Basic Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information June 30, 2023 and 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To: The Retirement System Board of

The University of Puerto Rico Retirement System

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its 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) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). 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 University of Puerto Rico Retirement System, 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.

Substantial Doubt about the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System will continue as a going concern. As further described in Note 3 to the financial statements, the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System is highly dependent on funding from the University of Puerto Rico which in turn receives its funding from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico appropriations to finance its operations. The University of Puerto Rico lacks of available financing sources at reasonable interest rates. This situation affects it financial condition and liquidity and raises substantial doubt about the University of Puerto Rico's ability to continue funding the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System and paying the required contributions. Management's evaluation of the events and conditions and management's plans regarding these matters are also described in Note 3. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that may result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.



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 University of Puerto Rico Retirement System'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 GAAS 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 aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS 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 University of Puerto Rico Retirement System'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 University of Puerto Rico Retirement System'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.



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 Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of Employer Contributions, and the Schedule of Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return on Investments, 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 GAAS, 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2024, on our consideration of the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System'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 University of Puerto Rico Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico December 17, 2024.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) As of June 30, 2023

Introduction

The University of Puerto Rico Retirement System ("the System") is the administrator of a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by Act No. 135, approved on May 7, 1942 (superseded by Act No. 1 of January 20, 1966, as amended (the "Act No. 1")). The System started operations on January 1, 1945, the date on which contributions by employees and the University of Puerto Rico ("the University") commenced. The assets of the System are legally held in a Trust, separate from the assets of the University of Puerto Rico, and are held solely for the purpose of meeting the System's obligations.

The responsibility for the proper operation and administration of the System is vested in the Executive Director of the System, which in turn will report to the Retirement System's Board, that is the Trustee of the University's Retirement System Trust.

Our discussion and analysis of the System's financial performance provides an overview of the System's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Financial Highlights

- The net position for the fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$1,609,705,073, \$1,554,402,616, \$1,772,586,869, respectively. The System experienced an increase in net position during fiscal year 2023 of 3.56%, increase in net position during fiscal year 2022 of 12.31%, and an increase of 21.47% during fiscal year 2021.
- The changes in fiduciary net position for the fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021 are comprised of contributions of \$174,514,928, \$192,909,404 and \$189,510,018, respectively, and net investment income(loss) of \$110,074,937, \$(185,058,877) and \$348,055,620, respectively.
- Total additions amounted to \$284,589,865 for the fiscal year 2023, compared to \$7,850,527 for the fiscal year June 30, 2022, and \$537,565,638 for the fiscal year ended 2021. The increase in additions for fiscal year 2023, compared to fiscal year 2022, was primarily driven by an increase in the fair value of investments of \$84,225,082. The decrease in additions for fiscal year 2022, compared to fiscal year 2021, was mainly due to a decline in the fair value of investments of \$205,175,172.
- The System administered funds from the University of Puerto Rico for retirees' medical insurance in a separate operating bank account established specifically to handle these funds outside the operations of the Retirement System Trust. For the fiscal years 2023, 2022, and 2021, the administered funds amounted to \$11,342,519, \$11,031,140, and \$10,276,386, respectively.
- Deductions from fiduciary net position in fiscal year 2023 totaled \$229,287,408, compared to \$226,034,780 in fiscal year 2022, and \$224,211,083 in fiscal year 2021. The increase was primarily driven by benefits paid to members, which amounted to \$224,977,854 in fiscal year 2023, in comparison to \$222,707,474 in fiscal year 2022. Similarly, the rise in deductions for fiscal year 2022 compared to 2021 was also due to benefits paid to members, for \$222,707,474 in fiscal year 2022 in comparison to \$220,847,024 for fiscal year 2021.
- During fiscal year 2023, the System reported investments return of 7.86%, as compared to the benchmark's return of 8.68%. In fiscal year 2022, the System experienced a loss of (10.18%), while the benchmark return was a loss of (10.31%). The benchmarks are Bloomberg Aggregate, S&P 500 Index, MSCI ACWI, etc.



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• Funding ratios for the last ten fiscal years (FY) were the following:

FY 2014, 43.9%
FY 2015, 46.6%
FY 2016, 47.8%
FY 2017, 48.9%

• FY 2018, 43.7%

• FY 2019, 42.8%

• FY 2020, 43.7%

• FY 2021, 47.6%

• FY 2022, 49.9%

• FY 2023, 51.2%

• For fiscal year 2023, fund performance ranked 86th and 61th during the last 36 and 60 months against the Callan LLC peer comparison nationwide Callan Public Fund Database for fiscal year June 30, 2023. For fiscal year 2022, the fund performance ranked 58th and 49th during the last 36 and 60 months against Callan LLC peer comparison nationwide Callan LLC Public Fund Database for fiscal year 2022. Database consists of approximately 200+ public funds in the past 24 months for both years.

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, all revenues and expenses are considered regardless of when cash is received or paid. The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position presents the System's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position restricted for pensions. Over time, increases and decreases in net position measure whether the System's financial position is improving or deteriorating. The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position presents how the System's net position changed during the period to determine whether the System is becoming financially stronger or weaker and to understand changes over time in the funded status of the System.



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Financial Analysis

The net position of the System during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 increased by approximately \$55.30 million or 3.56%, different from previous fiscal year when it experimented a decrease of \$218.18 million or -12.31% (2021 to 2022) (see Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for details). For fiscal year 2023, total assets increased \$56.88 million or 3.54% from prior year mainly due to an increase in the fair market value of investments. For fiscal year 2022, total assets decreased \$276.50 million or -14.67% from the prior year mainly due to a decrease in the fair market value of investments.

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	2021 - 2022 Percentage Change	2022-2023 Percentage Change
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,833,849	\$ 65,424,146	\$ 33,506,082	(40.97%)	(48.79%)
Receivables	61,406,257	38,688,879	38,689,796	(37.00%)	0.00%
Investments	1,472,989,037	1,258,164,906	1,376,854,145	(14.58%)	9.43%
Alternative investments	138,265,968	160,845,171	139,172,450	16.33%	(13.47%)
Securities lending cash collateral	2,888,841	486,955	1,227,724	(83.14%)	152.12%
Loans to plan members	90,144,115	78,025,490	69,853,548	(13.44%)	(10.47%)
Other receivables net of allowances	4,567,238	3,064,130	2,247,406	(32.91%)	(26.65%)
Other receivables	226,825	268,466	212,066	18.36%	(21.01%)
Capital assets-net	3,494,417	3,350,810	3,440,483	(4.11%)	2.68%
Total assets	\$ 1,884,816,547	\$ 1,608,318,953	\$ 1,665,203,700	(14.67%)	3.54%
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 12,125,130	\$ 10,680,222	\$ 9,627,069	(11.92%)	(9.86%)
Obligations under securities lending	4,050,935	1,648,092	1,558,058	(59.32%)	(5.46%])
Escrow deposits on mortgage loans Other deposits and pending distribution	1,897,266	1,556,190	1,522,258	(17.98%)	(2.18%)
funds	953,852	1,280,694	1,159,540	34.27%	(9.46%)
Payables for acquisition of investments	93,202,495	38,751,139	41,631,703	(58.42%)	7.43%
Total liabilities	\$ 112,229,678	\$ 53,916,337	\$ 55,498,628	(51.96%)	2.93%
Net position	\$ 1,772,586,869	\$ 1,554,402,616	\$ 1,609,705,072	(12.31%)	3.56%



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Contributions and Net Investment Income

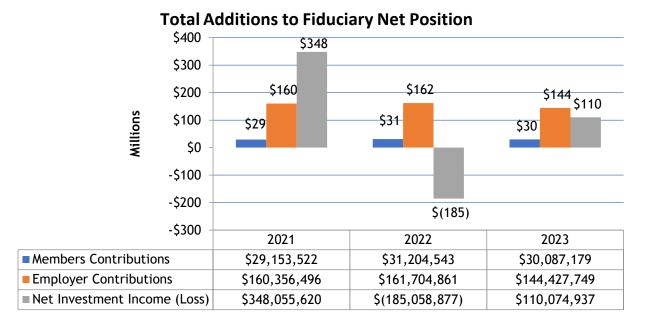
The funds needed to finance retirement benefits are obtained through employer and employee contributions and through net investment income. Contributions and net investment income for fiscal year 2023 amounted to approximately \$285.75 million compared to approximately \$6.95 million for total additions of fiscal year 2022. The increase was mainly due to an increase in net investment income of approximately \$297.20 million. For fiscal year 2022, total additions amounted to approximately \$6.95 million compared to approximately \$537.57 million for fiscal year 2021. The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in the fair value of investments by approximately \$534.01 million.

	Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position							
							Percentage	Percentage
		June 30,		June 30,		June 30,	2021 - 2022	2022-2023
		2021		2022		2023	Change	Change
Additions:								
Contributions	\$	189,510,018	\$	192,909,404	\$	174,514,928	1.79%	(9.54%)
Net investment income (loss)		348,055,620		(185,963,966)		111,236,589	(153.43%)	(159.82%)
Total additions		537,565,638		6,945,438		285,751,517	(98.71%)	4014.23%
Deductions:								
Benefits paid		220,847,024		222,707,474		224,977,854	0.84%	1.02%
General and administrative expenses		3,364,059		2,422,217		5,471,207	(28.00%)	125.88%
Total deductions		224,211,083		225,129,691		230,449,061	0.41%	2.36%
Net increase (decrease) in net								
position restricted for pensions	\$	313,354,555	\$	(218,184,253)	\$	55,302,456	(169.63%)	(125.35%)



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Contributions paid by members were approximately \$30.09 million, \$31.20 million and \$29.15 million, for the fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. This represented a decrease of approximately \$1.12 million for fiscal year 2023 or 3.58% in comparison with an increase of approximately \$2.05 million or 7.04% for fiscal year 2022.



General and Administrative Expenses

General expenses for the administration of the System are budgeted and approved as part of the annual budgeting process and are paid from the assets of the System. Expenses for professional services, including outside legal counsel, auditors, investment managers, investment advisor, and actuarial services are paid directly by the System. In addition, the System's Board reviews and approves proposals for one-time special projects as they arise.

Total general and administrative expenses for the System during fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021 amounted to \$5,471,207, \$2,422,217 and \$3,364,059, respectively. The increase in administrative expenses from the fiscal year 2023 to 2022 was mainly due to an increase in salary expense because of workforce growth and a bonus for administrative staffs. The decrease in general and administrative expenses from fiscal year 2022 to 2021 was mainly due to a decrease in sick leave and vacation leave expenses.

Actuarial Standards

Actuarial calculations as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, were based on assumptions that consider the current provisions and prior experience of the System. In addition, the calculations were completed in compliance with the laws governing the System. The external actuary contracted by the System is a Participant of the American Academy of Actuaries and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to determine the actuarial amounts contained in the reports issued to the System.



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Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to factors such as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the System's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable laws. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

The following table summarizes the members of the System as of June 30:

Membership	2023	2022	2021
Inactive members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	9,379 6,542	9,390 6,336	9,324 5,980
Active members	8,029	8,304	8,252
Total	23,950	24,030	23,556

The long-term expected rate of return of the System's investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of the System's investment expense and inflation), which 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. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are provided by the System's investment consultant (source Survey of Capital Market Assumptions, 2024 Edition published by Horizon Actuarial Services, LLC).

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75% as of June 30, 2023, the same discount rate used as of June 30, 2022 and 2021. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that members' contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and that employer contributions will be made according to the five-year average of actual contributions as of June 30, 2023.

Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. As of June 30, 2023, the System is not projected to be insolvent. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.75% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments and the applicable municipal bond index rate of 4.13%, based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-year High Grade Index Rate as of June 30, 2023, was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments. The Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) of 6.75% that discounts the entire projected benefit stream to the same amount as the sum of the present values of the two separate benefit payments streams was used to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023. The SEIR at the beginning of the measurement period was 6.75%.



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Required Supplementary Information includes four unaudited required schedules of historical trend information as follows:

- 1. The Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability (page 39) presents sources of changes in the net pension liability.
- 2. The Schedule of Net Pension Liability (page 40) includes historical information about the components of the net pension liability and related ratios, including fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability, and the net pension liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll.
- 3. The Schedule of the Employer Contributions (page 41) includes information about the actuarially determined contribution, contributions to the System, and related ratios. Additionally, significant methods and assumptions used in calculating the actuarially determined contributions are presented in the notes to require supplementary information.
- 4. The Schedule of Annual Money Weighted Rate of Return on Investments (page 42) includes the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments for each year.

Investments

The System's investment portfolio appreciated in fair value by approximately \$84.23 million during fiscal year 2023, as compared to the fiscal year 2022, when it depreciated in fair value by approximately \$205.18 million, on the other hand during fiscal year 2021 the portfolio appreciated \$328.73 million. The net investment income for fiscal year 2023 amounted to approximately \$110.07 million, which represents an increase in investment income of approximately \$295.13 million. On the other side, expenses in 2023 from investment managers decreased by approximately \$276,200 or 6.08% and custody expenses increased by approximately \$89,200 or 21.55%. Total investment expenses during fiscal year 2023 were \$4,796,055, a decrease of \$167,961 from the previous year due to a decrease in investment managers' fee charges.

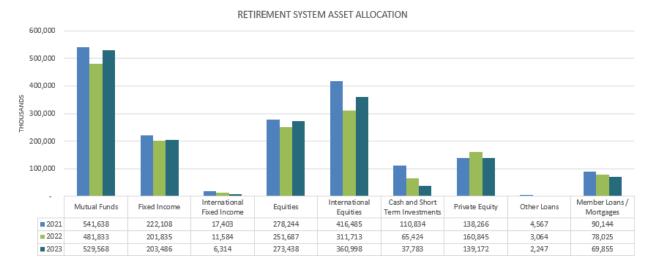
The net investment income (loss) for fiscal year 2022 amounted to approximately (\$185.06) million and \$348.06 for fiscal year 2021, which represents a decrease in investment income of approximately \$533.11 million when compared to 2021. For fiscal year 2022, the depreciation in fair value of investments was approximately \$205.18 million less than fiscal year 2021.



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Asset Allocation

Most of the System's assets are invested in marketable securities. The System's asset allocation consists of cash and short term investments of 2.33%, 39.09% of stocks ,12.54% in fixed income investments, 4.44% loans to members, 0.39% in international fixed income, 8.58% in alternative investments, and 33.63% in mutual funds for the year ended June 30, 2023. Equity investments are diversified between domestic and foreign markets and among companies with small, medium, and large capitalization. The table below shows the asset allocation as of June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021.



Benefits Paid and Liabilities

For the fiscal year 2023, pension benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries were \$224.98 million, which represents an increase of approximately \$2.27 million or 1.02% when compared to the prior year. For the previous two fiscal years, 2022 and 2021, pension benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries were \$222.71 and \$220.85 million respectively, which represented an increase of \$1.86 million or .84%.

As of June 30, 2023, there were 8,029 active members and 9,379 retired members. In comparison, as of June 30, 2022, the numbers were 8,304 active members and 9,390 retired members.

During fiscal year 2023, total liabilities were approximately \$55.50 million which represents an increase of \$1.58 million or 2.93%, when compared to the prior year. Approximately, 75.01% of total liabilities consist of unsettled transactions. During fiscal year 2022, total liabilities were approximately \$53.92 million, which represents a decrease of approximately \$58.31 million or 51.96% when compared to the prior year. Approximately, 71.87% of our total liabilities consisted of unsettled investment transactions. Overall, liabilities represent accounts payable to agencies, deposits for distribution to employee's contributions and accounts payable for acquisition of investments.



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The System as a Whole

Fiscal year 2023 reported an increase in net position of approximately \$55.30 million, the main reason of that result is that the appreciation in fair value of investments increased by approximately \$289.40 million when compared to the previous year. Net investment income increased by approximately \$295.13 million.

Fiscal year 2022 reported a decrease in net position of approximately \$218.18 million, the main reason of that result is that the appreciation in fair value of investments decreased by approximately \$533.9 million when compared to the previous year. Net investment income decreased by approximately \$533.11 million.

Economic Factors

The University has a high dependency on the Commonwealth appropriations and it lacks of available financial sources at reasonable interest rates. This situation affects its financial condition and liquidity. The University has expressed substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern in its most recently issued financial statements. The risks and uncertainties facing the University together with other factors further described below, have led management to conclude that there is substantial doubt as to the ability of the System to continue as a going concern.

For many years the Commonwealth experienced a fiscal, economic and liquidity crisis which resulted in recurring deficits, negative financial position and a prolonged recession which commenced in 2006. Pursuant to PROMESA and the establishment of the Oversight Board on June 30, 2016, the United States Congress provided a mechanism to allow for fiscal and economic discipline that resulted in the orderly restructuring of the Commonwealth's obligations. After years of extensive litigation with creditors, on October 26, 2021, the Commonwealth enacted the Law to End Bankruptcy of Puerto Rico (Act.53) to implement the restructuring transaction contemplated in the Commonwealth's plan of action adjustment. The Title III Court confirmed the Commonwealth Plan of Adjustment on January 18, 2022, and it become effective on March 15, 2022.

The University is dependent upon Commonwealth's appropriations to finance its operations. However, the University believes that Commonwealth appropriations are secured through 2027, in accordance with Act 53. The University is evaluating strategies to obtain additional revenue sources for future operations and the System's management has continued to focus its efforts on protecting the System.

Actuarial Determined Employer Contribution

On May 26, 2023, the Retirement Board approved Certification No.38, in which the external actuary's recommendation was accepted as to the determination of the period in which the actuarial determined employer contribution, as calculated in the actuarial valuation report. The employer contribution calculated in the valuation report will now apply to the fiscal year that begins one year after the actuarial valuation. In the transition to this new method of contribution timing, the University's contribution recommended in the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, will apply to both fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and 2023.



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Currently Known Facts

Securities Lending

On July 1, 2022, the System entered into a Payment Plan Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. to cover the deficiency in the securities lending cash collateral investment account of the System. The payment schedule was paid as follows:

Payment Due Date	Amount
July 5, 2022	\$ 500,000
July 15, 2022	\$ 330,568
July 15, 2023	\$ 330,334

On September 6, 2023, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N. A. notified the termination of the Securities Lending Program Agreement effective October 6, 2023.

Pension Reform

On October 27, 2022, the Governing Board of the University approved by Certification No. 52, that nullifies Certification No. 106 of the fiscal year June 30, 2022, and establishes that the new implementation date of the defined contribution plan for new employees will be May 1, 2023. As of May 1, 2023, the System will be closed to new members.

On May 5, 2023, the Governing Board of the University approved Certification No. 142, amend Certification No. 52 establishing that the new implementation date of the Defined Contribution Plan for new employees will be May 31, 2023. As of May 31, 2023, the System will be closed to new members.

On July 21, 2023, the Governing Board of the University approved by Certification No. 1, amend Certification No. 142 establishing that the new implementation date of the Defined Contribution Plan for new employees will be August 1, 2023. Vested employees and retirees of the System are not impacted with this reorganization.

Litigations

On May 11, 2023, the Retirement Board filed a lawsuit for a permanent injunction against the University to question the validity of the creation of a defined contribution plan for new employees. The lawsuit is currently in the discovery phase and is expected to conclude in December 2024. The Court schedules the pre-trial conference for April 2025.

In August 2023, the Retirement Board filed a lawsuit against the University for debt collection, in reference to actuarial determined contributions, salaries and other services in the amount of approximately \$59 million. During fiscal years 2024 and 2025 the debt collection amount was amended to reflect employer contributions owed to the Retirement System for the fiscal year 2023 and 2024 by \$10,039,122 and \$38,749,588, respectively. Further updates are actually in progress as additional information becomes available or the review process concludes.

Contacting System's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the Retirement Board, members, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the System's finances and to demonstrate the University of Puerto Rico's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System at P.O. Box 21769, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00931-1769 and (787) 751-4550.

STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 33,506,082	\$ 65,424,146
Investment at fair value:		
U.S. Government and Agencies' obligations	60,421,348	62,864,253
Foreign bonds	6,314,294	11,583,939
Corporate bonds	72,897,826	78,616,886
Foreign common stocks	360,997,895	311,712,900
Common stocks	273,438,471	251,687,381
Mortgage-backed securities	67,317,116	58,469,064
Municipal bonds	1,166,792	932,252
Sovereign debt	455,574	465,360
Commingled funds	529,567,627	481,832,871
Short term investment	4,277,202	-
Alternative investments	139,172,450	160,845,171
Invested securities lending cash collateral	1,227,724	486,955
Loans to members:		
First mortgage	20,277,836	23,886,118
Personal installments	49,575,712	54,139,372
Other, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,895		
in 2023 and 2022, respectively	2,247,406	3,064,130
Other receivables	212,066	268,466
Accrued interest receivable on investments	3,480,022	2,525,518
Receivables from sale of investments	30,559,415	26,062,011
Contributions receivable from the Commonwealth of		
Puerto Rico	2,202,436	2,322,646
Accounts receivable from University of Puerto Rico	2,447,923	7,778,704
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,970,182		
and \$1,841,267 in 2023 and 2022, respectively	 3,440,483	 3,350,810
	 1,665,203,700	1,608,318,953
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,627,069	10,680,222
Obligations under securities lending	1,558,058	1,648,092
Escrow deposits on mortgage loans	1,522,258	1,556,190
Other deposits and pending distribution funds	1,159,540	1,280,694
Payable for acquisition of investments	 41,631,703	 38,751,139
	 55,498,628	 53,916,337
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS	\$ 1,609,705,072	\$ 1,554,402,616

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

		2023	2022
ADDITIONS:			
Contributions-			
Employer	\$	144,427,749	\$ 161,704,861
Members	-	30,087,179	 31,204,543
		174,514,928	 192,909,404
Investment income (loss)-			
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments		85,386,734	(206,080,261)
Interest		12,148,193	11,621,886
Dividends		18,497,717	13,458,423
		116,032,644	(180,999,952)
Investment expense		4,796,055	4,964,014
Net investment income (loss)		111,236,589	(185,963,966)
		285,751,517	 6,945,438
DEDUCTIONS:			
Benefits paid		224,977,854	222,707,474
General and administrative expenses		5,471,207	 2,422,217
		230,449,061	225,129,691
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION		55,302,456	(218,184,253)
FIDUCIARY NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS, beginning of year		1,554,402,616	1,772,586,869
FIDUCIARY NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS, end of year	\$	1,609,705,072	\$ 1,554,402,616

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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1) Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A) Organization - The University of Puerto Rico Retirement System ("the System") is the administrator of a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by Act No. 135, approved on May 7, 1942 (superseded by Act No. 1 of January 20, 1966, as amended (the "Act No. 1")). The System started operations on January 1, 1945, the date on which contributions by employees and the University of Puerto Rico ("the University") commenced. The assets of the System are legally held in a Trust, separate from the assets of the University of Puerto Rico, and are held solely for the purpose of meeting the System's obligations.

The responsibility for the proper operation and administration of the System is vested in the Executive Director of the System, which in turn will report to the Retirement System's Board, that is the Trustee of the University's Retirement System Trust.

Members consisted of the following as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Description	2023	2022
Inactive members (or their beneficiaries) currently receiving benefits	9,379	9,390
Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	6,542	6,336
Active members	8,029	8,304
	23,950	24,030

B) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> - The accounting policies followed by the System conform to predominant industry practices and follows accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The following summarizes the most significant accounting policies:

<u>Basis of Presentation</u> - The System's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are prepared under the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

<u>Cash Equivalents</u> - Cash equivalents include all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

<u>Investments</u> - Investments are reported at fair value. Investment in securities is valued based on quotations obtained from national security exchanges. Dividend income is recognized when received.

The fair value of investments held in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars generally using current rates of exchange and the related translation adjustments are included as an addition to the unrealized change in fair value of investments which is recorded in the statement of changes in fiduciary net position as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of the investments.

The fair value of private equity fund investments is determined by the applicable fund manager.

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<u>Fair Value Measurements</u> - The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the System could access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - 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.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

<u>Securities Lending</u> - Cash received as collateral on securities lending transactions is used to purchase investments. These investments are reported as assets in the accompanying statement of fiduciary net position and are generally measured at fair value except for repurchase agreements, which are reported at cost. A corresponding liability is also reported for the amount owed to the broker at the termination of the lending agreement. Additional disclosures about the System's securities lending transactions are provided in Note 5.

<u>Loans to System's Members</u> - Are carried at either (i) unpaid principal balance for personal loans, which approximates their fair value, or (ii) discounted future principal and interest payments for mortgage loans, using prevailing interest ratios for similar instruments. Mortgage loans are collateralized by the member's contribution to the System and first mortgage liens on the underlying properties. Personal loans are collateralized by the member's contribution to the System.

The System's Retirement Board granted certain members the option to select a supplemental pension benefit by making a retroactive contribution to the System. Members who accepted this option had to make a lump-sum payment to cover the related benefits. Members could obtain an interest-bearing loan from the System to fund their contributions.

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the balance of other loans consisted of the principal balance of such contributions, which amounted to approximately \$2.25 million and \$3.06 million, respectively, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts.

<u>Capital Assets</u> - Capital assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the depreciable property. Amounts exceeding \$1,000 and with a useful life of three years or more are capitalized.

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operations, while those for renewals and betterments are capitalized. Depreciation expense charged to operations during the years ended June 30, 2023, and 2022 amounted to approximately \$129,000 and \$113,300, respectively.

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<u>Medical Insurance</u> - The System acts as a pass-through of the employer medical insurance contributions to retirees. Contributions received from the University are recorded as a liability until paid to retirees.

<u>Members and Employer Contributions</u> - Members and employer contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due, and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions.

Benefits - Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the System.

2) Description of the System:

- A) <u>General</u> The System is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all employees of the University except for hourly, temporary, part-time, contract and substitute employees, and visiting professors. It is qualified and exempt from Puerto Rico and United States income taxes. The System is not subject to the requirements of the Employees Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The System provides retirement, disability and death benefit to members and beneficiaries.
- B) System's board and Composition The Retirement Board of the System's Trust is composed of elected members representing the following university sectors: Aguadilla, Arecibo, Bayamón, Carolina, Cayey, Medical Sciences, Humacao, Mayagüez, Ponce, Río Piedras, Utuado, Central Administration, and Retirees of the Retirement System. Each sector has the right to one representative if it has less than 1,500 members and two if it has 1,500 members or more. The President of the University or designated representative is an Ex-Officio Member.
- C) <u>Plan Amendments</u> The following is a summary of the most significant System amendments and certifications, presented for general purposes only. Members and other users should refer to the Trust Agreement and original amendments and certifications for a more complete description of the System's provisions and amendments.

Effective July 1, 1998, the System was amended by establishing Certification No. 94 (1997-1998) to offer Members an increase from \$35,000 to \$50,000 in the maximum salary subject to withholding contributions. The members who elect this benefit may pay retroactively to their first day of employment the differences in withholding contributions for prior year salaries exceeding \$35,000 and up to a maximum of \$50,000 plus 8% interest. Effective July 1, 1998, all new members will contribute 9% of their salary up to \$50,000.

Effective July 1, 2002, the Plan was amended by establishing Certification No. 139 (2001-2002) to offer members an increase from \$50,000 to \$60,000 in the maximum salary subject to withholding contributions. The members who elect this benefit may pay retroactively to their first day of employment the differences in withholding contributions for prior year salaries exceeding \$50,000 and up to a maximum of \$60,000, plus 8% interest. Effective July 1, 2002, all new members will have the option to contribute 9% of their salary up to \$50,000 or 11% of their salary up to \$69,556. In addition, the maximum annual compensation for those members who had not completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979, is \$35,000. Also, the minimum pension is \$250 a month. Finally, the reduction for commencement of pension benefits prior to age 55 is 1/3% per month for members who had not completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979, and elected Certification No. 55, and for members hired on or after January 1, 1990.

Effective July 1, 2007, the System was amended by Certification No. 12 (2007-2008). This certification was superseded by Certification No. 70 (2013-2014), in which the automatic 3% increase in pension benefits was terminated.

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Effective July 1, 2014, the compensation limit for Certification No.139 (2014-2015) was frozen at \$69,556. Effective January 1, 2015, the formula for Non-Occupational Disability was amended to increase vesting from 10 years to 15 years and the benefit payable will be 90% of the member retirement benefit payable if the member was to retire based on years of service.

Effective July 1, 2015, following recommendations presented by the System's Retirement Board, the System was amended by the Governing Board through Certification No. 140 (2014-2015): active members as of June 30, 2015, are divided into two groups:

- 1. Those who had 25 or more years of accredited service. These are not affected by the changes in regulation.
- 2. Those who had less than 25 years of accredited service. To this group, effective June 30, 2015, individual required contribution increased by 1% and the required age for retirement changed from 55 to 58 years.

Certification No. 7:

Member who had earned 20 years of services as of July 1, 1979:

- a. Member who selected a complete supplementation with Social Security, contributes 7% of monthly compensation.
- b. Member who selected a coordinated plan with Social Security, contributes 4% of the monthly compensation up to \$350, plus 6 ½% of the excess.
- c. No salary CAP.

Certification No. 37:

Member who had not earned 20 years of services as of July 1, 1979, and the ones who had entered on July 1, 1978, through December 1989:

Members with 25 years or more accredited at June 30, 2015	Members with less than 25 years accredited at June 30, 2015
5% up to \$35,000 (\$2,916)	6% up to \$35,000 (\$2,916)
9% up to \$50,000 (\$4,166)	10% up to \$50,000 (\$4,166)
11% up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)	12% up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)

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Certification No. 55:

Mandatory applicable to all members who entered beginning January 1, 1990, and those who enter before 1990 and are under the supplemented with social security plan and the ones who between January 1990 and December 1991 elected to fall under the coordinated with social security plan from Certification No. 55 (4/6.5%):

Members with 25 years or more accredited at June 30, 2015	Members with less than 25 years accredited at June 30, 2015
7% or 8% Suppl. or 4/6.5% Coord. Until \$35,000 (\$2,916)	8% or 9% Suppl. or 4/6.5% Coord. Until \$35,000 (\$2,916)
9% up to \$50,000 (\$4,166)	10% up to \$50,000 (\$4,166)
11% Suppl./ Coord. up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)	12% Suppl./ Coord. up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)
Regulation for those who entered between July 1, 19	998, to March 15, 2015:
Members with 25 years or more accredited at June 30, 2015	Members with less than 25 years accredited at June 30, 2015
9% up to \$50,000 (\$4,166)	10% up to \$50,000 (\$4,166)
11% up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)	12% up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)
Regulation for those who entered from April 1, 2015,	, to June 30, 2015:
Members with 25 years or more accredited at June 30, 2015	Members with less than 25 years accredited at June 30, 2015
11% up to \$69,556 (\$5,796) until June 30, 2015	12% up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)
Regulation for those who entered as of July 1, 2015:	
Members with less than 25 years accredited at June 30, 2015	
12% up to \$69,556 (\$5,796)	

Contributions and Funding Policy:

The contribution requirements of members and the University are established and may be amended by the Retirement System's Board. Members are required to contribute as follows:

Members who elect Certification No. 139: 11% of monthly compensation up to \$5,796

Members who have not completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979:

- If full supplement is elected: 7% of monthly compensation up to \$2,916
- If full supplement is not elected: 5% of monthly compensation up to \$2,916
- If Certification No. 94 is elected: 9% of monthly compensation up to \$4,166
- If Certification No. 139 is elected: 11% of monthly compensation up to \$5,796

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Members who have completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979:

- If full supplement is elected: 7% of monthly compensation
- If full supplement is not elected: 4% of monthly compensation up to \$350, plus 6.5% of the excess

Members who have not completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979 and elect Certification No. 55:

- If full supplement is elected: 7% of monthly compensation up to \$2,916
- If full supplement is not elected: 4% of monthly compensation up to \$350, plus 6.5% of the excess up to \$2,916
- If Certification No. 94 is elected: 9% of monthly compensation up to \$4,166
- If Certification No. 139 is elected: 11% of monthly compensation up to \$5,796

Members who are hired between January 1, 1990 and June 30, 1998:

- 8% of monthly compensation up to \$2,916 or,
- If Certification No. 94 is elected: 9% of monthly compensation up to \$4,166
- If Certification No. 139 is elected: 11% of monthly compensation up to \$5,796

Members who are hired on or after July 1, 1998 until March 31, 2015:

• 9% of monthly compensation up to \$4,166

Members who are hired on or after April 1, 2015:

• 11% of monthly compensation up to \$5,796 fully supplemented

Members who are hired after July 1, 2015:

• 12% of monthly compensation up to \$5,796

The University contributes at an actuarially determined rate; the rate as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 was 39.23% respectively, of annual covered payroll. The actuarially determined employer contribution rate considers payment of administrative expenses that are paid out of the trust fund.

The contributions of the University were originally designed to fund, together with the contributions of the members, the current service cost on a current basis and the estimated accrued benefit cost attributable to qualifying service prior to the establishment of the System over a Certification No. 146 (2014-2015), 40-year period, but as a result of increasing benefits without a correlative increase in employer's contributions, they fall short of accomplishing the necessary funding.

D) <u>Retirement Benefits</u> - The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Members who have completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979, are entitled to annual retirement benefits at any age after 30 years of service. Otherwise, members are entitled to annual retirement benefits as follows:

- Certification No. 55 at age 55 after 30 years of service for those with 25 or more years at June 30, 2015, at age 58 for those with less than 25 years at June 30,2015.
- Certification No. 37 at age 58

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Members may elect to receive their retirement benefits at age 58 after 10 years of service, or at age 55 after 25 years of service.

The amount of service retirement annuity is as follows:

For all members except those who have completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979:

- Before age 65 for members with at least 30 years of service: 75% of average compensation. The amount is reduced by .5% for each month the member is 55 but under age 58 (Certification No. 37) and 55 (Certification No. 55), at time annuity begins.
- Before age 65 for members with less than 30 years of service: 1.5% of average compensation per year of service for the members with 20 or fewer years. The percentage increases by .05% for each year in excess of than 20 years up to a maximum of 1.95% per year. Amount is reduced by .5% for each month the member is between the age of 55 and 58 at time annuity begins (Certification No. 37) and 1/3% for each month the member is under age 55 with more than 25 years of service and 1/3% for each month the member is under age 58 with less than 25 years of service (Certification No. 55).
- After age 65 if the member elected full supplement, the annuity is the same as before age 65. Otherwise, the annuity is reduced by .5% of average compensation not more than Social Security wage base in effect at retirement for each year of service. If the members had less than 30 years of service and were under age 58 at the beginning date, adjustment is made before application of .5% reduction per month under age 58.

For those members who have completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979:

- Before age 65 for members with at least 30 years of service: 75% of average compensation if age 55 at beginning date; 65% if under age 55. If the member completed 30 years of service before July 1973, the annuity is increased by 2% of average compensation for each year of service beyond 30 and before July 1973, but to no more than 85% of average compensation.
- Before age 65 for members with less than 30 years of service: 1.5% of average compensation per year of service for members with 20 or fewer years. Percentage increases by .05% for each year more than 20 years up to maximum of 1.95% per year. The amount is reduced by .5% for each month the member is under age 58 at the time the annuity begins.
- At age 65 if members elected full supplement, the annuity is the same as before age 65. Otherwise, the annuity is reduced by .5% of first \$350 of average compensation for each year of service but not by more than primary Social Security benefit. If the members had less than 30 years of service and were under age 58 at beginning date, adjustment is made before application of .5% reduction per month under age 58.

For all members who have not completed 20 years of service by July 1, 1979, and elect Certification No. 55, and for those hired on or after January 1, 1990:

• Before age 65 - for members with less than 30 years of service: 1.5% of average compensation per year of service for members with 20 or fewer years. Percentage increases by .05% for each year more than 20 years up to a maximum of 1.95% per year.

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- Before age 65 for members with at least 30 years of service: 75% of average compensation for members with at least 55 years of age at retirement date. Amount reduced by .5% for each month the member is between age 55 and 58 (Certification No. 37); and 1/3% for each month the member is under age 55 with more than 25 years of service and 1/3% for each month the member is 58 with less than 25 years of service (Certification No. 55).
- After Age 65 if members elected full supplement, annuity is the same as before age 65. Otherwise, annuity is reduced by .5% of average compensation at time of retirement multiplied by years of service.
- Minimum Annuity \$250 per month if a member terminates before rendering 10 years of service, the right to receive the portion of his accumulated plan benefits attributable to the University's contributions is forfeited. However, the member is entitled to receive, in a lump-sum payment, the value of his accumulated contributions.
- If a member terminates after rendering 10 years of service, and does not withdraw his contributions, the member receives a retirement annuity payable beginning at age 60 based on the applicable benefit formula.
- Refund may also be obtained after 10 years of service, but the vested benefit is lost.
- E) <u>Disability Benefits</u> Members who become disabled receive annual disability benefits regardless of service if disability is due to occupational causes or after 15 years of service if disability is due to no-occupational causes. If the member is also eligible for a retirement annuity, the benefit payable is the higher of the two. Disability benefits are paid as follows:
 - Before age 65 if service related 50% of final salary. If not, services related, 30% of average compensation plus additional 1% for each year of service over 10.
 - After age 65 reduced to amount payable as retirement annuity, if that amount is less than disability retirement annuity, but reduced annuity plus primary Social Security benefit may not be less than original disability annuity.

Effective December 15, 2014, Certification No. 51, (2014-2015) non-occupational disability benefits regulation was amended. A disability due to non-occupational causes will be payable upon 15 years of service, the benefit payable will be 90% of the member's retirement benefit payable if the member was to retire based on years of service. If the member is eligible for a service retirement, benefit payable will be the higher of the two.

F) Death Benefits -

- Pre-retirement death benefit if the death of a member is service related, a death benefit equals to 50% of the final annual salary plus \$120 (\$240 if widow not receiving benefit) per year for each child under age 18 (21 if at school) is paid to the member's beneficiaries. Maximum family benefit is 75% of the member's final annual salary. If death is non-service related, a lump-sum is paid equal to the member's contributions plus one year's final salary, but not less than \$6,000.
- Post-retirement death benefits member's contributions are refunded if they do not exceed retirement payments already made, unless reverse annuity was elected. Minimum payment is \$600. In addition, an annuity is payable to surviving spouse until death or remarriage or until they become eligible for Social Security benefits. Minimum annuity, \$75 per month, maximum annuity, \$150 per month.

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- G) Christmas Bonus A \$400 annual bonus is given to all retired members.
- H) Pension Reform On October 27, 2022, the Governing Board of the University approved by Certification No. 52, that nullifies Certification No. 106 of the fiscal year June 30, 2022, and establishes that the new implementation date of the defined contribution plan for new employees will be May 1, 2023. As of May 1, 2023, the System will be closed to new members.

On May 5, 2023, the Governing Board of the University approved Certification No. 142, amend Certification No. 52 establishing that the new implementation date of the Defined Contribution Plan for new employees will be May 31, 2023. As of May 31, 2023, the System will be closed to new members.

On July 21, 2023, the Governing Board of the University approved by Certification No. 1, amend Certification No. 142 establishing that the new implementation date of the Defined Contribution Plan for new employees will be August 1, 2023. As of July 31, 2023, the System will be closed to new members.

Actuarial Determined Employer Contribution - On May 26, 2023, the Retirement Board approved Certification No.38, in which the external actuary's recommendation was accepted as to the determination of the period in which the actuarial determined employer contribution, as calculated in the actuarial valuation report, will be used. The employer contribution calculated in the valuation report will now apply to the fiscal year that begins one year after the actuarial valuation. In the transition to this new method of contribution timing, the University's contribution recommended in the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 will apply to both fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and 2023.

3) Substantial Doubt about the System's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern:

The discussion in the following paragraphs regarding the System's financial and liquidity risks provides the necessary background and support for management's evaluation as to whether there is substantial doubt about the System's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the date of the financial statements or for an extended period if there is currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter. GASB Statement No. 56, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards, establishes that the continuation of a legally separate governmental entity as a going concern is assumed in financial reporting in the absence of significant information to the contrary. Information that may significantly contradict the going concern assumption would relate to a governmental entity's inability to continue to meet its obligations as they become due without substantial disposition of assets outside the ordinary course of governmental operations, restructuring of debt, submission to the oversight of a separate fiscal assistance authority or financial review board, or similar actions. Indicators such as negative trends in operating losses and negative cash flows, possible financial difficulties such as nonpayment or default of debt and/or restructurings or noncompliance with capital or reserve requirements, and internal or external matters impacting the governmental entity's ability to meet its obligations as they become due, are factors that are considered in this evaluation.

The University has a high dependency on the Commonwealth appropriations and lacks of available financial sources at reasonable interest rates. This situation affects its financial condition and liquidity. The University has expressed substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern in its most recently issued financial statements. The risks and uncertainties facing the University together with other factors further described below, have led management to conclude that there is substantial doubt as to the ability of the System to continue as a going concern.

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For many years the Commonwealth experienced a fiscal, economic and liquidity crisis which resulted in recurring deficits, negative financial position and a prolonged recession which commenced in 2006. Pursuant to PROMESA and the establishment of the Oversight Board on June 30, 2016, the United States Congress provided a mechanism to allow for fiscal and economic discipline that resulted in the orderly restructuring of the Commonwealth's obligations. After years of extensive litigation with creditors, on October 26, 2021, the Commonwealth enacted the Law to End Bankruptcy of Puerto Rico (Act 53) to implement the restructuring transaction contemplated in the Commonwealth's plan of action adjustment. The Title III Court confirmed the Commonwealth Plan of Adjustment on January 18, 2022 and it become effective on March 15, 2022.

The University is dependent upon Commonwealth's appropriations to finance its operations. However, the University believes that Commonwealth appropriations are secured through 2027, in accordance with Act 53. The University is evaluating strategies to obtain additional revenue sources for future operations and System's management has continued to focus its efforts on protecting the System.

The System has evaluated the current market and the University's situation and considered several facts to establish a mitigation action plan, as follows:

• Trust Regulations:

The System is the administrator of a single employer defined benefit pension plan which was created by Act No. 135, approved on May 7, 1942. The System started operations on January 1, 1945, the date on which contributions by employees and the University commenced.

• Fund administration:

The Retirement System located its assets in a separate Retirement Fund located in JP Morgan Chase New York in 1989. This Retirement Trust account was created to exclusively receive income, hold monies, and make disbursements on behalf of the Trust.

• Investments Return:

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Retirement fund continues to demonstrate positive performance, closing the fiscal year with a return of 7.86%.

• Funding Ratios:

The funding ratio increased for the fiscal years from June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2017: from 46.6% in 2015 to 47.8% in 2016, and 48.9% in 2017. However, it has experimented a decrease in fiscal year 2018 from 48.9% to 43.7% and, in fiscal year 2019 from 43.7% to 42.8%. During the fiscal years from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023, the ratio increased from 42.8% to 43.7% in 2020, 47.6% in 2021, 49.9% in 2022 and 51.2% in 2023.

• Contributions:

As stated in the plan document, the Retirement fund will not be used for disbursements, withdrawals, and transfer of any assets other than the exclusive use of funds for both pension and administrative expenses. Its securities, notes or other evidence of loans are clearly marked to indicate ownership by the System and are registered in the name of the System. Its administration is separated from the administration of the University as established in Certification No. 53 (1989-1990). The University believes that Commonwealth appropriations are secured through 2027, in accordance with Act 53.

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The System is qualified and exempt from Puerto Rico and United States income taxes like other peer governmental plans. There is uncertainty as to what actions the Oversight Board and the Commonwealth will take, if any, and the effects they may have on the Plan. PROMESA requires that any fiscal plan developed by the Commonwealth or any of its affiliates shall "provide for the adequate funding for public pension systems." In addition, pursuant to the Trust Deed, the System's assets remain completely autonomous and separate of the assets of the University, the Trustee and its members and continue to be exempt from the individual or collective action of their respective creditors.

• Assets Level:

The assets of the System's fund have been well maintained over \$1.4 billion since 2014. Given the precarious scenarios in Puerto Rico, the System's funds are likely not sufficient to sustain necessary withdrawals as projected over the life of the System, without further contributions by the University. However, management believe the System's funds can sustain withdrawals for approximately 15 years, assuming a constant rate of return of 6.75% and liabilities as currently projected. This analysis only includes the individual contributions that are part of the University automatic payroll deductions. The University has stated clearly that payroll is a priority under the current scenario and has asserted a commitment to fund the unfunded liability to the extent it is able.

• System's Regulatory Changes:

As a result of intensive research work made by the System's administration and several meetings by the Retirement Board and the Governing Board, retirement system regulatory changes have been approved for the current and next fiscal years. These measures emerged as initiatives implemented towards improving sustainability of the current defined benefit system. The System amendments are described in detail in Note 2.

4) Cash:

The System is authorized to deposit funds in the custody of financial institutions approved by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth's regulations require domestic commercial banks to maintain collateral securities pledged for the security of public deposits at an amount in excess of federal insurance coverage.

Deposits, either insured or collateralized, are not considered to be subject to custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a financial institution's failure, the System's deposits may not be returned to it.

The cash deposits, at times, may exceed the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) of \$250,000 per financial institution. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, cash deposits exceeded FDIC insured limits by approximately \$9,006,000 and \$43,954,000, respectively.

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5) Investments:

The following is a summary of the fair value hierarchy of the fair value of investments of the System as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

			June 30, 2023	
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Unobservable Inputs for the Assets
Description	Total	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
U.S. Government and Agencies' obligations	\$ 60,421,348	\$ -	\$ 60,421,348	\$ -
Common stocks	273,438,471		-	
Mortgage-backed securities	67,317,116		67,317,116	-
Municipal bonds	1,166,792		1,166,792	-
Corporate bonds	72,897,826		72,897,826	-
Foreign common stocks	360,997,895		-	_
Foreign bonds	6,314,294		6,314,294	-
Commingled funds equity	529,567,627		529,567,627	-
Sovereign debt	455,574		455,574	-
Short-term investment	4,277,202	· -	4,277,202	-
Alternative investments	139,172,450	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	139,172,450
	\$ 1,516,026,595	\$ 634,436,366	\$ 742,417,779	\$ 139,172,450
			June 30, 2022	
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Unobservable Inputs for the Assets
Description	Total	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
U.S. Government and				
Agencies' obligations	\$ 62,864,253	\$ -	\$ 62,864,253	\$ -
Common stocks	251,687,381	251,687,381	-	-
Mortgage-backed securities	58,469,064		58,469,064	-
Municipal bonds	932,252		932,252	-
Corporate bonds	78,616,886		78,616,886	-
Foreign common stock	311,712,900		-	-
Foreign bonds	11,583,939		11,583,939	-
Commingled funds equity	481,832,871		481,832,871	-
Sovereign debt	465,360		465,360	-
Alternative investments	160,845,171	<u> </u>		160,845,171
	\$ 1,419,010,077	\$ 563,400,281	\$ 694,764,625	\$ 160,845,171

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No more than 5% of any debt issue may be purchased as an investment, except for the U.S. Government and Agencies' obligations. No more than 10% of the assets at cost may be invested in the securities of a single issuer, except for the U.S. Government and Agencies' obligations.

Investments classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets.

Investment securities, including U.S. sponsored agencies bonds and notes, U.S. municipal bonds, foreign government bonds, foreign bonds, foreign common stock, mortgage-backed securities, pooled funds and corporate bonds, classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using matrix pricing techniques maintained by various pricing vendors. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices. Fair value is defined as the quoted market value on the last trading day of the period. These prices are obtained from various pricing sources by our custodian bank.

Alternative investments are classified as Level 3. Fair value for private and real estate equity funds are derived from each fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) as provided by fund management, or broker dealer as of the valuation date.

The custody of these investments is held by the trust department of a commercial bank in the name of the System and the portfolio is managed by an Investment Management Organization.

The System has adopted the following strategic asset allocation:

Assat Class	0/ Allacatad	Range Above (+) Below (-)
Asset Class	% Allocated	
Domestic large cap equity	25.6%	+/-5%
International equity	24.0%	+/-3%
Domestic small/mid cap	6.4%	+/-3%
Fixed income	30.0%	+/-5%
Real Estate	5.0%	+/-3%
Loans to members (including first mortgage and		
personal installments loans)	9.0%	+/-3%

The overall investment fund does not have a strategic asset allocation to cash, but individual managers will hold varying amounts of cash within their respective portfolios as part of the normal course of managing the assets.

From time to time, when the operating cash flow has excess disbursements, the Executive Director is authorized to sell securities on behalf of the System not exceeding \$10,000,000 (Certification No. 68, 2018-2019) per month. This is executed according to market fluctuations and rebalancing requirements of the portfolio without diverging from the Investment Policy.

The overall investment fund does not have a strategic allocation to private equities. However, the overall investment fund may, from time to time, examine private equity investments that it deems acceptable. If an allocation to private equity is made it will be funded from the domestic equity asset class. At no time will the allocation exceed 5% of total fund assets.

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Alternative investments include the following as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

			June 30, 2023						
Description		Total Commitment		Contributions		Distributions		Fair Value	
Grupo Guayacán, Inc.:									
Guayacán Fund of Funds II, LP	\$	6,000,000	\$	5,683,539	\$	7,598,310	\$	-	
Guayacán Fund of Funds III, LP		5,000,000		4,961,098		7,880,760		1,381,628	
Guayacán Fund of Funds IV, LP		5,000,000		4,958,146		3,578,924		7,160,585	
Advent-Morro Equity Partners Inc.:									
Guayacán Private Equity Fund I, LP		2,500,000		2,322,582		4,514,732		2,484,316	
Guayacán Private Equity Fund II, LP		5,000,000		4,909,472		6,640,834		1,360,252	
Guayacán Private Equity Fund III, LP		7,500,000		5,134,860		-		3,755,139	
McCoy Investment Fund 2		15,000,000		12,403,897		31,670,903		16,383,938	
RREEF America REI T II		65,000,000		65,000,000		-		106,646,592	
	\$	111,000,000	\$	105,373,594	\$	61,884,463	\$	139,172,450	
					J	lune 30, 2022			
		Total							
Description		Commitment		Contributions		Distributions		Fair Value	
Grupo Guayacán, Inc.:									
Guayacán Fund of Funds II, LP	\$	6,000,000	\$	5,683,539	\$	7,509,709	\$	72,468	
Guayacán Fund of Funds III, LP		5,000,000		4,961,098		7,880,666		1,598,959	
Guayacán Fund of Funds IV, LP		5,000,000		4,958,146		2,902,321		7,920,749	
Advent-Morro Equity Partners Inc.:									
Guayacán Private Equity Fund I, LP		2,500,000		2,322,582		4,514,732		2,527,802	
Guayacán Private Equity Fund II, LP		5,000,000		4,909,472		5,408,950		1,870,933	
Guayacán Private Equity Fund III, LP		7,500,000		4,231,691		-		2,904,940	
McCoy Investment Fund 2		15,000,000		12,403,897		29,818,933		22,890,789	
RREEF America REI T II		65,000,000		65,000,000		-		121,058,531	
	\$	111,000,000	\$	104,470,425	\$	58,035,311	\$	160,845,171	

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the United States government are excluded. The System's policy requires and limits investments in debt securities to only those in the top investment grade ratings issued by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

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As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the System's credit quality distribution for securities was as follows:

	2023			
		Standard & Poor's Rating		
Description	Value			
Foreign bonds Corporate bonds Mortgage backed securities Municipal bonds	\$	7,951,912 216,326,543 173,843,582 4,228,477	AA to BBB AAA to BBB- AA+ to AA+ AAA to A-	
	2022			
	-	Carrying	Standard &	
Description	Value		Poor's Rating	
Foreign bonds Corporate bonds Mortgage backed securities Municipal bonds	\$	16,899,050 217,628,337 167,776,357 4,618,063	AA to BBB- AAA to BBB- AAA to AA A+ to A-	

Commingled funds include investment in foreign bonds, corporate bonds, mortgage-backed securities and municipal bonds that have been rated by Standard & Poor's and were considered within the above categories.

Custodial Risk

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the System will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custody of the commingled funds is located at another financial institution. Investments of the System, which are under custody of a depository finance institution, are as follows:

Investment Type	2023			2022		
	Carrying Value		Carrying Value			
Mortgage backed securities	\$	67,317,116	\$	58,469,064		
Corporate bonds		72,897,826		78,616,886		
Common Stocks		273,438,471		251,687,381		
US Government bonds and agencies' obligations		60,421,348		62,864,253		
Foreign common stocks	360,997,895			311,712,900		
Foreign bonds		6,314,294		11,583,939		
Commingled funds equity		529,567,627		481,832,871		
Sovereign debt		455,574		465,360		
Municipal bonds		1,166,792		932,252		
Short-term investments		4,277,202				
	\$	1,376,854,145	\$	1,258,164,906		

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Securities Lending

The System has a Security Lending Agreement ("the Agreement") with its investment custodian ("the Custodian"). In this Agreement, the System agrees to lend certain securities upon request of a borrower. The Custodian is the managing agent in this agreement where upon request of a borrower, the Custodian lends securities in exchange for collateral. Collateral may consist of cash, other approved securities and/or letter of credit from the borrower. The Custodian has the unrestricted right to invest any cash collateral; also, the Custodian may commingle any approved securities held as collateral with any other securities held under custody on behalf of the University. Under the Agreement, the borrower is compelled to return the securities loaned by the System upon termination of the loan term.

Under the Agreement, as disclosed above, the System has a cash collateral of approximately \$1.2 million and approximately \$487 thousand as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. This cash collateral has been reinvested, in accordance with the agreement, in fixed income investments that are exposed to custodial credit risk as disclosed in the executed agreement.

During fiscal year 2008-2009, there was a default in a Lehman Brothers and Sigma floating rate note in which securities lending collateral had been invested. These funds are invested into a collective investment trust fund and are included on the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The purpose of the separate account is to provide a reserve account to offset expected losses. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the System had an unrealized loss in the Securities Lending Collateral pool of \$329,600 and \$1,159,235, respectively, and had accrued an obligation of \$1,558,058 and \$1,648,092, respectively, in the separate account.

In reference to this program, on July 2022, the Retirement Board authorized a Payment Plan to cover the unrecognized loss of the Securities Lending Program. The payment schedule was paid as follows:

Payment Due Date	Amount
July 5, 2022	\$ 500,000
July 15, 2022	\$ 330,568
July 15, 2023	\$ 330,334

On September 6, 2023, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N. A. notified the termination of the Securities Lending Program Agreement effective October 6, 2023.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributable to the magnitude of investment in a single issuer. Information regarding investment in any one issuer that represents five percent or more of the System's total investments must be disclosed under GASB Statement No. 40, excluding investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the United States government. The System's portfolio is not exposed to concentration of credit risk since the investment policies do not allow the System to invest in any single issuer more than 5% of the total portfolio, except for U.S. Government and Agencies' obligations.

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Interest-Rate Risk

Interest-rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the weighted average maturity by investment type in each fund is as follows:

Investment Type	Weighted Averag (Years)	e _	Fair '	Value	
		_	2023		2022
Coporate bonds	5.0529	\$	72,897,826	\$	78,616,886
Mortgage backed securities	8.4590		67,317,116		58,469,064
Municipal bonds	0.1119		1,166,792		932,252
Foreign corporate bonds	0.5460		6,314,294		11,583,939
US Government bonds and agencie's obligations					
and sovereign debt	3.2873		60,876,922		63,329,613
		\$	208,572,950	\$	212,931,754

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Foreign Currency Risk

The System's exposure to foreign currency risk derives from its positions in foreign currency denominated equities and fixed income investments. The System's investment policy permits it to invest up to 15% of total investments in foreign currency denominated investments. The following is a listing of foreign assets included in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position as of June 30, 2023:

Foreign Currency Risk represents 22.06% of total assets.

Security Type	Currency	Maturity	 air Value
Common stocks	Australia	Not applicable	\$ 5,837,405
Common stocks	Belgium	Not applicable	1,796,931
Common stocks	Bermuda	Not applicable	5,295,551
Common stocks	Brazil	Not applicable	1,217,604
Common stocks	Canada	Not applicable	28,259,319
Common stocks	Cayman Islands	Not applicable	416,788
Common stocks	Channel Islands	Not applicable	4,480,064
Common stocks	China	Not applicable	3,397,157
Common stocks	Denmark	Not applicable	10,017,890
Common stocks	France	Not applicable	53,305,900
Common stocks	Germany	Not applicable	22,618,150
Common stocks	Hong Kong	Not applicable	3,504,247
Common stocks	India	Not applicable	9,388,790
Common stocks	Ireland	Not applicable	20,040,862
Common stocks	Israel	Not applicable	618,055
Common stocks	Italy	Not applicable	1,882,668
Common stocks	Japan	Not applicable	42,040,931
Common stocks	Korea	Not applicable	4,475,394
Common stocks	Luxembourg	Not applicable	1,104,787
Common stocks	Netherlands	Not applicable	17,958,126
Common stocks	Norway	Not applicable	1,788,023
Common stocks	Portugal	Not applicable	869,153
Common stocks	Spain	Not applicable	10,613,628
Common stocks	Sweden	Not applicable	11,858,054
Common stocks	Switzerland	Not applicable	36,410,142
Common stocks	Taiwan	Not applicable	8,969,467
Common stocks	United Kingdom	Not applicable	52,832,809

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Security Type	Currency	Maturity	 Fair Value
Corporate bonds	Canada	03/08/2023-02/15/2052	\$ 240,777
Corporate bonds	Chile	01/31/2031-01/27/2032	218,677
Corporate bonds	Colombia	05/21/2024-04/22/2032	728,032
Corporate bonds	Indonesia	04/24/2028-07/28/2031	349,601
Corporate bonds	Kazakhastan	10/14/2044	121,500
Corporate bonds	Luxembourg	3/21/2026	47,720
Corporate bonds	Mexico	03/28/2027-01/11/2028	373,907
Corporate bonds	Netherlands	07/15/2023-05/01/2050	16,851
Corporate bonds	Panama	03/17/2028-01/23/2030	190,857
Corporate bonds	Perú	01/23/2031-11/18/2050	345,436
Corporate bonds	Philipines	02/01/2028-01/06/2032	504,215
Corporate bonds	Supranational	05/01/2027-11/30/2051	265,370
Corporate bonds	Switzerland	08/07/2026-02/12/2033	1,144,989
Corporate bonds	Taiwan	4/22/2032	193,846
Corporate bonds	United Kingdom	04/10/2027-05/02/2033	 1,572,516
Total			\$ 367,312,189

Risk and Uncertainty

The Retirement Fund invests in various marketable securities. These are exposed to various risks; due to the level of risk inherent in securities it is possible that changes in the values of these securities could occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of fiduciary net position.

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6) Capital Assets:

Capital Assets additions are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the useful life of the asset. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, capital assets activities, consisted of the following:

Description	Balance as of June 30, 2022	Additions	Retirements	Balance as of June 30, 2023
Building Equipment Foreclosure homes	\$ 3,811,940 460,403 919,734	\$ - 217,845 743	\$ - - -	\$ 3,811,940 678,248 920,477
Less: accumulated depreciation	5,192,077 (1,841,267)	218,588 (128,915)	<u>-</u>	5,410,665 (1,970,182)
	\$ 3,350,810	\$ 89,673	\$ -	\$ 3,440,483
Description	Balance as of June 30, 2021	Additions	Retirements	Balance as of June 30, 2022
Building Equipment Foreclosure homes	\$ 3,811,940 411,053 999,399	\$ - 49,350 335	\$ - (80,000)	\$ 3,811,940 460,403 919,734
Less: accumulated depreciation	5,222,392 (1,727,975)	49,685 (113,292)	(80,000)	5,192,077 (1,841,267)
	\$ 3,494,417	\$ (63,607)	\$ (80,000)	\$ 3,350,810

7) Medical Insurance:

The System is a pass-through of the employer's medical insurance contributions to retirees and reimbursed each retiree up to a maximum of \$125 monthly for medical plan expenses. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the medical plan expenses amounted to \$11,342,519 and \$11,031,140, respectively. Medical expenses are paid by the retirees and reimbursed by the University.

8) Related Party Transactions:

All employer contributions to the System are received from the University. In addition, the University utilizes the System for certain medical insurance expenses, as described in Note 7.

9) Net Pension Liability of the University:

The components of net pension liability of the University as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, are as follows (in thousands):

Description	2023	2022
Total pension liability Fiduciary net position	\$ 3,300,628 (1,609,705)	\$ 3,306,633 (1,554,403)
Net pension liability	\$ 1,690,923	\$ 1,752,230
Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	48.77%	47.01%

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<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> - The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions and experience, applied to all periods included in the measurement. The key actuarial assumptions are summarized as follows:

Description				
Inflation	2.50% per year			
Salary increases	2.50% per year and wage growth rate of 1.00%			
Discount rate	6.75%, net of investment expenses per annum, compounded annually			
Investment rate of return	6.75% net of investment expenses per annum, compounded annually (net of investment expenses)			
Administrative expense assumption	Actual prior year expenses			
Percent married	80% of employees are assumed to be married, and wives are assumed to be the same age as their husbands.			
Actuarial method	Individual Entry Age Normal cost method. Actuarial gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is amortized over a closed 30-year period beginning June 30, 2014. This amortization assumes future payroll increases of 0% per annum.			
Decrements:				
Pre-retirement mortality	Pub 2010 Teachers Employees Below Median Amount-Weighted Mortality Table, projected generationally using scale MP-2021.			
Post-retirement health mortality	Pub 2010 Teachers Retirees Below Median Amount-Weighted Mortality Table projected, generationally using scale MP-2021.			
Post-retirement disabled mortality	Pub 2010 Teachers Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table.			
Beneficiary mortality	Pub 2010 Teachers Below Median Amount-Weighted Contingent Survivors Mortality Table, projected generationally using Scale MP-2021.			

<u>Discount rate</u> - As of June 30, 2023, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member's contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and that employer contributions will be made according to the five-year average of actual contributions as of June 30, 2023. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current System members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.75% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments. The SEIR at the beginning of the measurement period was 6.75%.

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The long-term expected rate of return of the System's investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of the System's 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.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, provided by the System's external investment consultant (source, Survey of Capital Market Assumptions, 2024 Edition published by Horizon Actuarial Services, LLC), are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Broad U.S. equity	32.00%	5.81%
Global ex U.S. equity	24.00%	6.64%
Domestic fixed	30.00%	2.60%
High Yield	7.50%	4.42%
Real Estate	5.00%	4.94%
Private Equity	1.50%	9.89%
	100.00%	

<u>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability of Changes in the Discount Rate</u> - The following presents the net pension liability of the University as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the SEIR discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the University's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate (in thousands):

	1%		Current			1%	
Description	Decrease (5.75%)		Assumption (6.75%)		Increase (7.75%)		
Net pension liability	\$	2,024,628	\$	1,690,923	\$	1,405,806	

<u>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability of Changes in the Discount Rate</u> - The following presents the net pension liability of the University as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the SEIR discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the University's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate (in thousands):

	1%		Current	1%
Description	 Decrease (5.75%)	A	ssumption (6.75%)	 Increase (7.75%)
Net pension liability	\$ 2,088,980	\$	1,752,230	\$ 1,464,845

10) Reclassifications:

Certain reclassifications were made to the June 30, 2022 financial statements to conform them to the June 30, 2023 financial statements presentation.

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11) Subsequent Events:

As of June 30, 2023, subsequent events are as follows:

Securities Lending

On July 1, 2022, the System entered into a Payment Plan Agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. to cover the deficiency in the securities lending cash collateral investment account of the System. The payment schedule was paid as follows:

Payment Due Date	Amount
July 5, 2022	\$ 500,000
July 15, 2022	\$ 330,568
July 15, 2023	\$ 330,334

On September 6, 2023, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N. A. notified the termination of the Securities Lending Program Agreement effective October 6, 2023.

Pension Reform

On July 21, 2023, the Governing Board of the University approved Certification No. 1, that amends Certification No. 142 establishing the new implementation date of the defined contribution plan for new employees as of August 1, 2023. Vested employees and retirees of the System are not impacted by this reorganization.

Litigations

On May 11, 2023, the Retirement Board filed a lawsuit for a permanent injunction against the University to question the validity of the creation of a defined contribution plan for new employees. The lawsuit is currently in the discovery phase and is expected to conclude in December 2024. The Court schedules the pre-trial conference for April 2025.

In August 2023, the Retirement Board filed a lawsuit against the University for debt collection, in reference to actuarial determined contributions, salaries and other services in the amount of approximately \$59 million. During fiscal years 2024 and 2025 the debt collection amount was amended to reflect employer contributions owed to the Retirement System for the fiscal year 2023 and 2024 by \$10,039,122 and \$38,749,588, respectively. Further updates are actually in progress as additional information becomes available or the review process concludes.

Plan Amendments

The Retirement Board, in a regular meeting held on July 19, 2024, issued Certification Number 1, 2024-2025, which determines: Authorize the payment of a pension to any member who requests a pension and who meets the requirement of 30 years of contributed service and 58 years of age. Any deficiency in employer contributions must be collected from the institution from which the member comes and referred to the Trust's Finance Office, but never to the detriment of the payment of the member's pension.

Management has evaluated events through December 17, 2024, the date in which the financial statements were available to be issued.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY (Unaudited) June 30, 2023 (In Thousands)

								Year ended J	lune	30,							
	_	2023	 2022	 2021	_	2020	_	2019		2018	_	2017		2016	2015	_	2014
Total pension liability:																	
Service cost	\$	26,427	\$ 32,693	\$ 54,863	\$	74,909	\$	72,823	\$	74,827	\$	52,000	\$	46,571	\$ 48,107	\$	49,499
Interest		215,619	215,473	187,307		164,223		164,920		167,015		191,144		194,184	177,334		173,630
Benefit changes		1,401	2,648	(25,509)		-		-		-		-		(14,671)	(45,209)		-
Differences between expected and actual experience		(3,507)	(25,218)	(60,878)		(24,716)		(11,902)		(2,678)		(24,376)		(4,733)	(323,974)		-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs		(21,386)	-	(814,007)		(536,078)		271,633		31,859		989,905		160,911	32,269		(24,034)
Benefit payments		(224,559)	 (222,314)	 (220,633)	_	(218,290)	_	(207,823)		(198,247)		(188,311)		(182,614)	 (176,872)		(169,163)
Net change in total pension liability		(6,005)	3,282	(878,857)		(539,952)		289,651		72,776		1,020,362		199,648	(288,345)		29,932
Total pension liability, beginning		3,306,633	 3,303,351	 4,182,208	_	4,722,160	_	4,432,509	_	4,359,733	_	3,339,371	_	3,139,723	 3,428,068	_	3,398,136
Total pension liability, ending (a)	\$	3,300,628	\$ 3,306,633	\$ 3,303,351	\$	4,182,208	\$	4,722,160	\$	4,432,509	\$	4,359,733	\$	3,339,371	\$ 3,139,723	\$	3,428,068
System's fiduciary net position:																	
Contributions - employer	\$	144,428	\$ 161,705	\$ 160,356	\$	161,411	\$	75,263	\$	73,360	\$	79,491	\$	78,004	\$ 88,251	\$	91,689
Contributions - members		30,087	31,205	29,154		34,252		32,849		35,864		39,042		38,640	35,594		37,900
Net investment income		110,075	(185,059)	348,056		81,796		98,788		110,357		132,950		59,009	75,373		206,595
Benefit payments		(224,559)	(222,314)	(220,633)		(218,290)		(207,823)		(198,247)		(188,311)		(182,614)	(176,872)		(169,163)
Administrative expenses		(4,729)	(3,721)	(3,578)		(3,639)		(3,751)		(4,458)		(4,340)		(3,363)	(3,378)		(4,566)
Other		-	 -	 -	_			-		-		-		(4)	-		-
Net change in plan net position		55,302	(218,184)	313,355		55,530		(4,674)		16,876		58,832		(10,328)	18,968		162,455
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning		1,554,403	 1,772,587	 1,459,232	_	1,403,702	_	1,408,376	_	1,391,500		1,332,668	_	1,342,996	 1,324,028		1,161,573
Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)	\$	1,609,705	\$ 1,554,403	\$ 1,772,587	\$	1,459,232	\$	1,403,702	\$	1,408,376	\$	1,391,500	\$	1,332,668	\$ 1,342,996	\$	1,324,028
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$	1,690,923	\$ 1,752,230	\$ 1,530,764	\$	2,722,976	\$	3,318,458	\$	3,024,133	\$	2,968,233	\$	2,006,703	\$ 1,796,727	\$	2,104,040

SCHEDULE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (Unaudited) June 30, 2023

(In Thousands)

	Year ended June 30,																			
		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014
Total pension liability	\$	3,300,628	\$	3,306,633	\$	3,303,351	\$	4,182,208	\$	4,722,160	\$	4,432,509	\$	4,359,733	\$	3,339,371	\$	3,139,723	\$	3,428,068
System's fiduciary net position		1,609,705		1,554,403		1,772,587		1,459,232		1,403,702		1,408,376		1,391,500		1,332,668	_	1,342,996		1,324,028
Net pension liability	\$	1,690,923	\$	1,752,230	\$	1,530,764	\$	2,722,976	\$	3,318,458	\$	3,024,133	\$	2,968,233	\$	2,006,703	\$	1,796,727	\$	2,104,040
Ratio of System's fiduciary net position to total pension liability		48.77%		47.01%		53.66%		34.89%		29.73%		31.77%		31.92%		39.91%		42.77%		38.62%
Covered-employee payroll	\$	396,438	\$	392,499	\$	406,676	\$	428,086	\$	453,802	\$	478,529	\$	488,775	\$	515,994	\$	516,226	\$	515,856
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered- employee payroll		426.53%		446.43%		376.41%		636.08%		731.26%		631.96%		607.28%		388.90%		348.05%		407.87%

Factors that Significantly Affect Trends in Amounts Reported Changes of benefit terms;

• Certification #106, adopted February 16, 2022 deferred the implementation date of the Plan closing of certification #77 to November 1, 2022.

Changes in actuarial assumptions:

2017

- Rates of mortality were changed to the RP-2014 White Collar Headcount-weighted Mortality Table with rates adjusted by 103.8% for males and by 98.2% for females, projected generationally using scale MP-2017 for retired healthy pensioners. Rates of mortality for the period after disability retirement are according to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with rates adjusted by 93.4% for males and by 94.3% for females, projected to 2019 using scale MP-2017.
- Rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

2018

- Discount rate was changed from 3.92% to 3.81%.
- Mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2019.

2019

- Discount rate was changed from 3.81% to 3.56%.
- Assumed inflation was reduced from 2.50% to 2.40%.
- Rates of mortality were changed to the Pub 2010 Teachers Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table, projected generationally using scale MP-2020 for retired healthy pensioners. Rates of mortality for the period after disability retirement are according to the Pub 2010 Teachers Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table, projected generationally using scale MP-2020. Rates of Mortality for survivors and contingent beneficiaries are according to the Pub 2010 Teachers Amount-Weighted Contingent Survivors Mortality Table, projected generationally using scale MP-2020.

2020

- Discount rate was changed from 3.56% to 4.60%.
- Mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2020 to MP-2021.

2021

• Discount rate was changed from 4.60% to 6.75%.

2023

- Assumed inflation was changed from 2.40% to 2.50%.
- Rates of mortality were changed to the Pub 2010 Teachers Below Median Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table, projected generationally using scale MP-2021 for retired healthy
 pensioners. Rates of mortality for the period after disability retirement are according to the Pub 2010 Teachers Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table. Rates of mortality
 for survivors and contingent beneficiaries are according to the Pub 2010 Teachers Below Median Amount-Weighted Contingent Survivors Mortality Table, projected generationally using
 scale MP-2021.
- Rates of retirement and salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect experience.

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (Unaudited) June 30, 2023 (In Thousands)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	D	Actuarial etermined ontribution (ADC)	Rel De	tributions in ation to the Actuarial etermined ontribution	D	ntribution eficiency (Excess)	Cove	red Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (1)
2023	\$	155,523	\$	144,428	\$	11,095	\$	396,438	36.43%
2022		153,977		161,705		(7,728)		392,499	41.20%
2021		163,240		160,356		2,884		406,676	39.43%
2020		138,914		161,411		(22,497)		428,086	37.71%
2019		127,609		75,263		52,346		453,802	16.58%
2018		96,089		73,360		22,729		478,529	15.33%
2017		85,829		79,491		6,338		488,775	16.26%
2016		86,635		78,004		8,631		515,994	15.12%
2015		89,255		88,251		1,004		516,226	17.10%
2014		78,204		91,689		(13,485)		515,856	17.77%

⁽¹⁾ ADC Rate for each fiscal year comes from actuarial valuation at start of that fiscal year (e.g., the June 30, 2019)

Notes to Schedule of Employer Contributions:

Method and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the Schedule of Employer's Contributions are calculated as of June 30, for the fiscal year beginning on that date. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule:

Valuation date June 30, 2023 Actuarial cost method Entry age Amortization method Level dollar, closed Remaining amortization period 23 years 5-year smoothed market Asset valuation method 2.40% Inflation Salary increase 2.75% Investment rate return 6.75%, net of investment expenses per annum, compounded anually

The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined based on a 30-year closed amortization of the System's unfunded accrued liability beginning on June 30, 2014, as adopted by the System's Retirement Board. However, as discussed in the determination of the discount rate, the University has adopted a policy to make actual contributions based on a 40-year closed amortization of the System's unfunded accrued liability beginning on June 30, 2015.

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL MONEY - WEIGHTED RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) June 30, 2023 (In Thousands)

(Unaudited)	Year Ended June 30,													
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014				
Annual Money-Weighted rate of Return, net of investment expenses	7.53%	(10.47%)	22.57%	5.64%	6.95%	8.11%	10.76%	3.93%	5.61%	17.80%				



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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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of University of Puerto Rico Retirement System as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System'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 entity'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 may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University of Puerto Rico Retirement System'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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

RSM Punto Rias

San Juan, Puerto Rico December 17, 2024.

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