COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees and Executive Director City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System and Supplemental Share Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the combined statements of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the combined statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of combined financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective combined financial position of the Plan, as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in the city net pension liability and related ratios, schedule of city contributions, and schedule of investment returns on pages 4 through 10 and pages 34 to 36, respectively, be presented to supplement the combined financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the combined financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the combined financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the combined financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the combined 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 combined financial statements that collectively comprise the Plan's financial statements. The accompanying combining statements of fiduciary net position and the combining statements of changes in fiduciary net position (supplementary information) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the combined financial statements.

The combining statements of fiduciary net position and combining statements of changes in fiduciary net position are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements or to the combined financial statements themselves,

and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining statements of fiduciary net position and combining statements of changes in fiduciary net position are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the combined financial statements as a whole.

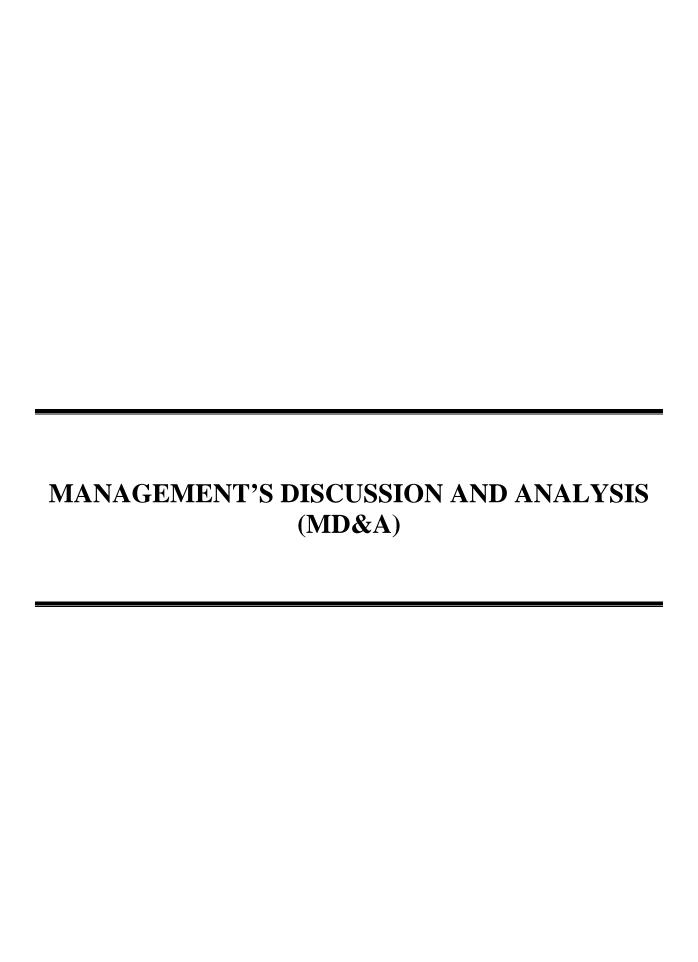
Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 20, 2022 on our consideration of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts 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 Plan'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 Plan's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Marcun LLP

May 20, 2022



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS – UNAUDITED

Management's discussion and analysis of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System (the "System") and Supplemental Share Plan (the "Share Plan") for the Firefighters', combined financial performance provides an overview of the System's and Share Plan's financial activities for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019. Please read it in conjunction with the accompanying combined financial statements, notes to the combined financial statements and required supplementary information which follow this discussion.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- System and Share Plan assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 by approximately \$1.159 billion, \$991 million and \$962 million respectively (reported as net position restricted for pension benefits). Net position is held in trust to meet future benefit payments.
- Total return on investments, net of investment expenses, for the System and Share Plan were 18.65%, 5.43%, and 3.49%, respectively, for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
- The fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans* (funded ratio), as of September 30, 2021 was 100.24%. This compares to the September 30, 2020 and 2019 ratio of 89.59% and 93.34%, respectively.
- Additions to the System and Share Plan's net position for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were approximately \$224.1 million, \$85.6 million and \$69.9 million, respectively, and are comprised of contributions of approximately \$37.8 million, \$32.2 million and \$33 million respectively, and net investment income of approximately \$186.3 million, \$53.3 million and \$36.8 million, respectively.
- Deductions to the System and Share Plan's net position for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were approximately \$55.6 million, \$57 million and \$49.3 million, respectively, and are comprised primarily of benefit payments of approximately \$54.8 million, \$56.2 million and \$48.6 million, respectively.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The System was established to administer a defined benefit pension plan for firefighters and police officers employed by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the "City"). The Share Plan was created to implement the provisions of Chapter 175, of the Florida Statutes. The System's and Share Plan's financial statements are comprised of a Combined Statements of Fiduciary Net Position, Combined Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, and Notes to Combined Financial Statements. Also included is certain required supplementary information. These combined financial statements report information about the System and Share Plan, as a whole, and about their combined financial condition that should help answer the question: Is the System and Share Plan, as a whole, better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

These combined statements include all assets and liabilities using the economic resource's measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, all revenues/additions and expenses/deductions are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Combined Statements of Fiduciary Net Position presents information on the assets and liabilities and the resulting net position restricted for pension benefits. This statement reflects the System's and Share Plan's investments, at fair value (except for money market funds, which are at amortized cost), along with cash, receivables, other assets and liabilities.

The Combined Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position presents information showing how the System's and Share Plan's net position restricted for pension benefits changed during the year. It reflects contributions by employees, the State, and the City, along with deductions for retirement benefits, refunds, and administrative expenses.

The notes to the combined financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the combined financial statements.

The required supplementary information presents a schedule of changes in the city net pension liability and related ratios, a schedule of city contributions, and a schedule of investment returns of the System along with a discussion of changes in actuarial assumptions and methods.

COMBINED SUMMARY OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The following Combined Summary of Fiduciary Net Position demonstrates the combined financial position of the System and Share Plan at September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019:

2021	\$ 2020		2019
	\$ 3	3 257	Φ 2.257
		5,231	\$ 3,257
23,388,271	4,474	1,183	4,538,831
143,535,968	994,680),989	963,487,188
166,924,239	999,158	3,429	968,029,276
7,732,338	8,501	1,367	5,970,282
159,191,901	\$ 990,657	7,062	\$ 962,058,994
]	7,732,338	143,535,968 994,680 166,924,239 999,158 7,732,338 8,501	143,535,968 994,680,989 166,924,239 999,158,429 7,732,338 8,501,367

COMBINED SUMMARY OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

The System's and Share Plan's total assets as of September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020 were approximately \$1.167 billion and \$999 million, respectively, and were mostly comprised of cash, investments, and receivables related to contributions and investments. For the year ended September 30, 2021, total assets increased approximately \$168 million or 16.8% from the prior year primarily due to positive investment returns, an increase in unsettled trades, and a state contribution receivable as of year end. For the year ended September 30, 2020, total assets increased approximately \$31.1 million or 3.2% from September 30, 2019 primarily due to positive investment returns.

Total liabilities as of September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020 were approximately \$7.7 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, and were mostly comprised of payables for securities purchased, and administrative expenses made by the City of Fort Lauderdale on behalf of the System and Share Plan. Total liabilities at September 30, 2021 decreased by approximately \$769 thousand or 9.0% from 2020 due to the decrease in unsettled trades. Total liabilities at September 30, 2020 increased by approximately \$2.5 million or 42.4% from 2019 due to the increase in unsettled trades by approximately \$2.4 million.

The System and Share Plan's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 by approximately \$1.159 billion and \$991 million, respectively. For the year ended September 30, 2021, total net position restricted for pension benefits increased approximately \$168.5 million or 17% from 2020 primarily due to positive investment earnings. For the year ended September 30, 2020, total net position restricted for pension benefits increased approximately \$28.6 million or 3.0% from 2019 primarily due to positive investment earnings.

COMBINED SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The Combined Summary of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, displays the effect of pension fund transactions that occurred during the period, where Additions - Deductions = Change in Net Position. The following table reflects a combined summary of the changes in net position and reflects the combined activities of the System and Share Plan for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019:

COMBINED SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

	Year		Year			Year
	Ended		Ended			Ended
	September 30,		September 30,		Se	ptember 30,
		2021	2020			2019
Additions						
Contributions						
City	\$	19,757,218	\$	17,923,079	\$	18,108,528
Employees		11,212,422		7,736,848		8,226,961
State		6,816,607		6,609,700		6,743,190
Total		37,786,247		32,269,627		33,078,679
Net Investment Income		186,322,349		53,343,183	_	36,802,989
Total Additions		224,108,596		85,612,810	_	69,881,668
Deductions						
Benefits paid		54,750,105		56,184,952		48,639,599
Refunds of contributions		218,195		157,468		71,729
Administrative expenses		605,457		672,322		638,919
Total Deductions		55,573,757		57,014,742		49,350,247
Change in Net Position		168,534,839		28,598,068		20,531,421
Net Position Restricted for Pension						
Benefits - Beginning		990,657,062		962,058,994		941,527,573
Net Position Restricted for Pension						
Benefits - Ending	\$ 1	1,159,191,901	\$	990,657,062	\$	962,058,994

REVENUES – ADDITIONS TO COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The following comparative combined summary demonstrates the additions to the System and Share Plan for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in thousands):

		Year	Year				
		Ended		Ended			Total
	Sep	tember 30,	Sep	tember 30,	I	ncrease	Percentage
		2021		2020	(L	Decrease)	Change
City Contributions	\$	19,757	\$	17,923	\$	1,834	10.2%
Employee Contributions		11,212		7,737		3,475	44.9%
State Contributions		6,817		6,610		207	3.1%
Net Investment Income	_	186,322		53,343		132,979	249.3%
Total Additions	\$	224,109	\$	85,613	\$	138,496	161.8%
	Year						
		Year		Year			
		Year Ended		Year Ended			Total
	Sep		Sep	Ended	I	ncrease	Total Percentage
	Sep	Ended	Sep	Ended		ncrease Decrease)	
City Contributions	Sep	Ended tember 30,	Sep \$	Ended stember 30,			Percentage
City Contributions Employee Contributions		Ended tember 30, 2020		Ended stember 30, 2019	(I	Decrease)	Percentage Change
•		Ended stember 30, 2020 17,923		Ended stember 30, 2019 18,109	(I	Decrease) (186)	Percentage Change -1.0%
Employee Contributions		Ended tember 30, 2020 17,923 7,737		Ended etember 30, 2019 18,109 8,227	(I	(186) (490)	Percentage Change -1.0% -6.0%

The reserves needed to finance retirement benefits are accumulated through the collection of contributions from employees, the State, and the City and through earnings on investments. Contributions and net investment income, for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 totaled approximately \$224.1 million and \$85.6 million, respectively. Total contributions and net investment income for the year ended September 30, 2021 increased by approximately \$138.5 million or 161.8% from the year ended September 30, 2020 as a result of better than expected market conditions. Total contributions and net investment income for the year ended September 30, 2020 increased by approximately \$15.7 million or 22.5% from the year ended September 30, 2019 as a result of better than expected market conditions.

Net investment income for the year ended September 30, 2021 increased from the year ended September 30, 2020 by approximately \$133 million and net investment income for the year ended September 30, 2020 increased from the year ended September 30, 2019 by approximately \$16.5 million.

REVENUES – ADDITIONS TO COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

Total City contributions for the year ended September 30, 2021 increased from the year ended September 30, 2020 by approximately \$1.8 million or 10%. Total City contributions for the year ended September 30, 2020 decreased from the year ended September 30, 2019 by approximately \$186 thousand or 1%. The fluctuations from year to year are primarily driven by the actuarial valuations.

EXPENSES - DEDUCTIONS FROM COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

The table below reflects a comparative combined summary of the deductions of the System and Share Plan for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in thousands):

		Year	Year				
		Ended Ended					Total
	Sep	tember 30,	September 30,		Increase		Percentage
		2021		2020	(D	ecrease)	Change
Pension Benefits Paid	\$	54,750	\$	56,185	\$	(1,435)	-2.6%
Refund of Contributions		218		157		61	118.1%
Administrative Expenses		605		672		(67)	-9.9%
Total Deductions	\$	55,574	\$	57,014	\$	(1,440)	-2.5%
		Year		Year			
		Ended		Ended			Total
	Sep	tember 30,	Sep	September 30, Increase		ncrease	Percentage
		2020		2019	(D	ecrease)	Change
Pension Benefits Paid	\$	56,185	\$	48,640	\$	7,545	15.5%
Refund of Contributions		157		72		85	118.1%
Administrative Expenses	_	672		639		33	5.2%
Total Deductions	\$	57,014	\$	49,350	\$	7,664	15.5%

The primary deductions of the System and Share Plan include the payment of pension benefits to members and beneficiaries, refund of contributions to former members, and distributions to retirees. Total expenses and deductions for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were approximately \$55.6 million and \$57 million, respectively, a decrease of approximately 2.5% from 2020. The deduction in total expenses and deductions in 2021 compared to 2020 is primarily due to the decrease in the payment of pension benefits to retirees. Total expenses and deductions for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 were approximately \$57 million and \$49.3 million, respectively, an increase of approximately 7.3% from 2019. The increase in total expenses and deductions in 2020 compared to 2019 is primarily due to the increase in the payment of pension benefits to retirees.

EXPENSES - DEDUCTIONS FROM COMBINED FIDUCIARY NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

The payment of pension benefits to retirees decreased for the year ended September 30, 2021 from 2020 by approximately \$1.4 million or approximately 2.6%, which was primarily due to a decrease in Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") lump sum payments. The payment of pension benefits to retirees increased for the year ended September 30, 2020 from 2019 by approximately \$7.5 million or approximately 15.5%, which was primarily due to the increase in retirees year over year.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS A WHOLE

With the exception of the year ended 2011, the System's and Share Plan's combined net position have experienced increases over the last 10 years. Management believes, and actuarial studies concur, that the System is in a financial position to meet its obligations. We believe the current financial position will continue to improve due to a prudent investment program, cost controls, strategic planning, and the City's continued funding of the required contributions at 100%.

CONTACTING THE SYSTEM'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the Retirement Board of Trustees, our members, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the System's and Share Plan's finances and to demonstrate the System's and Share Plan's accountability for the money they receive. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, you may contact the Executive Director at City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System, 888 South Andrews Avenue, #202, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.



COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020				
Assets						
Cash	\$	\$ 3,257				
Investments						
Money market funds	23,130,929	32,691,950				
U.S. Treasury securities	113,581,845	79,323,368				
U.S. Government agency obligations	5,700,178	8,843,308				
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	159,707,992	104,332,450				
Index funds	248,424,664	203,224,973				
Equity securities	162,415,115	136,852,630				
Commingled equity funds	215,042,714	215,193,834				
Real estate funds	155,584,054	163,296,374				
Hedge fund of funds	21,333,144	16,349,190				
Private debt and equity funds	38,615,333	34,572,912				
Total Investments	1,143,535,968	994,680,989				
Receivables						
Unsettled trades	14,121,792	2,892,229				
Accrued dividends and interest	2,040,851	1,581,954				
State contribution	6,816,607					
City contribution	409,021					
Total Receivables	23,388,271	4,474,183				
Total Assets	1,166,924,239	999,158,429				
Liabilities						
Unsettled trades	4,190,438	4,770,683				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	529,850	773,620				
Due to the City of Fort Lauderdale	3,012,050	2,957,064				
Total Liabilities	7,732,338	8,501,367				
Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits	\$ 1,159,191,901	\$ 990,657,062				

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

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020
Additions		
Contributions		
City	\$ 19,757,218	\$ 17,923,079
Employees	11,212,422	7,736,848
State	6,816,607	6,609,700
Total Contributions	37,786,247	32,269,627
Investment Income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	173,178,183	37,218,611
Interest	6,239,132	5,346,624
Dividends	4,637,705	6,885,165
Real estate income	8,749,758	9,330,395
Other income	1,614	106
	192,806,392	58,780,901
Less: investment expenses	6,484,043	5,437,718
Net Investment Income	186,322,349	53,343,183
Total Additions	224,108,596	85,612,810
Deductions		
Benefits Paid		
Retirement	48,660,281	50,442,218
Disability	1,523,108	1,302,915
Death	4,566,716	4,439,819
Total Benefits Paid	54,750,105	56,184,952
Refund of contributions	218,195	157,468
Administrative expenses	605,457	672,322
Total Deductions	55,573,757	57,014,742
Change in Net Position	168,534,839	28,598,068
Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits		
Beginning of year	990,657,062	962,058,994
End of year	\$ 1,159,191,901	\$ 990,657,062

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



NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following brief description of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System (the "System" or the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the applicable laws and the summary plan description for more complete information.

The System is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (the "City") pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Ordinance No. C-72-94. Participation is mandatory for all state certified police officers and firefighters employed by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Since the System is sponsored by the City, the System is included as a pension trust fund in the City's annual comprehensive financial report as part of the City's financial reporting entity. The Plan may also receive funding under Chapter 175 for firefighters and Chapter 185 for police officers.

The Plan is administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board is comprised of seven members; four elected and three appointed. Two of the three appointive Members shall be appointed by the City Commission, each of whom must be a legal resident of the City. The two above appointive Members appointed after September 18, 2012 shall serve as trustee for a period of 4 years, unless sooner replaced by the City Commission at whose pleasure they shall serve. The third appointive Member shall be chosen by a majority of the previous six Members and such person's name shall be submitted to the City Commission. Upon receipt of the seventh person's name, the City Commission shall, as a ministerial duty, appoint such person to the Board of Trustees as its seventh Member. The seventh Member shall have the same rights as each of the other six Members appointed or elected as herein provided, shall serve on the Board for a period of four years, and may succeed himself or herself in office.

Effective October 1, 2005 the City of Fort Lauderdale Firefighters' Supplemental Share Plan (the "Share Plan"), a defined contribution plan administered by the Board, was created to implement the provisions of Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, and to provide a means whereby firefighters of the City of Fort Lauderdale may receive benefits from funds provided for that purpose by Chapter 175, Florida Statutes. The Share Plan is in addition to any other benefits and nothing herein shall in any way affect any other benefits that now or hereafter exist. The Board of Trustees shall provide for all assets of the Share Plan to be held in trust solely for the use of paying the benefits provided and the expenses of the Share Plan.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

PLAN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

Additional Premium Tax Revenues to each respective participants account is based upon his or her accrued Credited Service during the relevant period. The additional Premium Tax Revenues that were paid by the State in calendar years 1998 through 2004, exclusive of amounts necessary to meet State minimum standards under Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, shall be the initial allocation of Additional Premium Tax Revenues to each participant's share account. The participants pro rata shares of the initial allocation of Additional Premium Tax Revenues was based on each participants accrued service for each of the seven (7) years from calendar year 1998 through and including calendar year 2004.

For allocations after the initial allocation, the Board shall allocate to each participants account each year a portion of the Additional Premium Tax Revenues it receives under the provisions of Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, based on his or her accrued credit service during the relevant period. Forfeitures are allocated in the same manner as described above.

The Board shall ascertain the value of the assets of the Share Plan as of each Valuation Date and shall allocate to the account of each Participant their share of the increase or decrease of the Share Plan assets and shall bear the same ratio to the total amount of the increase or decrease in the Share Plan as the value of the portion of the Participant's Account invested in the Share Plan to the total value of the Share Plan.

A participant shall receive a benefit from the Share Plan upon his termination of employment, disability, retirement or death in accordance with the Share Plan agreement. However, no participant shall receive a benefit from the Share Plan in excess of the amount credited to their account.

As of October 1, 2020 (date of latest actuarial valuation) and October 1, 2019, membership in the System consisted of:

	Octob	er 1,
	2020	2019
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	1,174	1,133
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	34	34
Active plan members	719	763
Total Membership	1,927	1,930

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDING POLICY OF THE SYSTEM

Effective October 1, 2017, for all Police Officer members, and October 1, 2018 for all Firefighter members, the member contribution rate was increased to 10% of their pensionable wages. In addition, effective October 1, 2017 for Tier 1 Police Officer members and October 1, 2018 for all Tier 1 Firefighter members, defined as entering the Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") on or before April 10, 2010, and current DROP members, are required to contribute 1.75% of their pensionable wages. Tier 2 members, defined as members hired after April 10, 2010, will be required to contribute 10% of their pensionable wages for the first 60 months of the member's 96 month DROP period. Thereafter, DROP Police Officer and Firefighter members will be required to contribute 1.5% of their pensionable wages.

Each member's actual contributions are individually accumulated. If a member terminates their employment before they become eligible to receive benefits, the accumulated contributions will be returned to the member plus interest at 3% per year, however, Ordinance No. C-14-17 and C-15-28 eliminated interest on refunds for police officers who separated employment with the City on or after December 3, 2013 and firefighters who separated on or after October 1, 2014. The City is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to fund the Plan, based on an amount determined by the Plan's actuary as of October 1 each year.

The Plan's funding policy provides for actuarially determined periodic employer contributions sufficient to pay the benefits provided by the Plan when they become due.

PENSION BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM

Normal Retirement

Any member who has completed 20 years of creditable service or has attained 55 years of age and completed 10 or more years of creditable service may retire on a normal retirement benefit. A member has vested benefits after 10 years of creditable service in accordance with qualifications under the Plan.

Police and Firefighters hired on or before April 1, 2014

Members will receive a monthly pension benefit equal to 3.38% of the Average Monthly Earnings, defined as the highest two years preceding retirement, for all years of service to a maximum accrual of 81% of Final Average Monthly Earnings (FAME).

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

PENSION BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Normal Retirement (continued)

Police and Firefighters hired on or before April 1, 2014 (continued)

A certain group of police officers with 25 or more years of service on October 1, 2000 are subject to a maximum monthly pension benefit of 91.26% of FAME and a certain group of firefighters with 25 or more years of service on October 1, 2002 are subject to a maximum monthly pension benefit of 91.26% of FAME.

Firefighters

Firefighters who were employed before December 11, 1993 will receive an additional 2.0% bonus at retirement.

Certain firefighters hired prior to December 11, 1993 may have elected to remain in the old plan. Members that have made this election will receive a monthly pension benefit of 3.0% of Final Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by the years of service up to 20, plus 2.0% of Final Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by years of service beyond 20 years to a maximum accrual of 100%.

Police hired after April 1, 2014 and Firefighters hired after October 1, 2014

Members will receive a monthly pension benefit equal to 3.0% of the Average Monthly Earnings, defined as the highest five years preceding retirement, for all years of service to a maximum accrual of 75% of Final Average Monthly Earnings.

Early retirement, disability, death and other benefits are also provided.

Deferred Retirement Option Program

Members who continue employment with the City past normal retirement date may either accrue larger pensions or freeze their accrued benefit and enter the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). Maximum participation in the DROP shall be 96 months based on years of service. Once a member has reached the maximum benefit accrual, the maximum DROP participation will be reduced for each month the member delays entry to the Plan.

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NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

PENSION BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

Deferred Retirement Option Program (continued)

For members electing participation in the DROP, an individual DROP account shall be created. Payment shall be made by the System into the employee's DROP account in an amount equal to the regular monthly retirement benefit which the participant would have received had the participant separated from service and commenced receipt of pension benefits plus interest based on the actuarially assumed rate of return for the Plan. Effective in 2010, the interest rate earned was modified to be 6% for the first 5 years and a variable rate of return between 3% to 6% for years 6 through 8 based on the actual returns of the Plan.

If a member leaves their DROP account with the Plan they will receive the Plan return less an administrative fee. Upon termination of employment, a member may receive distribution from the DROP account in the following manner or maintain a balance in their account until they reach the age of $70 \frac{1}{2}$:

- Lump sum distribution or
- Roll over of the balance to another qualified retirement plan

A DROP participant shall not be entitled to receive an ordinary or service disability retirement and in the event of death of a DROP participant, there shall be no accidental death benefit for pension purposes. DROP participation does not affect any other death or disability benefits provided to a member under federal law, state law, City ordinance, or any rights or benefits under any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

The DROP of the System also consists of a Benefit Actuarially Calculated DROP ("BACDROP"). A member may elect to BACDROP to a date not to exceed 36 months after the member's termination of employment with the City. A member who elects a DROP retirement is not eligible to participate in the BACDROP.

Effective as of April 2010, DROP may not extend employment beyond 32 years.

The value of the DROP account including earnings as of September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020 was \$74,781,759 and \$59,213,802, respectively. There were 262 and 235 participants in DROP as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. These amounts are included in the total investment balance presented in the accompanying combined statements of fiduciary net position.

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NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

PENSION BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS (COLA)

The COLA increases may be granted only if the System remains in a net positive experience position, determined by the actuary on a cumulative basis. On July 15, 2008, the COLA provision of the Plan expired for future COLA benefits for members that retired after July 2008.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The combined financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Member contributions are recognized as revenues/additions in the period in which the contributions are due. Contributions from the City, as calculated by the System's actuary, are recognized as revenue/additions when due and when the City has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Interest and dividend income are recorded as earned. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the System and Share Plan.

PRINCIPLES OF COMBINATION

The combined financial statements include the accounts of the Plan and the City of Fort Lauderdale Firefighters' Share Plan (see Note 1), a plan affiliated by virtue of a common Board of Trustees. All interfund balances and transactions have been eliminated in the combined financial statements.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

METHOD USED TO VALUE INVESTMENTS AND INVESTMENT INCOME RECOGNITION

Investments are reported at fair value except for money market funds which are reported at amortized cost. Net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments includes realized and unrealized gains and losses. Realized gains and losses are determined on the basis of average cost. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Within certain limitations as specified in the Plan, the investment policy is determined by the Board of Trustees and is implemented by the Plan's investment managers. The investment managers are monitored by an investment advisor. For more detail regarding the methods used to measure the fair value of investments refer to the fair value hierarchy in Note 3.

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the combined statements of fiduciary net position will sometimes report a separate section for *deferred outflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The Plan has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the combined statements of fiduciary net position will sometimes report a separate section for *deferred inflows of resources*. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Plan has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS

The System and Share Plan investment policy is determined by the Board of Trustees. The investment of funds shall be in a manner that is consistent with the applicable sections of the City Code as well as State and Federal laws within the allocation percentages as follows:

Investment allocation for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 are in accordance with the following investment policy in effect since November 2018:

				<u>Septem</u>	<u>ber 30,</u>
	Target			Actual	Actual
Asset Class	Allocation	Minimum	2021	2020	
Domestic Equity					
Large cap equity	17.5%	10%	30%	17%	24%
Mid/Small cap equity	12.5%	5%	20%	16%	12%
International Equity	15%	10%	20%	13%	12%
Alternative Investments					
Global Infrastructure	7%	4.0%	10.0%	8%	8%
Real Estate	15.0%	7.5%	22.5%	11%	13%
Multi-Strategy	5.5%	2.5%	12.5%	4%	4%
Alternative Income	7.5%	2.5%	12.5%	4%	4%
Fixed Income (Including Cash)	20%	10%	30%	27%	23%

RATE OF RETURN

For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 18.65% and 5.43%, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment manager and consultant expenses adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. Inputs to the internal rate of return calculation are determined on a monthly basis.

INTEREST RATE RISK

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market 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 to changes in market interest rates. As a means of limiting its exposure to interest rate risk, the System and Share Plan diversifies their investments by security type and institution, and limits holdings in any one type of investment with any one issuer with various durations of maturities.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

INTEREST RATE RISK (CONTINUED)

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the System's and Share Plan's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the System's and Share Plan's investments by maturity:

As of	September	30,	2021

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	Investment Maturities (in years)									
		Fair		Less						More
Investment Type		Value		Than 1		1 to 5		6-10		Than 10
U.S. Treasury securities	\$	113,581,845	\$		\$	89,854,027	\$	23,727,818	\$	
U.S. Government agency obligations		5,700,178						10,656		5,689,522
Corporate bonds and other fixed income		159,707,992		21,037,028	_	66,697,083	_	70,108,233		1,865,648
Total Fixed Income Securities	\$	278,990,015	\$	21,037,028	\$	156,551,110	\$	93,846,707	\$	7,555,170
As of September 30, 2020 Investment Maturities (in years)										
		Fair		Less		1,0001110110111011		is (iii j vais)		More
Investment Type		Value		Than 1		1 to 5		6-10		Than 10
U.S. Treasury securities	\$	79,323,368	\$		\$	66,612,463	\$	12,710,905	\$	
U.S. Government agency obligations		8,843,308		48						8,843,260
Corporate bonds and other fixed income		104,332,450		10,814,943		57,530,071		34,557,443		1,429,993
Total Fixed Income Securities	\$	192,499,126	\$	10,814,991	\$	124,142,534	\$	47,268,348	\$	10,273,253

CREDIT RISK

State law and the Plan's investment policy limits investments in bonds, stocks, or other evidences of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state or organized territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, provided the corporation is listed on any one or more of the recognized national stock exchanges or on the National Market System of the NASDAQ Stock Market and in the case of bonds only, holds a rating in one of the three highest classifications by a major rating service. The Plan's investment policy requires that investments in fixed income type securities to be rated in the fifth major rating category by all recognized rating services. The overall portfolio quality of the active bond portfolios shall be maintained at A or higher.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)

At September 30, 2021 and 2020, all of the Plan's investments met this requirement. The following tables disclose credit ratings of the fixed income securities as of September 30, 2021 and 2020 as applicable:

	September	30, 2021	September 30, 2020			
	Percent of			Percent of		
	Fair Value	Portfolio	Fair Value	Portfolio		
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 113,581,845	41%	\$ 79,323,368	41%		
U.S. Government agency obligations	5,700,178	<u>2</u> %	8,843,308	<u>5</u> %		
Total U.S. Government Guaranteed*	119,282,023	43%	88,166,676	46%		
S&P Quality rating of credit risk						
and debt securities:						
AAA	1,433,088	0%	4,842,676	3%		
AA+	3,570,026	1%	466,895	0%		
AA	1,641,979	0%		0%		
AA-	1,150,655	0%	2,333,620	1%		
A+	4,042,857	1%	2,533,543	1%		
A	12,902,684	5%	6,830,854	4%		
A-	30,011,324	11%	19,424,949	10%		
BBB+	40,840,644	15%	30,530,757	16%		
BBB	46,867,264	17%	29,321,282	15%		
BBB-	10,136,679	4%	3,683,644	2%		
Not rated	7,110,792	3%	4,364,230	<u>2</u> %		
Total Corporate bonds and other fixed income	159,707,992	<u>57</u> %	104,332,450	<u>54</u> %		
Total fixed income securities	\$ 278,990,015	100%	\$ 192,499,126	100%		

^{*}Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not have purchase limitations.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Concentration of credit risk is defined as the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. No more than 5% of the portfolio may be invested in the shares of a single corporate issuer at cost. Investments in stocks of foreign companies shall be limited to 25% of the value of the portfolio. The Plan utilizes limitations on securities of a single issuer to manage this risk.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)

As of September 30, 2021 and 2020, none of the Plan's investments were held with any single issuer that represents 5% or more of the Plan's investments or 5% or more of fiduciary net position.

CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the System and Share Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Consistent with the System's and Share Plan's investment policy, the investments are held by the System's and Share Plan's custodial bank and registered in the System's and Share Plan's name.

FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. As of September 30, 2021 and 2020, the Plan has no exposure to foreign currency risk as all investments are denominated in U.S. dollars.

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 combined statements of fiduciary net position. The Plan, through its investment advisor, monitors the Plan's investment and the risks associated therewith on a regular basis, which the Plan believes minimizes these risks.

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

The Plan categorizes is fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by U.S. GAAP. 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.

Level 1 - Investments' fair values based on prices quoted in active markets for identical assets.

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

Level 2 - Investments' fair values based on 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 - Investments' fair values based upon unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the fair value techniques for the Plan's investments:

Level 1 and 2 prices are obtained from various pricing sources by the Plan's custodian bank:

Money market funds are reported at amortized cost.

Equity securities traded on national or international exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price or current exchange rates (Level 1). This includes common stock and American Depository Receipts ("ADR"), and mutual fund equities.

Debt securities are valued using pricing inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use to price an asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (Level 2). This includes U.S. Treasury bonds and notes, inflation-indexed bonds, U.S. federal agencies, mortgage backed and collateralized securities, municipal bonds, mutual bond funds and corporate obligations, including asset backed, foreign bonds and notes.

The Plan has investments in alternative asset classes including commingled equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds, private equity funds, and private debt funds which hold a variety of investment vehicles that do not have readily available market quotations. These investments are measured at net asset value based on their proportionate share of the value of the investments as determined by the fund managers and are valued according to methodologies which include pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of the fair value hierarchy of the fair value of investments as of September 30, 2021:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		ing
		Quoted Prices in	Significant Other	Significant
		Active Markets for	Observable	Unobservable
		Identical Assets	Inputs	Inputs
	9/30/2021	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Debt securities:				
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 113,581,845	\$	\$ 113,581,845	\$
U.S. Government agency obligations	5,700,178		5,700,178	
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	159,707,992		159,707,992	
Total Debt Securities	278,990,015		278,990,015	
Index Funds	248,424,664	248,424,664		
Equity securities:				
Common stock	160,527,495	160,527,495		
ADR	1,887,620	1,887,620		
Total Equity Securities	162,415,115	162,415,115		
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	689,829,794	\$ 410,839,779	\$ 278,990,015	<u>\$</u>
Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value	e ("NAV")			
Commingled equity funds	215,042,714			
Real estate funds	155,584,054			
Hedge fund of funds	21,333,144			
Private equity funds	5,604,280			
Private debt funds	33,011,053			
Total investments measured at NAV	430,575,245			
Money market funds (exempt)	23,130,929			
Total Investments	\$ 1,143,535,968			

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of the fair value hierarchy of the fair value of investments as of September 30, 2020:

		Fair '	Value Measurements Usi	ing
		Quoted Prices in	Significant Other	Significant
		Active Markets for	Observable	Unobservable
		Identical Assets	Inputs	Inputs
	9/30/2020	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Debt securities:				
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 79,323,368	\$	\$ 79,323,368	\$
U.S. Government agency obligations	8,843,308		8,843,308	,
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	104,332,450		104,332,450	 _
Total Debt Securities	192,499,126		192,499,126	
Index Funds	203,224,973	203,224,973		 .
Equity securities:				
Common stock	135,239,147	135,239,147		
ADR	1,613,483	1,613,483		
Total Equity Securities	136,852,630	136,852,630		
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	532,576,729	\$ 340,077,603	\$ 192,499,126	\$
Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value	("NAV")			
Commingled equity funds	215,193,834			
Real estate funds	163,296,374			
Hedge fund of funds	16,349,190			
Private equity funds	14,724,819			
Private debt funds	19,848,093			
Total investments measured at NAV	429,412,310			
Money market funds (exempt)	32,691,950			
Total Investments	\$ 994,680,989			

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (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.

As of September 30, 2021

			Redemption	Redemption
	Fair	Unfunded	Frequency (if	Notice
Investments Measured at the NAV	Value	Commitments	Currently Eligible)	Period (days)
Commingled equity funds ¹	\$ 215,042,714	\$	Daily	1
Real estate funds ²	155,584,054		Quarterly	10 - 90
Hedge fund of funds ³	21,333,144		Quarterly	95
Private equity funds ⁴	5,604,280	3,677,249	N/A	N/A
Private debt funds ⁵	33,011,053	12,455,876	N/A	N/A
Total Investments Measured at NAV	\$ 430,575,245			

As of September 30, 2020

			Redemption	Redemption
	Fair	Unfunded	Frequency (if	Notice
Investments Measured at the NAV	Value	Commitments	Currently Eligible)	Period
Commingled equity funds ¹	\$ 215,193,834	\$	Daily	1
Real estate funds ²	163,296,374		Quarterly	10 - 90
Hedge fund of funds ³	16,349,190		Quarterly	95
Private equity funds ⁴	14,724,819	3,677,249	N/A	N/A
Private debt funds ⁵	19,848,093	8,982,670	N/A	N/A
Total Investments Measured at NAV	\$ 429,412,310			

1 Commingled equity funds – Consists of three equity index collective trusts considered commingled in nature which are designed to match the return of their respective benchmark index. The objective of the three funds is to match the returns of the S&P 500 Index, the S&P Small-Cap 600 Index, and the S&P MidCap 400 Index through investments in substantially all the stocks contained in those indexes respectively. These fund are valued at the net asset value held at the end of the period based upon the fair value of the underlying investments, and are open for withdrawal daily and provide for redemptions with 1 day notice.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

- 2 Real estate funds Consists of four open-end real estate partnerships and two real estate funds. Two of the open-end real estate partnerships primarily invest in stable institutional quality office, retail, industrial, hotel and multi-family residential properties that are substantially leased and have minimal deferred maintenance. The two real estate funds primarily invest in real estate leased to state government agencies and the U.S. federal government either through the General Services Administration or other federal government agencies. One open-end real estate partnership is a commingled insurance company separate account designed for use as a funding vehicle for tax-qualified pension plans and certain non-profit organizations. Its investments are comprised primarily of real estate investments either directly owned or through partnership interests, and mortgages and other loans on income producing real estate. The open-end real estate partnership primarily invest in subsidiary entities in the acquisition or lease of real estate development sites located in the State of Florida to construct, develop and finance multifamily and mixed-used real estate and make available for lease upon future completion.
- 3 *Hedge fund of funds* The Plan invests in two hedge fund of funds partnership vehicles. The objectives of these funds are to seek above-average rates of return and long-term capital growth through an investment in a master fund of funds with a diversified portfolio of private investment entities and separately managed accounts.
- 4 *Private equity funds* The Plan invests in three private equity partnership vehicles. The private equity funds are not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as underlying investments when the funds are liquidated, which on average will occur over a period of 5 to 10 years.
- 5 Private debt funds The Plan invests in three private debt partnership vehicles. One private debt fund is not eligible for redemption. Distributions are received as underlying investments within the fund produce income or principal is returned, which should occur on a quarterly basis over the 6 to 7 year life of the fund. The remaining private debt partnerships invest in private credit and specialty finance assets with short to intermediate-term durations and often contractual cash flows, and are not eligible for redemption.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 4 – TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Trustees by a letter dated January 16, 2015 that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, however, Plan management and the Plan's legal counsel believe that the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 5 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) OF THE CITY

The components of the net pension liability (asset) of the City at September 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Total pension liability	\$ 1,156,458,766	\$ 1,105,794,719
Plan fiduciary net position	(1,159,191,901)	(990,657,062)
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ (2,733,135)	\$ 115,137,657
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percent of		
the Total Pension Liability	<u>100.24%</u>	<u>89.59%</u>

SIGNIFICANT ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

The total pension liability (asset) as of September 30, 2021 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2020 updated to September 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions applied to the measurement period:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	0.50% - 3.00%
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Mortality Rates:	
Healthy	PubS.H-2010
Disabled	80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees /
	20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.

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NOTE 5 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)

SIGNIFICANT ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2020 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2019 updated to September 30, 2020 using the following actuarial assumptions applied to the measurement period:

Inflation 2.25%

Salary increases 0.50% - 3.00%

Investment rate of return 7.30%

Mortality Rates:

Healthy PubS.H-2010

Disabled 80% PubG.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees /

20% PubS.H-2010 for Disabled Retirees.

The actuarial assumptions used in the October 1, 2020 valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated June 8, 2020 for the period from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2019. The actuarial assumptions used in the October 1, 2019 valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated July 10, 2015 for the period from January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2014.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 5 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM EXPECTED RATE OF RETURN

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment 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. 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, 2021 and 2020 are summarized in the following table:

	2021	2020	2021	2020
				Expected
Asset Class	Target All	ocation	Real Rate	of Return
Domestic equity	30.0%	30.0%	4.95%	5.50%
International equity	15.0%	15.0%	4.70%	5.25%
Domestic bonds	20.0%	20.0%	-0.30%	1.35%
Real estate	15.0%	15.0%	3.45%	4.25%
Other	20.0%	20.0%	7.00%	5.00%
Total	100.0%	100.0%		

DISCOUNT RATE

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25% and 7.30% for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. 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 contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 5 – NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET) OF THE CITY (CONTINUED)

DISCOUNT RATE (CONTINUED)

The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% and 7.30% for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	Net Pension								
	Liability (Asset)								
	1% E	Decrease (6.25%)	Disco	unt Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)				
September 30, 2021	\$	120,782,803	\$	(2,733,135)	\$	(104,761,188)			
			Net I	Pension Liability					
	1% E	Decrease (6.30%)	Disco	unt Rate (7.30%)	1% l	Increase (8.30%)			
September 30, 2020	\$	235,319,170	\$	115,137,657	\$	15,835,368			

NOTE 6 – DUE TO THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

The System and Share Plan use the City of Fort Lauderdale as a paying agent for the payment of all the investment, benefit and administrative expenses. The System and Share Plan reimburses the City on an ongoing basis. The amounts due to the City as of September 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$3,012,050 and \$2,957,064, respectively.

NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

OPERATING LEASE

The System is obligated under an operating lease for office space, which expired on February 28, 2021 and was extended to February 28, 2024. The following is a schedule of the aggregate future minimum rental payments under this lease:

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

OPERATING LEASE (CONTINUED)

For the Year Ending

September 30,	A	Amount		
2022	\$	55,000		
2023		56,000		
2024		24,000		
Total	\$	135,000		

CONTINGENCIES

The System and Share Plan are exposed to various asserted and unasserted potential claims encountered in the normal course of operations. In the opinion of legal counsel and management, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Plan.



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

September 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total Pension Liability									
Service cost									
Interest	80,217,651	74,756,410	71,544,868	68,505,318	65,765,964	62,181,617	60,367,031	57,797,227	55,119,489
Change in excess state money								(1,223,158)	
Share plan allocation	2,066,242	1,623,882	1,524,328	1,599,747	1,653,054	1,732,185	1,826,197	2,561,814	
Changes of benefit terms			65,590	6,411			1,097,988		
Differences between expected and actual experience	(6,295,761)	19,851,718	2,008,045	(1,668,323)	(2,762,831)	(5,100,657)	(7,319,054)		
Changes of assumptions	5,600,685	13,599,982	5,019,222	4,790,360	10,692,637	16,504,779	(2,194,981)		
Contributions - buy back	3,559,103	144,879	2,890,088	2,371,335	24,749	73,763	43,865		
Contributions - transfer from general plan							26,692		
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(55,122,173)	(56,485,116)	(51,350,440)	(47,417,274)	(46,564,184)	(48,849,184)	(46,660,430)	(44,137,555)	(31,531,671)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	50,664,047	75,083,820	53,073,556	48,666,343	48,915,673	45,742,041	25,718,608	33,024,040	40,355,922
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	1,105,794,719	1,030,710,899	977,637,343	928,971,000	880,055,327	834,313,286	808,594,678	775,570,638	735,034,716
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	1,156,458,766	1,105,794,719	1,030,710,899	977,637,343	928,971,000	880,055,327	834,313,286	808,594,678	775,390,638
Plan Fiduciary Net Position									
Contributions - employer (city)	19,757,218	17,923,079	18,108,528	19,328,568	17,325,393	13,867,934	15,599,916	14,498,457	11,219,401
Contributions - member (state)	4,750,365	4,985,818	5,218,862	4,781,171	4,279,013	4,128,597	3,973,032	3,019,230	6,053,952
Contributions - State Share Plan	2,066,242	1,623,882	1,524,328	1,599,747	1,653,054	1,732,185	1,826,197	2,561,814	
Contributions - employee	7,807,192	7,734,465	7,975,985	6,838,045	5,901,142	5,732,925	5,610,955	5,875,363	4,113,451
Contributions - buy back	3,559,103	144,879	2,890,088	2,371,335	24,749	73,763	43,865		
Net investment income	186,322,349	53,343,183	36,802,989	61,903,958	96,510,340	63,676,001	5,969,880	59,358,824	69,488,348
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(55,122,173)	(56,485,116)	(51,350,440)	(47,417,274)	(46,564,184)	(48,849,184)	(46,660,430)	(44,137,555)	(31,531,671)
Administrative expenses	(605,457)	(672,122)	(638,919)	(648,453)	(619,575)	(651,146)	(692,348)	(647,397)	(507,376)
Other								4,000,034	
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	168,534,839	28,598,068	20,531,421	48,757,097	78,509,932	39,711,075	(14,328,933)	44,528,770	58,836,105
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	990,657,062	962,058,994	941,527,573	892,770,476	814,260,544	774,549,469	788,878,402	744,349,632	685,333,527
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$1,159,191,901	\$ 990,657,062	\$ 962,058,994	\$ 941,527,573	\$ 892,770,476	\$ 814,260,544	\$ 774,549,469	\$ 788,878,402	\$ 744,169,632
Net Pension Liability (Asset) - Ending (a) - (b)	\$ (2,733,135)	\$ 115,137,657	\$ 68,651,905	\$ 36,109,770	\$ 36,200,524	\$ 65,794,783	\$ 59,763,817	\$ 19,716,276	\$ 19,716,276
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	100.24%	89.59%	93.34%	96.31%	96.10%	92.52%	92.84%	97.56%	95.97%
Covered Payroll	\$ 72,304,621	\$ 73,016,330	\$ 76,177,179	\$ 72,960,842	\$ 71,050,792	\$ 69,470,181	\$ 68,064,001	\$ 67,279,327	\$ 65,886,733
Net Pension Liability (Asset) as Percentage of Covered Payroll	-3.78%	157.69%	90.12%	49.49%	50.95%	94.71%	87.81%	29.31%	29.92%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a fully 10-year trend is compiled, the Plan will present information for those years for which information is available.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ending September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution		Contribution Actual Deficiency contribution (Excess)			Covered <u>Payroll</u>	as	Contribution s a % of ered Payroll
2021	\$ 24,507,583	\$ 24	,507,583	\$		\$ 72,304,621	3	33.89%
2020	22,766,889	22	,930,126	(163	3,237)	73,016,330	3	31.40%
2019	22,535,977	23	,327,291	(791	1,314)	76,177,179	3	30.62%
2018	23,513,971	24	,109,739	(595	5,768)	72,960,842	3	33.04%
2017	21,265,207	21	,604,408	(339	9,201)	71,050,792	3	30.41%
2016	17,665,942	17	,996,531	(330),589)	69,470,181	2	25.91%
2015	18,913,469	18	,913,469			68,064,001	2	27.79%
2014	19,012,474	19	,012,474			67,279,327	2	28.26%
2013	14,208,593	14	,208,593			65,886,733	2	21.57%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date: October 1, 2019

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

Significant methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actua	rial cost method	Entry age normal actuarial cost method. Additionally, beginning with the pension fund's plan year ended September 30, 2015, a full year salary load based on the current 4.6% assumption is utilized under the projection funding method, as mandated by the Division of Retirement.					
Amor	tization method	Level percentage of pay, closed					
Rema	ining amortization period	20 years					
Actua	rial value of assets	All assets are valued at market value with an adjustment to uniformly spread investment gains and losses (as measured by actual market value investment return against expected market value investment return) over a five-year period.					
Cost-c	of-living adjustments	None					
Inflati	ion	2.75%					
Salary	/ increases	0.50% - 3.00%					
Invest	tment rate of return	7.30% per year, compounded annually, net of investment related expenses.					
Marita	al status	All employed members and all retired members are assumed to be married. Females are assumed to be 3 years younger than males.					
Morta	lity rates						
	Female: Male:	RP-2000 Generational, 100% Annuitant White Collar, Scale BB. RP-2000 Generational, 10% Annuitant White Collar / 90% Annuitant Collar, Scale BB.					
Disab	led mortality rates						
	Female:	60% RP-2000 Disabled Female set forward two years / 40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no projection scale.					
	Male:	60% RP2-000 Disabled Male setback four years / 40% Annuitant White Collar with					

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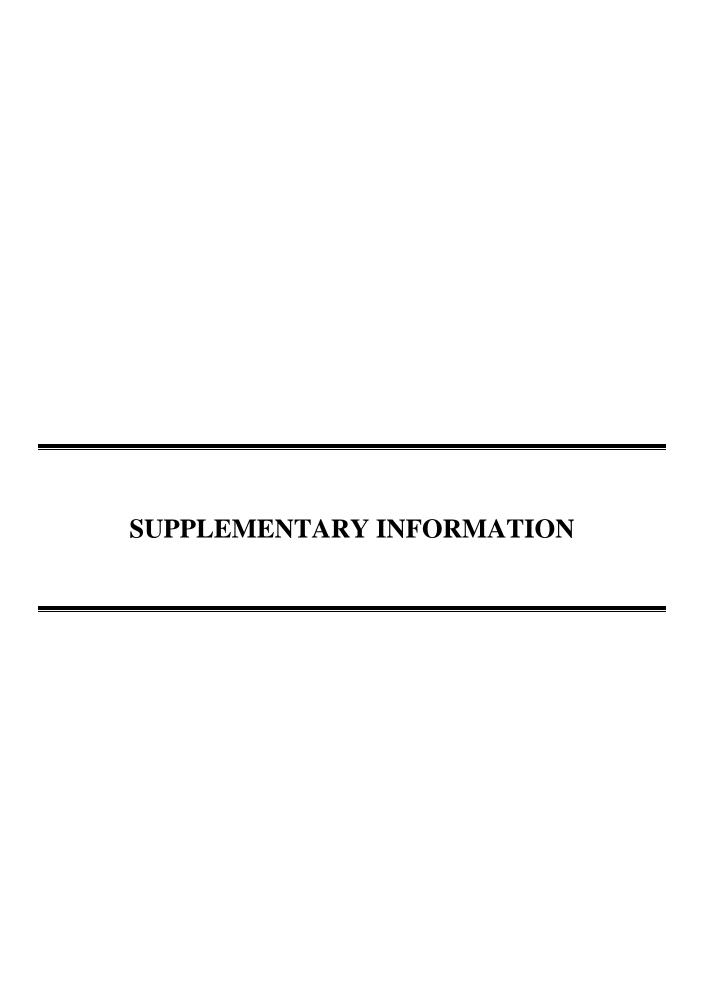
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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS

September 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense	18.65%	5.43%	3.49%	7.36%	11.69%	8.11%	0.74%	8.60%	10.10%

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN

COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

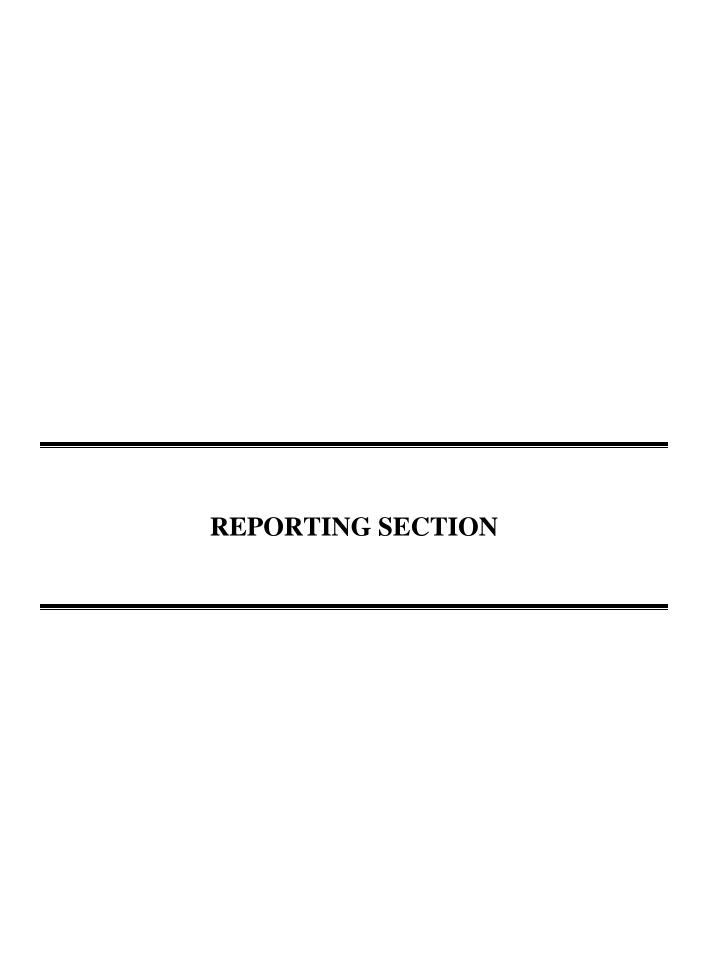
		2021			2020				
	System	Share Plan	Total	System	Share Plan	Total			
Assets									
Cash	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,257	\$	\$ 3,257			
Investments									
Money market funds	23,130,929		23,130,929	32,691,950		32,691,950			
U.S. Treasury securities	113,581,845		113,581,845	79,323,368		79,323,368			
U.S. Government agency obligations	5,700,178		5,700,178	8,843,308		8,843,308			
Corporate bonds and other fixed income	159,707,992		159,707,992	104,332,450		104,332,450			
Index funds	248,424,664		248,424,664	203,224,973		203,224,973			
Equity securities	162,415,115		162,415,115	136,852,630		136,852,630			
Commingled equity funds	215,042,714		215,042,714	215,193,834		215,193,834			
Real estate funds	155,584,054		155,584,054	163,296,374		163,296,374			
Hedge fund of funds	21,333,144		21,333,144	16,349,190		16,349,190			
Private debt and equity funds	38,615,333		38,615,333	34,572,912		34,572,912			
otal Investments	1,143,535,968		1,143,535,968	994,680,989		994,680,989			
Receivables									
Unsettled trades	14,121,792		14,121,792	2,892,229		2,892,229			
Accrued dividends and interest	2,040,851		2,040,851	1,581,954		1,581,954			
State contribution	6,816,607		6,816,607						
City contributions	409,021		409,021						
Due to/from retirement system	(43,194,393)	43,194,393		(36,762,291)	36,762,291				
otal Receivables	(19,806,122)	43,194,393	23,388,271	(32,288,108)	36,762,291	4,474,183			
Cotal Assets	1,123,729,846	43,194,393	1,166,924,239	962,396,138	36,762,291	999,158,429			
iabilities									
Unsettled trades	4,190,438		4,190,438	4,770,683		4,770,683			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	529,850		529,850	773,620		773,620			
Due to the City of Fort Lauderdale	3,012,050		3,012,050	2,957,064		2,957,064			
otal Liabilities	7,732,338		7,732,338	8,501,367		8,501,367			
let Position Restricted for Pension									
Benefits	\$ 1,115,997,508	\$ 43,194,393	\$ 1,159,191,901	\$ 953,894,771	\$ 36,762,291	\$ 990,657,062			

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE & FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SHARE PLAN

COMBINING STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AND 2020

		2021		2020				
	System	Share Plan	Total	System	Share Plan	Total		
Additions								
Contributions								
Employer	\$ 19,757,218	\$	\$ 19,757,218	\$ 17,923,079	\$	\$ 17,923,079		
Plan members	11,212,422		11,212,422	7,736,848		7,736,848		
State	4,750,365	2,066,242	6,816,607	5,007,047	1,602,653	6,609,700		
Buyback contributions (payments)	153,873	(153,873)		142,695	(142,695)			
Total Contributions	35,873,878	1,912,369	37,786,247	30,809,669	1,459,958	32,269,627		
Investment Income								
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	166,820,657	6,357,526	173,178,183	34,867,539	2,351,072	37,218,611		
Interest	6,239,132		6,239,132	5,346,624		5,346,624		
Dividends	4,637,705		4,637,705	6,885,165		6,885,165		
Real estate income	8,749,758		8,749,758	9,330,395		9,330,395		
Other income	1,614		1,614	106		106		
	186,448,866	6,357,526	192,806,392	56,429,829	2,351,072	58,780,901		
Less: investment expenses	6,484,043		6,484,043	5,437,718		5,437,718		
Net Investment Income	179,964,823	6,357,526	186,322,349	50,992,111	2,351,072	53,343,183		
Total Additions	215,838,701	8,269,895	224,108,596	81,801,780	3,811,030	85,612,810		
Deductions								
Benefits Paid								
Retirement	46,865,421	1,794,860	48,660,281	48,715,698	1,726,520	50,442,218		
Disability	1,523,108		1,523,108	1,302,915		1,302,915		
Death	4,566,716		4,566,716	4,439,819		4,439,819		
Total Benefits Paid	52,955,245	1,794,860	54,750,105	54,458,432	1,726,520	56,184,952		
Refund of contributions	218,195		218,195	157,468		157,468		
Administrative expenses	562,524	42,933	605,457	631,919	40,403	672,322		
Total Deductions	53,735,964	1,837,793	55,573,757	55,247,819	1,766,923	57,014,742		
Change in Net Position	162,102,737	6,432,102	168,534,839	26,553,961	2,044,107	28,598,068		
Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits Beginning of year	953,894,771	36,762,291	990,657,062	927,340,810	34,718,184	962,058,994		
Degining of year	733,074,771	30,702,291	770,037,002	721,340,010	34,/10,104	702,036,394		
End of year	\$ 1,115,997,508	\$ 43,194,393	\$ 1,159,191,901	\$ 953,894,771	\$ 36,762,291	\$ 990,657,062		





INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 and Executive Director City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' 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 combined financial statements of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police and Firefighters' Retirement System and Supplemental Share Plan (the "Plan") which comprise the combined statement of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2021 and the combined statement of changes of fiduciary net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 20, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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



Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Plan's combined financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan'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 Plan's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Marcun LLP

May 20, 2022