

**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, 2021  
(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](http://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, 2021, 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, 2021, 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, 2020 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	4.50%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.30%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB and set forward 2 years for both males and females for the period after retirement and for dependent beneficiaries. For the period after disability retirement, the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB and set back 7 years for males and set forward 3 years for females is used. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014 with the exception of the assumed investment rate of return and the assumed annual rate of inflation.

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 nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of 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 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%	(0.10)%
Domestic large equities	46.20	8.90
Domestic small equities	1.30	13.20
International developed market equities	12.40	8.90
International emerging market equities	5.10	10.90
Alternatives	5.00	12.00
Total	100.00%	

\* Rates shown are net of inflation

**Discount rate:** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.30%. 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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	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Board's proportion of the net pension liability	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
State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Board	XX,XXX	<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>
Board's covered payroll	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
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	106.64%	108.94%	108.87%	111.77%	109.32%	113.38%	114.37%

*Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

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***Changes of assumptions:*** In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2010, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

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 to the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 2 years for both males and females).

On March 15, 2018, the Board adopted a new funding policy. 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. In addition, based on the Board's new funding policy, the assumed investment rate of return was further reduced by 0.10% from 7.40% to 7.30% as of the June 30, 2018 Measurement Date. The assumed investment rate of return remained at 7.30% for the June 30, 2019 valuation.