

Committee on Actuarial Valuation of Retired Employees' Health Benefits (OPEB Committee)

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Summary of Key Valuation Results

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Total OPEB Liability (TOL)	\$29,802,158,533	\$33,095,182,920
Plan Fiduciary Net Position (Assets)	2,061,307,299	1,455,683,423
Net OPEB Liability (NOL)	\$27,740,851,234	\$31,639,499,497
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of Total OPEB Liability	6.92%	4.40%
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Service Cost at Beginning of Year	\$1,824,174,672	\$1,539,091,679
Covered Payroll ¹	17,975,000,000	17,622,000,000
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Actuarially Determined Contribution for Fiscal Year Ending	\$2,823,873,000	\$2,971,069,000
Actual Contribution for Fiscal Year Ending ²	1,162,966,849	1,104,901,608
Benefit Payments	1,084,668,452	1,030,956,211

The "waterfall" chart on slide 6 shows the components of the change in Net OPEB Liability (NOL) from the prior year.

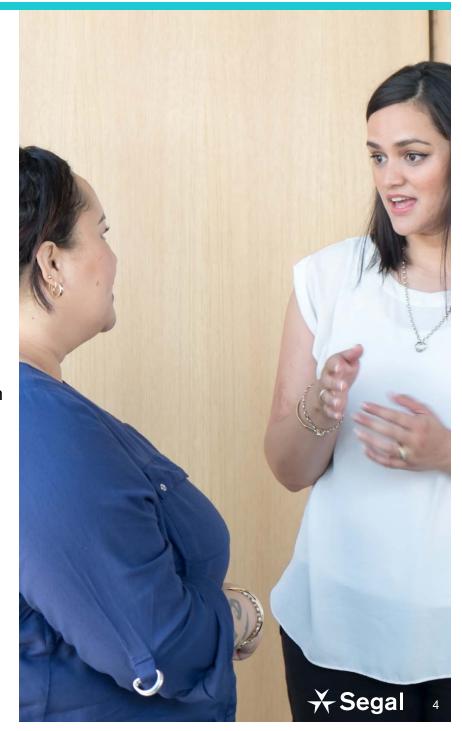


¹Covered payroll is estimated for both 2019 and 2020 based on employer contributions

²Does not include \$475.2 million transfer from Public Employee Health Benefit Fund to Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund in June 2020.

Changes from Prior Report

- Starting claims costs, short-term trend and migration assumptions
 - Updated to be consistent with Q1 financial projections
- Medicare Advantage contract (January 1, 2021)
 - Reflects \$0 premium for MA Base plan, guaranteed for 5 years
- TPA contract (January 1, 2022)
 - Reflects savings in BCBSNC administrative fees
- Plan changes (January 1, 2021)
 - Reflects changes approved by the Board of Trustees on February 28th and June 15th
- Employer contribution changes (January 1, 2021)
 - Reflects legislative changes passed into law on June 26th
- Discount rate
 - From 3.50% to 2.21%, based on GO Bond index at Measurement Date
- Removal of ACA fees
 - Excise tax on high cost health plans
 - Health Insurer Fee



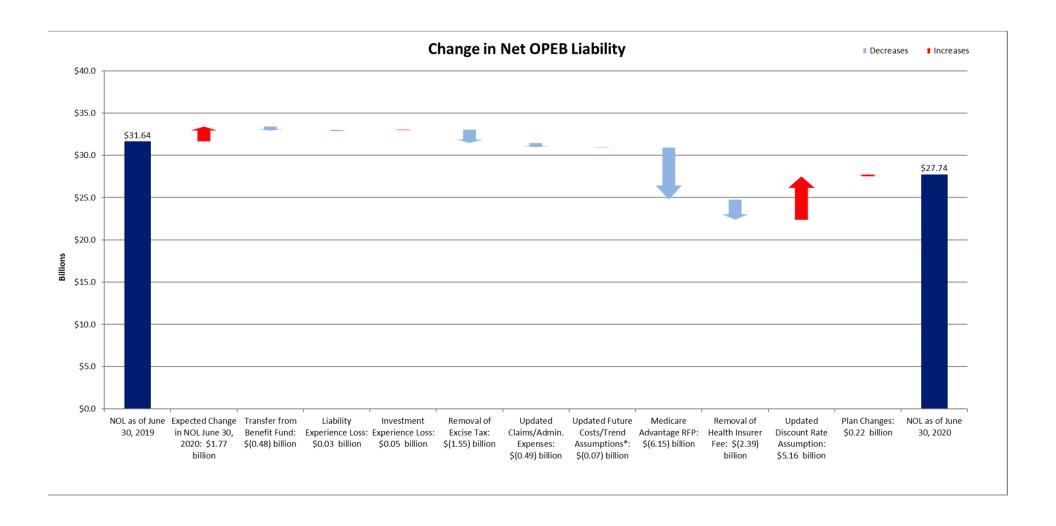
Summary by Participant Type

Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2020	Pre-65	Post-65	Total	
Active	\$11,510,435,808	\$6,812,094,499	\$18,322,530,307	
Vested	1,610,305,712	2,121,143,014	3,731,448,726	
Retired	2,216,982,472	4,991,863,299	7,208,845,771	
Beneficiary	5,898,408	5,182,208	11,080,616	
Disabled	218,461,187	309,791,926	<u>528,253,113</u>	
Total	\$15,562,083,587	\$14,240,074,946	\$29,802,158,533	

	As of December 31, 2019	As of December 31, 2018
Number of retirees	209,980	205,490
Number of spouses	18,367	17,523
Number of surviving spouses	2,877	2,973
Number inactive vested	45,096	43,908
Number of actives	<u>348,905</u>	<u>346,173</u>
Total number of participants and spouses	625,225	616,067

- Post-65 costs have decreased significantly since the prior valuation, due to the reduction in Medicare Advantage premiums beginning January 1, 2021.
- As a result, post-65 liability is now 48% of the TOL, down from 56% of the total last year.
- 61% of the TOL is for active employees.

Reconciliation of the Net OPEB Liability



^{*} Includes updates to trend and migration assumptions, new TPA contract, and PBM market check



Roll Forward from Valuation Date to Measurement Date

Dec	December 31, 2019 Valuation Liabilities Adjusted to June 30, 2020					
1.	Entry Age Normal Actuarial Liability as of December 31, 2019	\$28,899,369,897				
2.	Normal Cost for Calendar 2020	1,974,212,317				
3.	Expected Benefit Payments for Calendar 2020	824,570,415				
4.	Discount Rate	2.21%				
5.	Proration of Normal Cost	987,106,159				
6.	Proration of Benefit Payments	412,285,208				
7.	Interest on 1. for six months	319,338,038				
8.	Interest on 5. for six months	10,907,523				
9.	Interest on 6. for three months	\$2,277,876				
10.	Adjusted Entry Age Normal Actuarial Liability (TOL) 1. + 5 6. + 7. + 8 9.	\$29,802,158,533				
11.	Market Value of Assets	2,061,307,299				
12.	Net OPEB Liability (NOL)	\$27,740,851,234				

Comparative Results

GASB 74 Results	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Total OPEB Liability	\$29,802,158,533	\$33,095,182,920	\$29,798,358,029	\$33,983,194,571
Plan Fiduciary Net Position (Assets)	2,061,307,299	1,455,683,423	1,310,172,550	1,196,570,107
Net OPEB Liability	\$27,740,851,234	\$31,639,499,497	\$28,488,185,479	\$32,786,624,464
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of Total OPEB Liability	6.92%	4.40%	4.40%	3.52%
Discount Rate	2.21%	3.50%	3.87%	3.58%
Contributions	\$1,162,966,849	\$1,104,901,608	\$1,018,692,516	\$950,812,690
Covered Payroll	\$17,975,000,000	\$17,622,000,000	\$16,838,000,000	\$16,365,112,000
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	6.47%	6.27%	6.05%	5.81%
Service Cost (w/o interest) for the Next Fiscal Year	\$1,974,212,317	\$1,824,174,672	\$1,539,091,679	\$1,753,384,309
Service Cost as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	10.98%	10.35%	9.14%	10.71%
Pre-65 Blended Claims Costs (Age 65)	\$13,844	\$13,658	\$13,008	\$12,310
Post-65 Blended Claims Costs (Age 65)	\$1,781	\$ 1,459	\$ 1,840	\$ 2,103
Retiree and Spouse Count on Previous Dec. 31	231,224	225,986	219,657	213,425
Vested Terminations Count on Previous Dec. 31	45,096	43,908	41,471	39,230
Active Count on Previous Dec. 31	348,905	346,173	344,411	338,158
Total Valuation Count on Previous Dec. 31	625,225	616,067	605,539	590,813

While post-65 valuation starting costs (for 2020) have increased since prior valuation, this year's valuation includes reductions in 2021 and beyond due to new Medicare Advantage contract, which reduce post-65 OPEB liability (as noted on slide 5)

Reconciliation of Participant Data

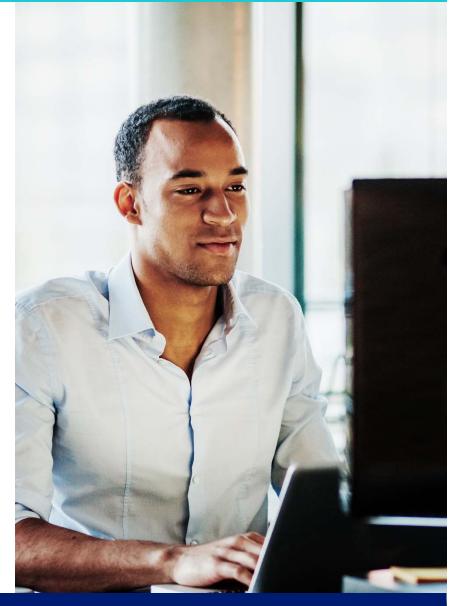
Data Reconciliation from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019

				Retiree		Disabled		
	Actives	Vested	Retirees	Spouses	Disabled	Spouses	Beneficiaries	Total
Counts as of December 31, 2018	346,173	43,908	193,382	16,945	12,108	578	2,973	616,067
New Hires	34,335	0	0	0	0	C	0	34,335
Act to Vested	-5,068	5,068	0	0	0	C	0	0
Act to Ret	-8,435	0	8, 4 35	0	0	C	0	0
Act to Dis	-357	0	0	0	357	C	0	0
Rehires	1,681	-1,550	-111	-8	-11	-1	0	0
Vest to "In Pay"	0	-1,121	978	0	143	C	0	0
Transfer to Vest	0	201	-24	-7	-170	C	0	0
Transfer to Ret	0	0	45	-12	-23	C	-10	0
Transfer to Ret Sp	-25	-28	0	56	-1	-1	-1	0
Transfer to Dis	0	0	-61	-1	63	-1	0	0
Transfer to Dis Sp	0	0	0	-5	-1	6	0	0
Death w/ Ben	0	0	-8	-239	-2	-16	265	0
Death w/o Ben OR to Non-Participating	-19,399	-1,394	-5,523	-1,020	-370	-51	-383	-28,140
"Pickups"	0	12	755	2,069	19	75	33	2,963
Net Movement	2,732	1,188	4,486	833	4	11	-96	9,158
Counts as of December 31, 2019	348,905	45,096	197,868	17,778	12,112	589	2,877	625,225



Plan Provisions

- Eligibility: Retirees from State, UNC, community colleges, local school systems, and certain other entities including some local governments
- Retirees contribute based on plan elected (and years of service for retirees hired after 10/1/2006)
- Benefit types
 - Pre-Medicare
 - 70/30 Plan
 - 80/20 Plan
 - Medicare-eligible
 - 70/30 Plan
 - Medicare Advantage Plan Base
 - Medicare Advantage Plan Enhanced
- Coverage duration: Lifetime



Please see our draft full valuation report dated August 12, 2020 for additional information regarding plan provisions, assumptions, data, and methods.

Thank You