

# Board Education Session

Peer Practices and Insights

TMRS Board of Trustees Meeting | May 31, 2019

Featured Guest Speaker:

Ron Baker, Executive Director | Colorado PERA





# Agenda

- Education Session Objectives
- Colorado PERA Overview
- Questions | Open Discussion



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# Vision

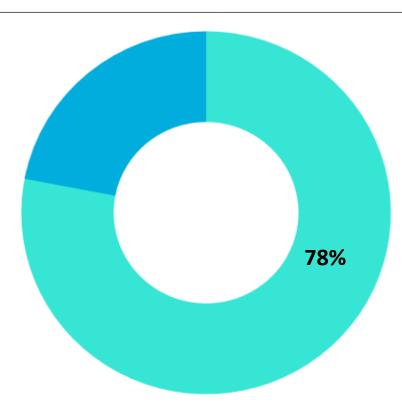
To be the model for empowering retirement

# Mission

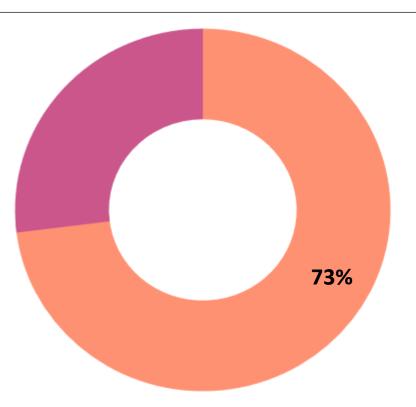
Providing secure, reliable retirement benefits

## Well-Run Retirement Plans: Essential to the Public Sector Workforce\*





Pension benefits are critical to accepting employment



Stay with an employer because of the retirement benefits

\*2018 Accenture survey of 2,800 employees



TMRS:
Strong
Foundation,
Bright
Future



Asset Size and Allocation



Benefit Payments



Staff Size



What could the future of TMRS hold?

## Colorado PERA Overview



- Created in 1931, pre-Social Security
- 600,000+ members and beneficiaries across 5 distinct divisions
- 500+ employers
- Approximately \$50B in assets under management
- Largest public plan in Colorado
- 24<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. public plan

# Benefit Programs



#### Retirement

- Defined Benefit
- Defined Contribution

#### Survivor

#### Disability

#### Voluntary

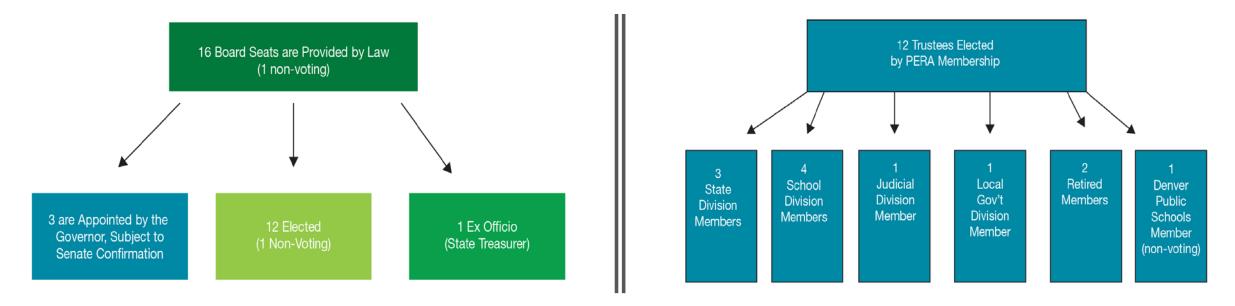
- 401(k) Plan
- 457 Plan
- Life Insurance
- Health Benefits Program
- Long-Term Care Insurance (closed to new applicants)



# Statutory Authority

- Instrumentality of the State of Colorado
- Board Authority:
  - Approve operating budget, personnel, compensation, and contracts.
  - Adopt and revise rules in accordance with State statutes.
  - Responsible for administering the benefits and investing the assets.
- The Board does not have authority to set employee or employer contribution rates.
- The Board does not have authority to establish benefits.





# Board Composition

# Board Governance



#### **Board Meetings**

- 5 Regular Meetings per year
- One Annual Planning Meeting
- Meetings are open to the public and subject to open meetings laws

#### **Standing Committees**

- Audit
- Benefits
- Compensation and Budget
- Evaluation Committee
- Executive
- Investment
- Shareholder Responsibility
- Stakeholder Relations

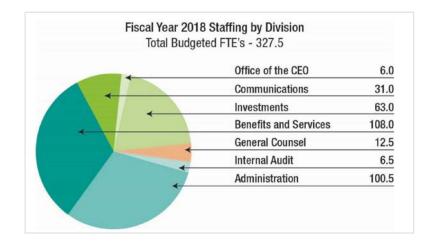
#### Leadership

- Strategic Plan
- Governance Manual
- Strategic Communications Plan
- Executive Director and Consultant Evaluations





- Operating Budget
  - \$79.6 million (2018) = 0.16% of assets (12/31/17)
- Total investment management expense
  - \$172.8 million (2017) or 0.35% of assets
- Staffing
  - All staff are "at will"
  - Total Compensation Philosophy adopted by the Board in 2003; routinely refreshed
  - Annual compensation and benefits studies
  - Investment staff are eligible for incentive compensation





## Board's Investment Duties



SET AND MONITOR ASSET ALLOCATION



APPROVE INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT, INCLUDING BENCHMARKS



SELECT AND MONITOR CONSULTANTS



OVERSEE INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT
STRUCTURE

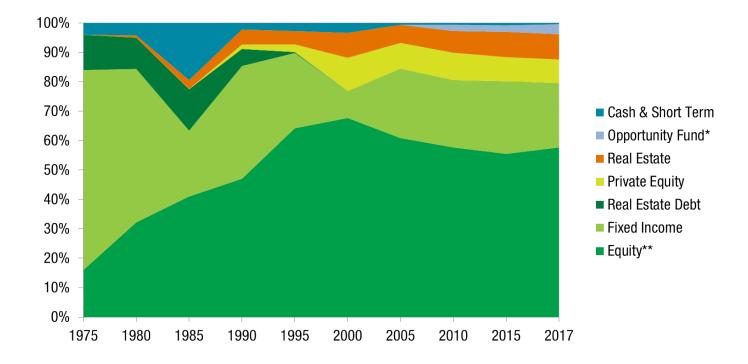


OVERSEE DELEGATIONS TO STAFF

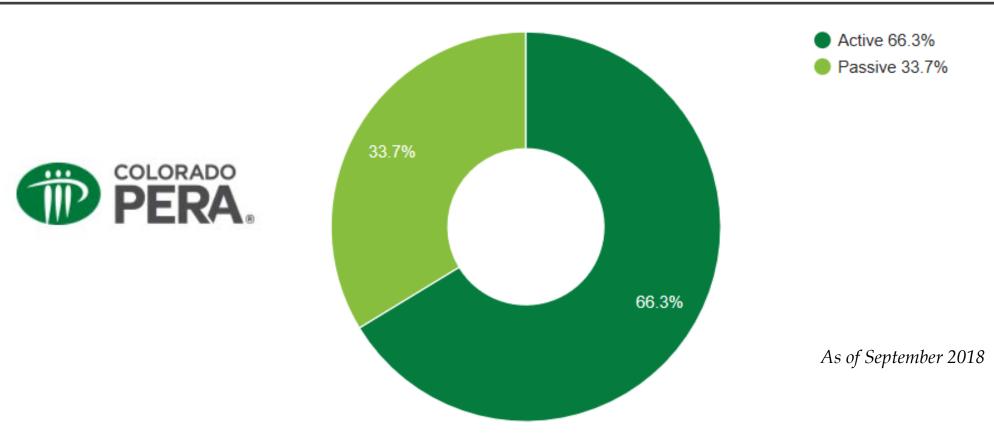
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# Historical Asset Allocation Mix

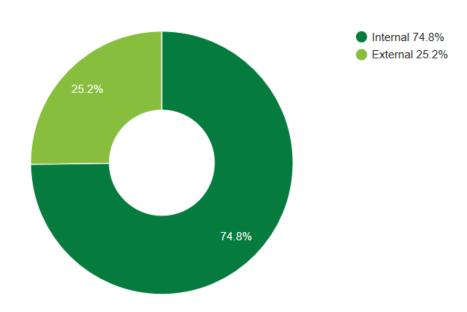
1975 - 2017



# Active vs. Passive Investments







Asset Class	Internal Management	External Management
Global Equity	74.0%	26.0%
Fixed Income	75.6%	24.4%
Real Estate	0%	100%
Private Equity	0%	100%
Opportunity Fund	0%	100%
Cash	0%	100%
Total Fund	59.2%	40.8%

*Approximated annual savings from internal management = \$45+ million* 

# Internal vs. External Investments

As of September 2018

## Internal Investment Management Framework





Similar to that of an external investment management firm



54 total staff | 50 investment professionals



Credentialed Professional Staff

# Internal Technology Framework









INTERNALLY DEVELOPED,
SUPPORTED, AND
PROTECTED PENSION
ADMINISTRATION
TECHNOLOGY

39 TOTAL STAFF | 34 TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS

CREDENTIALED PROFESSIONAL STAFF

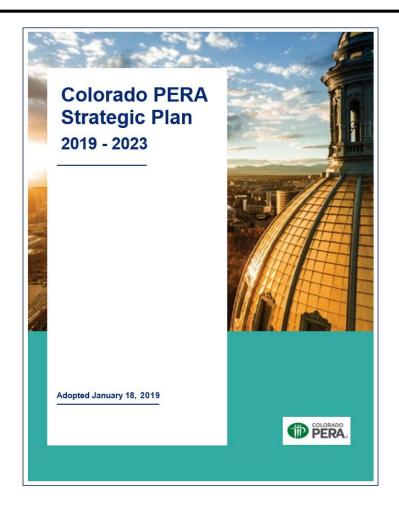
# PERA Recognition and Thought-Leadership



- Long-standing recipient of GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- 2012 GFOA Award of Excellence in Government Finance for Defined Contribution Program
- Consistent outperformance versus CEM peers for service and cost containment
- Executive Team participates in a variety of industry leadership roles (CII, NAPPA, GFOA, etc.)

## The Road Ahead









# Questions | Open Discussion