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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gardner Retirement Board

FROM: John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director

RE: Approval of Funding Schedule

DATE: November 8, 2023

This Commission is hereby furnishing you with approval of the revised funding schedule you recently adopted (copy enclosed). The schedule assumes payments are made on July 1 of each fiscal year. The schedule is effective in FY24 (since the amount under the prior schedule was maintained in FY24) and is acceptable under Chapter 32.

The revised schedule maintains the 7.0% investment return assumption used in the 2022 actuarial valuation. The COLA base was increased from \$13,000 to \$14,000 as part of the 2023 actuarial valuation.

If you have any questions, please contact PERAC's Actuary, John Boorack, at (617) 666-4446, extension 935.

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GARDNER CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE

| | | | Funding | | | |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| Fiscal | Normal | Unfunded | Amortization | Net 3(8)(c) | Schedule | |
| Year | Cost | Liability | of UAAL | Payments | Contribution* | % Change |
| 2025 | 1,076,741 | 41,889,513 | 4,999,231 | 58,114 | 6,134,086 | 7.00% |
| 2026 | 1,114,427 | 39,472,602 | 5,390,931 | 58,114 | 6,563,472 | 7.00% |
| 2027 | 1,153,432 | 36,467,388 | 5,811,369 | 58,114 | 7,022,915 | 7.00% |
| 2028 | 1,193,802 | 32,801,940 | 6,262,603 | 58,114 | 7,514,519 | 7.00% |
| 2029 | 1,235,585 | 28,397,091 | 6,746,836 | 58,114 | 8,040,535 | 7.00% |
| 2030 | 1,278,831 | 23,165,772 | 7,266,428 | 58,114 | 8,603,373 | 7.00% |
| 2031 | 1,323,590 | 17,012,298 | 7,823,905 | 58,114 | 9,205,609 | 7.00% |
| 2032 | 1,369,915 | 9,831,580 | 8,421,972 | 58,1,14 | 9,850,001 | 7.00% |
| 2033 | 1,417,862 | 1,508,280 | 1,508,280 | 58,114 | 2,984,256 | -69.70% |
| 2034 | 1,467,487 | - | - | 58,114 | 1,525,601 | -48.88% |

Amortization of Unfunded Liability as of July 1, 2024

Bases in the funding schedule:

- Amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability: 9 years.



^{*} Contributions are set to be the amount resulting from a 7% increase on the prior year's contribution. The contribution in FY2033 decreases by 69.70%.