

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2022, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System, as of September 30, 2022, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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.

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 City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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 City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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 on pages 4-7 and the schedules of contributions from employers and other contributors, schedule of investment returns and schedules of changes in the employer's net position liability and related ratios on pages 25-29 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Required Supplementary Information (Continued)

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

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

Prior Year Comparative Information

We have previously audited the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System's 2021 financial statements, and our report dated February 1, 2022, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 7, 2023, on our consideration of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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 City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KABAT, SCHERTZER, DE LA TORRE, TARABOULOS & Co.

Weston, Florida February 7, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the annual financial report presents Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System's (the Plan) financial performance. This analysis provides an overview of the financial activities and funding conditions for fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. Please read it in conjunction with the Plan's financial statements, which immediately follow.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial section of this annual report consists of five parts: MD&A, the basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements, supplementary information and required supplementary information.

The financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Plan's overall financial status. The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of other and required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

The Plan's financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Under GAAP, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred and appreciation (depreciation) of assets is recognized in the statement of changes in fiduciary net position. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Plan are included in the statement of fiduciary net position.

The statement of fiduciary net position reports fiduciary net position and how it has changed. A net asset is the difference between the asset and any related liabilities. It is one measurement of the financial health or current position of the Plan.

Financial Highlights

The Plan's net results from operations for fiscal year 2022 reflected the following financial activities:

- Total fiduciary net position was \$35,632,405, which was 14% less than the 2021 total fiduciary net position with the decrease due primarily to unfavorable market conditions.
- ➤ Total contributions for the year were \$4,276,689, which was 2% less than the 2021 contributions. The amount of employer contributions varies from year to year and is actuarially determined. Member contributions were 7.06% of compensation.
- > Total interest and dividend earnings were \$2,040,859, which was 41% greater than the 2021 earnings with the increase due primarily to increase in the mutual funds' distributions paid.
- Net investment loss was \$5,782,282, which was 195% less than the 2021 income with the decrease due primarily to unfavorable market conditions.
- ➤ Benefits paid directly to retirees were \$3,653,103, which was 0.5% less than the benefits paid directly to retirees during 2021 with the decrease due primarily to less retirees receiving benefits.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

The following condensed comparative statement of fiduciary net position is a snapshot of account balances at the fiscal year end of the Plan. It reports the assets available for future payments to retirees and any current liabilities that are owed as of the financial statement date. The resulting net asset value, or assets minus liabilities, represents the value of assets held in trust for pension benefits.

The Plan continues to be evaluated for actuarial soundness by the actuary of the Plan. It should be noted that retirement system funding is based on a long-term perspective and that temporary fluctuations in the market are to be expected.

- Fiduciary net position at September 30, 2022 was \$35,632,405, a 14% decrease from fiduciary net position at September 30, 2021.
- > Total investments at September 30, 2022 were \$34,622,062, a 15% decrease from the investments at September 30, 2021.

The table below presents condensed comparative statements of fiduciary net position as of September 30:

	2022	2021	% Change
Cash	\$ 1,860,061	\$ 1,392,519	34%
Receivables	102,171	70,949	44%
Prepaid expense	11,607	6,649	75%
Investments, at fair value	34,622,062	40,684,287	(15%)
Total assets	36,595,901	42,154,404	(13%)
Accounts payable	24,838	32,024	(22%)
Advanced contributions from employer	938,658	577,367	63%
Net position restricted for pensions	\$ 35,632,405	\$ 41,545,013	(14%)

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

The statement of changes in fiduciary net position presents the effect of Plan transactions that occurred during the fiscal year. On the statement, additions to the Plan minus deductions from the Plan equal net increase or decrease in fiduciary net position.

The funding objective is to meet long-term obligations and fund all Plan benefits.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (Continued)

- Revenues (traditionally additions to the fiduciary net position) for the Plan actually resulted in a deduction to the fiduciary net position of (\$1,504,879), which was made up of total contributions of \$4,276,689 less net investment loss of (\$5,782,282) and other income of \$714.
- Expenses (deductions from the fiduciary net position) decreased from \$5,136,115 during 2021 to \$4,407,729 in 2022.

The table below presents a condensed comparative of the changes in fiduciary net position for the year ended September 30:

	2022	2021	% Change	
Total contributions	\$ 4,276,689	\$ 4,343,519	(2%)	
Net investment (loss) income	(5,782,282)	6,072,276	(195%)	
Other income	714	1,134	(37%)	
Total additions	(1,504,879)	10,416,929	(114%)	
Total deductions	4,407,729	5,136,115	(14%)	
Net change	(5,912,608)	5,280,814	(212%)	
Net position restricted for pensions – beginning	41,545,013	36,264,199	15%	
Net position restricted for pensions – ending	\$ 35,632,405	\$ 41,545,013	(14%)	

Asset Allocation

The table below indicates the Plan investment policy limitations and actual asset allocations as of September 30, 2022:

Type of Investment	Investment Policy	Actual Allocation
Domestic equities	40%-65%	48.23%
International equities	5%-20%	11.39%
Fixed income	10%-45%	18.49%
Global Tactical Assets	0%-15%	0.00%
Real estate	0%-20%	19.03%
Cash and cash equivalents	0%-5%	2.86%

The investment guidelines provide for the appropriate diversification of the portfolio. Investments have been diversified to the extent practicable to control risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of a specific maturity, issuer, instrument, dealer or bank through which financial instruments are bought and sold.

The Plan's Board of Trustees (the Board) recognizes that some risk must be assumed to achieve the Plan's long-term investment objectives. In establishing the risk tolerances, the Plan's ability to withstand short and intermediate term variability has been considered. However, the Plan's financial condition enables the Board to adopt a long-term investment perspective.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Investment Activities

Investment income is vital to the Plan for current and future financial stability. Therefore, the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to act prudently when making Plan investment decisions. To assist the Board in this area, the Board retains investment managers who supervise and direct the investment of the assets. The Board also retains an investment monitor to evaluate and report on quarterly basis compliance by the investment managers with the investment policy of the Board and investment performance of the Plan. The investment policy statement was last adopted on February 1, 2022.

The Board and its investment consultant review portfolio performance in compliance with the investment policy statement quarterly. Performance is evaluated both individually by money manager style, and collectively by investment type and for the aggregate portfolio.

Financial Analysis Summary

The investment activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 are a function of the underlying market, money managers' performance and the investment policy's asset allocation model. The Plan has consistently implemented a high quality, conservative approach.

Contacting the Plan's Financial Management

This financial analysis is designed to provide the Board, Plan participants, and the marketplace credit analysts with an overview of the Plan's finances and the prudent exercise of the Board's oversight. If you have any questions regarding this report or you need additional financial information, please contact the administrator of the Plan:

The Resource Centers, LLC c/o Lake Worth Police Relief and Pension Fund 4360 Northlake Blvd. Suite 206 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

${\tt SEPTEMBER~30,2022} \\ ({\tt WITH~COMPARATIVE~TOTALS~AS~OF~SEPTEMBER~30,2021})$

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
ASSETS CASH	\$	\$ 1,860,061		1,392,519
RECEIVABLES:				
Accrued investment income		65,921		70,949
Accounts receivable - sale of securities		36,250		<u> </u>
TOTAL RECEIVABLES		102,171		70,949
PREPAID EXPENSE		11,607		6,649
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE:				
Equity securities		20,641,289		27,168,376
Real estate fund		6,588,389		5,324,765
Government securities		3,178,454		3,859,715
Corporate bonds		3,223,741		3,643,799
Money market funds		990,189		687,632
TOTAL INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE		34,622,062		40,684,287
TOTAL ASSETS		36,595,901		42,154,404
LIABILITIES				
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		24,838		32,024
DEFERRED INFLOWS				
ADVANCED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER		938,658		577,367
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PE	ENSIO	NS		
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR DEFINED BENEFITS		30,189,175		35,273,376
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR SHARE PLAN		5,282,785		6,231,238
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR DROP BENEFITS		160,445		40,399
TOTAL NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS	\$	35,632,405	\$	41,545,013

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
ADDITIONS:				
Contributions:				
Employer	\$	3,626,864	\$	3,652,061
Employee		70,345		128,159
Chapter 185		579,480		563,299
Total contributions	_	4,276,689		4,343,519
Investment (loss) income:				
Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments		(7,652,790)		4,793,591
Interest and dividend income		2,040,859		1,445,928
Total investment (loss) income		(5,611,931)		6,239,519
Less: investment expenses		170,351		167,243
Net investment (loss) income	_	(5,782,282)		6,072,276
Other income		714		1,134
TOTAL ADDITIONS		(1,504,879)		10,416,929
DEDUCTIONS:				
Benefit payments		3,653,103		3,670,049
DROP distributions		-		734,418
Share plan distributions		647,863		634,128
Administrative expenses		106,763		97,520
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		4,407,729		5,136,115
NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION				
RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS		(5,912,608)		5,280,814
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR				
PENSIONS - BEGINNING		41,545,013	_	36,264,199
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR				
PENSIONS - ENDING	\$	35,632,405	\$	41,545,013

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (see Note 3). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants (see Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements).

Purchase and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, benefit obligations and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Plan to concentration of credit risk, as defined by GAAP, consist primarily of cash, contribution receivables and prepaid expense.

The Plan maintains its cash deposits at a financial institution which, from time to time, may exceed federally insured limits. The exposure of the Plan from these transactions is solely dependent upon the daily account balance and the financial strength of the respective institution. The Plan manages this risk by maintaining its deposit accounts at a high quality financial institution. At September 30, 2022, the Plan had approximately \$1,611,000 of deposits in excess of federally insured limits.

The Plan's investments consist of common stocks, government securities, corporate bonds, real estate fund, mutual funds and money market funds, inherit in the fair market value determination, include the risk factor of credit worthiness for each individual security.

Comparative Information

The financial statements include certain prior-year comparative information. Such summarized information does not include sufficient detail in the notes to the financial statements to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Plan's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021, from which the information was derived.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the City of Lake Worth Beach Florida's (the City) ordinance for more detailed and comprehensive information.

General

The Plan is a single employer defined benefit plan covering all eligible police officers. The Plan was established by the City under the City Code of Ordinance, Chapter 16, Article IV, Division I. The Plan was amended July 1, 2014 under Ordinance No 2014-21.

The Plan is also governed by certain provisions of Chapter 185, Florida Statutes, Part VII, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and the Internal Revenue Code.

Effective July 1, 2014 and in accordance to Ordinance 2014-31, the Lake Worth Police Relief and Pension Fund, Division 2 Share Accounts merged into the Plan.

The Plan is administered by a board of five trustees comprised of the mayor of the City, the City's finance director, one member appointed by the City Commission who must be a resident of the City, and two police officers elected by the members.

Plan Membership

At September 30, 2022, Plan membership consisted of the following:

Inactive Plan members or beneficiaries	
currently receiving benefits	92
Fully vested, partially vested and non-vested	
active employees covered by the Plan	7
Total	99

The Plan is also governed by certain provision of Part VII, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and the Internal Revenue Code.

Eligibility

All regular full-time police officers participate in the Plan. Effective October 1, 2008, the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Department merged with the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. The Plan is closed to future participants.

Benefits

The Plan provides retirement, death and disability benefits. The benefit provisions are established and may be amended under the authority of City Ordinance.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Benefits (Continued)

> Normal Retirement

Normal retirement age is the earlier of age 55 with 10 years of credited service, completion of 20 years of credited service, regardless of age, or when age plus service measured in months equals or exceeds 75 years, provided the member has at least 10 years of credited service. The Plan provides a normal retirement benefit equal to 3% of average final compensation for each year of credited service worked. The monthly benefits are increased annually by \$2.50 for each full year from the member's date of retirement.

> Early Retirement

Early retirement age is age 50 with 10 years of credited service. Early retirement benefit shall be determined by reducing the normal retirement benefit by 3% for each year by which the commencement of benefits precedes age 55. The monthly benefits are increased annually by \$2.50 for each full year from the member's date of retirement.

> Death Benefits

The death benefit in the case of a service-connected death is a return of all the member's contributions to the member's designated beneficiary and a monthly pension is payable as follows:

- 50% of final compensation is paid to the spouse.
- 25% of final compensation is distributed among the unmarried children. If the spouse dies, 25% is paid to each child with an overall maximum of 50% for all children.
- If there is no spouse or eligible children, 16 2/3% of final compensation is payable to each dependent parent, if any.

The death benefit in the case of a non-service-connected death for a member with 10 years of credited service is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, taking into account compensation earned and service credited to the date of death.

The designated beneficiary of any plan member that dies while employed by the City will receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions, regardless of credited service.

The monthly benefits are increased annually by \$2.50 for each full year from the member's date of retirement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Benefits (Continued)

Disability Benefit

The disability benefit for a service incurred disability is the greater of the normal retirement benefit accrued to the date of disability or the benefit calculated as though the member had 20 years of credited service on the date of disability, without reduction for early retirement.

The disability benefit for a non-service incurred disability for a member with 10 years of credit service is the normal retirement benefit accrued to the date of disability without reduction for early retirement.

The monthly benefits are increased annually by \$2.50 for each full year from the member's date of retirement.

> Deferred Retirement Option Plan

Members who have attained normal retirement age, as described above, are eligible for the deferred retirement option plan (DROP).

Upon entering the DROP, the member's accrued benefit is frozen. An account is established for each participant in the DROP, which is credited with the member's normal retirement benefit plus or minus investment earnings or losses. Investment earnings or losses are credited or debited to the participant's account at either the same rate realized as the Plan or, if so elected in advance, at a fixed rate of interest established by the Plan administrator.

> Share Plan

Effective July 1, 2013, the Plan inherited the participant accounts being held by the Lake Worth Police Relief and Pension Fund, Division 2 Share Accounts. Separate accounts are maintained for each participant. Annually, each participant is credited with an allocated portion of the premium excise tax monies received from the State of Florida (commonly referred to as "185 funds"), the investment earnings and losses of the Plan, and forfeitures from terminated participants after deducting all costs, expenses and fees of administering the Plan. An allocation of 185 funds is made to each participant in an amount directly proportionate to the total number of months of duty performed by the participant in the calendar year preceding the date of allocation to the total number of months of duty performed by all participants during such period. Credit is given for a full month if the participant completes twenty or more days of work during the calendar month. If fewer than twenty days are worked, participants are credited with a fraction of that month.

Investment earnings and losses are allocated based on the amount of a participant's account at the beginning of each year to the total of all participants' accounts. No credit is given on account of seniority, rank, or amount of compensation of the participant.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Funding

All participants are required to contribute 7.06% of pretax earnings, which the City pays as a pickup contribution pursuant to Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 414(h)(2).

Pursuant to Florida law, the City is ultimately responsible for the actuarially soundness of the Plan. Therefore, each year, the City must contribute an amount determined by the Board in conjunction with the Plan's actuary to be sufficient, along with the employee's contribution, to fund the defined benefits under the Plan.

\$202,000 of Chapter 185 monies received shall be allocated to the defined benefit portion of the Plan to help hold the employees' contributions to 7.06%. The remaining balance shall be allocated to the Share Plan portion.

Rate of Return

For the year ended September 30, 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return on Plan investments, net of Plan investment expense, was (14.16%). The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

The Plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the Plan. The investment policy statement was last adopted on February 1, 2022. The following was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy as of September 30, 2022:

Type of Investment	Target Allocation
Domestic equities	40%-65%
International equities	5%-20%
Fixed income	10%-45%
Real estate	0%-20%
Global Tactical Assets	0%-15%
Cash and cash equivalents	0%-5%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

During the year ended September 30, 2022 the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) depreciated in value by (\$7,652,790) (reported as net (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying statements of changes in fiduciary net position) as follows.

Common stock	\$(1,261,263)
Mutual funds	(6,238,378)
Real estate fund	1,161,181
Government securities	(671,283)
Corporate bonds	(643,047)
Total	<u>\$(7,652,790)</u>

The term "interest rate risk" refers to the portfolio's exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. Interest rate risk disclosures are required for all debt investments, as well as investments in mutual funds, external investment pools and other pooled investments that do not meet the definition of a 2a7-like pool.

The Plan's investment policy does not currently set a parameter on the duration of its fixed income securities. The Plan's investments in government securities and corporate bonds had maturities as follows:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Le	ss than 1	1 to 5		1 to 5		<u>1 to 5</u>		<u>6 to 10</u>	M	ore than 10
Corporate bonds	\$ 3,223,741	\$	109,250	\$	1,309,449	\$ 892,293	\$	912,749				
U.S. agencies	2,357,813		65,672		2,497	43,348		2,246,296				
U.S. treasuries	820,641		62,590		<u>-</u>	 264,837		493,214				
Totals	\$ 6,402,195	\$	237,512	\$	1,311,946	\$ 1,200,478	\$	3,652,259				

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The term "credit risk" is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. The Plan limits its credit risk by limiting its investments in fixed income securities to U.S. Government and agency securities or corporate bonds which meet or exceed a credit rating of "BBB" or higher. The Plan's fixed income securities were rated as follows:

Rating	Fair Value
Aaa	\$ 835,621
Aa2	81,283
Aa3	16,022
A1	592,415
A2	1,022,823
A3	858,366
Baa1	460,654
Baa2	151,450
Baa3	24,428
Unrated	2,359,133
Total	\$6,402,195

"Concentration of credit risk" is the risk of losses that may occur from having a large portion of the Plan's holding in a particular investment relative to the overall portfolio. GASB Statement 40 and GASB Statement 67, require disclosure of investments (other than those issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government) in any one organization that represent 5% or more of total investments or fiduciary net position. At September 30, 2022, investment in the following mutual funds represented more than 5% of the Plan's net position: Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund (5.9%), Euro Pacific Growth Fund (5.2%) and Alger Capital Appreciation Fund (7.9%). At September 30, 2022, investment in the following real estate fund represented more than 5% of the Plan's net position: American Realty Advisors Core Property Fund (18.5%).

"Custodial risk" is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in possession of an outside party. To avoid this risk, the Plan registers all securities in its own name.

"Foreign currency risk" is the risk that fluctuations in currency exchange rate may affect transactions conducted in currencies other than U.S. Dollars as well as the carrying value of foreign investments.

Plan's exposure to foreign currency risk derives mainly from its investments in international equity funds. The Plan participates in international equity funds but does not own any foreign individual securities

The investment policy limits the foreign investments to no more than 20% of the Plan's investment balance. As of September 30, 2022, there were 11.39% of foreign investments.

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NOTE 4. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of fiduciary net position held in trust for Plan benefits.

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

NOTE 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market as follows:

Level 1- Inputs to the valuation methodology are based upon quoted prices for identical assets in active markets.

Level 2- Inputs to the valuation methodology are based upon observable inputs for the assets either directly or indirectly, other than those considered Level 1 inputs, which may include quoted prices for identical assets in markets that are not considered to be active, and quoted prices of similar assets in active or inactive markets.

Level 3- Inputs to the valuation methodology are based upon unobservable inputs.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for asset measured at fair value.

Common stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the New York Stock Exchange.

Government securities: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the Plan. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Corporate bonds: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing the value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yield of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks or a broker quote, if available.

Real estate fund: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan. The Plan invests in private market real estate investments for which no liquid public market exits.

The following table presents the Plan's fair value hierarchy for investments at fair value as of September 30, 2022:

2022.		Fair Value Measurements Using				ng	
			Quoted				_
			Prices in	S	Significant		
			Active		Other	Sign	nificant
		1	Markets for	C	bservable	Unob	servable
		Ide	entical Assets		Inputs	Ir	nputs
	<u>Total</u>		(Level 1)	((Level 2)	(Le	evel 3)
Investments by fair value level							
Equity securities:							
Common stocks	\$ 7,676,787	\$	7,676,787	\$	-	\$	-
Mutual funds	12,964,502		12,964,502				
Total equity securities	20,641,289		20,641,289		_		
Debt securities:							
U.S. treasury securities	820,641		820,641		-		-
U.S. agency securities	2,357,813		-		2,357,813		-
Corporate bonds	3,223,741	_			3,223,741		
Total debt securities	6,402,195		820,641		5,581,554		
Total investments by fair value level	27,043,484	\$	21,461,930	\$	5,581,554	\$	_
Investments measured at the net asset va	lue (NAV) (a)						_
Real estate fund	6,588,389						
Total investments measured at the NAV	6,588,389						
Money market funds (exempt)	990,189						
Total investments	\$34,622,062						

(a) As required by GAAP, certain investments have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table were intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the total investment line item in the statement of fiduciary net position.

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YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

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

Investments Measured at the NAV

		Unfunded	Redemption	Redemption
	Fair Value	Commitment	Frequency	Notice Period
Real estate fund (1)	\$6,588,389	\$ -	Quarterly	10 Days
Investments measured at the NAV	\$6,588,389	\$ -		

(1) Real estate fund: The fund is an open-end, commingled real-estate fund diversified with leased real estate properties in the multifamily, industrial, office, retail, and hotel sector. The investment is valued at NAV and redemption requests must be received by the fund 10 days prior to quarter-end.

NOTE 6. NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE PLAN

The components of the net pension liability of the City at September 30, 2022 were as follows:

Total pension liability	\$54,458,730
Plan fiduciary net position	35,632,405
City's net pension liability	\$18,826,325
Plan fiduciary net position	
the total pension liability	65.43%

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2021, and rolled forward to the measurement date of September 30, 2022, using the following most significant actuarial assumptions, 6.70% for the investment rate of return, 6.50% for projected salary increases and 2.50% for inflation.

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables as used by the Florida Retirement System (FRS) in their July 1,2020 actuarial valuation (with mortality improvements projected for non-disabled lives to all future years after 2010 using Scale MP-2018). Florida Statutes Chapter 112.63(1)(f) mandates the use of mortality tables from one of the two most recently published FRS actuarial valuation reports.

The long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was determined using the best-estimate of ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of Plan investment expense and inflation), and 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 6. NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2022 (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table:

	Long-term
	expected real
Asset Class	rate of return
Domestic equity	7.50%
International equity	8.50%
Domestic bonds	2.50%
International bonds	3.50%
Real estate	4.50%

A single discount rate of 6.70% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investment of 6.70%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between the total actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (6.70%) was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate was measured as follows. The net pension liability of the City was calculated using the discount rate of 6.70%. It was also calculated using a discount rate that was 1-percentage-point lower (5.70%) and 1-percentage-point higher (7.70%) and the different computations were compared.

		Current						
	1% decrease	discount rate	1% increase					
	(5.70%)	<u>(6.70%)</u>	(7.70%)					
Net pension liability	\$23,534,140	\$18,826,325	\$14,854,933					

NOTE 7. INCOME TAXES

The Plan is exempt from federal income taxes under the IRC and, accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been made.

On June 23, 2016, the Plan obtained its most recent determination letter in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of IRC 401(a), and therefore, no provision for federal income taxes has been made.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (Continued)

NOTE 8. COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

The Plan's ongoing funding may experience instability and estimates included in the financial statements may change due to current political and economic condition as a result of public health concerns related to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. The duration and intensity of these impacts and resulting disruption to which these events affect the Plan's business will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted at this time.

NOTE 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 7, 2023, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)

	<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:				
Accounting	\$	13,332	\$	8,044
Actuarial		19,226		18,228
Administrative fees		37,153		36,758
Insurance		6,649		6,723
Legal		26,400		26,400
Meetings and conventions		3,310		620
Miscellaneous		693		747
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$	106,763	\$	97,520

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SCHEDULES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS (UNAUDITED)

Actuarially determined employer contribution Actual employer contribution Annual contribution deficiency (excess)	2022 \$3,910,269 3,910,269 \$	2021 \$3,935,466 * 3,935,466 \$	2020 \$3,307,932 3,307,932 \$	2019 \$2,962,654 2,962,654 \$	2018 \$2,742,005 2,823,410 \$ (81,405)
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 884,686	\$ 966,547	\$1,071,183	\$1,042,087	\$ 970,555
Actual contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	442.00%	407.17%	308.81%	284.30%	290.91%
Actuarially determined employer contribution Actual employer contribution Annual contribution deficiency (excess)	2017 \$2,696,961 2,778,366 \$ (81,405)	2016 \$2,615,683 2,673,733 \$ (58,050)	2015 \$2,548,833 2,564,159 \$ (15,326)	2014 \$2,341,353 2,341,353 \$ -	
Covered-employee payroll	\$1,041,543	\$1,275,960	\$1,250,989	\$1,333,456	
Actual contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	266.75%	209.55%	204.97%	175.59%	

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^{*}Reflects interest accrued through September 30, 2020 on the employer contributions receivable.

SCHEDULES OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

Notes to Schedules of Contributions from Employer and Other Contributors

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level dollar, closed
Remaining amortization period	10 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation:	2.50%
Salary increases	6.5%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.85%
Mortality	The same versions of Pub-2010 Headcount-Weighted
	Mortality Tables as used by the Florida Retirement
	System (FRS) for Special Risk employees in their July
	1, 2020 actuarial valuation (with mortality
	improvements projected for non disabled lives to all
	future years after 2010 using Scale MP-2018). Florida
	Statutes Chapter 112.63(1)(f) mandates the use of
	mortality tables from one of the two most recently
	published FRS actuarial valuation reports.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS (UNAUDITED)

	Annual money-
	weighted rate
	of return net of
Year Ended	investment
September 30,	<u>expense</u>
2022	(14.16%)
2021	18.60%
2020	10.38%
2019	4.98%
2018	8.15%
2017	11.44%
2016	6.76%
2015	1.48%
2014	10.14%
2013	15.44%

SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN THE EMPOYER'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS (UNAUDITED)

	202	<u>2</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY:								
Service cost	\$ 219	9,654	\$	231,542	\$	233,461	\$	210,912
Interest	3,529	9,421		3,648,567		3,711,037		3,702,052
Difference between actual and expected experience	616	5,756		666,011		(144,036)		24,508
Assumption changes	638	3,628		(806,211)		672,851		666,720
Benefit payments	(4,293	3,080)	(5,038,595)	((3,804,703)	((3,680,593)
Other	296	5,075		339,815		340,049		270,932
NET CHANGE IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	1,007	7,454		(958,871)		1,008,659		1,194,531
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY - BEGINNING	53,451	1,276	5	4,410,147	_5	53,401,488	_5	52,206,957
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY - ENDING	54,458	3,730	_ 5.	3,451,276	_5	54,410,147	_5	53,401,488
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION:								
Contributions - employer and state	4,206	5,344		4,215,360		3,647,981		3,233,586
Contributions - member	62	2,459		128,159		75,013		73,571
Net investment (loss) income	(5,781	1,568)		6,073,410		3,137,775		1,451,429
Benefit payments	(4,293	3,080)	(5,038,595)	((3,804,703)	((3,680,593)
Administrative expenses	(106	5,763)		(97,520)	_	(97,657)		(100,691)
NET CHANGE IN PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	(5,912	2,608)		5,280,814		2,958,409		977,302
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - BEGINNING	41,545	5,013	36,264,199		9 33,305,790		32,328,488	
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - ENDING	35,632	2,405	_4	1,545,013	_3	36,264,199	_3	33,305,790
NET PENSION LIABILITY - ENDING	\$ 18,826	5,325	\$11,906,263		\$18,145,948		\$2	20,095,698
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AS A PERCENTAGE								
OF TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	65	5.43%		77.73%		66.65%		62.37%
OF TOTAL TENSION EIABILITY	03	.43/0		11.13/0		00.0570		02.3770
COVERED EMPLOYEE PAYROLL	\$ 884	1,686	\$	966,547	\$	1,071,183	\$	1,042,087
NET PENSION LIABILITY AS A PERCENTAGE								
OF COVERED EMPLOYEE PAYROLL	2128	3.02%		1231.83%		1694.01%		1928.41%

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SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN THE EMPOYER'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY:										
Service cost	\$	193,882	\$	229,634	\$	255,209	\$	238,693	\$	280,511
Interest		3,661,397		3,713,027		3,837,201		3,902,610		3,915,664
Difference between actual and expected experience		434,141		(97,978)		(655,445)		287,033		115,847
Assumption changes		656,642		266,889		635,049		-		-
Benefit payments	(3,678,987)		(4,422,363)	(5,427,902)		(5,567,874)	(3,923,670)
Other		295,992	_	235,027	_	209,050	_	209,050	_	202,603
NET CHANGE IN TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY		1,563,067		(75,764)	(1,146,838)		(930,488)		590,955
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY - BEGINNING	_5	0,643,890	_:	50,719,654	_5	1,866,492	_:	52,796,980	_5	2,206,025
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY - ENDING	5	2,206,957	_	50,643,890	_5	0,719,654		51,866,492	_5	2,796,980
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION:										
Contributions - employer and state		3,119,402		3,013,393		2,882,783		2,773,209		2,543,956
Contributions - member		68,521		73,533		169,346		102,916		208,801
Net investment income		2,189,338		3,021,517		1,744,263		449,322		2,906,179
Benefit payments	(3,678,987)		(4,422,363)	(5,427,902)		(5,567,874)	(3,923,670)
Administrative expenses		(91,941)	_	(91,961)	_	(94,732)	_	(89,064)	_	(96,476)
NET CHANGE IN PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION		1,606,333		1,594,119		(726,242)		(2,331,491)		1,638,790
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - BEGINNING	_3	0,722,155		29,128,036	_2	9,854,278		32,185,769	_3	0,546,979
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - ENDING	_ 3	2,328,488	_	30,722,155	_2	9,128,036		29,854,278	_3	2,185,769
NET PENSION LIABILITY - ENDING	\$1	9,878,469	\$	19,921,735	\$2	1,591,618	\$2	22,012,214	\$2	0,611,211
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AS A PERCENTAGE										
OF TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY		61.92%		60.66%		57.43%		57.56%		60.96%
COVERED EMPLOYEE PAYROLL	\$	970,555	\$	1,041,543	\$	1,275,960	\$	1,250,989	\$	1,333,456
NET PENSION LIABILITY AS A PERCENTAGE										
OF COVERED EMPLOYEE PAYROLL		2048.15%		1912.71%		1692.19%		1759.58%		1545.70%

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COMPLIANCE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



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

To the Board of Trustees of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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 City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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 Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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** (Continued)

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' 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 City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System'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 City of Lake Worth Beach Police Officers' Retirement System's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KABAT, SCHERTZER, DE LA TORRE, TARABOULOS & Co.

Weston, Florida February 7, 2023