## FPPA Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado



# Annual Update: Pension Review Commission

## **Mission Statement**



The Fire & Police Pension
Association of Colorado is
committed to our Members.
We will prudently invest their
retirement funds, administer
benefits impartially, and efficiently
provide high quality service.

## FPPA Membership



#### **Defined Benefit System**

Active: 12,579Retired: 3,181

#### **Statewide Death & Disability Plan**

Active: 13,757Retired: 1,436

#### **Statewide Money Purchase Plan**

Active: 174Retired: 176

#### **Volunteer Firefighter Plans**

Active: 2,314Retired: 3,805

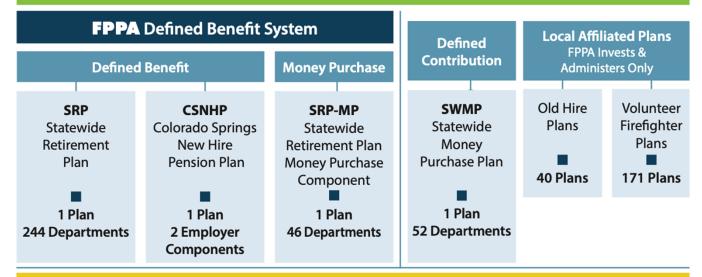
#### **Old Hire Plans**

• Active: 2

Retired: 2,509

## Plan Organization

#### **FPPA** Administered Plans



#### **SWDD** Statewide Death & Disability Plan

Plans above this bar are covered by the Statewide Death & Disability Plan

1 Plan 263 Departments

#### **FPPA** Multi-Employer Deferred Compensation Plan

Plans above this bar may participate in the Multi-Employer Deferred Compensation Plan

1 Plan 137 Departments



## Funded Status and Contribution Rates



#### **Statewide Retirement Plan**

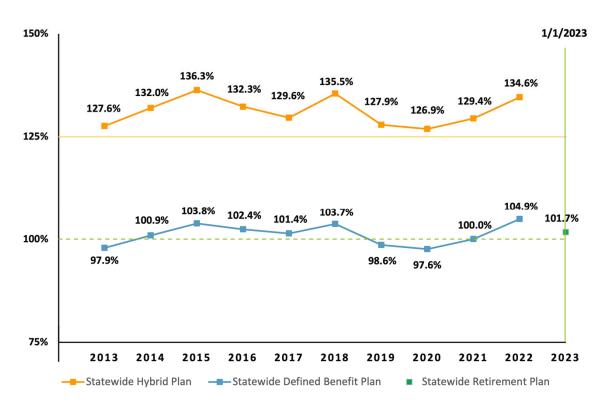
- 101.7% funded
- Member contribution: 12% / Employer Contribution: 9.5%

#### **Statewide Death & Disability Plan**

- 81.7% funded
- Required contribution: 3.4%



## Funded Status: Statewide Retirement Plan



The Statewide Hybrid Plan merged with the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2023 to create the Statewide Retirement Plan.

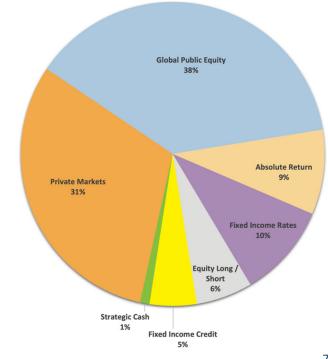
Funded statuses reported prior to 2023 are for the Statewide Hybrid Plan (orange) and the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan (blue).



## Investment Assets and Allocations

FPPA Long-Term Pool Assets: \$5.485 Billion

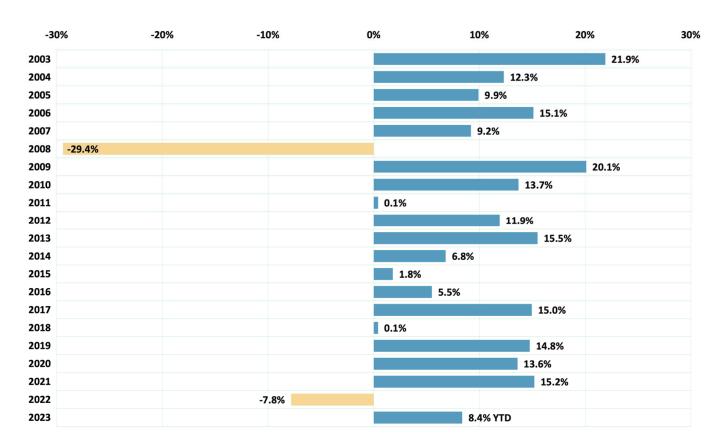
| Asset Class          | Target Allocation | \$(000's) Actual |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Global Public Equity | 38%               | \$2,161,136      |
| Equity Long / Short  | 6%                | \$312,652        |
| Fixed Income Rates   | 10%               | \$543,027        |
| Fixed Income Credit  | 5%                | \$235,860        |
| Absolute Return      | 9%                | \$455,265        |
| Strategic Cash       | 1%                | \$60,336         |
| Private Markets      | 31%               | \$1,716,842      |
| Total Pool           | 100%              | \$5,485,118      |





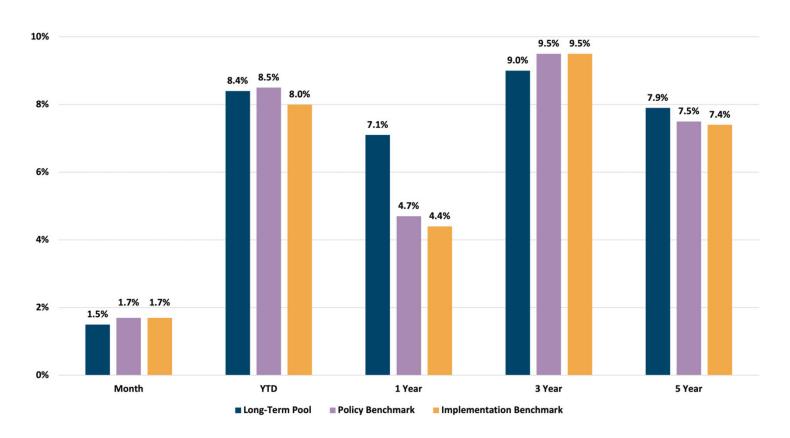
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## Annual Returns: Last 20 Years





## Performance vs. Benchmarks





## 2023 COLA legislation and Updated COLA Policy

- House Bill 23-1106
  - FPPA Board's Non-Compounding Authorization
  - Signed Into Law (March 23, 2023)
  - Gives the FPPA Board the authority to pay non-compounding COLAs under certain circumstances
- COLA policy now has two components:
  - 1) A compounded COLA percentage and:
  - 2) A One-Time Lump Sum payment under certain conditions:
    - If compounded COLA is less than 1%, and
    - The Long-Term Investment Pool (where FPPA invests Plan assets) has achieved an average return of 6.5% over the last five years, then....

## **Updated COLA Policy**

- If the conditions are met:
  - Pay a One-Time Lump Sum according to this calculation:

**CPI-W** inflation rate — compounding COLA percentage = One-Time Lump Sum Percentage

• Then multiply the One-Time Lump Sum Percentage by the Member's annual benefit to determine the One-Time Lump Sum:

One-Time Lump Sum Percentage x Member's annual benefit = One-Time Lump Sum amount

## 2023 Example

• 2022 Annual Benefit: \$50,000

• 2023 Inflation: 8.5%

• 2023 COLA: 0.15%

• 5-Year Avg Returns At Least 6.5%? Yes

• 2023 Annual Benefit: \$50,075

• \$50,000 \* (1.0015) = \$75

• 2023 Lump Sum: \$4,175

• \$50,000 \* (8.5% - 0.15%)



## 2024 Example: Normal Inflation

• 2023 Annual Benefit: \$50,075

• 2024 Inflation: 2.5%

• 2024 COLA: 0.20%

• 5-Year Avg Returns: 6.5%+

• 2024 Annual Benefit: \$50,175

• \$50,075 \* (1.0020) = \$100

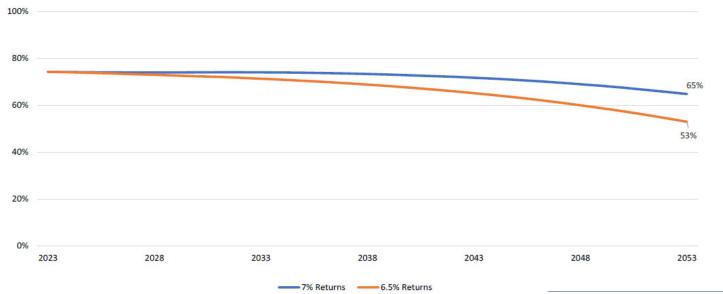
• 2024 Lump Sum: \$1,150

\$50,075 \* (2.5% - 0.20%)



### **Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)**

- 3% ongoing compounded COLA starting today is NOT sustainable
  - Plan goes from 101.7% funded down immediately to under 80% funded
  - After initial drop in funded status, Plan funded ratio continues to decline
  - Plan would require a 34% contribution rate to fund immediate 3% COLAs
    - Current contribution rate is 21.5%





## Additional Retirement Savings Opportunities

- The Statewide Retirement Plan offers additional savings opportunities for Members and their Employers:
  - 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan
    - Voluntary savings
  - Excess contributions into the Plan
    - Members and/or Employers may contribute additional funds into self-directed account
  - Employer DROP contributions
    - Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) allows Members to create a cash account during final working years
    - Employers can now continue to make contributions on behalf of Members in DROP

## 2024 Legislation: Clean-Up Bill + D&D Funding Bill

- Clean-Up bill
  - Fixing incorrect references and inconsistent language in C.R.S. Title 31: Articles 30, 30.5, 31 & 31.5
- Remaining Death & Disability Plan funding bill
  - State obligation to pay benefit costs for Members hired prior to 1997
  - SB22-036 paid \$13.3 Million
  - This bill seeks the remainder of the unfunded liability, which is \$25.6 million as of January 1, 2024

## Questions?

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