



**MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS AND WATER DIVISION
RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM**

Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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Letter of Transmittal

MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS AND WATER DIVISION RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM



To the MLGW Pension Board and Board of Commissioners:

We are pleased to submit the Annual Report of Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division (“MLGW” or “the Division”) Retirement and Pension System (the “Plan”) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. This report has been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the information. Notes have been included to assist the reader in understanding the financial statements.

The MLGW Plan’s 2024 financial statements have been audited by Forvis Mazars, LLP certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Plan for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, were free from material misstatements. The independent audit involved performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements as well as evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management.

The independent auditor issued an unmodified opinion on the Plan’s financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2024. The independent auditor’s report is presented as the first component of the report.

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments* (“GASB 34”) requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of a Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Plan’s MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditor.

Profile of the Plan – The Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division, a division of the City of Memphis, under a resolution by the Board of Commissioners, established the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System (the “Plan”) to recognize and reward employee contributions to the operations of the Division. The MLGW Pension Plan, which was amended and restated effective January 1, 2015, is part of the Division’s overall plan to provide for the future security of its employees and their family members. The MLGW Pension Plan is a single employer defined benefit plan.

The MLGW Pension Plan is funded by contributions made by the employees and by the Division. Benefits under the MLGW Pension Plan normally are paid upon retirement (service, disability, or deferred), death (to survivors), or separation of service (to those who leave the Division prior to retirement). Additionally, the MLGW Pension Plan honors claims presented under plan approved domestic relation orders (PADRO) if the order relates only to the provision of marital property rights for the benefit of a former spouse of a participant. Accordingly, benefits are also paid upon court order to alternate payees, which are former spouses, of retired participants. The MLGW Pension Plan is administered by the MLGW Pension Board under the direction of the Board of Commissioners.

The MLGW Pension Board establishes the policies of the MLGW Pension Plan. The Board is comprised of one member of the Board of Commissioners of the Division (who serves as Chairman of the Pension Board), the President of the Division (who serves as Vice-Chairman), the Secretary-Treasurer of the Division, two active Participants who have vested rights under the MLGW Pension Plan and who are elected by Participants, one retired Participant who is elected by retired Participants, and one citizen of Shelby County who is appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the Division. The members of the Pension Board serve without compensation.

The MLGW Pension Board shall fulfill the duties of the fiduciary responsible for MLGW Pension Plan administration and shall have overall control of the administration of the Plan, with all powers and discretion necessary to enable it to properly carry out its duties; provided the responsibility and authority to administer to the Plan on a day-to-day basis shall be delegated to the Pension Department.


Funded Status – As of January 1, 2025, the Plan was 86.82% funded. Total Pension Liability was \$1,833.3 million and the Plan Fiduciary Net Position was \$1,591.7 million, resulting in a Net Pension Liability of \$241.6 million. The covered payroll was \$207.5 million.

Acknowledgements – The annual report of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System was assembled through the combined efforts of the MLGW Pension Department, various finance professionals within the Division, the Plan's actuary, its custodian, and investment consultants. Their cooperation and assistance were essential and greatly appreciated. We would like to thank all personnel who contributed to the preparation of this report. Special thanks must also be given to Forvis Mazars, LLC. for their efficient and timely completion of this year's audit.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug McGowen
President & CEO



Rodney Cleek
VP, CFO & Secretary-Treasurer

**MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS AND WATER DIVISION
RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM**
Memphis, Tennessee

Pension Board Members



***Carl Person
Chairman***



***Doug McGowen
Vice Chairman***



***Dana Jeanes
Secretary-Treasurer
Retired 12/28/2024***



***Rhonda Morgan
Employee Member
Term Expired: 12/31/2024***



***Rodney Cleek
Employee Member
Succeeded Dana Jeanes***



***Jerry R. Collins, Jr.
Retired Member
Term Expires: 12/31/2026***



***Matthew Johnson
Citizen Member
Term Expires: 11/30/2027***

The Memphis Light, Gas and Water Pension Plan provides that the Pension Board shall fulfill duties of the fiduciary responsible for Plan administration and shall have overall control of the administration of the Plan, with all powers and discretion necessary to enable it to properly carry out its duties set forth in the Plan. The responsibility and authority to administer the Plan on a day-to-day basis is delegated to the Pension Department.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

The MLGW Pension Plan contracts with several independent consultants to provide services that are vital to the professional and successful operation of the Plan.

INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

CBIZ Investment Advisory Services, LLC

Robert Longfield, CFA
Executive Vice President & Senior Consultant

Brian Jones
Senior Vice President & Senior Consultant

CUSTODIAN

Northern Trust Corporation

Diana Kodanov
Vice President | Asset Servicing, Americas

Benjamin J. Chow
Second Vice President | Senior Consultant
Client Business Solutions Consulting (CBS)

DEATH AUDIT CONSULTANT

ABL Tech

William Nguyen
Customer Success Manager

CONSULTING ACTUARY

Segal Consulting

Jeffrey S. Williams, FCA, ASA, EA, MAAA
Vice President and Consulting Actuary

Bryan Clubb, ASA, MAAA, EA
Consulting Actuary

LEGAL CONSTANT

Evans & Petree, PC

Frank N. Stockdale Carney
Attorney at Law

Elizabeth Friary
Attorney at Law

FISCAL YEAR UPDATES

During the February 7, 2024, Pension Board meeting, Mr. Dana Jeanes, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pension Board and Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer, informed the Board that the investment consultant contract for the MLGW Retirement and Pension System and MLGW OPEB Trust, currently held by CBIZ Investment Advisory Services, LLC (CBIZ), was set to expire on March 31, 2024. After a review of eight (8) proposals submitted in 2023, the investment committee narrowed their selection to three (3) firms: CBIZ, Segal Marco Advisors, and Wilshire Associates. The investment Committee recommended CBIZ for another five (5) year contract for both funds. The contract was unanimously approved by the Pension Board and subsequently approved by the Board of Commissioners on February 21, 2024.

Due to the retirement of Pension Board Employee Member and Vice President of Engineering and Operations, Mr. Nicholas Newman, on March 30, 2024, the Pension Department held an election to replace Mr. Newman for the remainder of his term which expired on December 31, 2024. Ms. Rhonda Morgan, Manager of Water Construction and Maintenance, won the election and was welcomed as the new Employee Member during the June 19, 2024, Pension Board Meeting. Ms. Morgan served until December 31, 2024. Prior to the end of her term, another election was held to fill the Employee Member term beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. The winner of that election, Ms. Chandrika Winston-Rosser, Vice President of Gas and Water Engineering and Operations, was announced during the December 18, 2024, meeting.

The Pension Board bid farewell to Citizen Member, Ms. Pamela Clary, during the June 19, 2024, meeting. Having served 10 years on the Board, Ms. Clary was acknowledged by Chairman Carl Person as someone who provided dedicated service and used her experience and knowledge to better the futures of current employees as well as retirees. Mr. Matthew Johnson was approved as the successor to Ms. Clary and attended his first meeting on December 18, 2024. Mr. Johnson's term will expire November 30, 2027.

Mr. Carl Person noted that the December 18, 2024, Pension Board meeting would be his last one serving as the Chair. Mr. Person expressed his appreciation for the Board's support during his tenure. In turn, the Board voiced their gratitude for his contributions and wished him well.

The December 18, 2024, Pension Board meeting also marked the final meeting for Mr. Dana Jeanes, who retired December 28, 2024. During his tenure, he helped MLGW maintain one of the lowest utility rates in the country. Additionally, his negotiations with TVA resulted in electricity cost savings to MLGW customers of over \$250 million over a fifteen-year period.

Current employee member and Vice President of Finance and Accounting, Mr. Rodney Cleek, was approved by the Memphis City Council to succeed Mr. Jeanes as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary-Treasurer, during its December 17, 2024, meeting.

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FISCAL YEAR UPDATES (continued)

In December 2024, Segal Consulting presented their findings from a Five-Year Pension Experience Study based on the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023. The study's goal was to serve as a basis for developing recommended assumptions for use in the annual actuarial valuation. The proposed assumptions listed below were unanimously adopted by the Pension Board in December 2024.

Assumption	Current Assumption	Proposed Assumption
Healthy Retiree Mortality	Sex-distinct PRI-2012 Healthy Annuitant Amount -Weighted Mortality Table, with rates loaded 20%	Sex-distinct PRI-2012 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Amount - Weighted Mortality Table, with rates loaded 20% for males, 12% for females
Beneficiary Mortality	Sex-distinct PRI-2012 Contingent Amount-Weighted Annuitant Mortality Table, loaded 20%	Sex-distinct PRI-2012 Contingent Amount-Weighted Annuitant Mortality Table, loaded 12%
Disabled Participant Mortality	Sex-distinct PRI-2012 Disabled Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table, with rates loaded 20%	No change
Active Participant and Inactive Vested Mortality	Sex-distinct PRI-2012 Employee Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (no loads)	Sex-distinct PRI-2012 Blue Collar Employee Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (no loads)
Future Mortality Improvement	Projected generationally from 2012 with the SSA-2019 Projection Scale	Projected generationally from 2012 with the MP-2021 Projection Scale
Line of Duty Death	0%	No change
Retirement	Separate age-based tables of rates for those with less than 25 years of service and those with 25 or more years. Tables differ for employees hired on or after January 1, 2014	Modify the existing age-based rates for those hired before 2014 with under 25 years of service to more accurately reflect observed retirement patterns, and switch to service-based rates upon reaching 25 years of service. No change to post -January 2014 rates.
Percent Married	Age-based rates starting at 75% and grading down at older ages	50% for all ages
Spousal Age Difference	Females four years younger than males	No change

FISCAL YEAR UPDATES (continued)

Assumption	Current Assumption	Proposed Assumption
Sick Leave	3 months	1 month
Disability	0.20% per year, regardless of age	No change
Line-of-Duty Disability	0% of disabilities	No change
Turnover	Age-based rates, cutting off at first eligibility for early retirement	Switch to service-based rates, and remove cutoff at eligibility for early retirement
Salary Scale	Select-and-ultimate table (age-based, with higher rates for the first five years of service)	Remove select-and-ultimate table and switch to entirely service-based rates
Inflation	2.50%	No change
COLA	0.750% for ages 56-58 1.500% for ages 59-61 1.875% for ages 62 and above, and all disabled participants	No change (based on inflation assumption)
Investment Return	7.00%	No change or 6.75%
Payroll Growth	0% beginning in 2020 (Level Dollar Amortization)	No change
Lump Sum Percentage Taken	20%	No change
Lump Sum Conversion Rate	3.50%	3.00%
Drop in Salary	Prior year's salary used for valuation if participant's salary decreased	Use the current salary if the participant's salary decreases
Administrative Expenses	Updated annually based on actual expenses (currently \$875,000)	No change, continue annual adjustment based on actual expenses
Funding Method	Ultimate Entry Age	Traditional Entry Age

Financial Section

Independent Auditor's Report
Forvis Mazars, LLP

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Commissioners and Management
Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division
Retirement and Pension System
Memphis, Tennessee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System (the "Plan"), a fiduciary fund of the City of Memphis, Tennessee, which comprise the statements of fiduciary net position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States ("*Government Auditing Standards*"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements are those of Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System. The financial statements do not purport to present the financial position of the Light, Gas and Water Division of the City of Memphis or the City of Memphis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in their financial position or, where applicable, their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance, and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis, the Schedule of Changes in Retirement and Pension System's Net Pension Liability (Asset), the Schedule of Division's Contributions to the Retirement and Pension System, and Schedule of Investment Returns be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 GAAS, 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 Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audits of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 29, 2025, 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 grant agreements 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 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 Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Forvis Mazars, LLP

**Memphis, Tennessee
May 29, 2025**

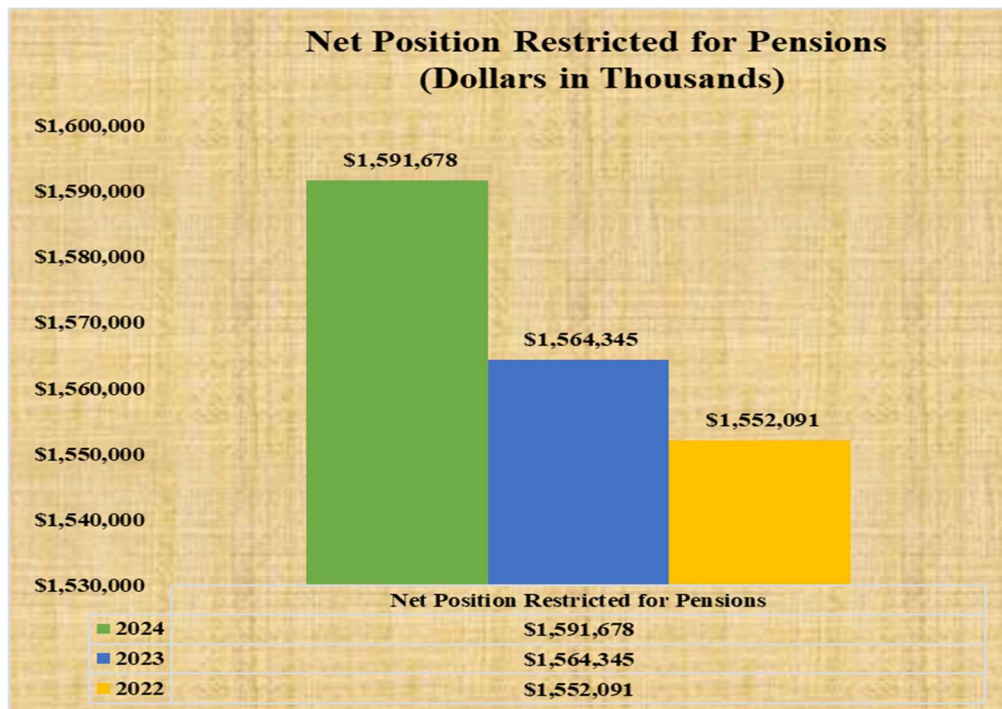
This discussion and analysis of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division (“MLGW”) Retirement and Pension System (the “Pension Plan”) financial performance provides a narrative overview and analysis of the MLGW Pension Plan’s financial activities and funding conditions for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024, and December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the MLGW Pension Plan’s financial statements, notes, and required supplementary information, which follow this section. Information for fiscal years 2023 and 2022 is presented for comparative purposes.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

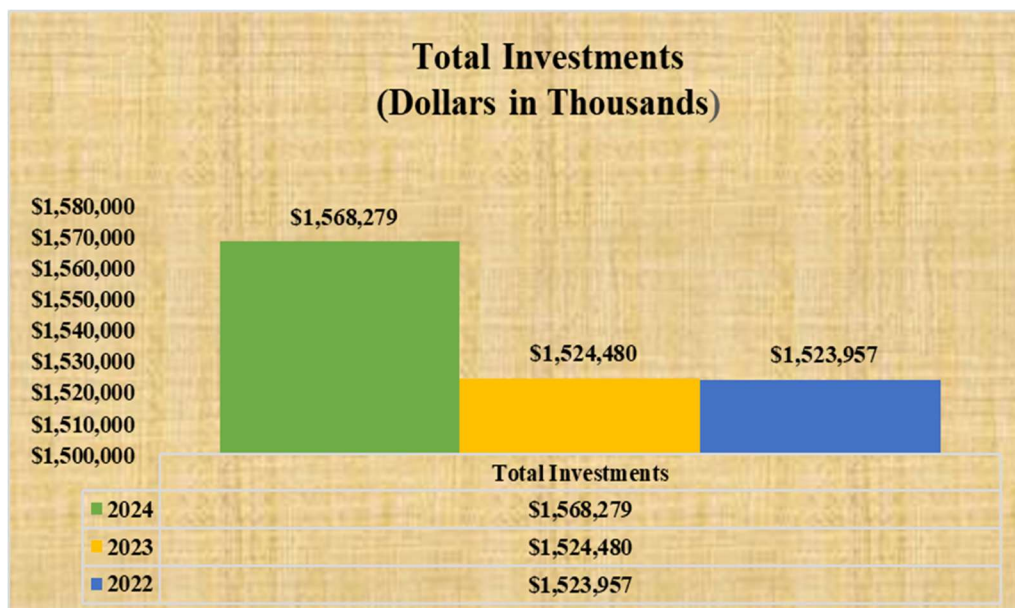
- Total fiduciary net position restricted for pensions (total assets less total liabilities) at December 31, 2024, was \$1,591.7 million, an increase of \$27.3 million, or 1.8% compared to the total net position at December 31, 2023, of \$1,564.3 million. 2023 reflected an increase of \$12.3 million, or 0.8% from \$1,552.1 million total net position at December 31, 2022. *See Graph 1.*
- Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$17.0 million, or 44.6% to \$21.1 million at December 31, 2024, from \$38.2 million at December 31, 2023. 2023 reflected an increase of \$15.2 million or 66.4% from \$22.9 million reported in 2022.
- Investments were \$1,568.3 million at December 31, 2024, an increase of \$43.8 million, or 2.9% from \$1,524.5 million at December 31, 2023. 2023 reflected an increase of \$0.5 million, or 0.03% from \$1,524.0 million at December 31, 2022. *See Graph 2.*
- Net investment income, other than from securities lending, at December 31, 2024, was \$127.7 million representing an increase of \$17.8 million, or 16.2%. The increase was primarily due to the net appreciation in fair value of investments which reflected an increase of \$25.3 million, or 29.8% from 2023. Declines in interest income of \$2.7 million, or 30.5% and dividend income of \$4.1 million or 26.9% partially offset the increase in net appreciation in fair value of investments. At December 31, 2023, net investment income, other than from securities lending, was \$109.9 million, an increase of \$311.0 million or 154.7% from a net investment loss of \$201.1 million at December 31, 2022. For 2024, net appreciation in fair value of investments totaled \$110.2 million compared with net appreciation in fair value of investments of \$84.9 million for 2023. The net appreciation in fair value of investments for 2023 increased \$304.5 million, or 138.7% from a net depreciation of \$219.6 million at December 31, 2022. *See Graphs 3 (a) and (b).*
- Total pension benefit payments increased by \$17.6 million, or 14.1% at December 31, 2024, to \$142.0 million from \$124.5 million at December 31, 2023. 2023 reflected an increase of \$5.8 million, or 4.9% from \$118.7 million reported in 2022.

Financial Highlights

Graph 1

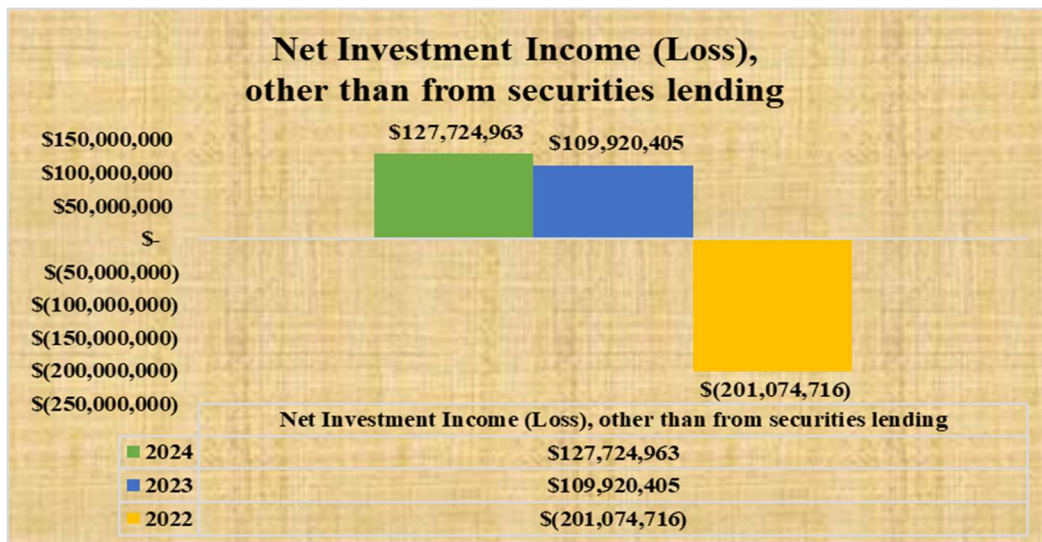


Graph 2

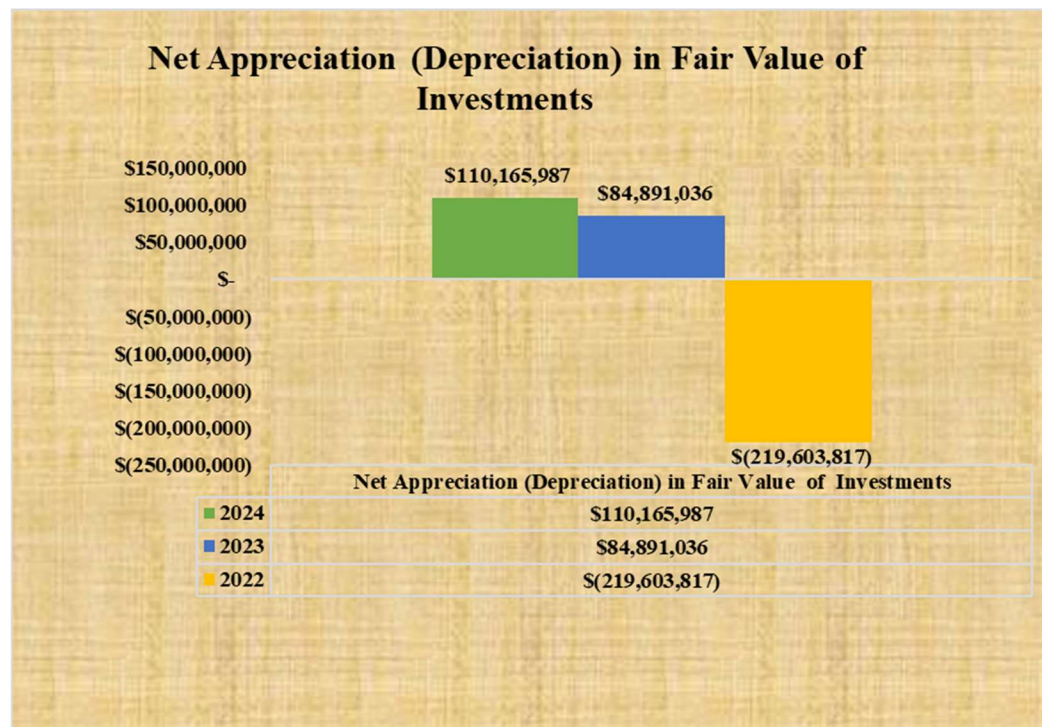


Financial Highlights

Graph 3 (a)



Graph 3 (b)



OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report contains the following information:

1. **Basic Financial Statements** including:
 - a. Statements of Fiduciary Net Position
 - b. Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
 - c. Notes to the Financial Statements
2. **Required Supplementary Information** including:
 - a. Schedule of Changes in Retirement and Pension System's Net Pension Liability (Asset)
 - b. Schedule of Division's Contributions to the Retirement and Pension System
 - c. Schedule of Investment Returns

The basic financial statements are described as follows:

- The Statements of Fiduciary Net Position show the account balances at year-end and include the net position available for future benefit payments. The liabilities for future benefit payments are not included in the Statements; however, total pension liability is shown in the notes to the financial statements and the Schedule of Changes in Retirement and Pension System's Net Pension Liability (Asset) that is included in the Required Supplementary Information.
- The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position show the sources and use of funds during the year and illustrates the change in net position from the previous year.
- The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of the financial statements and include additional detailed information and schedules to provide a better understanding of the financial statements.

The required supplementary information is based upon the MLGW Pension Plan's adoption of GASB Statement 67 and provides historical trends that help to reflect the ongoing plan perspective and the long-term nature of the defined benefit plan.

- The Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability (Asset) contains actuarial information about the status of the plan.
- The Schedule of Division's Contributions contains historical trend information regarding the value of the total annual contributions the employer must pay, and the actual contributions paid by the employer to meet this requirement. In addition, significant methods and assumptions used in calculating the actuarially determined contributions are included in the schedule.
- The Schedule of Investment Returns contains the annual money-weighted rate of return on the MLGW Pension Plan investments for the last ten years.

ANALYSIS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Condensed financial information comparing the Fiduciary Net Position for the past three fiscal years is presented below:

Table 1 Condensed Statements of Fiduciary Net Position December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>					
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>FY24 - FY23</u> <u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>FY23 - FY22</u> <u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,147	\$ 38,150	-44.6%	\$ 22,933	66.4%
Receivables	3,963	3,378	17.3%	7,638	-55.8%
Investments	1,568,279	1,524,480	2.9%	1,523,957	0.03%
Collateral held for securities on loan	36,052	39,312	-8.3%	35,968	9.3%
Total assets	1,629,441	1,605,320	1.5%	1,590,496	0.9%
Liabilities					
Liability for securities purchased and accrued liabilities	1,711	1,663	2.9%	2,437	-31.8%
Collateral subject to return to borrowers	36,052	39,312	-8.3%	35,968	9.3%
Total liabilities	37,763	40,975	-7.8%	38,405	6.7%
Net position restricted for Pensions	<u>\$ 1,591,678</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,345</u>	<u>1.7%</u>	<u>\$ 1,552,091</u>	<u>0.8%</u>

Assets

2024 compared to 2023:

At December 31, 2024, total assets were \$1,629.4 million, representing an increase of \$24.1 million, or 1.5% from 2023. The growth in total assets was primarily due to the increase in total investments which was partially offset by decreases in total cash and cash equivalents and collateral held in trust for securities on loan.

The MLGW Pension Plan investments are comprised of domestic and international equities, domestic and international fixed income, domestic and international special strategies, real estate, and short-term investments. For 2024, total investments were \$1,568.3 million, which reflected an increase of \$43.8 million, or 2.9% from 2023. The increase in total investments can be attributed to strong performances within the Plan's equity funds, specifically, common stock domestic and common stock index domestic.

Slight gains were recorded within the special strategies funds. Offsetting those gains were decreases within the fixed income and real estate funds. In addition to market value declines in six of the eight real estate funds, the Plan continued to see the fulfillment of redemption requests which totaled \$8.4 million within three of its real estate funds.

Cash and cash equivalents declined \$17.0 million, or 44.6%. A fixed income fund which had cash of \$1.6 million at the end of 2023 was fully liquidated in 2024.

2023 Compared to 2022:

At December 31, 2023, total assets were \$1,605.3 million, representing an increase of \$14.8 million, or 0.9%, from 2022. The Plan experienced increases in cash and cash equivalents, and total investments, which were offset by a slight decline in total receivables. The increase in cash and cash equivalents was the main reason for the increase in total assets. In December 2023, the MLGW Plan raised cash to fund the benefit payments for an unprecedented number of retirees who would be added to pension payroll in the first quarter of 2024.

The Plan's investments are comprised of domestic and international equities, domestic and international fixed income, domestic and international special strategies, and real estate. For 2023, total investments were \$1,524.5 million which reflected an increase of \$0.5 million, or 0.03% from 2022. The slight increase in total investments can be attributed to a net \$30.9 million increase in the fair value of common stock domestic, common stock index domestic and common stock and mutual fund international which was offset by a \$21.6 million decline in the fair value of real estate funds. In March, the Plan's real estate allocation was slightly over the target allocation. To address this issue, the Plan approved the redemption of \$21.0 million which would allow the Plan to adhere to its target policy percentage for real estate and simultaneously raise cash to fund future commitments for the supercore infrastructure fund which was initially funded in January 2023 as well as the Plan's value-added real estate fund which was funded in 2021. The Plan also saw decreases in the fair value of investments of \$0.5 million and \$7.5 million, respectively, within the fixed income funds and special strategies funds. The Plan's fixed income asset class experienced several changes over the year. The emerging market debt fund transitioned to an international corporate bond collective investment trust fund in February. In March, the Plan approved the liquidation of its short-term treasury ETF which was originally funded in December of 2022. With the gains from this fund, the Plan opted to invest the proceeds in its money market fund. This action lowered the Plan's fixed income allocation and increased its cash allocation but both continued to be within policy targets. In May, the Plan's consultants recommended an investment in a core bond manager while there was a pause in interest rate hikes. An \$80.0 million investment in two new core managers was approved by the Plan in June. It was partially funded by the sale of one of the Plan's underperforming fixed income funds which had used a conservative approach to minimize credit risk while focused on treasuries, corporate bonds, asset backed, and mortgage-backed securities. In October of 2023, the Plan's securitized asset fund was liquidated after receiving a final distribution. The \$7.5 million decline in special strategies was due to the \$27.9 million decrease in the fair value of investments of the domestic and international distressed debt funds, the multi-asset fund, and the life settlement funds. Diversity proved critical as that decline was mostly offset by the \$20.3 million increase in the fair value of investments in domestic and international private equity funds, the private debt fund, and the equity hedge fund.

Liabilities

2024 Compared to 2023:

At December 31, 2024, total liabilities were \$37.8 million, a decrease of \$3.2 million, or 7.8% from \$41.0 million at 2023. The decline was due to the reduction in collateral subject to return to borrowers. This decline can be attributed to rising equity valuations. The majority of MLGW's lendable assets are within domestic equities. When stock prices are high, it negatively impacts lending. Investors are less likely to bet that the stock prices will decrease which reduces the need to borrow shares and ultimately lowers the demand for securities lending.

2023 Compared to 2022:

At December 31, 2023, total liabilities were \$41.0 million, an increase of \$2.6 million, or 6.7% from \$38.4 million at 2022. This increase was largely due to the rise in collateral subject to return to borrowers. Cash collateral increased \$3.3 million, or 9.3%. Since the cash amount owed to borrowers is run on a day-to-day basis, the \$3.3 million increase occurred because there was more loan volume against cash on December 31, 2023, compared to that on December 31, 2022. The increase in loans resulted in increased cash collateral.

Net position

2024 Compared to 2023:

At December 31, 2024 the MLGW Pension Plan's fiduciary net position (total assets less total liabilities) was \$1,591.7 million, an increase of \$27.3 million, or 1.8% from the net position at December 31, 2023. The increase in the MLGW Pension Plan fiduciary net position was largely due to the improved market value of investments, particularly within the equity and special strategy funds.

2023 Compared to 2022:

At December 31, 2023, the MLGW Pension Plan's fiduciary net position (total assets less total liabilities) was \$1,564.3 million, an increase of \$12.3 million or 0.8% from the net position at December 31, 2022. The increase in the MLGW Pension Plan's fiduciary net position is primarily due to the increase in cash and cash equivalents along with the net increase in the fair value of investments held within the MLGW Pension Plan.

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ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Condensed financial information comparing the Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the past three fiscal years is presented below:

Table 2 Condensed Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Years Ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>					
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>FY24 - FY23 Percentage Change</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>FY23 - FY22 Percentage Change</u>
Additions					
Contributions	\$ 45,159	\$ 35,690	26.5%	\$ 35,598	0.3%
Net investment income (loss), other from securities lending	127,725	109,921	16.2%	(201,075)	154.7%
Net securities lending income	114	118	-3.4%	187	-36.9%
Total additions (reductions)	172,998	145,729	18.7%	(165,290)	188.2%
Deductions					
Benefits payments	142,035	124,480	14.1%	118,655	4.9%
Refunds	2,616	8,037	-67.5%	6,978	15.2%
Administrative expense	1,014	958	5.8%	886	8.1%
Total deductions	145,665	133,475	9.1%	126,519	5.5%
Increase (decrease) in net position	27,333	12,253	123.1%	(291,809)	104.2%
Net position restricted for Pensions					
Beginning of year	1,564,345	1,552,091	0.8%	1,843,900	-15.8%
End of year	\$ 1,591,678	\$ 1,564,345	1.7%	\$ 1,552,091	0.8%

Change in Net Position

2024 compared to 2023:

The MLGW Pension Plan reflected an increase in net position at December 31, 2024, of \$27.3 million, up \$15.1 million, or 123.1% from an increase of \$12.3 million at December 31, 2023. Net investment income was \$127.8 million, which reflected an increase of \$17.8 million, or 16.2% from net investment income of \$110.0 million reported in 2023. The increase was the result of the net appreciation in fair value of investments within the Plan's equity and special strategy funds.

2023 Compared to 2022:

The Plan reflected an increase in net position at December 31, 2023, of \$12.3 million, up \$304.1 million or 104.2% from a decrease of \$291.8 million at December 31, 2022. Net investment income was \$110.0 million, which reflected an increase of \$310.9 million or 154.8% from the net investment loss of \$200.9 million reported in 2022. The increase was primarily due to the net appreciation in fair value of investments within the equity, fixed income, and special strategies funds.

Additions

2024 compared to 2023:

Total additions to net position increased \$27.3 million, or 18.7% to \$173.0 million at December 31, 2024, compared to \$145.7 million at December 31, 2023. This was principally due to an increase in employer contributions as recommended by the Plan's actuary as well as the net investment income, other than from securities lending.

In the January 1, 2023, valuation, Segal, the Plan's actuary, increased the actuarially determined contribution for 2024 by \$8.2 million over 2023. The reason for the increase was mostly attributed to the following:

- COLA (cost of living adjustments) increases were greater than expected due to higher inflation
- Salary increases were also more than expected and
- Investment losses were approximately \$1.3 million

Net investment income, other than from securities lending, was \$127.7 million, an increase of \$17.8 million, or 16.2% from net investment income, other than from securities lending, of \$109.9 million in 2023. The component of net investment income, other than from securities lending, that had the greatest impact was net appreciation in fair value of investments which increased \$25.3 million, or 29.8%. Decreases in interest income, dividend income, real estate income, and other income totaling \$7.1 million, as well as an increase in investment expenses, other than from securities lending of \$0.4 million, partially offset the increase from net appreciation in fair value of investments.

2023 Compared to 2022:

Total additions to net position increased by \$311.0 million, or 188.2% to \$145.7 million at December 31, 2023, compared to a net total reduction to net position of \$165.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. This was due primarily to the Plan's net investment income, other than from securities lending.

Net investment income, other than from securities lending, was \$109.9 million, an increase of \$311.0 million, or 154.7% from the net investment loss, other than from securities lending, of \$201.1 million in 2022. The component of net investment income, other than from securities lending, that had the most significant impact was net appreciation in fair value of investments which increased \$304.5 million, or 138.7%. Dividend income was also a contributing factor to the increase as it rose \$7.8 million from 2022.

Deductions

2024 Compared to 2023:

Total deductions from net position in 2024 equaled \$145.7 million, an increase of \$12.2 million, or 9.1%, up from \$133.5 million in 2023. The increase in deductions was caused primarily by an increase in benefit payments to retired members in 2024. Retired benefits totaled \$121.1 million, up \$17.5 million, or 16.9% from 2023.

At the end of each October, the Plan's actuary provides the Pension Department with the lump sum factor information. One of the components used to determine lump sum distributions is the U.S. Department of Treasury 30-Year bond rate. A five-year average is utilized to determine the interest rate with a look back month of September. Because interest rates remained high in 2022 and 2023, the five-year average interest rate increased from 1.44% for 2023 to 1.71% for 2024, resulting in lower lump sum distributions for those who retired in 2024 versus 2023. As a result, after the lump sum information was provided to employees in late October of 2023, the Pension department retired sixty (60) individuals in December of 2023 alone. They were added to the pension payroll in 2024, after they had received their final check from active payroll. The total number of service retirees added to the pension payroll in 2024 was one hundred and twenty-two (122) compared to seventy-six (76) in 2023. With substantially more retirees, the lump sum distributions paid in 2024 were \$35.0 million versus \$23.5 million, an increase of \$11.5 million. Furthermore, the Plan paid \$86.1 million in pension earnings to service retirees in 2024 compared to \$81.0 million in 2023, an increase of \$5.1 million.

The increase in retired benefits was partially offset by a decrease of \$5.4 million or 67.5% in refunds issued to former employees, or the beneficiaries of deceased active, terminated, or retired members. In 2024, sixty-three (63) refunds were issued to former employees or beneficiaries totaling \$2.6 million compared to one hundred and four (104) in 2023, totaling, \$8.0 million. In 2024, only \$0.07 million of the refunds processed were issued to employees who terminated prior to 2023 and payments to beneficiaries of deceased active, retired, or terminated employees amounted to \$0.3 million. By contrast, in 2023, the Pension Department utilized its summer intern and contacted former employees who had not yet claimed their refund, despite leaving the Division years prior. Of the refunds processed in 2023, \$0.2 million were issued to employees who terminated prior to 2022 and there were \$2.9 million in payments to beneficiaries of deceased active, retired, or terminated members.

RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023



RETIREMENTS
2024 vs. 2023

Service Retirements	2024	2023
Number of New Service Retirees	122*	76**
Lump Sum Payouts to New Retirees	\$ 34,998,137	\$ 23,479,460
Pension Earnings Paid to Service Retirees	\$ 86,094,066	\$ 80,968,224

*Sixty retired in 2023 ** Eighteen retired in 2022

\$\$ CONTRIBUTIONS REFUND \$\$

Refund Information	2024	2024 Amount	2023	2023 Amount
Number of employees who received a refund	59	\$ 2,365,533	91	\$ 5,186,236
Number of benefits paid on behalf of deceased active, retired, or terminated employees	4	\$ 250,095	13	\$ 2,851,063
Total Contributions Refund	63	\$ 2,615,628	104	\$ 8,037,299

Employees Refunded in 2024 But Terminated Prior to 2023*

Termination Year	Refunded in 2024	Amount Refunded
2010	1	\$ 83
2019	1	\$ 39,652
2020	1	\$ 1,205
2021	1	\$ 21,656
2022	1	\$ 11,502
Total	5	\$ 74,098

* All other employees issued refunds in 2024 were processed for those who terminated in 2023 or 2024

Employees Refunded in 2023 But Terminated Prior to 2022*

Termination Year	Refunded in 2023	Amount Refunded
2006	1	\$ 929
2008	1	\$ 325
2011	2	\$ 8,906
2013	1	\$ 3,054
2014	1	\$ 125,710
2016	2	\$ 3,862
2017	3	\$ 16,773
2018	2	\$ 3,433
2019	4	\$ 17,929
2020	3	\$ 2,938
2021	2	\$ 41,503
Total	22	\$ 225,362

* All other employees issued refunds in 2023 were processed for those who terminated in 2022 or 2023

2023 Compared to 2022:

Total deductions from net position in 2023 amounted to \$133.5 million, an increase of \$7.0 million or 5.5%, up from \$126.5 million in 2022. The increase in deductions can primarily be attributed to the \$5.8 million or 4.9% increase in total benefit payments and the \$1.1 million, or 15.2% increase in multiple refunds which are payments to former employees and beneficiaries of deceased active and retired members.

Soaring inflation in 2021 resulted in a high consumer price index of 7.8 in 2021 which led to a significant cost of living increase for plan participants effective July 1, 2022. While inflation was lower in 2022, the consumer price index was still 6.3. The \$5.8 million increase in benefit payments was due to higher benefit payments already in place from 2022 and another substantial increase that was effective July 1, 2023. Court approved payments to former spouses of retired participants, known as alternate payees, are included in the benefit payment total. Those payments increased \$0.7 million, or 230.5% in 2023 compared to 2022 because the lump sum distribution of a participant who retired in 2023 was paid to the alternate payee per the court order agreed upon by both parties.

FUNDING STATUS

Retirement benefits are financed by employer and participant contributions and income earned on the MLGW Pension Plan's investments. Over the long term, the investment portfolio returns have been a major component of additions to the MLGW Pension Plan's net position. The MLGW Pension Plan's investments within the equity and special strategy funds reflected positive returns in each quarter of 2024, despite the volatility of the fourth quarter, which resulted in a net depreciation in fair value. Diversification remained essential as the Plan's real estate funds experienced losses in each quarter and the fixed income funds only experienced a positive return in the third quarter when the Federal Reserve lowered rates by fifty (50) basis points and the ten (10) year and thirty (30) year treasury bonds climbed above 4%. *See Graphs 4 (a) and 4 (b).*

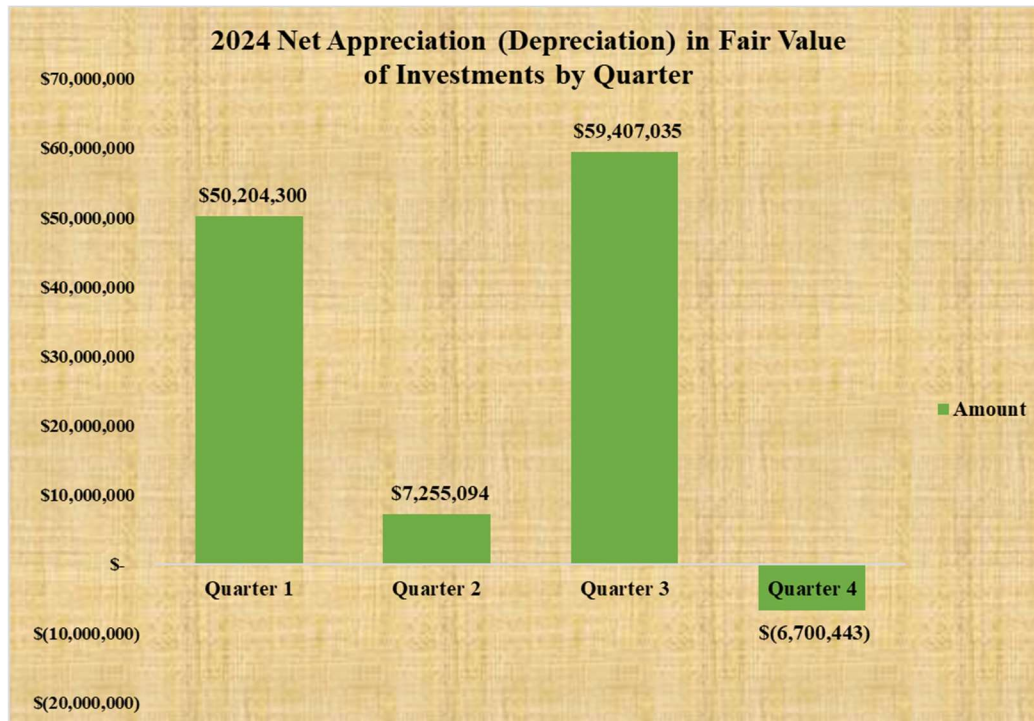
The funding policy adopted in 2015 and made effective on January 1, 2016, requires the Division to contribute 100% of the actuarially determined contribution. Employees are still required to contribute 8.0% of pensionable earnings to the MLGW Pension Plan. The Division's contribution is determined by an actuarial valuation study but shall be no less than 8.0% of pensionable earnings for all active participants. This, in addition to the contributions from plan participants, reinforces its current and continued financial stability. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Division's actual annual contribution was \$28.7 million as recommended and determined by an independent actuarial valuation study.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

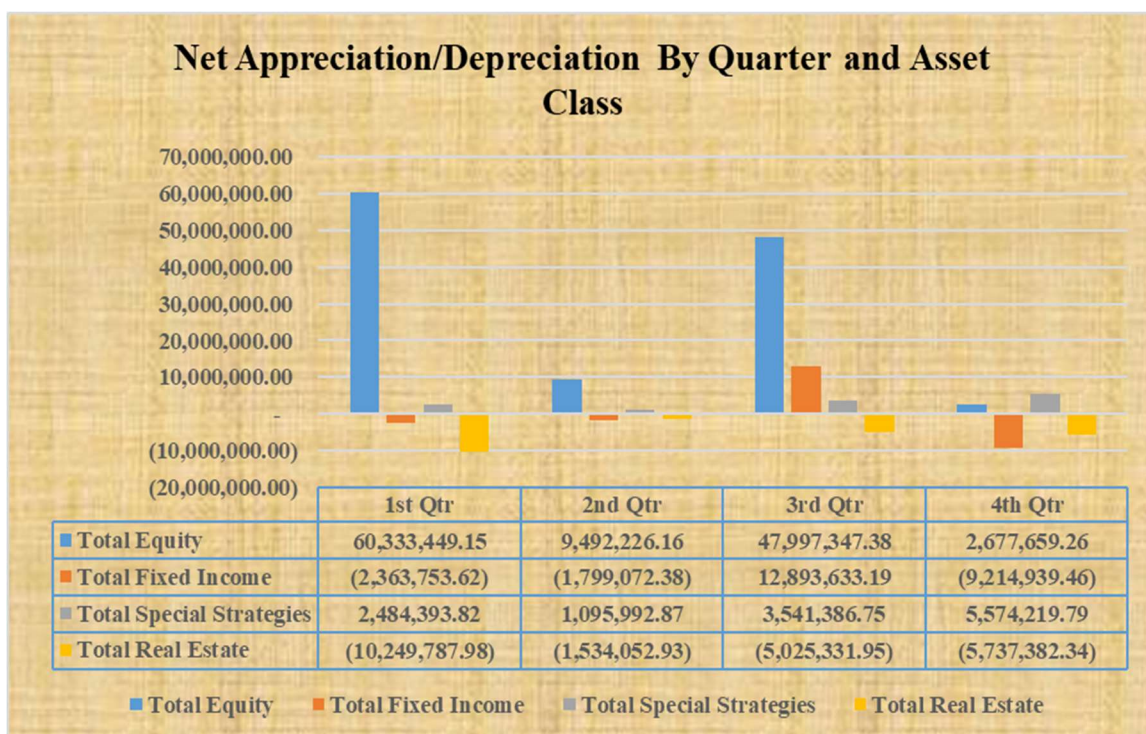
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Graph 4 (a)



Graph 4 (b)



RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
December 31, 2024 and 2023



	December 31	
	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,146,781	\$ 38,150,141
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	1,104,526	895,039
Interest, dividends, and real estate	1,729,717	1,939,111
Receivable for securities sold	1,127,798	540,297
Miscellaneous income	592	3,341
Total receivables	3,962,633	3,377,788
Collateral held in trust for securities on loan	36,052,441	39,311,625
Investments:		
Equity Funds:		
Common stock - domestic	148,183,355	126,423,225
Common stock & mutual funds - international	148,613,736	141,756,747
Common stock index mutual funds - domestic	482,705,627	421,310,988
Fixed Income Funds:		
Corporate bonds - domestic	35,030,214	33,447,358
Corporate bonds - international	817,699	3,904,392
Government bonds - domestic	15,251,522	23,907,216
Global bond - international	29,246,756	42,306,584
Government agencies - domestic	2,060,733	2,159,170
Asset backed securities - domestic	3,085,619	1,411,310
Asset backed securities - international	302,371	302,857
Mortgage backed securities - domestic	16,808,272	12,472,163
Core fixed income CIT - domestic	49,776,270	53,399,921
Corporate bond CIT - international	52,364,217	59,526,819
Special Strategies Funds:		
Private equity - domestic	125,496,141	113,604,154
Private equity - international	22,092,082	20,229,166
Distressed debt - domestic	42,827,065	43,514,784
Distressed debt - international	21,436,675	25,589,069
Private debt fund - domestic	23,977,945	21,489,569
Multi-asset fund - domestic	13,552,309	13,984,249
Life settlement funds - domestic	66,493,728	74,626,687
Equity hedge fund - domestic	23,429,338	20,392,640
Real Estate Funds	243,385,089	268,720,711
Short-Term Investment	1,342,327	-
Total investments	1,568,279,090	1,524,479,779
Total assets	1,629,440,945	1,605,319,333
Liabilities		
Collateral subject to return to borrowers	36,052,441	39,311,625
Liability for securities purchased	18,263	-
Accrued liabilities	1,692,518	1,662,791
Total liabilities	37,763,222	40,974,416
Net position restricted for Pensions	\$ 1,591,677,723	\$ 1,564,344,917

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023



	Years Ended December 31	
	2024	2023
Additions		
Contributions		
Employer	\$ 28,687,679	\$ 20,473,710
Member	16,470,724	15,216,413
Total contributions	45,158,403	35,690,123
Investment Income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	110,165,987	84,891,036
Interest income	6,065,617	8,724,783
Dividend income	11,004,561	15,063,142
Real estate income	3,982,670	4,367,427
Other income	21,840	26,826
Less: investment expenses, other than from security lending	(3,515,712)	(3,152,809)
Net investment income, other than from securities lending	127,724,963	109,920,405
Securities lending income	2,047,889	1,973,115
Securities lending expenses:		
Borrower rebates	(1,905,004)	(1,825,304)
Management fees	(28,538)	(29,521)
Total securities lending expenses	(1,933,542)	(1,854,825)
Net securities lending income	114,347	118,290
Net investment income	127,839,310	110,038,695
Total additions	172,997,713	145,728,818
Deductions		
Benefit payments:		
Retired members	121,109,352	103,586,444
Survivors (spouse and children)	19,881,484	19,028,448
Disabled members	422,797	493,441
Deferred vested members	374,302	334,897
Alternate payees	246,676	1,036,741
Total benefit payments	142,034,611	124,479,971
Contributions refund	2,615,628	8,037,299
Administrative expenses	1,014,668	958,208
Total deductions	145,664,907	133,475,478
Increase in net position	27,332,806	12,253,340
Net position restricted for Pensions		
Beginning of year	1,564,344,917	1,552,091,577
End of year	\$ 1,591,677,723	\$ 1,564,344,917

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

The Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division (“MLGW” or “the Division”), a division of the City of Memphis, under a resolution by the Board of Commissioners, established the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System (“the Plan”) to recognize and reward employee contributions to the operations of the Division. The MLGW Pension Plan, which was amended and restated effective January 1, 2015, is part of the Division’s overall plan to provide for the future security of its employees and their family members. The MLGW Pension Plan is a single employer defined benefit plan.

The MLGW Pension Plan is funded by contributions made by the employees and by the Division. Benefits under the MLGW Pension Plan normally are paid upon retirement, death, disability, or separation of service. The MLGW Pension Plan is administered by the MLGW Pension Board under the direction of the Board of Commissioners.

The MLGW Pension Board establishes the policies of the MLGW Pension Plan. The Board is comprised of one member of the Board of Commissioners of the Division (who serves as Chairman of the Pension Board), the President of the Division (who serves as Vice-Chairman), the Secretary-Treasurer of the Division, two active Participants who have vested rights under the MLGW Pension Plan and who are elected by Participants, one retired Participant who is elected by retired Participants, and one citizen of Shelby County who is appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the Division. The members of the Pension Board serve without compensation.

The MLGW Pension Board shall fulfill the duties of the fiduciary responsible for the MLGW Pension Plan administration and shall have overall control of the administration of the Plan, with all powers and discretion necessary to enable it to properly carry out its duties; provided the responsibility and authority to administer the Plan on a day-to-day basis shall be delegated to the Pension Department.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements present only the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”) that are applicable to a fiduciary fund of a governmental trust unit. The accompanying financial statements present the separate financial position and results of operations for the MLGW Pension Plan, but do not present the financial position and results of operations of MLGW, a division of the City of Memphis (the “City”). Accordingly, the accompanying disclosures relate separately to the MLGW Pension Plan, as applicable, and not collectively to MLGW. These statements are not intended to present the financial position of the City, the results of the City’s operations, or the cash flows of the City’s funds.

Basis of Accounting

The MLGW Pension Plan's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). MLGW and member contributions are recognized in the period in which member services are performed. Investment income is recognized when earned. Gains and losses on sales and exchanges of investments are recognized on the transaction date. Benefits and refunds are recognized when paid in accordance with the MLGW Pension Plan's provisions.

Recent Accounting Standards

In April of 2024, GASB issued Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The intent of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model by improving the information that is key to decision making and assessing a government's accountability. Additionally, the statement strives to address certain application issues.

There are six (6) areas of focus within this statement:

- 1) Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A)
- 2) Unusual and infrequent items
- 3) Presentation of the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position
- 4) Information about major component units in basic financial statements
- 5) Budgetary comparison information
- 6) Financial trends in the statistical section

This statement requires the MD&A reflect on topics in five sections: (1) Overview of the Financial Statements, (2) Financial Summary, (3) Detailed Analyses, (4) Significant Capital Assets and Long-Term Financing Activity and (5) Currently Known Facts. Furthermore, the MD&A should explain why balances and results of operations have changed rather than simply stating the amounts by which they changed.

Governments must display the inflows and outflows related to each unusual and infrequent item separately as the last presented flow(s) of resources prior to the net change in resource flows in the government-wide, governmental fund, and proprietary fund statement of resource flows.

Proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position must continue to distinguish between operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Governments must present each major component unit separately in the reporting entity's statement of net position and statement of activities as long as it does not diminish the readability of the statements.

Governments are required to state variances between original and final budget amounts and variances between the final budget and actual amounts with an explanation of significant variances presented in the notes to RSI.

The provisions of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

Administrative Expenses

Expenses for the administration of the MLGW Pension Plan are paid from net investment earnings.

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The MLGW Pension Plan considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Investments

The MLGW Pension Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the fiscal year. Investments traded in the over-the-counter market and listed securities for which no sale was reported on that date are valued at the average of the last reported bid and ask prices.

The equity securities are comprised of both domestic and international securities for which fair value is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

For debt securities that do not have an established fair value, MLGW's Custodian determines the value using basic assumptive information received from an independent pricing evaluator such as Bloomberg or Reuter's Analytics after the prices for the majority of corporate deals are obtained.

The special strategies funds are comprised of domestic and international investments in limited partnerships and other funds in the following categories: private equity, distressed debt, private debt, multi-asset, life settlement, and equity hedge fund. The fair value of these funds is based on the NAV per share, or its equivalent provided by the fund manager.

The real estate funds are measured at the NAV per share or its equivalent.

Short-term investments are comprised of short-term U.S. treasury bills and notes for which fair value is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and cash collateral.

Collective Investment Trusts (“CITs”) were incorporated into the Plan in 2015 and are designed to streamline investment management for the investment manager by combining assets from different clients into a single fund with a specific investment strategy, similar to a mutual fund. They provide for pooling of assets of employee benefits trusts, that meet all of the conditions as permitted under Revenue Rulings 81-100 and 2011-1, or subsequent guidance, and that are operated or maintained exclusively for the commingling and collective investment of funds from other trusts.

2. RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM

Plan Description

The Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Pension Board is the administrator of a single-employer retirement system established by the Division to provide retirement benefits for its employees. Prior to 1988, the retirement system included two contributory defined benefit plans (the “1948 Plan” and the “1978 Plan”). The 1948 Plan and the 1978 Plan were amended and superseded as of July 1, 1988. All employees who were members of the 1948 Plan and the 1978 Plan automatically became members of the amended, restated, and consolidated Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System, a division of the City of Memphis, Tennessee. The MLGW Pension Plan was amended and restated effective January 1, 2015. Participants in the 1948 Plan (which includes those employees hired before July 1, 1978) are entitled to the greater of their retirement benefit determined under the 1948 Plan or their retirement benefit under the MLGW Pension Plan.

The MLGW Pension Plan covers permanent full-time employees and appointed commissioners who opt to participate.

Membership at December 31, 2024 and 2023 consisted of:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Retired members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	2,765	2,751
Vested terminated members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits *	29	33
Active members	2,566	2,424
Total	<u>5,360</u>	<u>5,208</u>

** Includes participants on long-term disability*

The MLGW Pension Plan provides death and disability benefits as well as retirement benefits. MLGW Pension Plan members hired prior to January 1, 2014, who attain the age of fifty-five (55) and retire on or after ten (10) years of creditable service or attain the age of seventy (70) and retire on or after five (5) years of creditable service, or attain twenty-five (25) years of creditable service regardless of age are entitled to an annual retirement allowance. The allowance is computed by multiplying the applicable percentage for the age of retirement times the number of years of creditable service, which equals the benefit percentage. The benefit percentage is then multiplied by the final average compensation to obtain the monthly retirement allowance

MLGW Pension Plan members hired on or after January 1, 2014, who attain the age of sixty (60) and retire on or after ten (10) years of creditable service or attain the age of seventy (70) and retire on or after five (5) years of creditable service or attain the age of fifty-five (55) with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service are entitled to an annual retirement allowance. The allowance is computed by multiplying the applicable percentage for the age of retirement times the number of years of creditable service, which equals the benefit percentage. The benefit percentage is then multiplied by the final average compensation to obtain the monthly retirement allowance.

Members hired on or after January 1, 2014, can elect a single annuity or joint and survivor annuity. For married members who elect the single annuity, spousal consent is required. If the joint and survivor annuity is elected, actuarial factors will be applied against the member's monthly retirement allowance to cover the cost of a pension paid to a qualifying surviving spouse.

Effective January 1, 2001, the following table reflects the benefit percentage for each year of creditable service at the applicable retirement age under the MLGW Pension Plan:

Retirement Age	Benefit Percentage for Each Year of Creditable Service
59 1/2 and less	2.25%
60	2.30%
61	2.40%
62 and above	2.50%

The annual retirement allowance of a 1948 Plan or the 1978 Plan member who was a member at the time of the adoption of the MLGW Pension Plan shall not be less than the annual retirement allowance the member would have had under the 1948 Plan or the 1978 Plan in effect on June 30, 1988. A member of the 1948 Plan at the time of adoption of the MLGW Pension Plan may retire at less than age fifty-five with twenty-five or more years of creditable service with benefits computed only under the 1948 Plan.

For the purpose of determining whether the benefit under the 1948 Plan or the 1978 Plan is more or less than the benefit under the MLGW Pension Plan, the benefit shall be measured by the retirement allowance for the retiring member.

Final average compensation is the member's basic earnings (which includes member contributions pursuant to Section 414(h) and Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") for the three (3) consecutive years of creditable service if less than thirty (30) years, two (2) consecutive years if more than thirty (30) years and one (1) year if 35 or more years of creditable service during which the compensation was the highest) plus work out of classification pay, shift differential pay, and automobile allowance for such employees designated by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

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The annual retirement allowance shall not exceed 85.0% of the member's final average compensation. Effective January 1, 2022, the minimum monthly retirement benefit for all members is the greater of \$60 per year of service or \$600 per month.

Additionally, as of July 1 of each plan year, each retired participant who (1) has attained age fifty-six (56) on such date and (2) has been terminated from the employment of the Division for at least twelve (12) months, shall be entitled to an increase in the amount of his/her monthly benefit under The MLGW Pension Plan equal to the cost of living adjustment, provided there is such an adjustment in the applicable plan year.

A surviving spouse or a handicapped child receiving death benefits shall be entitled to a cost-of-living adjustment, provided there is such an adjustment, in the applicable plan year if the surviving spouse or handicapped child has attained age fifty-six (56) and the deceased participant has separated from service at least twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the plan year.

The cost-of-living adjustment shall be equal to the monthly benefit payable to the participant, surviving spouse, or handicapped child under the MLGW Pension Plan multiplied by the product of the (i) percent change in the Consumer Price Index for the immediately preceding calendar year and (ii) the applicable percentage of CPI increase. The applicable percentage of CPI increase shall be determined based on the age of the participant, surviving spouse, or handicapped child as of the first day of July of the plan year.

The cost-of-living adjustment is made as follows:

Age	Percentage of CPI Increase
56-58	30%
59-61	60%
62 and older, and all disabled participants	75%

The cost of living adjustment for any retired participant, surviving spouse, or handicapped child in any plan year shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the retired participant's, surviving spouse's, or handicapped child's benefit under the MLGW Pension Plan for the immediately preceding plan year. Under no circumstances shall the cost of living adjustment result in a decrease in the benefit of a retired participant, surviving spouse, or handicapped child.

Contributions

Members covered under the MLGW Pension Plan are required to contribute eight percent (8.0%) of pensionable earnings each payroll period to the MLGW Pension Plan. Members with thirty-five (35) or more years of creditable service or an annual retirement allowance of 85.0% shall contribute the applicable percentage only on that portion of their compensation which is in excess of their annual compensation at the time they attained their thirty-five (35) years of creditable service or an annual retirement allowance of

85.0%. Benefit and contribution provisions may be amended only by the Pension Board, MLGW Board of Commissioners, and the Memphis City Council.

The Actuarially Determined Contribution (“ADC”) for the current year was determined based on the actuarial valuation using the entry age normal cost method. The 2024 contribution represented 100% of the ADC. An explanation of the contributions can be found on the footnote of the Schedule of Division’s Contributions to the Retirement and Pension System.

3. NET PENSION LIABILITY

The components of the net pension liability of the Pension System at December 31, 2024 and 2023, were as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$ 1,833,298,337	\$ 1,792,144,299
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	1,591,677,723	1,564,344,917
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 241,620,614</u>	<u>\$ 227,799,382</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the Total Pension Liability	86.82%	87.29%

Actuarial Assumptions:

The Total Pension Liability (TPL) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, was determined based on the results of an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2025 and 2024, respectively, based on the census data collected as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Wage Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Inflation plus merit increases that vary by age and service, ranging from 0.50% to 8.50%
Net investment rate of return	7.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation.
Cost-of-living adjustments	0.750% for ages 56-58 1.500% for ages 59-61 1.875% for ages 62 and above, and all disabled participants

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For 2024, pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates. Healthy annuitant mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates, plus a 20% load for males and a 12% load for females. Disabled annuitant mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates, plus a 20% load. Beneficiary mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Contingent Survivor Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates, plus a 20% load. All the aforementioned mortality tables above are projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2025, valuation were based on the results of an experience study for the five-year period ended December 31, 2023.

For 2023, pre-retirement mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Employee Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates. Healthy annuitant mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates, plus a 20% load. Disabled annuitant mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates, plus a 20% load. Beneficiary mortality rates are based on the PRI-2012 Contingent Survivor Mortality Table with sex-distinct rates, plus a 20% load. All the aforementioned mortality tables above are projected generationally with Scale SSA-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2024, valuation were based on the results of an experience study for the five-year period ended December 31, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These returns 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 adding expected inflation. The target allocation (approved by the Board) and projected arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, after deducting inflation, but before investment expenses, used in the derivation of the long-term expected investment rate of return assumption are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term	
	Target	Expected Real
	Allocation	Rate of Return ¹
Domestic Equity	35%	6.10%
International Equity	9%	6.60%
Fixed Income	24%	2.17%
Private Equity	10%	9.65%
Hedge Funds	5%	2.90%
Real Estate	15%	3.50%
Short Term Investments	2%	1.10%
Total	100%	

¹ Expected real rates of return are net of inflation.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability (“TPL”) was 7.00% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the Plan Fiduciary Net Position (“FNP”) was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for 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 TPL as of both December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the System as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, which is allocated to all employees, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the System’s Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.00%) or one percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

2024			
Current Discount			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Net Pension Liability	\$ 438,550,801	\$ 241,620,614	\$ 75,832,216
2023			
Current Discount			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Net Pension Liability	\$ 421,785,499	\$ 227,799,382	\$ 64,707,751

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4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, MLGW Pension Plan's deposits were fully insured or collateralized in accordance with state law.

Investments

The overall investment objective is to provide for the funding needs of the MLGW Pension Plan. The Pension Board ("Investment Committee") has formulated specific performance standards for the overall fund as well as its components. Underlying these standards is the belief that management of the fund should be directed toward achieving long-term growth of the assets by focusing on achieving an above average rate of return without the assumption of undue risk. In addition, the fund must keep pace with inflation and meet actuarial assumptions. The Investment Committee is charged with the responsibility of managing the assets of the MLGW Pension Plan.

The Investment Committee is authorized and permitted to engage the services of registered investment managers who possess the necessary specialized research facilities and skilled professionals to meet the investment objectives and guidelines of the MLGW Pension Plan. The Investment Committee requires the investment managers to adhere to the "prudent person rule" under such federal and state laws that now apply, or that may in the future apply in regard to the investing of MLGW Pension Plan's assets. The Investment Committee is responsible for selecting investment managers and reviewing and evaluating investment results in the context of predetermined performance standards.

The Investment Committee engages an investment consultant, an independent investment consulting firm. The investment consultant is charged with keeping the Investment Committee, Secretary-Treasurer, and Manager of Treasury Management and/or their respective designees, informed of the investment results being achieved by the MLGW Pension Plan. The investment consultant will also provide data pertaining to the MLGW Pension Plan's asset allocation structure and the risk (volatility) associated with the Plan's investment allocation.

The Investment Committee has the responsibility of determining the asset allocation that offers the highest probability of achieving the investment goals and objectives. The target asset allocation of the MLGW Pension Plan is designed to give balance to the overall structure of the plan's investment program over a long period of time. Therefore, the Investment Committee must update and revise the asset mix as the financial needs of the MLGW Pension Plan are analyzed and reviewed, as capital markets change, and as they receive the advice and guidance of the investment consultant regarding both the financial needs of the Plan and the changes in the capital markets. The Investment Committee establishes the maximum exposures on some of the asset classes being employed by the Plan.

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In compliance with the MLGW Retirement and Pension Fund investment policy, the MLGW Pension Plan may invest in the following major asset classes: domestic and international equities, global fixed income, special strategies, real estate, and short-term investments.

As of December 31, 2024, the MLGW Pension Plan's cash and cash equivalents and investments consisted of the following:

Asset Allocation	Fair Value	Actual Exposure	Maximum Exposure	Minimum Exposure
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 21,146,781	1.33%	40%	0%
Domestic Equity Funds:				
Common stock - domestic	148,183,355	9.32%		
Common stock index mutual funds - domestic	482,705,627	30.37%		
Subtotal Domestic Equity Funds:	630,888,982	39.69%	65%	20%
International Equity Funds:				
Common stock & mutual funds- international	148,613,736	9.35%		
Subtotal International Equity Funds:	148,613,736	9.35%	25%	0%
Global Fixed Income Funds:				
Corporate bond - domestic	35,030,214	2.20%		
Corporate bond - international	817,699	0.05%		
Government bonds - domestic	15,251,522	0.96%		
Global bond - international	29,246,756	1.84%		
Government agencies - domestic	2,060,733	0.13%		
Asset backed securities-domestic	3,085,619	0.20%		
Asset backed securities-international	302,371	0.02%		
Mortgage backed securities-domestic	16,808,272	1.06%		
Core fixed income CIT-domestic	49,776,270	3.13%		
Corporate bond CIT-international	52,364,217	3.30%		
Subtotal Global Fixed Income Funds:	204,743,673	12.89%	65%	15%
Special Strategies Funds:				
Private equity - domestic	125,496,141	7.90%		
Private equity - international	22,092,082	1.39%		
Distressed debt - domestic	42,827,065	2.70%		
Distressed debt - international	21,436,675	1.35%		
Private debt fund - domestic	23,977,945	1.51%		
Multi-asset fund - domestic	13,552,309	0.85%		
Life settlement funds - domestic	66,493,728	4.18%		
Equity hedge fund - domestic	23,429,338	1.47%		
Subtotal Special Strategies Funds:	339,305,283	21.35%	25%	0%
Real Estate Funds	243,385,089	15.31%	20%	0%
Short-Term Investments	1,342,327	0.08%	40%	0%
Total Deposits and Investments	\$ 1,589,425,871	100.00%		

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The MLGW Pension Plan's investments (including items bought, sold, as well as, held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value, as follows during the years ended December 31:

	Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	
	2024	2023
Investments:		
Equity Funds:		
Common stock - domestic	\$ 21,478,239	\$ 19,642,435
Common stock & mutual funds - international	7,510,022	24,156,329
Common stock index mutual fund - domestic	91,512,420	87,813,070
Subtotal Equity Funds:	120,500,681	131,611,834
Fixed Income Funds:		
Corp. Bonds; Gov't Bonds; Global Bond; Gov't Agencies; Asset backed Securities; Mortgage Backed Securities; Short-Term Investments - domestic	(1,795,154)	(4,567,197)
Corp. Bonds; Convertible Corp. Bond; Gov't Bonds; Global Bond; Gov't Agencies; Asset backed Securities; Mortgage Backed Securities; Short-Term Investments - international	(3,017,072)	5,025,292
Fixed income ETF - domestic	-	422,349
Core fixed income CIT-domestic	1,490,695	3,400,524
Corporate bond CIT-international	2,837,399	4,323,483
Securitized asset fund - domestic	-	(8,416,054)
Subtotal Fixed Income Funds:	(484,132)	188,397
Special Strategies Funds:		
Private equity funds - domestic	5,711,955	(3,149,664)
Private equity funds - international	(358,747)	220,909
Distressed debt funds - domestic	5,492,473	1,483,274
Distressed debt funds - international	1,524,225	1,229,547
Private debt fund - domestic	(1,042,238)	(314,754)
Multi-asset fund - domestic	1,077,578	1,078,414
Life settlement funds - domestic	(2,745,951)	967,742
Equity hedge fund - domestic	3,036,698	1,955,878
Subtotal Special Strategies Funds:	12,695,993	3,471,346
Real Estate Funds	(22,546,555)	(50,380,541)
Total Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 110,165,987	\$ 84,891,036

Rate of Return

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on the Plan's investments, net of investment expenses, was 8.83% and 7.75 %, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Credit Risk

Credit risk for investments is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will default and not meet its obligations. This risk is measured by the credit quality ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. Investments in obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government are not considered to have credit risk.

The MLGW Pension Plan's investment managers are co-fiduciaries of the fund. All investment managers are expected to invest the assets entrusted to them according to the goals and objectives of the Fund and within the constraints placed on them by the Investment Committee. While each manager will have his/her own individual set of guidelines, there are certain responsibilities specific to all managers.

The global fixed income manager's goal is to exceed the return (net of fees) above appropriate bond indices, have a minimum quality rating of investment grade "BBB-, Baa3, etc." for all fixed income and have no holdings of any one security of more than five (5.0%) in the investment manager's portfolio. The average duration of the portfolio should not exceed the appropriate index by more than twenty percent (20%). No more than ten percent (10%) of an investment manager portfolio may be invested with a single corporate issuer (excluding commingled investments).

An investment manager may invest no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the portfolio in the securities of a single non-US government guaranteed agency or supranational authority (excluding commingled investments or those with written approval of the Investment Committee). Additionally, an investment manager may invest no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the portfolio in emerging markets debt securities (excluding commingled investments or those approved by the Investment Committee).

Approximately 37.2% of the MLGW Pension Plan's investment portfolio is held in partnerships. Partnerships establish their own market value and set their own pricing. Partnerships include special strategies and real estate funds.

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The following tables represent the MLGW Pension Plan's investment exposure to credit risk based on Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Service ratings:

As of December 31, 2024, the Plan's investments were rated as follows by Standard & Poor's:

Investment Type	AAA	AA	A	BBB	Not Rated/ Categorized or Quality Rating not Available	US Government Guaranteed	Total
Asset Backed Securities	\$ 62,943	\$ 140,725	\$ 344,532	\$ 362,041	\$ 2,477,749		\$ 3,387,990
Commercial Mortgage-Backed	274,311			209,445	98,922		582,678
Corporate Bonds		4,349,248	13,925,254	17,066,690	506,721		35,847,913
Funds-Corporate Bond					52,364,217		52,364,217
Funds-Other Fixed Income					49,776,270		49,776,270
Funds - Short Term Investment					21,065,413		21,065,413
Government Agencies		709,509				1,351,224	2,060,733
Government Bonds						14,911,588	14,911,588
Government Mortgage Backed Securities						10,527,462	10,527,462
Government Issued Commercial Mortgage-Backed	580,741					3,127,255	3,707,996
Life Settlement Funds					8,968,238		8,968,238
Municipal/Provincial Bonds		163,906			176,027		339,933
Non-Government Backed C.M.O.s					1,990,136		1,990,136
Short Term Bills and Notes						1,342,327	1,342,327
Unit Trust Bonds					29,246,756		29,246,756
Total Market Value by Rating	\$ 917,995	\$ 5,363,388	\$ 14,269,786	\$ 17,638,176	\$ 166,670,449	\$ 31,259,856	\$ 236,119,650

As of December 31, 2024, the Plan's investments were rated as follows by Moody's Investor Services:

Investment Type	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Not Rated/ Categorized or Quality Rating not Available	US Government Guaranteed	Total
Asset Backed Securities	\$ 1,372,104		\$ 289,419		\$ 1,726,467		\$ 3,387,990
Commercial Mortgage-Backed				209,445	373,233		582,678
Corporate Bonds	1,952,230	4,405,284	15,029,958	13,940,919	519,522		35,847,913
Funds - Corporate Bond					52,364,217		52,364,217
Funds - Other Fixed Income					49,776,270		49,776,270
Funds - Short Term Investment					21,065,413		21,065,413
Government Agencies	709,509					1,351,224	2,060,733
Government Bonds	14,432,584					479,004	14,911,588
Government Mortgage Backed Securities						10,527,462	10,527,462
Government Issued Commercial Mortgage-Backed						3,707,996	3,707,996
Life Settlement Funds					8,968,238		8,968,238
Municipal/Provincial Bonds		101,459			238,474		339,933
Non-Government Backed C.M.O.s	521,286				1,468,850		1,990,136
Short Term Bills and Notes						1,342,327	1,342,327
Unit Trust Bonds					29,246,756		29,246,756
Total Market Value by Rating	\$18,987,713	\$ 4,506,743	\$ 15,319,377	\$14,150,364	\$ 165,747,440	\$ 17,408,013	\$ 236,119,650

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Fund will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by either the counterparty, or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the name of Fund. Investments in external investment pools and in open-end mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risks because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. To further limit Custodial Credit Risk exposure all cash and securities in physical or book entry form shall be held in safekeeping by a designated third-party custodian, its sub-custodians or depositories in the name of the designated fund. As part of its function under the Investment Policy Statement, the Investment Committee, or its designee, receives and periodically reviews lists identifying assets held in designated custodial name or depositories. As of December 31, 2024, the MLGW Plan investments were not exposed to custodial risk, were not subject to exposure, or the exposure could not be determined.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss in relation to the amount of an investment in a single issuer. Governments should provide information about the concentration of risk associated with their investments by disclosing any one issuer that represents 5.0% or more of the total investments.

The MLGW Pension Plan's charter states that the Pension Board shall be able to make such investments as authorized by state law and as it deems proper. No Investment Manager should have more than 15% of the total portfolio of the Fund, excluding passively managed strategies such as index mutual funds, indexed ETFs, and other indexed commingled funds. The MLGW Pension Plan's fund will not have holdings in any one issuer of more than 5.0 to 10.0%, excluding US government and agency issues, investments in mutual funds and investments diversified to limit the exposure to any one issuer.

Of the investments subject to concentration of credit risk, there were no investments in any one issuer that represented 5.0% or more of the fund.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is borne by changes in interest rates that unfavorably affect the fair value of an investment in debt securities. The MLGW Pension Plan's investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

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At December 31, 2024, the MLGW Pension Plan had the following investments with effective duration:

Investment Type	Market Value	Effective Duration (in years)
Asset Backed Securities	\$ 3,387,990	3.9
Commercial Mortgage-Backed	582,678	1.7
Corporate Bonds	35,847,912	7.2
Government Agencies	2,060,733	7.1
Government Bonds	14,911,588	6.8
Government Mortgage Backed Securities	10,527,462	6.2
Gov't-issued Commercial Mortgage-Backed	3,707,996	8.0
Municipal/Provincial Bonds	339,934	8.4
Non-Government Backed C.M.O.s	1,690,570	4.4
Short Term Bills and Notes	1,342,327	0.1
Subtotal:	74,399,190	
Funds- Coporate Bond	52,364,217	Unavailable
Funds Other Fixed Income	49,776,270	Unavailable
Funds - Short term Investments	21,065,413	Unavailable
Life Settlement Fund - Corry Capital	8,968,238	Unavailable
Non-Government Backed C.M.O.s	299,566	Unavailable
Unit Trust Bonds	29,246,756	Unavailable
Subtotal:	161,720,460	
Total Investments with Effective Duration	\$ 236,119,650	

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Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that an investor will have to close out a position in a foreign currency at a loss due to an adverse movement in exchange rates.

The MLGW Pension Plan did not have exposure to foreign currency risk at December 31, 2024.

Securities Lending Transactions

The MLGW Pension Plan has authorized The Northern Trust Company (“Agent”) to enter into, on behalf of the plan, securities lending transactions – loans of securities to broker-dealers and other entities in exchange for collateral with a simultaneous agreement to return the collateral for the same securities in the future. MLGW authorizes the Agent to accept in exchange for borrowed securities, cash collateral having an initial market value of at least 102% of the market value of borrowed securities, or 105% of the market value of borrowed securities and collateral if they are denominated in different currencies. The borrower is required to deliver additional collateral when necessary so that the total collateral held by the Agent for all loans to the borrower of all participating lenders will at least equal the market value of all the borrowed securities of all participating lenders loaned to the borrower. The MLGW Pension Plan does not have the ability to pledge or sell collateral securities without a borrower default. The maturities of the investments made with cash collateral do not necessarily match the maturities of securities on loan.

The Agent may terminate a loan at any time and the borrower must deliver equivalent securities to the Agent. The Agent is required to indemnify the plan if the Agent is unable to recover borrowed securities and distributions made due to the Agent’s: 1) failure to make a reasonable determination of the borrower’s creditworthiness, 2) failure to demand adequate collateral on a timely basis or 3) failure to perform its duties in accordance with the lending agreement held with the MLGW Pension Plan.

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Collateral held in trust for securities on loan included in the 2024 and 2023 statements of net position consisted of cash and noncash collateral. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the MLGW Pension Plan had no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the MLGW Pension Plan owed to the borrowers exceeded the amounts the borrowers owed the MLGW Pension Plan. Investments held by broker-dealers under securities loans consist of the following:

As of December 31, 2024						
Securities Type	Market Value of Securities on Loan			Collateral Received from Borrowers		
	Cash Collateral	Non-Cash Collateral	Total	Cash Collateral	Non-Cash Collateral ¹	Total
Global Equities	\$ -	1,281,647	1,281,647	\$ -	1,390,517	1,390,517
U.S. Corporate Fixed	10,762,575	2,740,411	13,502,986	11,003,038	2,822,862	13,825,900
U.S. Equities	15,013,718	14,117,660	29,131,378	15,381,178	14,565,678	29,946,856
U.S. Government Fixed	9,473,374	2,194,741	11,668,115	9,668,225	2,248,849	11,917,074
Total	\$ 35,249,667	\$ 20,334,459	\$ 55,584,126	\$ 36,052,441	\$ 21,027,906	\$ 57,080,347

As of December 31, 2023						
Securities Type	Market Value of Securities on Loan			Collateral Received from Borrowers		
	Cash Collateral	Non-Cash Collateral	Total	Cash Collateral	Non-Cash Collateral ¹	Total
Global Equities	\$ -	275,301	275,301	\$ -	296,063	296,063
U.S. Corporate Fixed	8,448,637	2,731,302	11,179,939	8,629,509	2,849,886	11,479,395
U.S. Equities	14,586,341	16,243,171	30,829,512	15,245,126	16,914,834	32,159,960
U.S. Government Fixed	15,072,568	2,164,695	17,237,263	15,436,990	2,223,174	17,660,164
Total	\$ 38,107,546	\$ 21,414,469	\$ 59,522,015	\$ 39,311,625	\$ 22,283,957	\$ 61,595,582

¹ Collateral values are estimates based on program wide collateralization levels.

5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

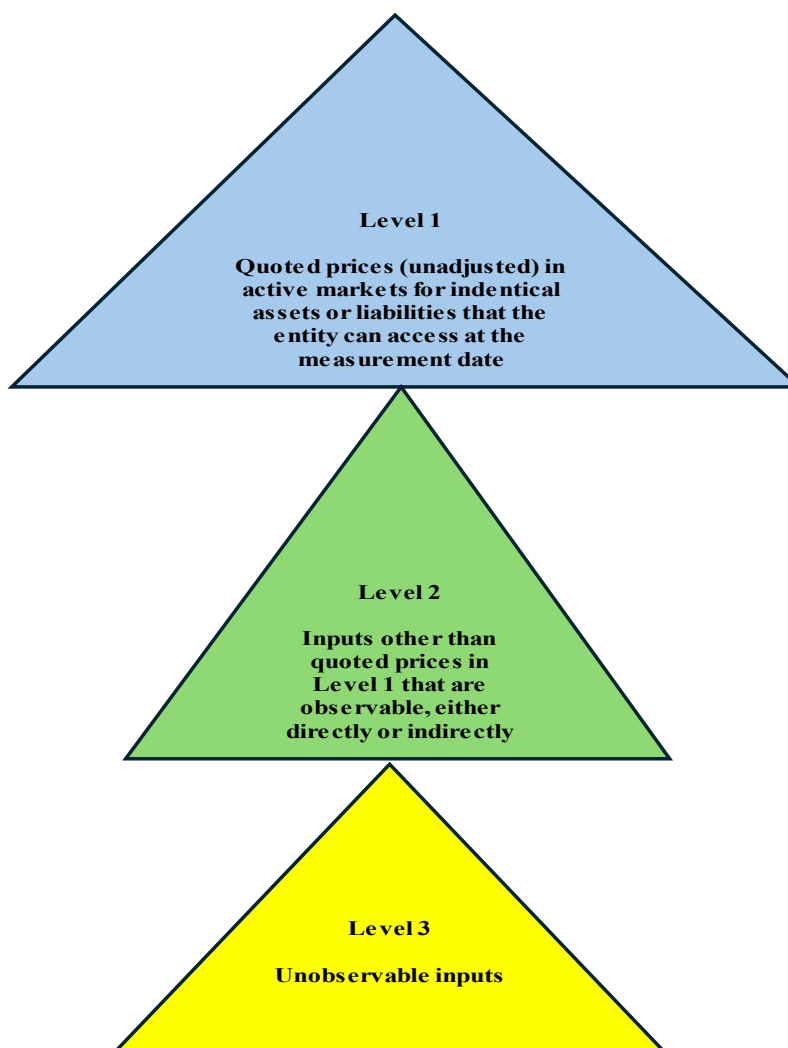
The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. GASB 72 requires a government to use valuation techniques that are appropriate under the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value. This Statement establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes and ranks the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value based on observability. The accounting standards break down the fair value hierarchy into three levels, based on how observable the inputs are that make up the valuation. The most observable inputs are classified as Level 1, inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly are classified as Level 2, and the unobservable inputs are classified as Level 3.

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Level 1: Fair value is determined using unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that are accessible on the measurement date. The MLGW Pension Plan includes short-term securities, debt securities, and equity securities in this level.

Level 2: Fair value is determined using quoted market prices for similar asset or liability in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar asset or liability in inactive market; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; market-corroborated inputs. The MLGW Pension Plan includes fixed income funds in this level.

Level 3: Fair value is determined using unobservable inputs for an asset or liability. As a general rule, Level 3 inputs are those that are difficult to obtain on a regular basis and require verification from an outside party to validate the valuation. Certain MLGW Pension Plan's fixed income funds are in this level.



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The following tables display information regarding investments measured using the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2024, and 2023, respectively:

	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	December 31 2024	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Short-term securities	\$ 1,342,327	\$ 1,342,327	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Income Funds				
Asset backed securities	3,387,990	-	3,199,351	188,639
Corporate bonds	35,847,912	-	35,847,912	-
Fixed income funds	102,140,487	102,140,487	-	-
Global bond - international	29,246,756	-	29,246,756	-
Government mortgage-backed securities	14,235,458	-	14,235,458	-
Municipal bonds	339,933	-	339,933	-
Non-government mortgage-backed securities	2,572,815	-	2,174,327	398,488
U.S. government agencies	2,060,733	-	2,060,733	-
U.S. treasury securities	14,911,588	14,911,588	-	-
Total fixed income funds	204,743,672	117,052,075	87,104,470	587,127
Equity Securities				
Communication services	3,007,727	3,007,727	-	-
Consumer discretionary	12,991,435	12,991,435	-	-
Consumer staples	2,700,833	2,700,833	-	-
Energy	32,412,817	32,412,817	-	-
Equity other	630,060,206	630,060,206	-	-
Financials	21,081,672	21,081,672	-	-
Health care	13,991,578	13,991,578	-	-
Industrials	29,049,162	29,049,162	-	-
Information technology	23,449,105	23,449,105	-	-
Materials	4,564,140	4,564,140	-	-
Real estate	4,085,829	4,085,829	-	-
Utilities	2,108,215	2,108,215	-	-
Total equity securities	779,502,719	779,502,719	-	-
Total investments by fair value level	985,588,718	\$ 897,897,121	\$ 87,104,470	\$ 587,127
Investments measured at the net asset value (NAV) *				
Distressed debt funds	64,263,740			
Equity hedge fund	23,429,338			
Life settlement funds	66,493,728			
Multi-asset fund	13,552,309			
Private debt fund	23,977,945			
Private equity funds	147,588,223			
Real estate funds	243,385,089			
Total investments measured at NAV	582,690,372			
Total Investments	\$ 1,568,279,090			

* In accordance with GASB 72, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position.

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	December 31 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Fixed Income Funds				
Asset backed securities	\$ 1,714,167	\$ -	\$ 1,635,922	\$ 76,245
Corporate bonds	37,351,750	-	37,351,750	-
Fixed income funds	112,926,740	112,926,740	-	-
Global bond - international	42,306,584	-	42,306,584	-
Government mortgage-backed securities	11,231,649	-	11,135,219	96,430
Municipal bonds	690,651	-	690,651	-
Non-government mortgage-backed securities	1,240,514	-	1,135,760	104,754
U.S. government agencies	2,159,170	-	1,699,050	460,120
U.S. treasury securities	23,216,566	23,216,566	-	-
Total fixed income funds	232,837,791	136,143,306	95,954,936	737,549
Equity Securities				
Communication services	2,195,138	2,195,138	-	-
Consumer discretionary	10,645,985	10,645,985	-	-
Consumer staples	3,810,166	3,810,166	-	-
Energy	22,576,964	22,576,964	-	-
Equity other	562,230,871	562,230,871	-	-
Financials	16,437,480	16,437,480	-	-
Health care	14,206,710	14,206,710	-	-
Industrials	29,304,766	29,304,766	-	-
Information technology	19,982,623	19,982,623	-	-
Materials	3,211,398	3,211,398	-	-
Real estate	3,686,248	3,686,248	-	-
Utilities	1,202,610	1,202,610	-	-
Total equity securities	689,490,959	689,490,959	-	-
Total investments by fair value level	922,328,750	\$ 825,634,265	\$ 95,954,936	\$ 737,549
Investments measured at the net asset value (NAV) *				
Distressed debt funds	69,103,853			
Equity hedge fund	20,392,640			
Life settlement funds	74,626,687			
Multi-asset fund	13,984,249			
Private debt fund	21,489,569			
Private equity funds	133,833,320			
Real estate funds	268,720,711			
Total investments measured at NAV	602,151,029			
Total Investments	\$ 1,524,479,779			

* In accordance with GASB 72, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position.

Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value (“NAV”) Per Share

MLGW Pension Plan measures certain investments that do not have a readily determinable fair value using NAV as a practical expedient. The investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient are excluded from the fair value hierarchy because the valuation is not based on actual market inputs, but rather is quantified using the fund’s reported NAV.

The following table displays information regarding investments that use NAV per share (or equivalent) as their fair value measurement:

Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value (NAV)	December 31, 2024				
	Fair Value December 31, 2024	Fair Value December 31, 2023	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Notice Period	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)
Distressed debt funds ⁽¹⁾	\$ 64,263,740	\$ 69,103,853	\$ 57,538,996	N/A	N/A
Equity hedge fund ⁽²⁾	23,429,338	20,392,640	-	March 15, September 15	Semi-annually
Life settlement funds ⁽³⁾	66,493,728	74,626,687	-	90-120 days	Quarterly
Multi-asset fund ⁽⁴⁾	13,552,309	13,984,249	-	60 days	Quarterly
Private debt fund ⁽⁵⁾	23,977,945	21,489,569	24,692,528	N/A	N/A
Private equity funds ⁽⁶⁾	147,588,223	133,833,320	30,796,466	N/A	N/A
Real estate funds ⁽⁷⁾	243,385,089	268,720,711	4,350,454	30 - 91 days	Quarterly or 2 years & 3 months
Total investments measured at NAV	\$ 582,690,372	\$ 602,151,029	\$ 117,378,444		

1. *Distressed debt funds.* This category includes five distressed debt funds that invest in senior secured debt as well as distressed and stressed assets that are restructuring or believed to be misunderstood in the marketplace. The MLGW Pension Plan investment in each fund is generally not subject to redemption and is normally returned through distributions as a result of the liquidation. It is expected that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated over the next 2 to 6 years.
2. *Equity hedge fund.* This category is composed of a firm that seeks to preserve capital in all markets and provide a 12-15% net return over rolling 5 year periods. Its portfolio is comprised of premier, fundamentally based, long/short equity funds. The fund only invests in managers who employ a bottom-up, research-intensive, long/short equity style. The MLGW Pension Plan investment in this fund can be redeemed semi-annually on June 30 with a March 15 notice and December 31 with a September 15 notice.
3. *Life settlement funds.* This category includes four life settlement funds that invest in longevity contingent assets, including life settlements and a portfolio of individual, non-variable, life insurance policies. The MLGW Pension Plan investments in this category representing 48.6% can be redeemed quarterly with 90 days’ notice; 16.0% can be redeemed quarterly with 120 days’ notice. The remaining 35.4% are not subject to redemption and it is expected that the underlying assets of these funds will be liquidated over the next 3 to 6 years.

4. *Multi-asset fund.* This category is composed of a fund that strives to maintain and grow capital with high investment income and capital appreciation by employing alternative strategies under a flexible investment mandate including both fund and direct investments. The MLGW Pension Plan investment in this category can be redeemed quarterly with 60 days' notice.
5. *Private debt fund.* This category contains a direct lending fund focused on providing senior-secured, floating rate loans to middle market borrowers. Its strategy is not centered on any specific industry, but it is focused on issuing USD-denominated loans to borrowers based in the United States. The MLGW Pension Plan investment in this fund is generally not subject to redemption and is normally returned through distributions as a result of liquidation. It is expected that the underlying assets of this fund will be liquidated over the next 6 years.
6. *Private equity funds.* This category includes thirteen private equity funds that invest in healthcare and technology, utilities, transportation and energy assets, high quality cash flowing companies, high-growth companies mainly through equity and equity-related instruments, and secondary investments across various sectors. Additionally, funds in this category invest in secondary venture capital opportunities through direct and fund investments. An emphasis will also be placed on middle market buyouts. The MLGW Pension Plan investments in this category are not subject to redemption and are normally returned through distributions as a result of liquidation. It is expected that the underlying assets of these funds will be liquidated over the next 1 to 10 years.
7. *Real estate funds.* This category includes eight real estate funds that invest in office, retail, industrial, and multi-family properties. Investments in this fund focus on building a portfolio that will withstand changes in the economy, capital market, and property market over the life of the Fund. The MLGW Pension Plan investments in this category representing 14.6% can be redeemed quarterly with 30 days' notice; 16.2% can be redeemed 2 years after notice; 28.5% can be redeemed quarterly with 91 days' notice; 13.5% can be redeemed quarterly with 90 days' notice. The remaining 27.2% are not subject to redemption and it is expected that the underlying assets of these funds will be liquidated over the next 2 to 6 years.

6. INCOME TAX STATUS

The MLGW Pension Plan is qualified under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"); therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM
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Schedule of Changes in Retirement and Pension System's Net Pension Liability (Asset)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Pension Liability										
Service cost	\$ 36,855,543	\$ 36,221,606	\$ 34,219,146	\$ 32,462,546	\$ 32,142,431	\$ 31,635,554	\$ 31,185,071	\$ 31,977,390	\$ 32,590,805	\$ 30,139,353
Interest	122,967,231	118,225,931	113,017,147	111,731,945	109,265,045	110,927,046	108,431,791	103,730,509	102,247,950	99,939,763
Change in benefit terms	-	-	-	4,759,848	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	42,084,404	51,235,129	54,247,340	6,176,600	9,102,230	(5,039,880)	3,725,938	4,908,452	(11,297,656)	2,274,807
Changes of assumptions	(16,102,901)	-	-	40,219,423	-	(174,213)	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(144,650,239)	(132,517,270)	(125,632,519)	(121,780,614)	(111,826,594)	(107,730,602)	(113,315,849)	(104,919,467)	(102,627,833)	(100,528,352)
Net change in Total Pension Liability	41,154,038	73,165,396	75,851,114	73,569,748	38,683,112	29,617,905	30,026,951	35,696,884	20,913,266	31,825,571
Total Pension Liability - beginning	1,792,144,299	1,718,978,903	1,643,127,789	1,569,558,041	1,530,874,929	1,501,257,024	1,471,230,073	1,435,533,189	1,414,619,923	1,382,794,352
Total Pension Liability - ending	1,833,298,337	1,792,144,299	1,718,978,903	1,643,127,789	1,569,558,041	1,530,874,929	1,501,257,024	1,471,230,073	1,435,533,189	1,414,619,923
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions - employer	28,687,679	20,473,710	20,941,090	24,199,396	24,504,032	21,813,428	22,174,419	22,389,805	21,390,060	21,390,060
Contributions - employee	16,470,724	15,216,413	14,657,153	14,215,567	13,827,902	13,462,380	13,216,689	12,958,804	12,513,273	12,309,664
Net investment income (loss)	127,839,310	110,038,695	(200,888,252)	252,596,887	192,437,830	237,313,578	(39,995,874)	216,498,126	108,008,264	15,231,323
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(144,650,239)	(132,517,270)	(125,632,519)	(121,780,614)	(111,826,594)	(107,730,602)	(113,315,849)	(104,919,467)	(102,627,833)	(100,528,352)
Administrative expense	(1,014,668)	(958,208)	(886,387)	(867,502)	(778,506)	(931,403)	(871,948)	(859,736)	(729,599)	(758,946)
Net change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	27,332,806	12,253,340	(291,808,915)	168,363,734	118,164,664	163,927,381	(118,792,563)	146,067,532	38,554,165	(52,356,251)
Other adjustments			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	787,877
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - beginning	1,564,344,917	1,552,091,577	1,843,900,492	1,675,536,758	1,557,372,094	1,393,444,713	1,512,237,276	1,366,169,744	1,327,615,579	1,379,183,953
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - ending	1,591,677,723	1,564,344,917	1,552,091,577	1,843,900,492	1,675,536,758	1,557,372,094	1,393,444,713	1,512,237,276	1,366,169,744	1,327,615,579
Net Pension Liability (Asset)- ending	\$ 241,620,614	\$ 227,799,382	\$ 166,887,326	\$ (200,772,703)	\$ (105,978,717)	\$ (26,497,165)	\$ 107,812,311	\$ (41,007,203)	\$ 69,363,445	\$ 87,004,344
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the Total Pension Liability	86.82%	87.29%	90.29%	112.22%	106.75%	101.73%	92.82%	102.79%	95.17%	93.85%
Covered - employee payroll	\$ 207,482,561	\$ 191,237,413	\$ 184,709,533	\$ 175,790,422	\$ 173,424,888	\$ 170,945,709	\$ 169,605,389	\$ 167,220,851	\$ 161,925,757	\$ 160,640,772
Plan Net Pension Liability (Asset) as percentage of covered payroll	116.45%	119.12%	90.35%	-114.21%	-61.11%	-15.50%	63.57%	-24.52%	42.84%	54.16%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit changes: There were no changes to the plan benefits reflected in the last two years.

Change of Assumptions: The assumptions were updated for the December 31, 2024, pension liability based on the five-year experience study ending December 31, 2023. See Notes to Schedule page R-4.

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Schedule of Division's Contributions to the Retirement and Pension System
Last 10 Fiscal Years

Year Ended December 31	Actuarially Determined Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 28,687,679	\$ 28,687,679	\$ -	\$ 207,482,561	13.83%
2023	20,473,710	20,473,710	-	191,237,413	10.71%
2022	20,941,090	20,941,090	-	184,709,533	11.34%
2021	24,199,396	24,199,396	-	175,790,422	13.77%
2020	24,504,032	24,504,032	-	173,424,888	14.13%
2019	21,813,428	21,813,428	-	170,945,709	12.76%
2018	22,174,419	22,174,419	-	169,605,389	13.07%
2017	22,389,805	22,389,805	-	167,220,851	13.39%
2016	21,390,060	21,390,060	-	161,925,757	13.21%
2015	21,390,060	21,258,344	131,716 *	160,640,772	13.32%

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Notes to Schedule:

Methods and assumptions used to establish “Actuarially Determined Contribution” rates:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Valuation Date	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2020	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2015	January 1, 2016
Measurement Date	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Census data collected	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal Cost Method (2014-
Amortization method	Level Dollar	Level Dollar	Level Dollar	Level Dollar	0.50%	1.00%	1.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.00%
					Level percent of payroll, using annual increases (2017-2020)/with amortization at pay (2014-2016)					
Amortization period of initial unfunded AAL	30 years	30 years	30 years	30 years	30 years	30 years	30 years	30 years	30 years	30 years
Remaining amortization period	18 years	19 years	20 years	21 years	22 years	23 years	24 years	25 years	26 years	25 years
Asset valuation method	Market value of assets less unrecognized returns in each of the last five years. Unrecognized return is equal to the difference between the actual market return and the expected return on the market value, and is recognized over a five-year period, further adjusted, if necessary, to be within 30% of the market value.									
Investment rate of return	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.25%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
	net of pension plan in net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation									
Inflation rate	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%
Cost of living adjustments	for years 2021-2024 presented below: 0.750% for age 56-58 1.500% for ages 59-61 1.875% for ages 62* * ages 62 and above, and all disabled participants				for years 2014 - 2020 presented below: 0.83% for ages 56-58 1.65% for ages 59-61 2.06% for ages 62 *					
Salary increases	0.50% to 8.50%	0.00% to 8.50%	0.00% to 8.50%	0.00% to 8.50%	0.00% to 8.50%	0.00% to 8.50%	0.00% to 6.75%	0.00% to 6.75%	0.00% to 6.75%	0.00% to 6.75%
	Inflation plus merit increases that vary by age and service (for all years presented)									

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Notes to Schedule: (continued)

Mortality Rates (2024)

<i>Pre-retirement</i>	PRI-2012 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table.
<i>Healthy annuitants</i>	PRI-2012 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, plus a 20% load for males and a 12% load for females.
<i>Disabled annuitants</i>	120% of PRI-2012 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table
<i>Beneficiaries</i>	112% of PRI-2012 Contingent Survivor Mortality Table
	Mortality rates were based on the PRI-2012 Mortality Tables, Headcount-Weighted, with sex-distinct rates, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.

Mortality Rates (2021-2023)

<i>Pre-retirement</i>	PRI-2012 Employee Mortality Table
<i>Healthy annuitants</i>	120% of PRI-2012 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table
<i>Disabled annuitants</i>	120% of PRI-2012 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table
<i>Beneficiaries</i>	120% of PRI-2012 Contingent Survivor Mortality Table
	Mortality rates were based on the PRI-2012 Mortality Tables for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale SSA-2019

Mortality Rates (2019-2020)

<i>Pre-retirement</i>	PRI-2012 Employee Mortality Table
<i>Healthy annuitants</i>	120% of PRI-2012 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table
<i>Disabled annuitants</i>	120% of PRI-2012 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table
<i>Beneficiaries</i>	120% of PRI-2012 Contingent Survivor Mortality Table
	All mortality tables above projected generationally with Scale SSA-2019

Mortality Rates (2015-2018)

<i>Pre-retirement</i>	RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table
<i>Healthy annuitants</i>	138% of RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table
<i>Disabled annuitants</i>	138% of RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table
	All mortality tables above are projected generationally with a modified RPEC2014 projection table using a 15-year convergence period for cohort effects and a 10-year convergence period for age/period effects.

Other Information

2015	* 'The MLGW Pension Plan adopted GASB Statement No. 82 in 2016. To present the comparative statements for 2016 and 2015, the Division contributions for 2015 were restated to reflect the Executive contributions as a part of Member contributions.
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Schedule of Investment Returns
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense *	8.83%	7.75%	(11.22%)	15.40%	12.75%	17.70%	(2.61%)	16.51%	8.66%	1.34%

*The annual money-weighted rate of return on the Pension plan investments is calculated as the internal rate of return on investments, net of investment expense. A money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. The Pension plan investment expense should be measured on the accrual basis of accounting.

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Retirement and Pension System
Memphis, Tennessee

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 ("*Government Auditing Standards*"), the financial statements of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division Retirement and Pension System (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of December 31, 2024, 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 May 29, 2025. Our report disclosed that the statements of the Plan do not purport to present the financial position of the Light, Gas and Water Division of the City of Memphis or the City of Memphis as of December 31, 2024, and respective changes in their financial position or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing 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 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 entity'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 over financial reporting 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Plan's financial statements are free of 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 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 results 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.

Forvis Mazars, LLP

**Memphis, Tennessee
May 29, 2025**

**MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS AND WATER DIVISION
RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM**

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2024

There were no prior findings reported.