

**Employee Retirement System of  
the City of Lawton, Oklahoma**

*Financial Statements*

June 30, 2017 and 2016  
(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Pension Commissioners  
Employee Retirement System of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Employee Retirement System of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma (the "System"), a component unit of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, which comprise the statements of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the System's preparation and fair presentation of the 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 System'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 financial statements.

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

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT, CONTINUED**

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the System as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in fiduciary net position of the System for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages I-1 through I-7 and the schedule of changes in the City of Lawton's net pension liability, the schedule of the City of Lawton's net pension liability, the schedule of contributions from the City of Lawton, the schedule of investment returns, and the related notes to required supplementary information on pages 22–26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 2, 2018, on our consideration of the System's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Finlay + Cook, PLLC*

Shawnee, Oklahoma  
February 2, 2018

## **MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A) of the Employee Retirement System of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma’s (the “System”) financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities and funding condition for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

The System is classified as a Pension Trust Fund and is reported as a component unit of the City of Lawton (the “City”). The Pension Trust Fund accounts for the activities of the System, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments to qualified retirees and future retirees. Since the System is also reported as a component unit of the City, the financial statements and related note disclosures are also incorporated into the City’s Annual Financial Report. The accompanying basic financial statements of the System are reported on an accrual basis of accounting and are reported in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned instead of when actually received and expenses are recognized when incurred instead of when actually paid.

Please review the MD&A in conjunction with the basic financial statements.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The fiduciary net position restricted for pensions for fiscal year 2017 increased by \$4,249,058 (or 8.75%) compared to 2016. All of the fiduciary net position restricted for pensions are available to meet the System’s ongoing obligations to members and their beneficiaries.
- Employer contributions for fiscal year 2017 increased by \$27,148 (or 1.31%) compared to 2016.
- The net investment income for fiscal year 2017 increased by \$6,927,711 (or 852.44%) compared to 2016 due mainly to favorable market conditions during fiscal year 2017.
- Benefit payments increased by \$219,979 (or 5.33%) during fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016.
- During fiscal year 2017, there were 232 retirees and 513 general employees paying into the System or receiving benefits.

### **Using the Annual Financial Report**

The basic financial statements reflect the activities of the System and are reported in the statements of fiduciary net position, the statements of changes in fiduciary net position, and the notes to the financial statements. All activities are recorded using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes increases and decreases in economic resources as soon as the underlying event or transaction occurs. Transactions are recognized when earned and incurred regardless of the timing of cash flows.

The statements of changes in fiduciary net position of the System focus on changes in economic resources during the period. Fiduciary net position (total assets less total liabilities) is used as a practical measure of economic resources. Accordingly, the System’s statements of changes in fiduciary net position include all transactions and events that increase or decrease fiduciary net position, such as additions and deductions.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

### Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

The statements of fiduciary net position show the financial position of plan assets and liabilities by investment and accounting categories. The excess of assets over liabilities is reported as “fiduciary net position restricted for pensions.” Over time, increases or decreases in fiduciary net position restricted for pensions may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the System is improving or deteriorating. The following condensed comparative summary of the statements of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, demonstrates that the System is primarily focused on the cash, receivables, investments, liabilities, and fiduciary net position restricted for pensions.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Increase (Decrease)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,004,178	1,113,388	(9.81)%
Receivables	154,522	149,366	3.45%
Investments	<u>51,967,105</u>	<u>47,498,266</u>	9.41%
Total assets	<u>53,125,805</u>	<u>48,761,020</u>	8.95%
Liabilities	<u>315,377</u>	<u>199,650</u>	57.96%
Fiduciary net position restricted for pensions	<u>\$ 52,810,428</u>	<u>48,561,370</u>	8.75%

At June 30, 2017, cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$109,210 (or 9.81%). This decrease was due primarily to investing activities. Due to market conditions, investments increased by \$4,468,839 (or 9.41%) during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

### Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

The statements of changes in fiduciary net position itemize additions, deductions, and changes in fiduciary net position restricted for pensions. The statements of changes in fiduciary net position demonstrate how the System's assets have changed during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. The following condensed comparative summary of the statements of changes in fiduciary net position reflect the activities of the System in regard to employee and employer contributions, net investment income, benefits paid, refunds, administrative expenses, and the changes in fiduciary net position restricted for pensions.

**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED**

**Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, Continued**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>Additions:</b>			
Contributions:			
Employer	\$ 2,095,587	2,068,439	1.31%
Employee	1,322,450	1,296,400	2.01%
Net investment income (loss)	<u>6,115,017</u>	<u>(812,694)</u>	852.44%
Total additions	<u>9,533,054</u>	<u>2,552,145</u>	273.53%
<b>Deductions:</b>			
Benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries	4,344,309	4,124,330	5.33%
Refunds of contributions	910,000	801,341	13.56%
Administrative expenses	<u>29,687</u>	<u>31,020</u>	(4.30)%
Total deductions	<u>5,283,996</u>	<u>4,956,691</u>	6.60%
 Changes in fiduciary net position	 <u>\$ 4,249,058</u>	 <u>(2,404,546)</u>	 276.71%

Collections of employee and employer retirement contributions, as well as earnings from investments, provide the monies necessary to finance retirement benefits and cover administrative expenses. Contributions and net investment income totaled \$9,533,054 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, which is a \$6,980,909 (or 273.53%) increase in total additions from what was reported the previous fiscal year.

Employer contributions are based on a percentage of an employee’s pay and increased \$27,148 (or 1.31%) in 2017; the City’s contribution rate was 10.0%. The amount of employee contributions increased 2.01% in fiscal year 2017. Contribution levels are established by the Lawton City Code, Section 17-3-4-339 and may be amended by the Board of Pension Commissioners (the “Board”), with confirmation by the City Council. Effective June 27, 2011, covered employees are required to contribute 6.3% of their base salary or wages to the System. The City contributed an additional 10.0% of contributions in both fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Net investment income was \$6,115,017 for fiscal year 2017, or a \$6,927,711 increase, due mainly to favorable market conditions during fiscal year 2017. Interest received was \$28,907 (or 15.47%) lower during fiscal year 2017. Dividends received were \$873,874 (or 42.34%) lower during fiscal year 2017. Net appreciation in the fair value of investments was \$7,836,769 (or 281.15%) higher during fiscal year 2017.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

### Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, Continued

The primary deductions of a retirement system include the payment of benefits to retirees and beneficiaries, the refund of contributions to former members, and the cost of administering the retirement system. The benefits paid increased by \$219,979 (or 5.33%) during fiscal year 2017, mainly due to an increased number of retirees receiving benefits. Refunds typically represent a return of a nonvested portion of an employee's contribution made to the retirement system, which varies from year to year. Administrative expenses for the year ended June 30, 2017, were \$29,687 (or \$1,333 lower when compared to the previous fiscal year).

### Analysis of Financial Position and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

In order to analyze the System's financial position and changes in fiduciary net position during the reporting periods, the following topics are presented: membership, funding, total pension liability, and asset allocation.

#### Membership

As of July 1, the System's members were as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	232	229
Terminated employees entitled to benefits not yet received	8	6
Current active employees:		
Vested	166	185
Nonvested	<u>347</u>	<u>332</u>
Total members	<u><u>753</u></u>	<u><u>752</u></u>

#### Funding

Funds are derived from the excess of additions over deductions and are accumulated to meet future benefit obligations to retirees and beneficiaries. This accumulated balance is referred to as the fiduciary net position restricted for pensions in the statements of fiduciary net position and the statements of changes in fiduciary net position presented in the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements and various note disclosures, this report also contains required supplementary information.



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

### **Total Pension Liability**

The Total Pension Liability (TPL) is the actuarial accrued liability measured using the Entry Age Normal Cost Method.

Under the *Entry Age Normal Cost Method*, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the earnings (or service) of the individual between the entry age and assumed exit ages. The portion of this actuarial present value allocated to a valuation year is called the normal cost. The portion of this actuarial present value not provided for at a valuation date by the actuarial present value of future normal costs is called the actuarial accrued liability. It is equal to the theoretical asset accumulation had the plan always been in effect, all actuarial assumptions were perfectly met, and the employer contributed the normal cost each year.

The *Net Pension Liability* is the TPL less the market value of plan assets (referred to as the Fiduciary Net Position).

As of the June 30, 2017 and 2016, respective valuation dates, based on the actuarial assumptions specified, these values were:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total pension liability:		
Active employees	\$ 41,030,844	39,952,856
Retirees and beneficiaries	<u>45,720,177</u>	<u>42,969,163</u>
	<u>\$ 86,751,021</u>	<u>82,922,019</u>
 The System's fiduciary net position	 <u>\$ 52,810,428</u>	 <u>48,561,370</u>
 The City of Lawton's net pension liability	 <u>\$ 33,940,593</u>	 <u>34,360,649</u>
 The System's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	 <u>60.88%</u>	 <u>58.56%</u>

**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED**

**Total Pension Liability, Continued**

Valuation date:	July 1, 2017	July 1, 2016
Actuarial cost method:	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Amortization method:	Level dollar	Level dollar
Remaining amortization period:	30 years	30 years rolling
Asset valuation method:	Fair market value	Fair market value
Actuarial assumptions:		
Interest rate:	6.75%	6.75%
Pay increases:	4.25%	4.25%
Mortality:	RP-2000 with cohort projection	RP-2000 with cohort projection
Retirement rates:	City of Lawton experience	City of Lawton experience
Turnover:	Oklahoma municipal experience	Oklahoma municipal experience
COLA's:	No provision has been made for automatic post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments.	No provision has been made for automatic post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments.

**Asset Allocation**

On November 15, 2007, both the investment objectives and the money manager were changed. On October 25, 2012, the target asset allocation was changed from 65% bonds and 35% equities to 50% each (with a 20% acceptable variance). At the 3rd quarter meeting on April 28, 2016, the benchmark was updated to match the Portfolio Asset Allocation Target Objectives listed within the System’s Statement of Investment Policy, Objectives, Guidelines and Goals. The changes to the Performance Goals section of the Pension Trust Investment Policy provides two options of evaluation criteria of investment portfolio performance by using either the actuarial interest rate assumption of 6.75% or a benchmark based on a blend of 16% Russell 1000 Value, 16% Russell 1000 Growth, 6% MSCI AC World ex US gross, 4% Russell Midcap Value, 4% Russell Midcap Growth, 2% Russell 2000 Value, 2% Russell 2000 Growth, 43% Barclays Aggregate Bond, 5% HFRI Fund Weighted composite, and 2% CITI 90 Day Treasury, and by also adding an additional measurement time period of 10 years.

The allocation of the portfolio on June 30, 2017, was 70% equities with the remaining 30% in bonds, alternatives, and cash. This allocation was within the permissible range. The annual dollar-weighted return for the year ended June 30, 2017, was 13.15%, the 5-year return was 6.50%, and the return from November 15, 2007, through June 30, 2017, was 5.04%. The beginning balance on November 15, 2007, was \$34,679,131; the account has had net withdrawals of \$(5,094,874) and net investment earnings of \$21,512,841 through June 30, 2017. The portfolio’s 13.14% time-weighted return outperformed both the actuarial 6.75% and the System’s benchmark 9.33% time-weighted return for fiscal year 2017. All returns noted above are net of fees.

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED**

### **Market Environment and Results**

The investment market conditions were positive for equity markets and the bond market represented by the Barclays Aggregate was negative. The 10-year treasury yields rose during the period from 1.48% to 2.30%. The portfolio was positioned for those market conditions which allowed the portfolio's performance of 13.14% to outperform both the actuarial 6.75% and the System's benchmark 9.33%. The fiduciary net position restricted for pensions of the System increased from \$48.56 million to \$52.81 million from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

### **Major Initiatives**

The Board worked closely with the City's Finance and Human Resources Departments, as well as the City Attorney's office, in an effort to address the unfunded liabilities and the reduction in the percentage funded with the City's Pension Program. The Board hired a firm that specializes in pension actuaries to present several alternatives to address the projected shortfalls in the System. The firm presented several alternatives which required either increased contributions or decreased benefits in order to make the System solvent long-term. The Board reviewed the alternatives with each of the departments mentioned above and decided on a plan that incorporates both an increase in contributions, as well as a decrease in benefits for all new-hires joining the City's general employee group beginning July 1, 2011. During fiscal year 2017, a defined contribution plan was established for employees hired after June 30, 2017, and the defined benefit pension plan was closed to new entrants effective July 1, 2017. The approval of these System changes will help ensure that the System will remain solvent for many years into the future.

The Board recommended that each employee be more informed about the status of their individual pension account. Therefore, the Human Resources Department agreed to budget for and hire the same firm who performed the actuary studies to prepare a statement for each individual employee regarding the status of their pension. These statements would be provided once a year to the employee either at the end of the fiscal year or at the end of the calendar year.

### **Contacting the System's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, members, and others with a general overview of the System's finances and to show accountability for money it receives, disburses, and is entrusted with. Questions concerning any data provided in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the City of Lawton, 212 S.W. 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.

**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

**STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

<i>June 30,</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,004,178	1,113,388
Receivables:		
Employer's contributions	67,151	60,631
Employees' contributions	45,368	41,021
Accrued interest	42,003	47,714
Total receivables	<u>154,522</u>	<u>149,366</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
U.S. government securities and agencies	1,650,112	1,968,895
Common stock	11,469,238	10,823,527
Mutual funds	37,530,307	33,149,320
Other investments	1,317,448	1,556,524
Total investments, at fair value	<u>51,967,105</u>	<u>47,498,266</u>
 Total assets	 <u>53,125,805</u>	 <u>48,761,020</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	<u>315,377</u>	<u>199,650</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>315,377</u>	 <u>199,650</u>
 <b>Fiduciary net position restricted for pensions</b>	 <b><u>\$ 52,810,428</u></b>	 <b><u>48,561,370</u></b>

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

<i>Years Ended June 30,</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
<b>Additions:</b>		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 2,095,587	2,068,439
Employee	1,322,450	1,296,400
Total contributions	<u>3,418,037</u>	<u>3,364,839</u>
Investment income (loss):		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	5,049,330	(2,787,439)
Interest	157,904	186,811
Dividends	1,190,005	2,063,879
Total investment income (loss)	<u>6,397,239</u>	<u>(536,749)</u>
Less investment expense	<u>(282,222)</u>	<u>(275,945)</u>
Net investment income (loss)	<u>6,115,017</u>	<u>(812,694)</u>
Total additions	<u>9,533,054</u>	<u>2,552,145</u>
<b>Deductions:</b>		
Benefits paid to retirees and beneficiaries	4,344,309	4,124,330
Refunds of contributions	910,000	801,341
Administrative expenses	<u>29,687</u>	<u>31,020</u>
Total deductions	<u>5,283,996</u>	<u>4,956,691</u>
<b>Changes in fiduciary net position</b>	<b>4,249,058</b>	<b>(2,404,546)</b>
Fiduciary net position restricted for pensions:		
Beginning of year	<u>48,561,370</u>	<u>50,965,916</u>
End of year	<u><b>\$ 52,810,428</b></u>	<u><b>48,561,370</b></u>

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2017 and 2016**

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**(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM**

On November 1, 1970, the City of Lawton, Oklahoma (the “City”) established the Employee Retirement System of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma (the “System”) and a related Pension Trust to accumulate funds to provide retirement benefits for eligible employees of the City. The System, a single-employer defined benefit pension plan, was restated in its entirety by City Ordinance Number 692 on November 1, 1975. The last amendment was signed on June 30, 2011. The defined benefit pension plan was closed to new entrants effective July 1, 2017. The System is administered by the Board of Pension Commissioners (the “Board”). The Commissioners are appointed by the City for 5-year terms.

During fiscal year 2017, the City established a defined contribution plan for employees hired after June 30, 2017. With the creation of the defined contribution plan, employees hired after June 30, 2017, are prohibited from participating in the City’s defined benefit pension plan. Employees currently enrolled in the defined benefit pension plan will continue to participate and will not be allowed to also participate in the defined contribution plan. The City will continue to fund the defined benefit pension plan and also fund the defined contribution plan. The City will match 3.5% of employee contributions into the defined contribution plan and also contribute 6.5% of employee pay to the defined benefit pension plan.

The following provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Pension Trust Agreement, City Ordinance Number 692, and the amendments in City Ordinance Number 90.26, Section 17-339 for a more complete description of the System’s provisions.

**Covered Employees**

Covered employees include all full-time employees of the City, excluding persons compensated on a contractual or fee basis, and police officers or firefighters eligible and participating in the State of Oklahoma Police or Fire Pension systems. At June 30, 2017, there were 232 retirees receiving benefits, 513 current active members, and 8 terminated employees entitled to benefits not yet received.

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**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM, CONTINUED**

**Benefits**

Benefits are established by the Lawton City Code, Section 17-3-4-339 and may be amended by the Board, with confirmation by the City Council. The amount of the monthly benefit payable to a member who retires on or after July 1, 1998, is equal to 2.3% of the member's average monthly compensation multiplied by the member's total number of years of creditable service. Upon retirement on an early retirement date, the member may receive a monthly benefit which will commence on the next day after his last day of City service and be payable on the last day of each month thereafter during his lifetime. The amount of each monthly payment shall be computed in the same manner as for a normal retirement benefit, reduced by 5/12% for each complete month by which the member's early retirement date precedes his normal retirement date. Disability retirement benefits for a member who prior to eligibility for normal retirement becomes totally and permanently disabled may also be paid subject to certain requirements. The System is evaluated every 2 years for the possibility of cost-of-living increases.

**Funding Policy**

The City's funding policy requires that the System be funded by meeting the accruing normal cost of the System (that is, the cost attributable to the service rendered by participants during the year) and amortize the unfunded actuarial liability of the System over a period of 30 years.

**Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus earnings calculated at 2% over the U.S. Treasury bill rate, not to exceed 6% per annum thereon. Vesting in the City's contribution portion is based on years of service, with a participant becoming 100% vested after 10 years of credited service.

**Deferred Vested Benefit**

A participant of any age who has completed at least 10 years of creditable service is entitled to a monthly benefit determined in the same manner as early retirement for consideration of service and compensation to date of termination. The benefit is deferred to a normal retirement date, but a reduced benefit may be paid within the 10-year period preceding normal retirement date. The reduction is the same as for early retirement. A participant entitled to the deferred vested benefit may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to that employee's contribution accumulation plus earnings thereon and the City's contribution portion in lieu of the monthly benefit.

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**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Participant contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions to the System are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the System. The financial statements are in conformity with provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25* (GASB 67).

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB 75). GASB 75 addresses employer and governmental non-employer contributing entities' accounting and financial reporting when participating in an other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. This statement requires proper recognition of OPEB liabilities by employers and requires a more comprehensive measure of OPEB expense. More robust disclosures will also improve transparency and accountability. GASB 75 is effective for financial statements for the periods beginning after June 15, 2017. The System will adopt GASB 75 effective July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The System does not expect GASB 75 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In August 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures* (GASB 77). GASB 77 provides financial reporting and disclosure guidance to governments that have either entered into tax abatement agreements or that have revenues affected by tax abatements entered into by another government. Governments will generally use tax abatements to encourage specific economic development that benefit either the government or its citizens by forgoing certain taxes. The System adopted this statement on July 1, 2016. The System had no items to be reported, and the adoption had no significant impact on the System's financial statements.

In January 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units* (GASB 80). GASB 80 amends blending requirements for the financial statements of component units to include criteria requiring blending of a component unit organized as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The System adopted this statement on July 1, 2016. The adoption had no significant impact on the System's financial statements.

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**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

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**(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements, Continued**

In March 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements* (GASB 81). GASB 81 provides recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is one of the beneficiaries of an irrevocable split-interest agreement. Irrevocable split-interest agreements are a type of giving by a donor to provide resources to two or more beneficiaries, including governments. GASB 81 provides the recognition and reporting requirements applicable when a government is one of the parties to such an agreement. The System will adopt GASB 81 effective July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The System does not expect GASB 81 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In November 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations* (GASB 83). GASB 83 provides accounting and reporting requirements for certain asset retirement obligations (ARO's) that arise from legally enforceable liabilities associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets. ARO's require an internal and external obligating event and the costs to be reasonably estimable for the incurrence of such a liability. The System will adopt GASB 83 effective July 1, 2018, for the June 30, 2019, reporting year. The System does not expect GASB 83 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In January 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities* (GASB 84). GASB 84 improves guidance regarding the recognition and reporting of fiduciary activities. GASB 84 identifies four types of reportable fiduciary fund types, including 1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, 2) investment trust funds, 3) private-purpose trust funds, and 4) custodial funds. GASB 84 outlines the accounting and disclosure requirements for operating structures that qualify as a fiduciary activity. The System will adopt GASB 84 effective July 1, 2019, for the June 30, 2020, reporting year. The System does not expect GASB 84 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

In March 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017* (GASB 85). GASB 85 clarified several practice issues identified during the application of earlier GASB pronouncements. GASB 85 addresses topics including the blending of component units, goodwill and negative goodwill, fair value measurement and application, employer accounting and reporting for pensions and OPEB, and reporting by OPEB plans. The System will adopt GASB 85 on July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The System does not expect GASB 85 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

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**(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements, Continued**

In May 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues* (GASB 86). GASB 86 provides guidance regarding the in-substance defeasance of debt. Normally, a government will issue new debt at favorable rates and place the proceeds in trust to eliminate the liability of an existing debt. GASB 86 provides accounting and reporting guidance for situations where a government irrevocably sets aside cash and other assets to defease an existing debt. Guidance also addresses prepaid insurance related to extinguished debt and the financial valuation and disclosure of other assets used to defease debt. The System will adopt GASB 86 on July 1, 2017, for the June 30, 2018, reporting year. The System does not expect GASB 86 to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

The System's investments in U.S. government securities and agencies, common stock, and mutual funds are stated at fair value, which is determined by quoted market prices. The System's investments in judgments are valued at original judgment value, less principal collected, since no quoted market price is available. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis, while interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

The System presents in the statements of changes in fiduciary net position, the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments, which includes realized gains and losses and unrealized gains and losses on those investments.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the System's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires the administrator to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of fiduciary net position restricted for pensions at the date of the financial statements and the actuarial information included in Exhibits I-V included in the required supplementary information (RSI) as of the benefit information date, the changes in fiduciary net position during the reporting period and, when applicable, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

**Risks and Uncertainties**

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the risks associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in the statements of fiduciary net position.

Contributions to the System and the actuarial information included in the RSI are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee compensation and demographics. Due to the changing nature of these assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these assumptions may occur in the near term and due to the uncertainties inherent in setting assumptions, that the effect of such changes could be material to the financial statements.

**Receivables**

At June 30, 2017 and 2016, the System had no long-term receivables. All the receivables reflected in the statements of fiduciary net position are expected to be received and available for use by the System in its operations. Also, no allowance for any uncollectible portions is considered necessary.

**Investments**

*Investment Allocation Policy*—The Board’s investment allocation policy will currently maintain approximately 50% of assets in equity instruments, 40% domestic and 10% international, including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds; and 50% of assets in cash and fixed income, including Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured bonds, U.S. government bonds, U.S. government agency bonds, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds (with a 20% acceptable variance). The allocation of the portfolio on June 30, 2017, was 70% equities with the remaining 30% in bonds, alternatives, and cash. This allocation was within the permissible range.

*Significant Investment Policy Changes Made During the Year*—No significant investment policy changes were made during the year ended June 30, 2017 or 2016.

*Rate of Return*—For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 13.15% and (1.88)%, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested as defined by GASB 67.

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**(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

**Investments, Continued**

*Method Used to Value Investments*—As a key part of the System’s activities, it holds investments that are measured and reported at fair value on a recurring basis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States establish a fair value hierarchy for the determination and measurement of fair value. This hierarchy is based on the type of valuation inputs needed to measure the fair value of an asset. The hierarchy generally is as follows:

Level 1—Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2—Quoted prices for similar assets, or inputs that are observable or other forms of market corroborated inputs.

Level 3—Pricing based on best available information, including primarily unobservable inputs and assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset.

**Income Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the System by a letter dated August 25, 2016, that the System is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Date of Management’s Review of Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 2, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no subsequent events have occurred that require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

**(3) CONTRIBUTIONS**

The contribution rate for employees through June 26, 2011, was 5.3%. Contribution levels are established by the Lawton City Code, Section 17-3-4-339 and may be amended by the Board, with confirmation by the City Council. The City’s contribution rate was 9.0% from July 1, 2010, to June 26, 2011. Effective June 27, 2011, covered employees are required to contribute 6.3% of their base salary or wages to the System and the City is required to contribute 10.0%. Contributions are subject to certain limitations. Administrative costs are paid by the System.

The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

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**(4) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Deposit Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the System's deposits may not be returned to it. The System requires that financial institutions pledge collateral securities to secure the deposits of the System in each institution.

At June 30, 2017, total bank balances of the System's deposits were \$1,108,912, of which \$534,208 was uninsured but collateralized by securities with a market value of approximately \$630,000. Deposit balances up to \$250,000 in each institution are insured by the FDIC. Included in the System's total deposits were money market cash accounts of \$416,488.

**Investment Custodial Credit Risk**

For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the System will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All of the System's investments in government agencies and common stock are held by the investment's counterparty, in the name of the System. The System's investments in U.S. government obligations are not considered to have credit risk. The credit rating for the government agency investments was AA+ as assigned by the credit rating agency Standard & Poor's.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk**

The System places no limit on the amount the System can invest in any one type of issuer. For disclosure purposes, investments in mutual funds and common stock are excluded. There were no investments by issuer that accounted for 5% or more of the System's total fiduciary net position at June 30, 2017 or 2016.

The net change in fair value of investments shown in the financial statements takes into account all changes in fair value that occurred during the year. Fair value amounts for individual investments fluctuate based on changes in the market interest rates available to investors.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED**

**(4) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED**

**Investment Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The System does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses from increasing interest rates. Investments in equity instruments are not subject to investment interest rate risk. The System's investments with maturity dates at June 30 were as follows:

	Rating	Years				Total Fair Value
		Less than 1	1 or More Less than 5	5 or More Less than 10	10 or More	
<u>2017</u>						
U.S. government securities and agencies:						
FHLMC	AA+	\$ -	-	-	410,949	410,949
FNMA	AA+	-	-	-	1,228,290	1,228,290
GNMA	AA+	-	-	-	10,873	10,873
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,650,112</u>	<u>1,650,112</u>
<u>2016</u>						
U.S. government securities and agencies:						
FHLMC	AA+	\$ -	-	-	526,120	526,120
FNMA	AA+	-	-	-	1,419,916	1,419,916
GNMA	AA+	-	-	-	22,859	22,859
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,968,895</u>	<u>1,968,895</u>

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**(4) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED**

**Investments Measured at Fair Value**

	Amounts Measured at <u>Fair Value</u>	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets <u>(Level 1)</u>	Significant Other Observable Inputs <u>(Level 2)</u>	Significant Unobservable Inputs <u>(Level 3)</u>
<u>June 30, 2017</u>				
U.S. government securities and agencies	\$ 1,650,112	-	1,650,112	-
Common stock	11,469,238	11,469,238	-	-
Mutual funds	37,530,307	37,530,307	-	-
Other investments	<u>1,317,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,317,448</u>
Total investments measured at fair value	<u>\$ 51,967,105</u>	<u>48,999,545</u>	<u>1,650,112</u>	<u>1,317,448</u>
<u>June 30, 2016</u>				
U.S. government securities and agencies	\$ 1,968,895	-	1,968,895	-
Common stock	10,823,527	10,823,527	-	-
Mutual funds	33,149,320	33,149,320	-	-
Other investments	<u>1,556,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,556,524</u>
Total investments measured at fair value	<u>\$ 47,498,266</u>	<u>43,972,847</u>	<u>1,968,895</u>	<u>1,556,524</u>

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**(4) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED**

**Other Investments**

Other investments of \$1,317,448 and \$1,556,524 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, consisted of judgments rendered against the City which have been purchased by the System. The System purchases the judgments directly from the claimants. Since there is no quoted market price available for valuing these judgments, they are valued in the financial statements at original purchase price less principal collected to date and are considered level 3 investments. One-third of the original judgment amount is payable, with interest, each year. The post judgment interest rate was 5.75% and 5.50% as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

As the judgments are paid over a 3-year period and bear reasonable interest, their carrying value approximates market value and no adjustments in value have been made.

The System expects to collect the June 30, 2017, outstanding balance over the following years:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	\$ 664,787	75,268
2019	457,678	37,946
2020	<u>194,983</u>	<u>11,499</u>
	<u>\$ 1,317,448</u>	<u>124,713</u>

The judgments are considered investments, as the collection is based on tax assessments and interest is paid on the outstanding balance.

**(5) NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE CITY OF LAWTON**

The components of the net pension liability for the City at June 30 were as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 86,751,021	82,922,019
The System's fiduciary net position	<u>52,810,428</u>	<u>48,561,370</u>
The City's net pension liability	<u>\$ 33,940,593</u>	<u>34,360,649</u>
The System's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>60.88%</u>	<u>58.56%</u>

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**(5) NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, CONTINUED**

*Actuarial Assumptions*—The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017 and 2016, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Inflation:	2.50%	2.50%
Salary increases:	4.25%	4.25%
Investment rate of return, net of investment expenses:	6.75%	6.75%
Mortality:	Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue Collar Healthy Employees with Generation Projection. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the same table as pre-retirement mortality rates. Disabled pensioners' mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue Collar Table.	Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue Collar Healthy Employees with Generation Projection. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the same table as pre-retirement mortality rates. Disabled pensioners' mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue Collar Table.

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 (2.50%) and deducting expenses. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2017, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	62.50%	6.00%
International equity	7.50%	6.20%
Fixed income	20.00%	2.75%
Government securities	10.00%	2.25%

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**(5) NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, CONTINUED**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that City contributions will be 10% of pay with the possibility of supplementary contributions.

If no additional contribution is made by the City, the closed group projection shows a depletion date at year 100. The blended rate of return is the same as the long-term rate of return of 6.75%.

2017

The following presents the net pension liability of the City as of June 30, 2017, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the System's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (5.75%) or 1 percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(5.75%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(6.75%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(7.75%)</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 96,586,142	86,751,021	78,462,645
The System's fiduciary net position	<u>52,810,428</u>	<u>52,810,428</u>	<u>52,810,428</u>
 The City's net pension liability	 <u>\$ 43,775,714</u>	 <u>33,940,593</u>	 <u>25,652,217</u>

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THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

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**(5) NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, CONTINUED**

2016

The following presents the net pension liability of the City as of June 30, 2016, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the System’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (5.75%) or 1 percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(5.75%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(6.75%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(7.75%)</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 92,460,525	82,922,019	74,895,753
The System's fiduciary net position	<u>48,561,370</u>	<u>48,561,370</u>	<u>48,561,370</u>
 The City's net pension liability	 <u>\$ 43,899,155</u>	 <u>34,360,649</u>	 <u>26,334,383</u>

**(6) TERMINATION OF THE SYSTEM**

In the event that the System is terminated, after payment of all debts, expenses, and obligations of the System, any remaining cash and/or property shall be distributed on a pro rata basis to the System’s participants based upon each participant’s contributions.

**(7) CONTINGENCIES**

The System’s actuary estimated that a City contribution of 16.74% of participant payroll would be needed to meet the statutory funding standard for the year ended June 30, 2018. The City’s contribution rate of 10% is short of this standard. Increased employee contributions could also be used to replace some of the deficiency. The growing net pension liability illustrates that there is little chance that the City’s contribution rate and the employee contribution rate can maintain the System over the lifetime of the participant group. Future contribution requirements will become higher and higher if the contribution rate is not increased. Benefits for employees hired after June 30, 2011, were changed from a final average pay formula to a career average pay formula using the 2.3% multiplier.

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**(8) TRANSACTIONS WITH THE CITY**

Employer contributions received from the City were \$2,095,587 and \$2,068,439 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and are shown on the statements of changes in fiduciary net position. Employer contributions receivable from the City were \$67,151 and \$60,631 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and are shown on the statements of fiduciary net position. Other investments of \$1,317,448 and \$1,556,524 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, consisted of judgments rendered against the City which have been purchased by the System.

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**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**

Board of Pension Commissioners  
Employee Retirement System of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Employee Retirement System of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma (the "System"), a component unit of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2017, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2018. Our report includes an explanatory paragraph disclaiming an opinion on required supplementary information.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the System's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the System'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 and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in a separate letter dated February 2, 2018, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS, CONTINUED**

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the System's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the System's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Finley + Cook, PLLC

Shawnee, Oklahoma  
February 2, 2018

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD  
STATEMENT NO. 67**

**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY OF LAWTON'S  
NET PENSION LIABILITY**

*Last 4 Fiscal Years*

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Total pension liability</b>				
Service cost	\$ 2,372,993	2,355,200	2,377,346	2,421,405
Interest	5,597,236	5,404,378	5,344,966	5,130,920
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,113,082	23,241	(2,103,217)	620,866
Changes in assumptions	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	<u>(5,254,309)</u>	<u>(4,925,671)</u>	<u>(4,738,899)</u>	<u>(5,002,127)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	3,829,002	2,857,148	880,196	3,171,064
Total pension liability—beginning	<u>82,922,019</u>	<u>80,064,871</u>	<u>79,184,675</u>	<u>76,013,611</u>
Total pension liability—ending (a)	<u>\$ 86,751,021</u>	<u>82,922,019</u>	<u>80,064,871</u>	<u>79,184,675</u>
<b>The System's fiduciary net position</b>				
Contributions—City of Lawton	\$ 2,095,587	2,068,439	2,021,594	2,144,570
Contributions—members	1,322,450	1,296,400	1,279,749	1,311,923
Net investment income (loss)	6,115,017	(812,694)	853,379	5,604,962
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	<u>(5,254,309)</u>	<u>(4,925,671)</u>	<u>(4,733,825)</u>	<u>(5,002,127)</u>
Administrative expense	<u>(29,687)</u>	<u>(31,020)</u>	<u>(25,012)</u>	<u>(26,618)</u>
Net change in the System's fiduciary net position	4,249,058	(2,404,546)	(604,115)	4,032,710
The System's fiduciary net position—beginning	<u>48,561,370</u>	<u>50,965,916</u>	<u>51,570,031</u>	<u>47,537,321</u>
The System's fiduciary net position—ending (b)	<u>\$ 52,810,428</u>	<u>48,561,370</u>	<u>50,965,916</u>	<u>51,570,031</u>
The City of Lawton's net pension liability (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 33,940,593</u>	<u>34,360,649</u>	<u>29,098,955</u>	<u>27,614,644</u>

Information to present a 10-year history is not readily available.

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See accompanying notes to required supplementary information.



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**SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF LAWTON'S NET PENSION LIABILITY**

*Last 4 Fiscal Years*

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 86,751,021	82,922,019	80,064,871	79,184,675
The System's fiduciary net position	<u>52,810,428</u>	<u>48,561,370</u>	<u>50,965,916</u>	<u>51,570,031</u>
The City of Lawton's net pension liability	<u>\$ 33,940,593</u>	<u>34,360,649</u>	<u>29,098,955</u>	<u>27,614,644</u>
The System's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>60.88%</u>	<u>58.56%</u>	<u>63.66%</u>	<u>65.13%</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 21,452,987</u>	<u>20,903,375</u>	<u>20,580,295</u>	<u>20,593,547</u>
The City of Lawton's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>158.21%</u>	<u>164.38%</u>	<u>141.39%</u>	<u>134.09%</u>

Information to present a 10-year history is not readily available.

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**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CITY OF LAWTON**

*Last 5 Fiscal Years*

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 3,669,120	3,271,543	3,179,977	3,225,198	3,182,857
The City of Lawton's contribution	<u>2,095,587</u>	<u>2,068,439</u>	<u>2,021,594</u>	<u>2,144,570</u>	<u>2,239,853</u>
Contribution deficiency	<u>\$ 1,573,533</u>	<u>1,203,104</u>	<u>1,158,383</u>	<u>1,080,628</u>	<u>943,004</u>
Covered payroll*	<u>\$ 20,903,375</u>	<u>20,580,295</u>	<u>20,593,547</u>	<u>21,615,172</u>	<u>22,095,022</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>10.03%</u>	<u>10.05%</u>	<u>9.82%</u>	<u>9.92%</u>	<u>10.14%</u>

Information to present a 10-year history is not readily available.

\*Covered payroll is based on a projection of pay using a snapshot census at the beginning of the year. Contributions measured as a percent of covered payroll will not precisely match the statutory 10% employer contribution rate due to hires, terminations, and pay raises during the year.

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**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS**

*Last 5 Fiscal Years*

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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense, as defined by GASB 67	<u>13.15%</u>	<u>(1.88)%</u>	<u>1.54%</u>	<u>12.36%</u>	<u>8.04%</u>

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**EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF  
THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA**

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**June 30, 2017**

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The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of an actuarial valuation by independent enrolled actuaries (Dean Actuaries, LLC). Additional information as of the July 1, 2017, valuation follows:

	<u>Assumptions</u>
Actuarial cost method:	Entry age normal
Asset valuation method:	Fair market value
Amortization method:	Level dollar
Remaining amortization:	30 years
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return:	6.75%
Projected salary increases*:	4.25% per year (3.00% general increases and 1.25% allowance for promotions)
Cost-of-living adjustments:	None
Mortality:	RP-2000 with cohort projection
Retirement rates:	City of Lawton experience
Turnover:	Oklahoma municipal experience

\*Includes inflation at 2.50%.

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