

Illustration - Note Disclosures and Required Supplementary Information for a Cost-Sharing employer in GJRS in which contributions for employees are funded by the State of Georgia.

[Note: This illustration includes only note disclosures and required supplementary information required by GASB Statement 68. The circumstances of this example employer do not include all circumstances for which note disclosures and required supplementary information should be presented.]

**Local County Board of Commissioners
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Note X - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Pensions: For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (GJRS) and additions to/deductions from GJRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by GJRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Note X – Retirement Benefits

[This illustration provides an example of note disclosures of an employer participating only in GJRS. If employees were provided with benefits through more than one defined benefit pension plan, the employer should disclose information required by paragraph 74 of Statement 68 and should apply the requirements of paragraph 75 of Statement 68.]

General Information about the Georgia Judicial Retirement System

Plan description: The GJRS was established by the Georgia General Assembly in 1998 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for judges and solicitors generals of the state courts and juvenile court judges in Georgia, and their survivors and other beneficiaries, superior court judges of the state of Georgia, and district attorneys of the state of Georgia. The GJRS was also created to serve the members and beneficiaries of the Trial Judges and Solicitors Retirement Fund, the Superior Court Judges Retirement System, and the District Attorneys Retirement System (collectively, the Predecessor Retirement Systems). It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. GJRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov/financials.

Benefits provided: The normal retirement for GJRS is age 60, with 16 years of creditable service; however, a member may retire at age 60 with a minimum of 10 years of creditable service. Annual retirement benefits paid to members are computed as 66⅔% of state paid salary at retirement for district attorneys and superior court judges and 66⅔% of the average over 24 consecutive months for trial judges and solicitors, plus 1% for each year of credited service over 16 years, not to exceed 24 years. Early retirement benefits paid to members are computed as the pro rata portion of the normal retirement benefit, based on service not to exceed 16 years. Death, disability, and spousal benefits are also available.

Contributions: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-23-81 the employer contributions for state court judges and solicitors are funded by the State of Georgia on behalf of the local county employers and pursuant to O.C.G.A. 47-23-82 the employer contributions for juvenile court judges are funded by the State on behalf of local county employers.

Pension Liabilities (Asset) and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2024, the Board did not have a liability (asset) for a proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) because of the related State of Georgia support. The amount of the State’s proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) associated with the Board is as follows:

State of Georgia’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) associated with the Board	\$ <u> (XX,XXX)</u>
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For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Board recognized pension expense of \$(X,XXX) and revenue of \$(X,XXX) for support provided by the State of Georgia.

Actuarial assumptions: The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates are as follows:

The Pub-2010 General Employee Table, with no adjustments, projected generationally with the MP-2019 scale is used for both males and females while in active service.

The Pub-2010 Family of Tables projected generationally with MP-2019 Scale and with further adjustments are used for post-retirement mortality assumptions as follows:

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Membership Table</u>	<u>Set Forward (+)/ Setback (-)</u>	<u>Adjustment to Rates</u>
Service Retirees	General Healthy Annuitant	Male: +1; Female: +1	Male: 105%; Female: 108%
Disability Retirees	General Disabled	Male: -3; Female: 0	Male: 103%; Female: 106%
Beneficiaries	General Contingent Survivors	Male: +2; Female: +2	Male: 106%; Female: 105%

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan 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 pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	0.90%
Domestic large equities	46.30	9.40
Domestic small equities	1.20	13.40
International developed market equities	12.30	9.40
International emerging market equities	5.20	11.40
Alternatives	5.00	10.50
Total	100.00%	

* Rates shown are net of inflation

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and State of Georgia contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Georgia Judicial Retirement System
For the Year Ended June 30,
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	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Board's proportion of the net pension liability	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%	X.XXX%
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX
State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Board	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>
Total	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>	<u>XX,XXX</u>
Board's covered payroll	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX	XX,XXX
Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	103.81%	102.31%	124.73%	106.64%	108.94%	108.87%	111.77%	109.32%	113.38%	114.37%

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Changes of assumptions: On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal, and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed from the RP-2000 Mortality Tables to the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 2 years for both males and females).

A new funding policy was initially adopted by the Board on March 15, 2018, and most recently amended on June 18, 2020. Because of this new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was reduced from 7.50% to 7.40% for the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation and further reduced from 7.40% to 7.30% for the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation.

On December 17, 2020, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System based on the experience study prepared for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases. This also included a change to the long-term assumed investment rate of return to 7.00%. These assumption changes are reflected in the calculation of the June 30, 2021 Total Pension Liability.