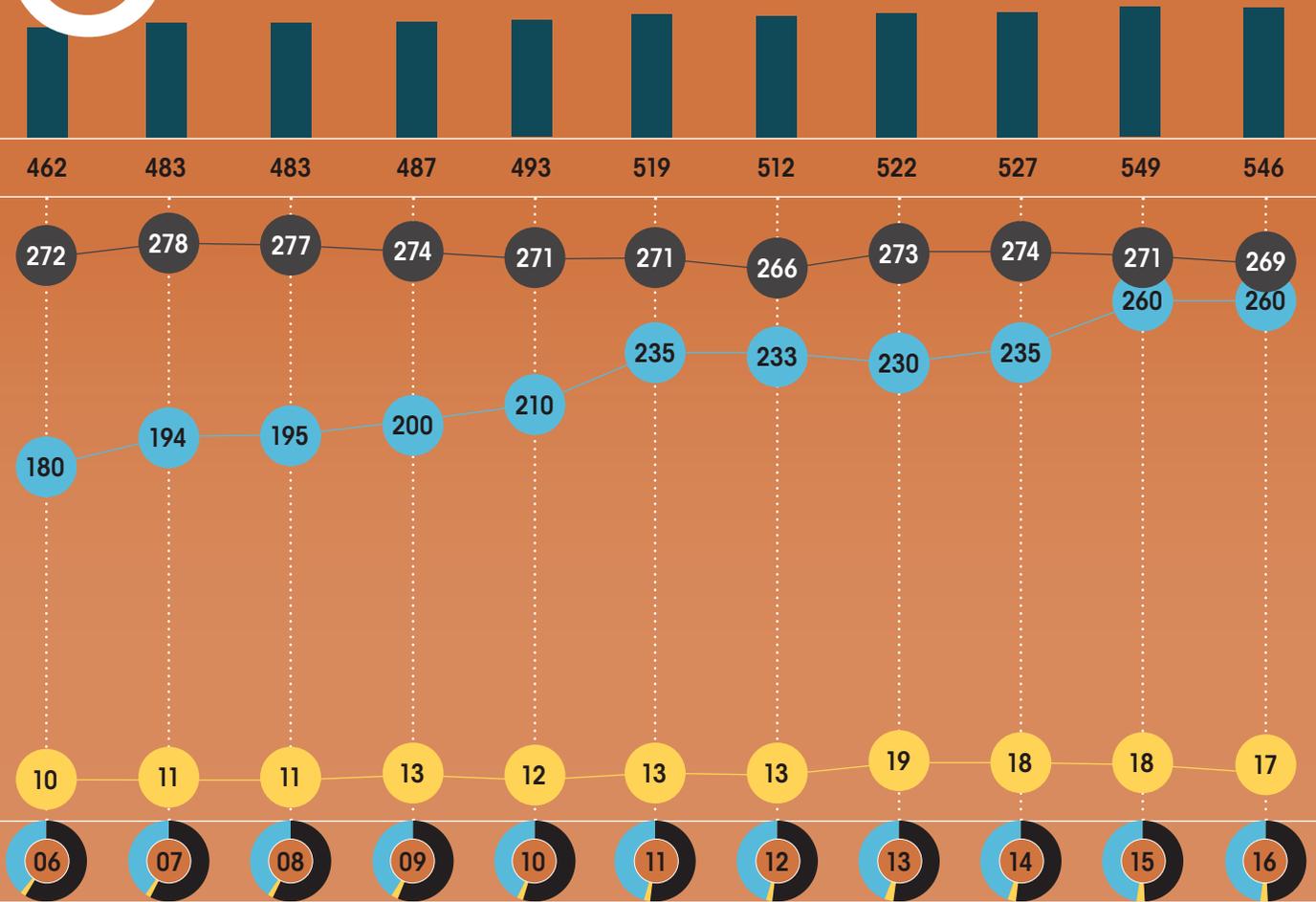


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Letter of Transmittal

Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges

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November 30, 2016

To the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System
and Members of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges:

State law requires that, after July 1 and before December 1 of each year, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (URSJJ) publish an annual report that covers the operation of URSJJ during the past fiscal year, including income, disbursements and the financial condition at the end of the fiscal year. This report is published, in part, to fulfill that requirement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

RSM US LLP, Certified Public Accountants, has issued an unqualified opinion on the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges' statements of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the Financial Section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Plan

URSJJ is a single-employer public employee retirement plan, which is a defined benefit pension plan, covering all justices and judges of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court, Court of Appeals, and District Courts. URSJJ is administered by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and its Board of Trustees (the Board). The employee and employer contribution rates are established by the Oklahoma Legislature after recommendation by the Board based on an actuarial calculation which is performed to determine the adequacy of such contribution rates.

Members qualify for full retirement benefits at their normal retirement age, defined as: (1) when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or (2) at age 65 with 8 years of judicial service, (age 67 with 8 years of judicial service if becoming a member on or after January 1, 2012), or (3) at age 60 with 10 years of judicial service (age 62 with 10 years of judicial service if becoming a member on or after January 1, 2012). Benefits are determined at 4% of the member's

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average salary, as defined, multiplied by the number of years of service, not to exceed 100% of the member's average monthly salary received as a justice or judge for the highest 36 months of compensation. Justices and judges retiring after September 1, 2005, may elect a maximum benefit with no survivor option or one of two actuarially reduced retirement benefits that provide for a lifetime benefit to be paid to the member's joint annuitant after the member's death. The original surviving spouse benefit for married judges who were members prior to September 1, 2005, continues to be available. Effective September 1, 2005, all justices and judges pay a uniform contribution rate of 8%.

The Board of Trustees of OPERS consists of thirteen appointed members, some by position and some by association. Those serving through position are a member of the Corporation Commission or the Commission's designee selected by the Commission, the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the Director's designee, the State Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee, the Director of Human Capital Management of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and a member of the Tax Commission selected by the Tax Commission. Of the remaining members, three are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Supreme Court, two are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two are appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Qualifications for certain of these appointees include a balance of individuals having experience in investment management, pension management, public fund management, the banking profession or a licensed attorney or a licensed accountant.

Each year, OPERS, along with other state agencies, is required to file a budget work program with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Administrative overhead expenses of URSJJ, including personnel and other supporting services costs, are paid for by OPERS and allocated to URSJJ based on an estimate of the cost of services provided. The allocated costs are charged to URSJJ and paid with funds provided through operations of URSJJ. The OPERS budget work program, which includes the costs related to URSJJ, is approved by the Board and includes a description of all funds available for expenditure and shows spending by major program category. URSJJ receives no state appropriations and is funded through employee and employer contributions and investment earnings.

Additionally in each even-numbered year, OPERS, along with other state agencies, must file a strategic plan covering five fiscal years beginning with the next odd-numbered fiscal year. The strategic plan includes a mission statement, the core values and behaviors inherent to operations, and a summary of goals and objectives to be achieved through specific projects outlined for the five-year period. The mission of the OPERS Board and staff is to provide and promote comprehensive, accountable and financially sound retirement services to Oklahoma's public servants in a professional, efficient and courteous manner. The core values and behaviors inherent to the agency's operations are honesty, integrity and accountability; excellence in service; and commitment to teamwork and team members. The summary of goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan are:

- Provide prompt and comprehensive customer service
- Manage the assets of the Plans in a fiscally responsible manner
- Inform and educate all members to help them identify and meet their retirement goals
- Maintain a competent and well-trained workforce
- Achieve and maintain well-funded status to assist the State in paying retirement benefit obligations, and secure changes in plan design that make the plan easier to understand or more equitable without an undue increase in the retirement system's liabilities.

Investments

The standard for URSJJ in making investments is to exercise the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so. URSJJ's funds are invested solely in the best interest of the members and their beneficiaries with a goal of keeping administrative expenses as low as possible. The Board has established an investment policy and guidelines that identify asset allocation as the key

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determinant of return and diversification, both by and within asset classes, as the primary risk control element. Passive fund portfolios are considered to be suitable investment strategies, especially in highly efficient markets.

The Board engages outside investment managers to manage the various asset classes where URSJJ has exposure. At fiscal year end, the investment portfolio of URSJJ was actively managed by three fixed income managers and passively managed by another investment manager with holdings in one fixed income index fund, two domestic equity index funds and one international equity index fund.

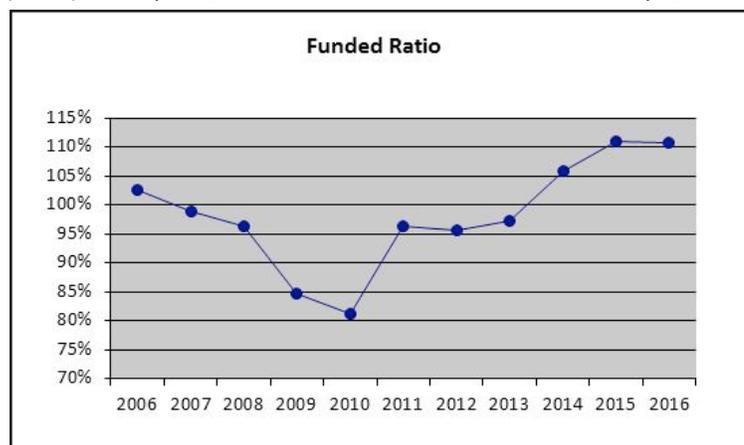
Included in the Investment Section of this report are a summary of the Investment Portfolio by Type and Manager and a comparison of the above amounts to the target allocations, as shown in the Asset Comparison chart. For fiscal year 2016, investments provided a 0.6 percent rate of return. The annualized rate of return for URSJJ was 6.8 percent over the last three years and 6.7 percent over the last five years.

Funding

A pension fund is well funded when it has enough money in reserve to meet all expected future obligations to participants. It must also have a revenue source sufficient to keep up with future obligations. The funding objective for URSJJ is to meet long-term benefit promises through contributions that remain approximately level as a percent of member payroll. The greater the level of funding, the larger the ratio of assets accumulated to the actuarial accrued liability and the greater the level of investment potential. The advantage of a well funded plan is that the participants can look at assets that are committed to the payment of benefits. The actuarial accrued liability and actuarial value of assets as of July 1, 2016 amounted to \$276.4 million and \$306.3 million, respectively.

The URSJJ funded ratio had been steadily declining from 2002 to 2010, falling below 100 percent for the first time at July 1, 2007 and declining further to 81.3 percent at July 1, 2010 before rebounding significantly to 96.3 percent at July 1, 2011 due to the removal of the cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) assumption, and increased further to 110.8 as of July 1, 2016.

The funded ratio was 148.2 percent at June 30, 2002. In part this overall decline was due to an employer contribution rate decrease in January 2001 and the lifting of the salary cap for benefit calculation for the past seven years. Effective July 1, 2005, in an effort to address the decline, the employer rate was increased 1.0 percent annually for two years, and at July 1, 2007 it was increased 1.5 percent annually up to 22.0 percent for fiscal years ending 2019 and thereafter. However, based on a projection model prepared by the URSJJ actuary, the scheduled increases in the statutory contribution rate are not expected to be sufficient to reach the actuarial contribution



rate before the end of the amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, even if all the actuarial assumptions are met in future years. In 2006 the Legislature provided a statutory requirement that retirement bills be analyzed for actuarial fiscal impact and contains adequate funding sources sufficient to pay the cost of the change. In the session ended May 2009 the Legislature designated \$6.0 million in the Supreme Court's Management Information System Fund to pay employer contributions to the Plan in fiscal year 2010. A detailed discussion of funding is provided in the Actuarial Section of this report.

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Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This was the eighteenth year URSJJ has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report that satisfies both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire staff of OPERS. We wish to express our appreciation to all staff members who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the Board of Trustees for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the financial management of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Fox
Executive Director



Susan Reed
Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance

Chairman's Letter

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November 30, 2016

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (URSJJ) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

This report is designed to provide a detailed look at the financial, investment and actuarial aspects of the System, which continues to be a strong retirement system.

You are encouraged to carefully review this report, as it contains a wealth of information about your retirement system. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us. We can be reached at P.O. Box 53007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-3007. Our telephone number is 405-858-6737 (or toll-free 1-800-733-9008).

I also want to thank the staff for their diligent work in preparing this report and their commitment to continually improve the administrative operations necessary to operate your retirement system.

Sincerely,



DeWayne McAnally
Chairman

Board of Trustees



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Member of Tax
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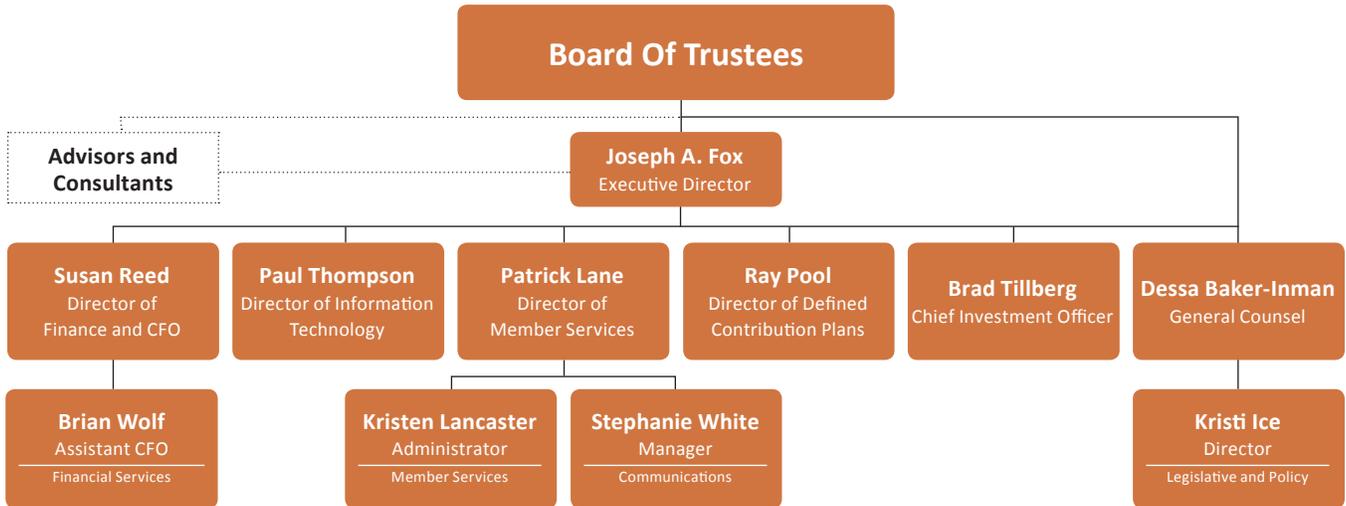


Brian Maddy
Appointee, President Pro
Tempore of the Senate



Frank Stone
Designee, State Insurance
Commissioner

Organizational Structure



Back Row (from left to right): Kristen Lancaster, Paul Thompson, Brian Wolf, Ray Pool, and Stephanie White
Front Row (from left to right): Brad Tillberg, Susan Reed, Joseph Fox, Dessa Baker-Inman, and Patrick Lane
Not pictured: Kristi Ice

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*The Schedules of Investment Expenses and Professional/Consultant Fees in the Financial Section provide more information regarding advisors and consultants.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey R. Emer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director/CEO