

Summary of Reporting Requirements for Texas Public Retirement Systems

Public retirement systems shall adhere to the various reporting requirement provisions of the Texas Government Code as summarized below.

Actuarial/Financial Reporting Requirements

Annual Reports

Annual Financial Report: Defined benefit plans must file an annual financial report, including the financial statements and schedules examined in the most recent audit performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, a statement of opinion by the CPA stating whether or not the statements are presented fairly and in accordance with GAAP, the names of all investment managers engaged by the retirement system, and a listing of all direct and indirect commissions and fees paid during the previous fiscal year for sale, purchase, or management of assets. See Gov't Code §802.102 & §802.103 and 40 TAC, Chapter 609.

Membership Report: Defined benefit plans must file an annual report of total membership of active employees and persons receiving a benefit. See Gov't Code §802.104 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form PRB-200.

Investment Returns and Assumptions Report: Defined benefit plans must file a report containing investment returns and actuarial assumptions. See Gov't Code §802.108 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form PRB-1000 Instructions & Form PRB-1000.

Due within 210 days after end of previous fiscal year

- Financial Report
- Membership Report
- Investment Returns and Assumptions Report

FISCAL YEAR 2023 DUE DATE CALENDAR FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, MEMBERSHIP REPORT, AND INVESTMENT RETURNS & ASSUMPTIONS REPORT

Plans receive reminders and enforcement notices on the 1st and 15th of applicable months. If the 1st and 15th fall on a state holiday or weekend, then they are sent on the following business day. The non-compliance date is the day on which the PRB is required to include the system's name on the list of non-compliant public retirement systems posted on the PRB website.

FY End Date	Due Date	60-Day Reminder	15-Day Reminder	15-Day Enforcement	45-Day Enforcement	Non-Compliance
February 29, 2024	September 26, 2024	August 1, 2024	September 15, 2024	October 15, 2024	November 15, 2024	December 1, 2024
June 30, 2024	January 26, 2025	December 1, 2024	January 15, 2025	February 15, 2025	March 15, 2025	April 1, 2025
July 31, 2024	February 26, 2025	January 1, 2025	February 15, 2025	March 15, 2025	April 15, 2025	May 1, 2025
August 31, 2024	March 29, 2025	February 1, 2025	March 15, 2025	April 15, 2025	May 15, 2025	June 1, 2025
September 30, 2024	April 28, 2025	March 1, 2025	April 15, 2025	May 15, 2025	June 15, 2025	July 1, 2025
October 31, 2024	May 29, 2025	April 1, 2025	May 15, 2025	June 15, 2025	July 15, 2025	August 1, 2025
December 31, 2024	July 29, 2025	June 1, 2025	July 15, 2025	August 15, 2025	September 15, 2025	October 1, 2025

Other Reports

Actuarial Valuation: Defined benefit plans must have an actuarial valuation prepared by a certified actuary, at least once every three years, which includes a recommended contribution rate needed for the system to achieve and maintain an amortization period that does not exceed 30 years. See Gov't Code §802.101.

Due upon adoption by the system

Actuarial Experience Study: Defined benefit plans with an asset value of at least \$100 million must conduct an actuarial experience study once every five years. See Gov't Code §802.1014.

Due within 30 days of adoption by the system

Audits by Governmental Entity: Defined benefit plans with an asset value of at least \$100 million must allow the governmental entity to conduct an audit by an independent actuary every five years of the actuarial valuations, studies, and reports of a public retirement system most recently prepared for the retirement system as required by Section §802.101 or other law under Title 8 of the Gov't Code or under Title 109, Revised Statutes. See Gov't Code §802.1012.1

Due within 30 days of receipt by the governmental entity

Funding Soundness Restoration Plan (FSRP): If a defined benefit plan's amortization period exceeds 30 years over a few valuations, the public retirement system and its associated governmental entity shall formulate a Funding Soundness Restoration Plan that would be due by the latter of two years following the triggering valuation date or September 1, 2025. The system shall report any updates of progress made by the entities toward improved actuarial soundness to the PRB within one year of the triggering valuation date and every six months following. See Gov't Code §802.2015, §802.2016 and TAC 40 Chapter 610.²

Due within 31 days of adoption by the system

FSRP (sponsor also must

Funding Policy (with sponsor)

adopt)

Funding Policy: Defined benefit plans and their associated governmental entity are required to jointly develop and adopt a written funding policy detailing the governing body's plan for achieving a funded ratio that is equal to or greater than 100% and provide the PRB with subsequently adopted changes, including those from FSRPs, within 31 days. See Gov't Code §802.2011 and PRB Informal Guidance.

> **Investment Practices** and Performance Report

Investment Practices and Performance Report: Defined benefit plans are required to select an independent firm to evaluate their investment practices and performance and make recommendations for improvement. The evaluation must be completed once every 3 years if the retirement system holds assets totaling at least \$100 million or more; or once every 6 years if the retirement system holds assets totaling at least \$30 million but less than \$100 million. Retirement systems holding assets less than \$30 million are not required to perform the evaluation. See Gov't Code §802.109 and PRB Informal Guidance.

¹ The Employees Retirement System of Texas, Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, Texas County and District Retirement System, and the Texas Municipal Retirement System are exempt from this report.

² FSRPs formulated before September 1, 2021 are governed by the prior statute. The Employees Retirement System of Texas, Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, Texas County and District Retirement System, and the Texas Municipal Retirement System are exempt from this report.

Investment Policy: Defined benefit plans are required to develop and adopt a written investment policy and maintain a copy of the policy for review at its main office. <u>See</u> Gov't Code §802.202(d).

Due within 90 days of adoption/amendment

Summary Plan Description: All public retirement systems are required to file and maintain a copy of the system's summary plan description. See Gov't Code §802.106 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form *PRB-500*.

Report any changes within 30 days

Registration: All public retirement systems are required to register with the PRB within **90 days** after the plan's creation date. See Gov't Code §802.105 and 40 TAC, Chapter 605, Form PRB-100.

Minimum Educational Training (MET) Program Reporting Requirements

Required Reports

Trustee and System Administrator Information: Defined benefit plans must provide the PRB with basic information regarding their trustees and system administrator at the plan's creation; and report any changes thereafter. See 40 TAC,

Chapter 607, Form PRB-150.

Minimum Education Training Program Form: Defined benefit plans must provide the PRB with a report of training completed by trustees and system administrator. See 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form *PRB-2000*.

Optional Forms for Certain Systems

Exemption for Certain System Administrators: Systems may apply for an exemption from the system administrator

training requirement if the system has designated an outside entity (bank or financial institution) as the system administrator, or if the system does not have an administrator that meets the statutory definition and affirms that a trustee performs this role and will be subject to the training. In both cases, submit a certification letter for exemption of certain system administrators. See Gov't Code §801.001(3) and §802.001(4) and 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form Certification Letter for Exemption of Certain System Administrators.

Sponsor Accreditation: Systems may apply to become an accredited sponsor, using the sponsor approval application, to be able to offer credit for in-house training, often provided by staff or outside consultants. The in-house training must meet the same standards as training offered by all sponsors. See 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form Sponsor Accreditation Application.

Individual Course Approval: The individual course approval application may be used by a system trustee or administrator who wishes to attend an MET activity from an unaccredited sponsor. The application must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the activity. The application may also be used by a system that is not an accredited sponsor but seeks MET credit for in-house training provided to its trustees and/or administrator. See 40 TAC, Chapter 607, Form Individual Course Approval Application.

First Year of Service Training Extension Request: In exceptional circumstances, a trustee or system administrators may apply for a one-time, three-month extension to complete the core training requirement. See 40 TAC, Chapter 607.³

Report any changes within 30 days

Due April 1

- PRB-150: Current trustees and system administrator
- PRB-2000: Training completed during the previous calendar year

³ A link to the form will be provided once adopted.

Other Reporting Requirements

Internet Posting of Reports and Information

If a retirement system maintains its own website, the system shall prominently post on its website its system administrator's contact information and reports and registration information submitted to the PRB. If a system does not have its own website, it has the option to post the information on its sponsoring entity's website or on a state agency website, such as the PRB. The PRB will help systems without a website comply with these requirements through its agency website. See Gov't Code §802.107.

Exemptions

Plans exempt from reporting to the Pension Review Board: Volunteer firefighter retirement systems organized under the Texas Local Fire Fighter's Retirement Act (TLFFRA) and defined contribution plans are only subject to the registration, summary plan description, and internet posting requirements of the Government Code. These systems are exempt from all the other reporting requirements. See Gov't Code §802.002 (c) & (d).

Plans exempt from <u>registering and reporting</u> to the Pension Review Board: Plans offering only worker's compensation; plans administered by the federal government; Individual Retirement Account (IRA); plans claiming 401(d), 403(b), or 457(b) tax status under the Internal Revenue Code; and plans administered by life insurance companies. <u>See</u> Gov't Code §802.001.

To obtain the various PRB Reporting Forms referenced in this document; informal guidance, and memorandums outlining updated reporting requirements for retirement systems please <u>click here</u>.

With questions or for additional information, please feel free to contact the PRB at 512-463-1736 or prb@prb.texas.gov.

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