,995,796	\$ 386,826	\$ 910,360	\$ 698,610	\$ -
2021 Investment Maturities (in years)					
Investment Type	Fair Value	<1 Year	1 - 5 Years	6 - 10 Years	> 10 Years
Total	\$ 2,353,545	\$ 80,190	\$ 1,244,183	\$ 1,029,172	\$ -

*Interest Rate Risk:*

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment in debt securities. Generally, the longer the time to maturity, the greater the exposure to interest rate risk. Through its investment policies the Plan manages its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Plan limits the effective duration of its fixed investment portfolio through the adoption of nationally accepted risk measure benchmarks.

*Credit Risk:*

Credit risk is the risk that a debt issuer will not fulfill its obligations. Consistent with state law, the Plan's guidelines limit its fixed income investment to a quality rating of 'A' or equivalent as rated by one or more recognized bond rating service at the time of purchase.

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**NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

*Custodial Credit Risk:*

Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that the Plan may not recover cash and investments held by another party in the event of a financial failure. The Plan requires all securities to be held by a third-party custodian in the name of the Plan. Securities transactions between a broker-dealer and the custodian involving the purchase or sale of securities must be made on a “delivery vs. payment” basis to ensure that the custodian will have the security or money, as appropriate, in hand at the conclusion of the transaction. The investments in mutual funds and investment partnerships are considered unclassified pursuant to the custodial credit risk categories of GASB Statement No. 3, because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

*Investing in Foreign Markets:*

Investing in foreign markets may involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in companies in the United States of America. These risks include revaluation of currencies, high rates of inflation, repatriation restrictions on income and capital, and future adverse political, social, and economic developments. Moreover, securities of foreign governments may be less liquid, subject to delayed settlements, taxation on realized or unrealized gains, and their prices are more volatile than those of comparable securities in U.S. companies.

*Foreign Tax Withholdings and Reclaims:*

Withholding taxes on dividends from foreign securities are provided for based on rates established via treaty between the United States of America and the applicable foreign jurisdiction, or where no treaty exists at the prevailing rate established by the foreign country. Foreign tax withholdings are reflected as a reduction of dividend income in the statements of changes in fiduciary net position. Where treaties allow for a reclaim of taxes, the Fund will make a formal application for refund. Such reclaims are included as an addition to dividend income when received.

*Investment in Real Estate:*

The Plan is subject to the risks inherent in the ownership and operation of real estate. These risks include, among others, those normally associated with changes in the general economic climate trends in the industry including creditworthiness of tenants, competition for tenants, changes in tax laws, interest rate levels, the availability of financing and potential liability under environmental and other laws.

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**NOTE 6 - MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES**

The Plan invests in mortgage-backed securities representing interests in pools of mortgage loans as part of its interest rate risk management strategy. The mortgage-backed securities are not used to leverage investments in fixed income portfolios. The mortgage-backed securities held by the Plan were guaranteed by federally sponsored agencies such as: Government National Mortgage Association, Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

**NOTE 7 - PLAN AMENDMENTS**

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, the Plan was amended by the adoption of Resolutions 2021-06 and 2022-01. These amendments increased employee contributions to 7% and provide a retirement benefit multiplier of 4%.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the Plan was amended by the adoption of Resolution 2021-01. This amendment clarified certain definitions of Plan terms. The actuary issued a letter of no impact.

**NOTE 8 - RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in a variety of investment funds. Investments in general are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

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**NOTE 9 - DESIGNATIONS**

A portion of the Plan's net position are designated for benefits that accrue in relation to the DROP and Share accounts. Allocations to the DROP and Share accounts for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 are presented below:

	2022	2021
Designated fiduciary net position for		
DROP accounts (fully funded)	\$ 339,860	\$ 216,463
Share accounts (fully funded)	612,826	737,793
Total designated fiduciary net position	952,686	954,256
Undesignated fiduciary net position	18,230,191	22,225,759
Total net fiduciary position	\$ 19,182,877	\$ 23,180,015

**NOTE 10 - ACTUARIAL CHANGES**

*Changes in Benefit Terms:*

For measurement date September 30, 2022, amounts reported as changes of benefit terms, resulted from Resolution No. 2022-01. The resolution provided the following benefit changes:

Increased the benefit accrual rate for service on and after February 1, 2022, from 3.00% to 4.00% of Average Final Compensation for each year of Credited Service. Service prior to February 1, 2022 would receive the 3.00% benefit accrual rate. If the Funded Ratio drops below 75%, the multiplier will revert to 3.00%, until the funded ratio equals or exceeds 75%, at which time, the multiplier will increase back to 4.00%.

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**NOTE 10 - ACTUARIAL CHANGES (Continued)**

*Changes in Benefit Terms (Continued):*

Increase the Member Contribution Rate effective February 1, 2022 from 5.00% to 7.00% of Salary. Provide that all State Monies received beginning with the amounts received for calendar 2021, which will be received in 2022, will be available by the District to offset their annual funding requirement and no future State Monies will be allocated to the Share Plan besides the time the Funded Ratio is below 75%.

For measurement date September 30, 2022, amounts reported as changes of benefit terms, resulted from Resolution No. 2021-06. The resolution provided the following benefit changes:

Increased the benefit accrual rate for service on and after January 1, 2022 from 3.00% to 4.00% of Average Final Compensation for each year of Credited Service. Service prior to January 1, 2022 would receive the 3.00% benefit accrual rate. If the Funded Ratio drops below 75%, the multiplier will revert to 3.00%, until the funded ratio equals or exceeds 75%, at which time, the multiplier will increase back to 4.00%.

Increase the Member Contribution Rate effective January 1, 2022 from 5.00% to 7.00% of Salary.

Provide that all State Monies received beginning with the amounts received for calendar 2021, which will be received in 2022, will be available by the District to offset their annual funding requirement and no future State Monies will be allocated to the Share Plan except in years where the benefit rate reverts back to 3.00%.

*Changes of Assumptions:*

For the September 30, 2021 measurement date, the investment return assumption was lowered from 7.50% to 7.25% per year, net of investment related expenses. The investment return assumption remained at 7.25% for the September 30, 2022 measurement date.

**NOTE 11 - INVESTMENT MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE**

*Fair Value Hierarchy*

The accounting standards break down the fair value hierarchy into three levels based on how observable the inputs are that make up the valuation. The most observable inputs are classified as Level 1 where the unobservable inputs are classified as Level 3.

**Level 1** inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

As a general rule, any asset that has a daily closing price and is actively traded will be classified as a Level 1 input.

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**NOTE 11 - INVESTMENT MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE (Continued)**

*Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)*

**Level 2** inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

As a general rule, if an asset or liability does not fall into the requirements of a Level 1 or Level 3 input, it would default to Level 2. With Level 2 inputs, there is usually data that can be easily obtained to support the valuation, even though it is not as easily obtained as a Level 1 input would be.

**Level 3** inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

As a general rule, Level 3 inputs are those that are difficult to obtain on a regular basis and require verification from an outside party, such as an auditor or an appraisal, to validate the valuation.

Net asset value (NAV) is a common measurement of fair value for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 investments. A fund's NAV is simply its assets less its liabilities and is often reported as a per share amount for fair value measurement purposes. The Plan would multiply the NAV per share owned to arrive at fair value. Level 1 investment in funds such as mutual funds report at a daily NAV per share and are actively traded. NAV also comes in to play for Level 2 and 3 investments. As a matter of convenience (or referred to in accounting literature as a "practical expedient"), a Plan can use the NAV per share for investments in a nongovernmental entity that does not have a readily determined fair value, such as an alternative investment. Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient would be excluded from the fair value hierarchy because the valuation is not based on actual market inputs but rather is quantified using the fund's reported NAV as a matter of convenience.

The Plan categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The Plan has the following total recurring fair value measurements as of September 30, 2022 and 2021:

- *Debt securities* - Debt securities classified in Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Debt securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used by International Data Pricing and Reference Data, LLC to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

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**NOTE 11 - INVESTMENT MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE (Continued)**

*Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)*

- *Mutual funds* - The rationale for inclusion in Level 1 or Level 2 points to the unobservable inputs involved in mutual fund pricing. Mutual funds do not trade using bid and ask, as with ETF's or common stock. Instead, the prices are determined by the net asset value of the underlying investments at the close of business for the next day's opening. The underlying assets themselves may include a variety of Level 1 and Level 2 securities and some may be valued using matrix pricing which interpolates the price of a security based on the price of similar securities.
- *Fixed income funds* - Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable input for similar securities. This includes basing value on yield currently available on comparable securities of issues with similar credit ratings.
- *Equity funds* - Valued at market prices for similar assets in active markets.
- *Common stock* - Valued at quoted market prices for identical assets in active markets.

Investment type	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 533,608	\$ 250,335	\$	\$ 783,943
U.S. Government agency obligations		168,981		168,981
Corporate obligations		1,042,872		1,042,872
Domestic equities	3,683,323			3,683,323
International equities	152,235			152,235
Mutual funds - equity securities	7,054,980			7,054,980
Mutual funds - fixed income	3,460,711			3,460,711
Temporary investment funds	616,926			616,926
Total investments by fair value level	<u>\$ 15,501,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,188</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>16,963,971</u>

*Investments Measured at Net Asset Value (NAV)*

Real estate investment fund	2,213,199
Total investments measured at NAV	<u>2,213,199</u>
Total, September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 19,177,170</u>

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**NOTE 11 - INVESTMENT MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE (Continued)**

*Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)*

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 587,544	\$ 275,639	\$ -	\$ 863,183
U.S. Government agency obligations		266,714		266,714
Corporate obligations		1,223,648		1,223,648
Domestic equities	8,010,283			8,010,283
International equities	321,247			321,247
Mutual funds - equity securities	7,225,291			7,225,291
Mutual funds - fixed income	2,632,391			2,632,391
Temporary investment funds	786,225	-		786,225
Total investments by fair value level	<u>\$ 19,562,981</u>	<u>\$ 1,766,001</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>21,328,982</u>

*Investments Measured at Net Asset Value (NAV)*

Real estate investment fund	<u>1,853,324</u>
Total investments measured at NAV	<u>1,853,324</u>
Total, September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 23,182,306</u>



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**NOTE 11 - INVESTMENT MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE (Continued)**

*Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)*

<u>Investment measured at NAV</u>	<u>2022 Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Real estate investment funds:				
U.S. Real Estate Investment Fund, LLC.	\$ 2,213,199	\$ -	Quarterly	60 days
Total investments measured at NAV	<u>\$ 2,213,199</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		
<u>Investment measured at NAV</u>	<u>2021 Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Real estate investment funds:				
U.S. Real Estate Investment Fund, LLC.	\$ 1,853,324	\$ -	Quarterly	60 days
Total investments measured at NAV	<u>\$ 1,853,324</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

The real estate investment funds are open end, commingled private equity real estate portfolios. These REIT-based funds are structured as limited partnerships. Their primary focus is to invest in well-based income producing properties within major U.S. markets. The fair values of the investments in these funds have been determined using the NAV per unit of the Plan's ownership interest in partners' capital. The investments of the fund are valued quarterly. Withdrawal requests must be made 60 days in advance and may be paid in one or more installments.

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**NOTE 12 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE DISTRICT**

The components of net pension liability of the District on September 30, 2022 were as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$ 27,140,428
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>(19,182,877)</u>
District's Net Pension Liability	<u><u>\$ 7,957,551</u></u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of Total Pension Liability	<u><u>70.69%</u></u>

*Actuarial Assumptions:*

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2021 updated to September 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all measurement periods.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Service Based
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%

*Mortality Rate Healthy Active Lives:*

Female: PubS.H-2010 for Employees, set forward one year.

Male: PubS.H-2010 for Employees, set forward one year.

*Mortality Rate Retiree Lives:*

Female: PubS.H-2010 for Healthy Retirees, set forward one year.

Male: PubS.H-2010 (Below Median) for Healthy Retirees, set forward one year

*Mortality Rate Beneficiary Lives:*

Female: PubG.H-2010 (Below Median) for Healthy Retirees.

Male: PubS.G-2010 (Below Median) for Healthy Retirees, set back one year

*Mortality Rate Disabled Lives:*

80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees

20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.

All rates are projected generationally with Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. We feel this assumption sufficiently accommodates future mortality improvements.

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**NOTE 12 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE DISTRICT (Continued)**

The previously described mortality assumption rates were mandated by Chapter 2015-157, Laws of Florida. This law mandates the use of assumptions used in either of the two most recent valuations of the Florida Retirement System (FRS). The above rates as those outlined in Milliman's July 1, 2020, FRS valuation report for special risk employees, with appropriate adjustments made based on plan demographics.

The most recent actuarial experience study used to review the other significant assumptions was dated January 16, 2018.

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 expenses 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 the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	45%	7.50%
International Equity	15%	8.50%
Domestic Fixed Income	25%	2.50%
Alternative	5%	6.03%
Core Real Estate	10%	4.50%

*Discount Rate:*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**NOTE 12 - NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE DISTRICT (Continued)**

*Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:*

The following presents the net pension liability of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 6.25%	Current Discount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%
District's net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 11,161,112</u>	<u>\$ 7,957,551</u>	<u>\$ 5,288,697</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES**

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**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S NET PENSION LIABILITY  
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS\***

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Total pension liability</b>			
Service cost	\$ 663,365	\$ 574,571	\$ 505,700
Interest	1,886,559	1,773,981	1,673,790
Share plan allocation	-	70,797	77,415
Changes of benefit terms	(8,075)	622,472	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	262,979	251,804	(289,626)
Changes of assumptions	-	676,999	(29,008)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,143,652)	(1,224,198)	(1,124,470)
Net change in total pension liability	<u>1,661,176</u>	<u>2,746,426</u>	<u>813,801</u>
Total pension liability, beginning	<u>25,479,252</u>	<u>22,732,826</u>	<u>21,919,025</u>
Total pension liability, ending	<u>\$ 27,140,428</u>	<u>\$ 25,479,252</u>	<u>\$ 22,732,826</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>			
Contributions - Employer	\$ 704,150	\$ 700,319	\$ 692,579
Contributions - Employees	184,141	143,887	149,705
Contributions - Buy backs	22,632	27,737	-
Contributions - State	335,632	329,447	336,065
Net investment income	(4,023,333)	3,976,424	1,589,724
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,143,852)	(1,224,198)	(1,124,470)
Administrative expense	(76,508)	(85,531)	(103,690)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	<u>(3,997,138)</u>	<u>3,868,085</u>	<u>1,539,913</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	<u>23,180,015</u>	<u>19,311,930</u>	<u>17,772,017</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	<u>\$ 19,182,877</u>	<u>\$ 23,180,015</u>	<u>\$ 19,311,930</u>
Net pension liability (asset) - ending	<u>\$ 7,957,551</u>	<u>\$ 2,299,237</u>	<u>\$ 3,420,896</u>

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$ 482,716	\$ 444,274	\$ 414,454	\$ 364,858	\$ 415,680	\$ 415,328
1,542,348	1,503,163	1,408,929	1,155,747	1,402,170	1,129,407
64,985	54,928	60,495	90,131	92,921	75,780
-	-	-	-	-	-
567,429	(322,667)	179,050	(184,104)	-	-
-	-	-	366,068	-	-
(810,354)	(1,263,945)	(563,374)	(756,851)	(389,913)	(356,602)
1,847,124	415,753	1,499,554	1,035,849	1,520,858	1,263,913
20,071,901	19,656,148	18,156,594	17,120,745	15,599,887	14,335,974
<u>\$ 21,919,025</u>	<u>\$ 20,071,901</u>	<u>\$ 19,656,148</u>	<u>\$ 18,156,594</u>	<u>\$ 17,120,745</u>	<u>\$ 15,599,887</u>
\$ 543,960	\$ 530,757	\$ 432,442	\$ 441,496	\$ 493,309	\$ 559,573
132,954	148,225	118,477	109,694	110,649	110,778
-	-	-	-	-	-
322,935	312,442	305,281	322,211	323,273	331,165
625,327	1,257,387	2,031,412	850,250	6,289	1,230,931
(810,354)	(1,263,945)	(563,374)	(756,851)	(389,913)	(356,601)
(71,170)	(69,555)	(61,161)	(57,306)	(55,639)	(49,057)
743,652	915,311	2,263,077	909,494	487,968	1,826,789
17,028,365	16,113,054	13,849,977	12,940,483	12,452,515	10,625,726
<u>\$ 17,772,017</u>	<u>\$ 17,028,365</u>	<u>\$ 16,113,054</u>	<u>\$ 13,849,977</u>	<u>\$ 12,940,483</u>	<u>\$ 12,452,515</u>
<u>\$ 4,147,008</u>	<u>\$ 3,043,536</u>	<u>\$ 3,543,094</u>	<u>\$ 4,306,617</u>	<u>\$ 4,180,262</u>	<u>\$ 3,147,372</u>



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULE OF RATIOS  
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS\***

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	Covered Payroll	Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	79.82%	\$ 2,219,711	144.42%
2015	75.36%	3,154,865	129.99%
2016	75.29%	2,193,886	196.30%
2017	81.97%	2,369,463	149.53%
2018	84.85%	2,568,494	118.49%
2019	81.10%	2,659,084	155.96%
2020	84.96%	2,790,648	122.58%
2021	90.98%	2,766,982	83.10%
2022	70.69%	3,032,861	262.38%

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
LAST NINE YEARS\***

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 816,854	\$ 816,854	\$ -	\$ 2,219,711	36.80%
2015	672,745	672,745	-	3,154,865	21.32%
2016	649,390	649,390	-	2,193,886	29.60%
2017	732,164	732,164	-	2,369,463	30.90%
2018	881,644	881,644	-	2,568,494	34.33%
2019	818,998	818,998	-	2,659,084	30.80%
2020	904,170	901,253	2,917	2,790,648	32.30%
2021	830,095	958,969	(128,874)	2,766,982	34.66%
2022	1,016,008	1,039,781	(23,773)	3,032,861	34.28%

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
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Valuation Date:

10/1/2020

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as October 1, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates can be found in the October 1, 2020 Actuarial Valuation for the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund prepared by Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULE INVESTMENT RETURNS  
LAST NINE YEARS\***

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return Net of Investment Expense
2014	11.42%
2015	0.03%
2016	7.05%
2017	14.63%
2018	8.01%
2019	3.71%
2020	8.72%
2021	20.71%
2022	-17.47%

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULES OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND INVESTMENT EXPENSES  
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021**

	2022	2021
(A)		
<b>Investment Expenses:</b>		
Custodial fee	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Investment management fees	60,822	70,207
Performance monitor	20,000	20,000
<b>Total Investment Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 87,822</b>	<b>\$ 97,207</b>
<b>Percentage of Plan Net Position</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>0.42%</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses:</b>		
Actuary	\$ 21,711	\$ 24,137
Administrator	19,276	19,200
Audit	14,000	14,000
Directors' liability insurance	3,291	3,052
Dues	874	620
Legal	17,356	21,291
Seminars	-	3,231
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 76,508</b>	<b>\$ 85,531</b>
<b>Percentage of Plan Net Position</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>0.37%</b>

(A) These investment expenses do not include management fee charges withheld by the individual investment funds.