MainePERS PLD Advisory Committee August 1, 2023 139 Capitol St, Augusta, Maine & Via Zoom

AGENDA

1:00 p.m.		CALL TO ORDER		Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke
	1.	MINUTES of May 2, 2023	ACTION	Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke
	2.	CEO UPDATEEmployer Experience StudyMember Portal Preview		Dr. Rebecca Wyke Chip Gavin Valerie Scott Mara McGowen
	3.	2023 COLA		Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke Kathy Morin
	4.	UPCOMING VALUATION/RATE SETTING		Fiona Liston and Bonnie Rightnour, Cheiron Kathy Morin
	5.	LEGISLATIVE AND RULEMAKING UPDATES		Michael Colleran Kathy Morin
	6.	EMPLOYER AUDIT PROGRAM UPDATE		Sherry Vandrell
	7.	ADMINISTRATIVE • Current PLD Activity Report		Deanna Doyle
3:00 p.m.		<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke

MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Minutes

PLD Advisory Committee Regular Meeting May 2, 2023 MainePERS Board Conference Room 1:00 p.m.

The PLD Advisory Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at MainePERS.

Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke, Chief Executive Officer, presided. Members present: Deborah Roberts, Maine School Management Association; Rick Cailler, Professional Firefighters of Maine; Steve Butterfield, Governor's designee; Sophie Wilson, Maine Municipal Association (Remotely); Sylvia Hebert, AFSCME Counsel 93 (Remotely); Traci St. Clair, Teamsters (Remotely); Shelly Page, Maine Service Employees Association (Remotely); Brendan O'Connell, Maine Municipal Association (Remotely); Members absent: David Barrett, Maine Municipal Association; and Jim Hodgkin, Winthrop Schools. The Committee was joined by: Deanna Doyle, PLD Plan Administrator; Chip Gavin, Chief Services Officer; Sherry Vandrell, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Colleran, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel; Mary Rodimon, Paralegal; and Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General.

MINUTES

Dr. Wyke took roll call, and the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting.

CEO UPDATE

One-Time COLA for Retirees in State-sponsored Plans

Dr. Wyke reported the Legislature passed the State budget which included an additional one-time COLA payment for retirees in the State-sponsored plans. The COLA equals 1% of their yearly benefit for the period ending August 31, 2022, up to the maximum of the \$24,186.25 COLA base. This one-time COLA payment will be processed with the April payroll. The supplement budget does not affect PLD retirees who already received a 1% cumulative COLA increase in February, which had been retroactive to September 2022.

Temporary Adjustment to MainePERS Public Business Hours

Dr. Wyke reported that MainePERS has temporarily changed its business hours to Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for reaching Member Services Representatives by phone and for in person lobby services. This temporary change was necessary in order to address a significant backlog of member service requests due to a staffing shortage. Dr. Wyke noted e-mail remains an option through the MainePERS directory located on our website, including the option for sending a secure email via Zixmail for communications that include sensitive information. For those preferring to drop off instead of using the postal service, a secure drop box is available at the lobby entrance. To date the new hours have allowed staff to make significant progress in reducing the backlog of member service requests. Additionally,

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MainePERS implemented an employee retention program and is actively recruiting to fill vacant positions.

Member Portal

Dr. Wyke provided an update on the development of a member portal. Using the input received from members in a recent survey, MainePERS has designed a portal that will allow members to securely access their accounts on-line, update certain demographic information, and view their annual statements and beneficiary information. Retired members will be able to view monthly advices of deposit. Dr. Wyke noted that Chip Gavin and MainePERS Information Technology team are leading this effort. Chip reported that MainePERS completed Phase II testing recently and plans to launch the portal this fall.

Benefit Estimator

Dr. Wyke informed the Committee that MainePERS has a new Benefit Estimator tool on the MainePERS website. This tool was initially launched in January and then moved to the Home page for more visibility/easier access in February. The idea for a Benefit Estimator originated from the staff. Deanna Doyle provided a demonstration of the Benefit Estimator directly from the MainePERS website. She noted that the estimator is currently designed for regular plan members and a future update will provide for use by special plan members. Chip reported there have been 3500 views since the soft launch in January and that MainePERS had received good feedback on the new tool.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULEMAKING UPDATES

Mike Colleran reported that the Legislature is in full swing and there are many public hearings and work sessions occurring. He discussed LD 426, which would expand the periods of military service that can be purchased at a subsidized rate. If the bill passes, the Committee may want to consider whether to adopt a similar provision for the PLD Consolidated Plan. Mike reported there will be a public hearing on May 3 on LD 1759, "An Act to Clarify the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System." He noted this bill was unlikely to impact the rules that were recently adopted. Deb Roberts asked about LD 1152 noting it was scheduled for carry-over. Mike concurred and noted the bill would be carried-over for when the Legislature reconvenes in second session.

EMPLOYER AUDIT PROGRAM UPDATE

Sherry Vandrell reported that 86 reviews have been completed since inception of the program. She further noted the pace of the reviews had slowed due to staffing availability. Sherry noted that despite these challenges, staff continue to work diligently and to date approximately 82% of all findings have been resolved satisfactorily.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Retiree Return to Work

Sherry reported that the number of retirees returned to work remains consistent with not much change since the last report.

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Current PLD Activity Report

Deanna reported there are two new municipalities in the PLD plan: Town of Carmel and Town of Cornish, joining in April and May respectively. She noted that two other PLD employers added coverage for additional classifications of employees and that the Portland Water District has inquired about joining, which would be one of the larger employers in the Plan if they join. She further noted that there have not been any additional inquiries on withdrawals and that we continue to have a lot of interest in upgrading plans from employers.

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There being no further business for discuss The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.	ion, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn.
Date Approved	Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke, Chief Executive Officer

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PLD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: PLD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: DR. REBECCA M. WYKE, CEO

SUBJECT: CEO UPDATE

DATE: JULY 26, 2023

Employer Satisfaction Survey

MainePERS conducted a survey of our employers from July 10 – 21, 2023. Registered users for all of our MainePERS-covered employers were included in the survey, which was sent to 1,233 separate email addresses. The survey was received by 1,086 individual email accounts, for which 170 individuals responded, a 16% response rate. Seeking input and measuring the satisfaction of our employers is a strategic objective under the Strategic Plan *Goal V: Development of Stakeholder Relations*.

Nearly eighty percent (79.41%) of respondents indicated they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with MainePERS, while 8.83% indicated they were "dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" and 11.76% were neutral. Over ninety percent (90.58%) said they "agree" or "strongly agree" that MainePERS acts with integrity, while less than one percent "disagree" and 8.82% were neutral or had no opinion. Seventy-seven percent (77.06%) said they "agree" or "strongly agree" that MainePERS responds to questions in a timely manner, while 8.82% "disagree" or "strongly disagree" and 14.12% were neutral or had no opinion. Eighty-six percent (85.88%) said they "agree" or "strongly agree" that MainePERS staff are knowledgeable, while 2.35% "disagree" and 11.77% were neutral or had no opinion.

Other questions in the survey sought information about which plan the respondent participated in, their role in the organization, and their level of training. Additionally the survey sought information on what respondents desired for training and the sufficiency of MainePERS communications and information.

Open ended questions indicated some general concerns with the employer portal, responsiveness, and perceived inconsistency of information. Included in the materials for the August meeting are the results for some of the key questions in the survey.

Member Portal Overview

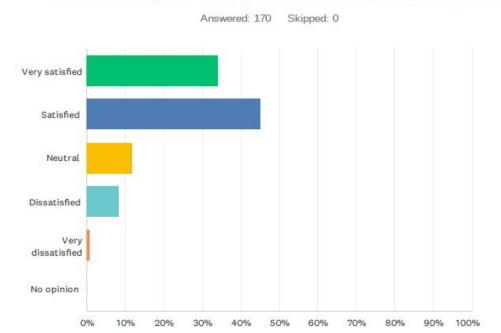
The Member Portal is a key strategic objective under the Strategic Plan *Goal IV: Cultivation of a Member-centric Organization*. Respondents to the member survey conducted last year indicated significant support for a secure online portal with 74% of active and 67% of retired members saying they would use a member portal if available. MainePERS is currently in the process of completing the testing of the member portal, which includes internal and external testing by both staff and stakeholders, and a final round of testing the security and fraud prevention measures by third-party security experts. The portal will be rolled out starting this fall in phases over a period of months. Additional details, including how to login, will be provided as each phased grouping is invited to participate. Chief Services Officer Chip Gavin, Director of Special Projects Val Scott and Assistant Director of Member Services for Supplemental Benefits Mara McGowan will provide an overview of the member portal at the August meeting.



Employer Satisfaction Survey 2023

Dr. Rebecca M. Wyke Chief Executive Officer

Please rate your overall satisfaction with MainePERS

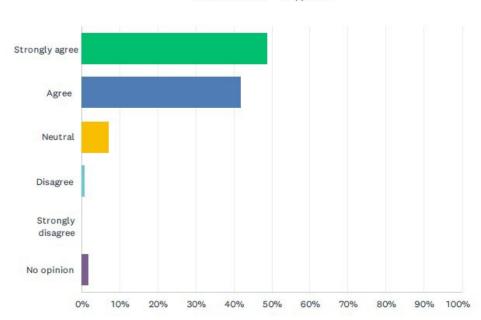


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	34.12%	58
Satisfied	45.29%	77
Neutral	11.76%	20
Dissatisfied	8.24%	14
Very dissatisfied	0.59%	1
No opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		170



MainePERS acts with integrity

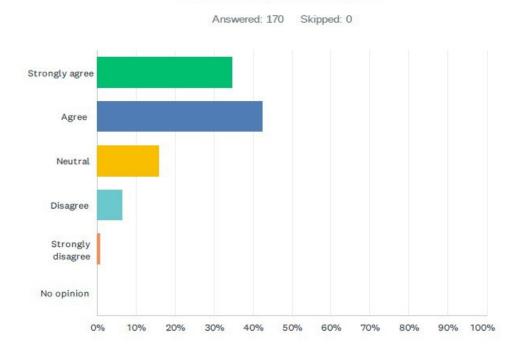




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	48.82%	83
Agree	41.76%	71
Neutral	7.06%	12
Disagree	0.59%	1
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
No opinion	1.76%	3
TOTAL		170



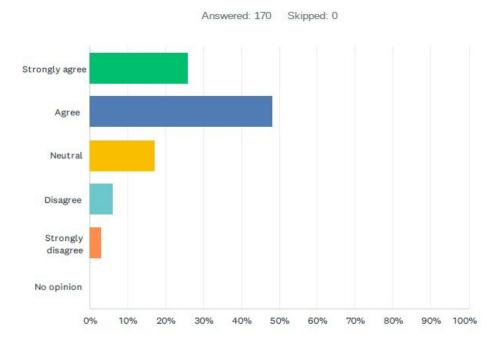
The frequency with which MainePERS communicates and provides information is sufficient



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	34.71%	59
Agree	42.35%	72
Neutral	15.88%	27
Disagree	6.47%	11
Strongly disagree	0.59%	1
No opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		170



Information I receive from MainePERS is easy to understand

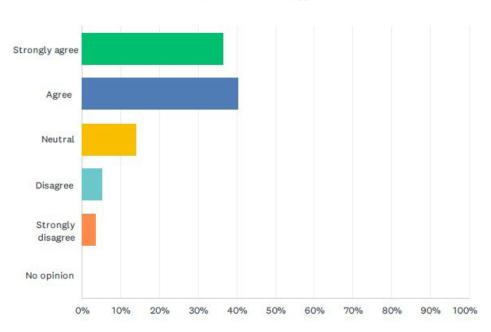


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	25.88%	44
Agree	48.24%	82
Neutral	17.06%	29
Disagree	5.88%	10
Strongly disagree	2.94%	5
No opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		170



MainePERS responds to my questions in a timely manner



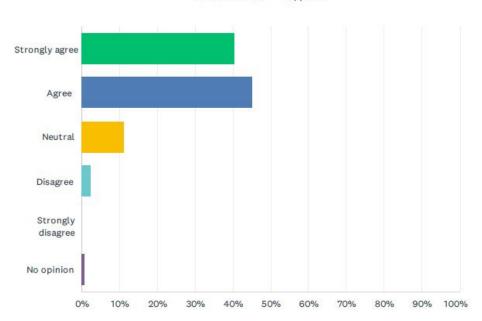


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	36.47%	62
Agree	40.59%	69
Neutral	14.12%	24
Disagree	5.29%	9
Strongly disagree	3.53%	6
No opinion	0.00%	0
TOTAL		170



MainePERS Staff are knowledgeable

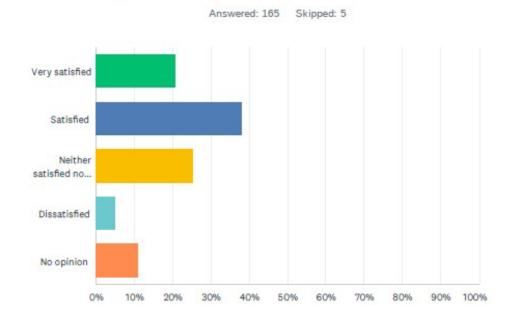




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	40.59%	69
Agree	45.29%	77
Neutral	11.18%	19
Disagree	2.35%	4
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
No opinion	0.59%	1
TOTAL		170



How satisfied are you with the training and reference materials available on the MainePERS website?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	20.61%	34
Satisfied	38.18%	63
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	25.45%	42
Dissatisfied	4.85%	8
No opinion	10.91%	18
TOTAL		165





MainePERS to Launch Member Portal in Fall 2023

MainePERS is planning to launch a secure online Member Portal as soon as fall 2023 for active and retired members that will offer convenient access to their MainePERS account information. This online portal will be rolled out in phases over a period of months. Additional details, including how to login, will be provided as each phased grouping is invited to participate.

Providing members with secure access to their information is important to MainePERS, and multi-layered security features will safeguard the online portal and member data. This includes portal infrastructure security and cybersecurity monitoring, as well multi-factor authentication for user access. Additionally, certain transactions will be limited or require further identification as a precaution.

Participating in the Member Portal is optional. Those who choose to create a user account will have access to the following:

The ability to see:

- For active members, the most recent and all available member account statements
- For retired members, recent and all available disbursements
- Current beneficiary elections for all applicable benefits (pension, Group Life Insurance)

The ability to access, download, and print certain documents which MainePERS has received from the member, has sent to the member, or otherwise has on-file in the member's account, such as:

- Advice of Deposit detail (Electronic Fund Transfer disbursement details)
- Refund Application
- Retirement Application
- W-4P/W-4R
- Member Statements
- 1099 Tax Forms
- Group Life Insurance application
- Preliminary Benefit Letter
- Benefit Estimates
- Notice of Retirement
- Final Benefit Letter
- Service Credit Purchase Cost Statements
- Service Credit Purchase informational letters
- Refund Statements
- Benefit Verifications
- Beneficiary Updates
- Pre-retirement death benefits selection forms

The ability to update:

- Physical Address
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Gender

The ability to access:

- Forms
- Handbooks
- The mainepers.org website and its services and additional information

Nearly every service that will be available through the Member Portal currently requires a phone call or an exchange of correspondence with MainePERS to receive information or complete a transaction. The online portal will provide 24/7 access to a member's own account information at an individual's convenience.



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 2023

To: PLD Advisory Committee Members

From: Kathy Morin, Director of Actuarial and Legislative Affairs

Re: Cost-of-Living for PLD Retirees

As we did last year, we are providing preliminary information about inflation and retiree cost-of-living adjustments (COLA). This information is based on the 2022 valuation data and may change slightly once the 2023 valuation work has been completed.

Cost-of-Living for PLD Plan Retirees

The Board of Trustees is mandated by rule to award a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on retirement benefits each September based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as of June 30th. The CPI-U for the year ending June 30, 2023 was 3.0%.

The increase for the PLD Consolidated Plan is paid to eligible retirees on the total benefit up to a cap of 2.5%. The Board is expected to vote at its August 10, 2023 meeting to grant the 2023 COLA as provided under the Plan.

While the plan provides for a 2.5% COLA, the actuarial assumption used for funding purposes is 1.91%. This assumption is based on the COLA experience of the plan, and recognizes that the CPI-U is often lower than the 2.5% permitted under the plan. In years in which the CPI-U is less than the 1.91% assumption, the plan has an experience "gain," which can decrease overall plan liabilities. In years in which the CPI-U is higher than the 1.91% assumption, as it has been for the past three years, the plan has an experience "loss," which can increase the overall plan liabilities.

The following table provides the experience loss information for the 2.5% COLA for 2023.

	COLA Assumption (1.91%)	Capped COLA (2.5%)	Experience Loss
Increase in UAL (in millions)	\$37.6	\$49.2	\$11.6
Increase in Aggregate Contribution Rate	0.4%	0.5%	0.1%

Taken in isolation, the 2023 COLA would increase the aggregate plan rate by 0.1%. However, other plan experience (i.e., gains and losses) will be combined with the COLA experience to determine actual plan funding requirements.

Cost-of-Living for Other Retirees

The COLA provisions for retirees from the State-sponsored plans, including State employees, teachers, legislators and judges, are different from those that apply to PLD Plan retirees. Specifically, the cap for these plans is 3%, and it is payable on a maximum level of benefits (i.e., "COLA base"), which for 2023 is \$24,911.84. In contrast, the cap for the PLD Plan is 2.5%, and the COLA applies to the entire benefit.

Information about recent COLA History

Actions have been taken to provide additional COLAs to retirees for the past two years of extraordinarily high inflation as follows:

Year	CPI-U	State-Sponsored Plans	PLD Plan
2021	5.4%	 Additional 1% cumulative COLA 2022 COLA Base increased by full 5.4% 	Additional 1% cumulative COLA
2022	9.1%	 1% One-time COLA payment approved in February 2023 3% One-time COLA payment approved in July 2023 	Additional 1% cumulative COLA

<u>Information for Additional COLA to PLD Retirees</u>

To assist the Committee in its discussion, we worked with the System's actuary to determine what the impacts would be if an additional COLA is paid to retirees from the PLD Plan.

We requested the actuary to provide us with the increase to the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) and the total aggregate contribution rate under two scenarios, as follows:

1. Pay a one-time "ad hoc" COLA of 0.5%, which is the difference between the CPI-U of 3.0% and the COLA cap under the Plan of 2.5%. This would be a one-time payment to retirees, which would not add to the benefit amount subject to COLA in future years.

	Percentage of One-Time COLA
	0.5%
Increase in UAL (in	
millions)	\$0.9
Increase in Aggregate Contribution Rate*	0.0%*

^{*}There is an increase in the cost for the 0.5% one-time COLA, but the increase is not enough to impact the contribution rate when considered separately.

2. Pay an additional cumulative COLA, which would add to the benefit amount subject to COLA in future years.

	Percentage of Additional Cumulative COLA
	0.5%
Increase in UAL (in	
millions)	\$9.8
Increase in Aggregate	
Contribution Rate*	0.1%

^{*}Costs for these scenarios would be part of FY 2026 rates. Plan experience for FYs 2023 and 2024 also would impact rates for FY 2026.

Next Steps

Any additional cost-of-living adjustment to PLD retirees would require amendment to Rule Chapter 803.

Recommendation

The System does not have a recommendation.



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 2023

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Re: Actuarial Valuation/Fiscal Year 2025 Rate-Setting

Fiona Liston and Bonnie Rightnour from Cheiron will join the meeting to discuss the upcoming June 30, 2023 Valuation and fiscal year 2025 rate setting. This preliminary discussion is to prepare the Committee in advance of the discussion in November, at which rates will be set for fiscal year 2025. A copy of the actuarial presentation will be provided in advance of the August 1 meeting.

2023 Valuation Results

The System's actuary, Cheiron, is working on the June 30, 2023 valuation, which will be completed in October. The results of the valuation report will be presented to the Board of Trustees for acceptance at its meeting on October 12. Cheiron will present the valuation report results to the Committee at its November 7 meeting.

Fiscal Year 2025 Rate Setting

Employer and member rates for fiscal year 2025 will be determined based on the results of the June 30, 2023 valuation work. Fiona will review how rates were established for fiscal year 2024 and discuss projected rates for fiscal year 2025, continuing with an approach that supports the goals of: 1) allocating costs 58% to employers and 42% to employees, and 2) paying the aggregate rate that is produced by the annual valuation. In order to provide employers with fiscal year 2025 rates in a timely manner, the Committee will need to take an action to recommend rates at the November 7 meeting.

Maine Public Employees Retirement System



PLD Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

August 1, 2023

Fiona E. Liston, FSA, EA, MAAA Bonnie Rightnour, FSA, EA, MAAA

AGENDA



Historical Review

Process of Rate Setting

FY 2025 Rate Setting Projections

COLA Provisions

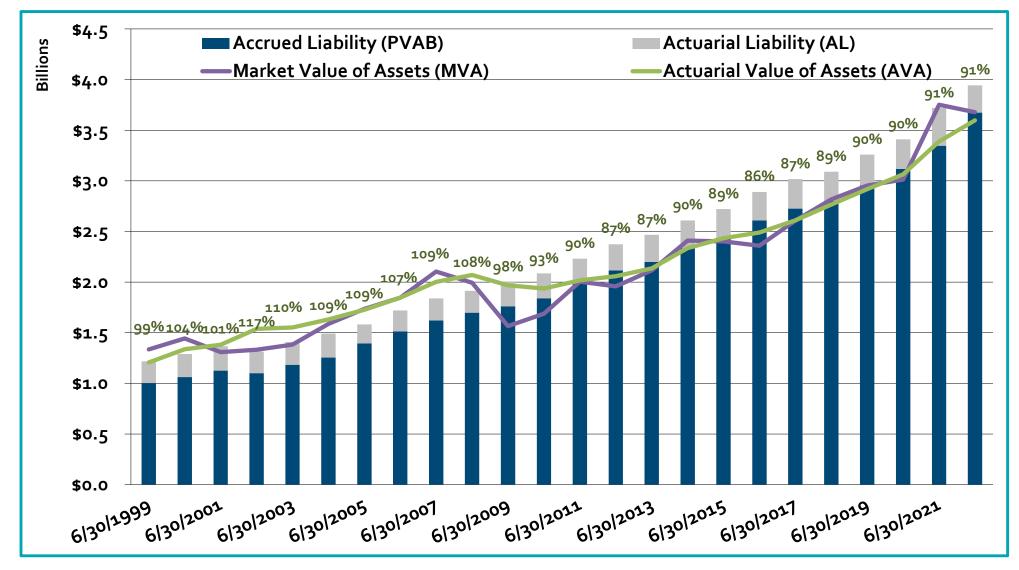






Historical Review – Assets & Liabilities





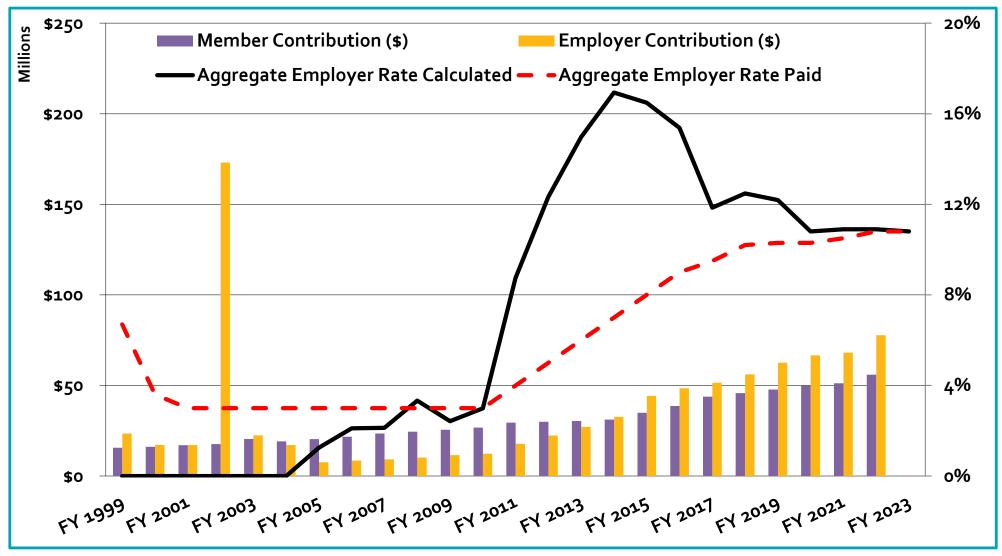
Percentages shown are AVA funded ratios.

Consolidated Plans Only



Historical Review – Contributions





Consolidated Plans Only





Process of Rate Setting



PLD Rate Setting Methodology



PLD employer and member rates for FY 2020 and beyond are based on a risk-sharing framework

- 58% PLD, 42% member
- Contribution capped 12.5% employer, 9% member
- Caps apply to the aggregate rates in both cases
- Plan-specific PLD rates for each of the three Regular Plans and eight Special Plans
- PLD member rates for each of the Regular Plans are now split into two distinct rates. A single distinct member rate continues for each Special Plan.
 - Age 60 Plan
 - Age 65 Plan



History and Remaining Concerns



- During the period FY10-FY19 there were significant increases in the aggregate contribution rate due to the difficulty of growing from 3% to the calculated cost
 - This issue is largely in the past
- Goal of having PLD pay 58% of the cost and member pay 42% has not yet been met
 - Original fixed member rates varied by the plan but did not change by year
 - Goal of 58/42 called for significant movement in some of the plans
 - All member rates aligned as of last rate setting



PLD Contribution Rates – Full Adjustment



	FY 2023 Rates			FY 2024 Rates			DIFFERENCE		
	PLD	Member*	<u>Total</u>	PLD	Member*	<u>Total</u>	PLD	Member*	<u>Total</u>
Regular AC	10.2%	7.3%	17.5%	10.1%	7.3%	17.4%	(0.1%)	0.0%	(0.1%)
Regular BC	5.6	3.9	9.5	5.3	3.8	9.1	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.4)
Special 1C	14.7	9.7	24.4	14.8	10.7	25.5	0.1	1.0	1.1
Special 2C	11.4	8.2	19.6	11.6	8.4	20.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
Special 3C	13.4	9.7	23.1	12.8	9.3	22.1	(0.6)	(0.4)	(1.0)
Special 4C	10.3	8.1	18.4	12.2	8.9	21.1	1.9	0.8	2.7
Regular AN	8.5	6.6	15.1	8.9	6.5	15.4	0.4	(0.1)	0.3
Special 1N	12.5	9.0	21.5	12.4	8.9	21.3	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Special 2N	7.4	6.8	14.2	10.4	7.5	17.9	3.0	0.7	3.7
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Special 4N	6.0	7.2	13.2	9.1	6.6	15.7	3.1	(0.6)	2.5
Aggregate	10.8	7.8	18.6	10.9	7.8	18.7	0.1	0.0	0.1

^{*} Aggregate member rate shown. Actual rates are 0.75% lower for age 65 regular plans than age 60



Discussion in 2022



- Concern about moving individual rates for PLD or member by too much at any one time
 - Makes budgeting difficult
 - Rates could move in the opposite direction in future years
- Committee decided to restrict the one-year movement of either PLD or member rate to be no more than 1.0% of payroll
 - Also opted to hold Regular AC rate at 10.2% rather than allowing for a 0.1% decline
- Disparity in PLD rates still remain (assuming no change in aggregate rate)
 - Small plans (4C, 2N, 3N, 4N)
 - All member rates have been adjusted to reflect 7/1/2022 valuation results



PLD Contribution Rates – 1.0% Restriction



	FY 2023 Rates			FY 2024 Rates**			DIFFERENCE		
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Special 4N	6.0	7.2	13.2	7.0	6.6	13.6	1.0	(0.6)	0.4
Aggregate	10.8%	7.8%	18.6%	10.9%	7.8%	18.7%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%

^{*} Aggregate member rate shown. Actual rates are 0.75% lower for age 65 regular plans than age 60.

^{**} FY2024 Rates based on no movement greater than 1.0% of payroll.



Remaining Discrepancy in FY 2024



	Full Adjustment			As Adopted			Remaining		
	PLD	Member*	<u>Total</u>	PLD	Member*	<u>Total</u>	PLD	Member*	<u>Total</u>
Regular AC	10.1%	7.3%	17.4%	10.2%	7.2%	17.4%	(0.1%)	0.0%	(0.1%)
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Special 1N	12.4	8.9	21.3	12.4	8.9	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special 2N	10.4	7.5	17.9	8.4	7.5	15.9	2.0	0.0	2.0
Special 3N	11.1	8.1	19.2	10.5	8.1	18.6	0.6	0.0	0.6
Special 4N	9.1	6.6	15.7	7.0	6.6	13.6	2.1	0.0	2.1
Aggregate	10.9%	7.8%	18.7%	10.9%	7.8%	18.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

^{*} Aggregate member rate shown. Actual rates are 0.75% lower for age 65 regular plans than age 60.



PLD Head Counts by Plan



Active Head Counts as of 6/30/2022

	Age 60	Age 65	<u>Total</u>	Payroll*	% of Total
Regular AC	3,298	4,774	8,072	\$444.6	65.4%
Regular BC	20	24	44	2.8	0.4
Special 1C			220	18.4	1.8
Special 2C			1,217	84.4	9.8
Special 3C			1,797	130.6	14.5
Special 4C			140	8.0	1.1
Regular AN	274	409	683	36.2	5.5
Special 1N			11	0.7	0.1
Special 2N			28	1.8	0.2
Special 3N			135	9.6	1.1
Special 4N			15	1.0	0.1
TOTAL PLAN			12,362	\$738.1	100.0%

^{*} Payroll figures are in millions



PLD Aggregate Projections



- 7/1/2023 Valuation will produce an aggregate contribution rate to be allocated to the subplans
- Rate will depend on liability experience and on investment gain/loss
- Projection model predicts the following changes to the 18.7% rate

With 6.5% return 18.7%

With 5% return 18.9%

With 3% return19.1%

Consolidated Plans Only



Cost-Sharing Provision



- If the aggregate contribution rate developed in a given valuation exceeds the maximum level of 21.5% of payroll there may be a reduction in the COLA granted to retirees in an amount designed to close that gap
- For example if the aggregate rate is calculated to be 23% of payroll
 - This is 1.5% in excess of the cap
 - If payroll is \$750 million then the contribution shortfall would be \$11.25 million
 - The amount of COLA otherwise payable to retirees would be reduced by an amount sufficient to recoup this shortfall
- This provision has not been triggered since it was instituted as part of the 2018 plan/funding changes



Ad Hoc COLAs



- COLAs are based on the increase in CPI, capped at 2.5%
- In recent years, inflation has run higher than 2.5% and consideration has been given to offering an additional increase in retiree benefits to reduce erosion of their purchasing power
- An additional 1% COLA was granted effective 9/1/2021 and again on 9/1/2022
- The costs of providing the additional COLAs are amortized over a 20-year period and become an element of the Plan's overall rate
- Rate increases are shared between PLD and member and also between COLA and non-COLA plans
 - Rates allocated by normal cost so non-COLA plans have a smaller share of the cost
 - For the 9/1/2021 ad hoc COLA, we estimated 0.1% increase in the aggregate rate, which did not materialize



Required Disclosures



In preparing this presentation, we relied on information supplied by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. This information includes, but is not limited to, the plan provisions, employee data, and financial information. We performed an informal examination of the obvious characteristics of the data for reasonableness and consistency in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23.

The actuarial assumptions, models used, data and methods are those used in the preparation of the latest actuarial valuation reports prepared for these programs as of June 30, 2022.

The results of this presentation rely on future plan experience conforming to the underlying assumptions and methods outlined in the reports. Future results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this presentation due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the assumptions; changes in assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 2023

To: PLD Advisory Committee Members

From: Kathy Morin, Director, Actuarial and Legislative Affairs

Re: Legislative and Rulemaking Update

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 131st Legislature adjourned on July 26, 2023. The Legislature considered several bills pertaining to the programs administered by MainePERS. This memo provides a summary of bills that could impact the Participating Local District Consolidated Plan as well as other bills of interest, including the status of each bill upon adjournment.

ENACTED LAWS IMPACTING PLD PLAN

PL 2023, c. 246 (LD 313) - PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT

Section 2 of this bill permits certain former employees of a withdrawn PLD that subsequently rejoins the Plan to purchase service credit. This provides the same treatment as other similarly situated employees received under PL 2021, c. 90. The cost for these purchases is fully paid by the employees. A copy of the enacted law is included with this memo. This law will be effective October 25, 2023.

BILLS BEING CARRIED OVER TO SECOND SESSION

LD 426 - MILITARY SERVICE PURCHASE

This bill would expand the definition of "federally recognized period of conflict," which would permit more members to purchase military service credit at a subsidized rate.

LD 1152 - LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE (LTDI)

This bill requires the Board to offer long-term disability insurance coverage to participating employers, and requires employers to pay the full cost of that coverage. This bill is the version of the proposed legislation included in the November 2022 Long-Term Disability Insurance Implementation Plan that was favored by the labor members of the stakeholder group.

PROPOSED BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

LD 635 - RETIRE/RETURN TO WORK

The intent of this bill was to permit retired law enforcement officers to return to work as school resource officers. The sponsor was unaware that this was already permissible under the Plan.

LD 882 - LOCAL DISTRICT DEFINITION EXPANSION

This bill would have allowed certain non-municipal emergency medical service providers to participate in the PLD Consolidated Plan. The System informed the sponsor that the proposal raised plan compliance issues.

LD 733 - ANNUAL STATEMENTS

This bill required employers and MainePERS to provide an annual benefits statement and specified what must be included in the statement.

LD 742 - DIVESTMENT

This bill required MainePERS to no longer invest in companies that are boycotting Maine lobster and to divest of current holdings, in accordance with sound investment criteria and consistent with the Board's fiduciary obligations.

LD 1562 - FIDICIARY RESPONSIBILITY STANDARDS

This bill would have established standards of care for fiduciaries of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. The System informed the sponsor that the bill was unnecessary since the Maine State Constitution and federal and state laws and regulations already clearly outline the fiduciary responsibilities of the Board.

LD 1759 – DISABILITY PROGRAM

This bill would have made several changes to the disability retirement program administered by MainePERS.

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

LD 1123 - REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION

This bill as originally drafted would have created a rebuttable presumption under MainePERS disability laws for law enforcement officers about whether certain injuries or diseases occurred in the line of duty and without willful negligence. Because MainePERS disability does not distinguish between work and non-work related injuries or diseases, the presumptions would have no bearing on eligibility for disability benefits. The bill also creates the presumption for workers compensation benefits. The bill was amended to remove the section pertaining to MainePERS disability.

Resolve 2023, c. 23 (LD 1230) - WEP/GPO INTERSTATE COMPACT

This enacted Resolve directs the System to study the creation and adoption of an interstate compact with other states affected by the WEP and GPO. MainePERS is required to submit a report of its recommendations no later than December 6, 2023.

PL 2023, c. 167 - MAINESTART PARTICIPATION

This enacted law makes employees of the Maine Retirement Savings Board eligible for participation in the MaineSTART plans offered by MainePERS.

RULEMAKING UPDATE

There is no rulemaking currently in progress.

BY GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 134 - L.D. 313

An Act to Allow Game Wardens to Transfer Retirement Service, Allow Certain Employees of Participating Local Districts to Purchase Service Credit and Allow Transfer of Membership from the State Employee Retirement Plan to Another Plan

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17656, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 542, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:
- **1. Reemployment with new employer.** Membership of a member who is reemployed with a new employer, or who transfers from one state employee plan to another state employee plan, is governed as follows:
 - A. Any member of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program or the Participating Local District Retirement Program whose service is terminated as a state employee, teacher or participating local district employee and who becomes employed as a state employee, teacher or participating local district employee with a new employer or who transfers from one state employee plan to another state employee plan shall, if the member has not previously withdrawn the member's accumulated contributions:
 - (1) Have the membership transferred to the member's account with the new employer or new plan; and
 - (2) Be entitled to all benefits that:
 - (a) Are based on creditable service and earnable compensation with the previous employer <u>or previous plan</u> and the provisions of this Part in effect with respect to the previous employer <u>or previous plan</u> at the date of termination of service by the member; and
 - (b) Do not require additional contributions by the new employer.
 - B. The new employer <u>or new plan</u> may elect to include the creditable service and earnable compensation of the member with the previous employer with the creditable service and earnable compensation with the new employer. If that election is made, the

new employer shall make, from time to time, whatever contributions are necessary to provide the benefits under the applicable retirement program for the member as have accrued to the member by reason of the member's previous employment and as may accrue to the member by reason of the member's new employment.

- C. If the new employer makes the election provided under paragraph B, or the member makes the election provided under paragraph D, all funds in the applicable retirement program contributed by the member's former employer or under the previous plan on account of the member's previous employment must be transferred to the account of the new employer or new plan and must be used to liquidate the liability incurred by reason of the previous employment.
- Notwithstanding paragraph A, a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who is a game warden, a law enforcement officer as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5, or a state firefighter, whose previous membership was based upon employment as a municipal firefighter as defined in section 286-M, a game warden, a law enforcement officer or a state firefighter, or their employer, may elect to make the contribution necessary to include all or part of the member's creditable service and earnable compensation from the prior plan in the new plan, including a transfer from one state employee plan to a different state employee plan. For members moving from one state employee plan to another state employee plan, no separation of service or reemployment is necessary. The retirement system shall establish procedures for determining the contribution necessary for such a member to carry forward all or part of the creditable service and earnable compensation from a prior plan or plans. For purposes of this paragraph, "state firefighter" means a person employed by the State with the primary responsibility of aiding in the extinguishment of fires and includes a member of emergency medical services line personnel as defined in section 286-M, subsection 2, paragraph H. For purposes of this paragraph, "game warden" means a person appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Title 12, section 10351, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. Former participating local district employee may purchase service credit. A former employee of a local district who was not permitted to become a member of the Participating Local District Retirement Program when the local district resumed participation in the program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18254-A because the former employee previously elected not to maintain membership when the local district withdrew from participation and who has become a member as an employee of another local district may purchase the service credit under Title 5, section 18252-A, subsection 1, paragraph E and Title 5, section 18254, subsection 1 if the employee is still employed by the local district. The purchase of service credit under this section must be completed by December 31, 2023.



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 2023

To: PLD Advisory Committee

From: Sherry Vandrell, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: Employer Auditing Update

Since our last report, twenty additional reviews of PLD employers have been completed, for a total of 106 since the inception of the program. Eight reviews are currently in process. The pace of the reviews has picked up over the last several months with staff focusing on smaller employers and employers who might have recently joined the plan or who have made plan changes.

Of the 106 PLD reviews completed to date, 102 have resulted in findings related to contributions and/or missing paperwork. These findings include both reporting contributions on compensation that is not considered earnable for the Plan resulting in the need for a refund, as well as not reporting contributions for compensation that is considered earnable, resulting in the need to collect additional contributions. Other findings include missing membership applications for declining members, missing termination dates, and other paperwork related issues. To date, approximately 97% of all findings identified have been resolved satisfactorily.



PLD Plan Activity Memo

Date:

August 1, 2023 PLD Advisory Committee Members To: From: Deanna Doyle, PLD Plan Administrator

New or Rejoining PLD Employers (3)								
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			or Potential					
Employer	Plan	Effective	Members	Comments				
North Yarmouth, Town of (P0395)	AC & 3C	8/1/2023	14	Town of North Yarmouth joined effective 8/1/2023, adopted 3C for full-time Firefighters and EMS employees and adopted AC for full-time general government employees and appointed officials. Town is allowing employees to purchase prior service at the employees' expense.				
Raymond, Town of (P0394)	3C	9/1/2023	12	Town of Raymond will join effective 9/1/2023, adopting 3C for full-time firefighters and EMS employees. Town is allowing employees to purchase prior servcie at the employees' expense.				
RSU #35 - MSAD #35 (P0396)	AC	7/1/2023	7	RSU #35 - MSAD #35 joined as new school support PLD effective 7/1/2023 under AC for their Administrators. RSU is allowing employees to purchase prior servcie at the employees' expense.				
		Emplo	yer Plan Chai	nges (13)				
Employer	New Plan	Old Plan	# of Members	Comments				
Bar Harbor, Town of (P0015)	3C	4C	11	Town of Bar Harbor adobted 3C for firefighters for future service only effective 7/1/2023				
Franklin County (P0102)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Franklin County adopted the limited period open enrollment provision effective 8/1/2023 . Beginning with the annual open enrollment in 2023, non-participating, eligible employees with less than 5 years of employment will have additional opportunity to join MainePERS				
Hancock County (P0056)	2C	4C and AC	20	Hancock County adopted 2C for all service for law enforcement officers with service before 7/1/2020 who are employed on and participating on 8/1/2023. Plan change is effective 8/1/2023 and County will pay IUUAL of \$173,404.00 in a lump sum by 8/31/2023.				
Hermon, Town of (P0150)	3C	AN	2	Town of Hermon adopted 3C for firefighters for future service only effective 5/1/2023				
Houlton, Town of (P0010)	3C	AC	24	Town of Houlton adopted 3C for future service only for Police, Fire, EMS employees and Dispatchers effective 7/1/2023				
New Gloucester, Town of (P0210)	3C	AC	1	Town of New Gloucester adopted 3C for future service only for firefighters effective 7/1/2023				
Old Orchard Beach, Town of (P0140)	3C	2C	17	Town of Old Orchard Beach adopted 3C future service only for firefighters and EMS employees effectxive 8/1/2023				
RSU #49 - MSAD #49 Fairfield-Support	AN	N/A	12	RSU #49 added coverage for school secretaries under AN effective 7/1/2023 and is allowing these newly eligible employees who join to purchase credit for prior serivce with the RSU				

	Employer Plan Changes (Continued)							
Employer	New Plan	Old Plan	# of Members	Comments				
Standish, Town of (P0371)	2C	2N	15	Town of Standish adopting 2C for future service only for all covered				
				employees effective 9/1/2023.				
Waterville Fire & Police (City of Waterville -	AC	N/A	2	City of Waterville (fka Waterville Fire & Police) added coverage under AN for				
P0066)				City Manager and Assistant City Manager effective 7/1/2023. City is allowing				
				employees to purchase prior servcie at the employees' expense.				
West Bath, Town of (P0333)	3C	AC	1	Town of West Bath adopted 3C for all service prior to 8/1/2021 for firefighters				
, ,				effective 7/1/2023 and is paying the \$11,430.00 IUUAL in a lump sum by				
				7/31/2023.				
West Bath, Town of (P0333)	AC	N/A	14	Town of West Bath added coverage for its full-time, non-Teacher, school				
				support employees who work at least 36 hours per week under AC effective				
				7/1/2023. Town is is allowing employees to purchase prior servcie at the				
				employees' expense and can enter into an agreement with employees to share				
				in the purchase at the school board's discretion.				
Winslow, Town of (P0362)	AC	N/A	16	Town of Winslow added coverage for full-time, non-union, general gov't				
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				employees to purchase prior servcie at the employees' expense.				
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Pittsfield, Town of (P0110)	AC, 2C, 3C	AN	?	Adopt better plan for some or all classifications of employees			
Presque Isle, City of (P0004)	2C	AC	?	Adopt 2C for public works employees future service only			
Regional School Unit No. 25 (P0321)	AC	AC	1	Add coverage for additional directors under AC			
Richmond, Town of (P0213)	1C,2C,3C,4C	AC	1	Adopt special plan for police future service only			
Rockland, City of (P0018)	1C	3C	13	Adopt 1C from 3C for police officers who elect to move to new plan future service only			
RSU #29 - MSAD #29 Houlton (P0168)	AC	AC	?	Add coverage for additional classifications of school support employees under AC			
University of Maine System (P0379)	2C	2C	?	Take action to allow employees who were employed before 7/1/2022 to purchase credit for prior service to UMS at the employees' expense			
Waterboro, Town of (P0356)	AN, 3N	N/A	?	Add coverage for part-time employees who work less than 32 hrs/wk but more than 20 hrs/wk and/or for elected/appointed officials under existing applicable plan AN or 3N			
Wells Fire and Police (P0349)	1C	2C	19	Adopt 1C for police future service only or all service			
Wells, Town of (P0107)	AC	AN	40	Adopt AC future service only or all service for general gov't employees and dispatchers with service before 7/1/2020			

Pending New or Rejoining PLD Employer Inquiries (20)							
Employer			# of Potential	Comments			
	to SS?		Members				
Arundel, Town of	Yes	2022	?	New - Join for fire/EMS			
Bristol, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New			
Charleston, Town of	No	2023	?	New			
Fiddlehead School	No	2023	?	New			
Gouldsboro, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New - Join for police & harbor masters			
Gray, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New - Join for fire/EMS			
Hebron, Town of	No	2023	?	New			
Howland, Town of	Yes	2023	?	Rejoin 7/1/2023 under Consolidated Plan for public safety employees under 3C			
Kenduskeag, Town of	Yes	2023	2	New PLD - join for new fire chief, firefighter			
Machias, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New PLD - Join 7/1/2023 for police under 1C or 3C			
Northern Oxford Regional Amulance Service	No	2023	?	New			
Palmyra, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New			
Peru, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New PLD - also wants 457 Plan with MaineStart			
Portland Water District	Yes	2023	180	New PLD - join under AC or 2C			
Region 9 Technical Center	No	2023	?	New			
RSU #35 - MSAD #35	Yes	2023	?	New School Support PLD			
RSU #74 - MSAD #74 (P0460)	Yes	2023	?	New School Support PLD (currently GLI only)			
RSU #87 - MSAD #23	No	2023	?	New School Support PLD			
Vinalhaven, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New			
Windsor, Town of	Yes	2023	?	New			
	Active W	/ithdrawa	I /Partial With	ndrawal Inquiries (2)			
Employer	In Addition	Effective	# of Potential	Comments			
	to SS?		Members				
Community Regional Charter School (P0345)	No	9/30/2023	0	Considering excluding Ed Tech Levels I & II, Administrative and Custodial Staff going forward - currently 11 of these positions			
Midcoast Council of Governments (P0343)	No	TBD	?	Wants to make full withdrawal, have not be administering plan appropriately for			
				several years so need to resolve membership issues first			
	PLD Empl	oyers Dis	ssolving/Goin	g Out of Business (1)			
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	to SS?		Members				
Harpswell Coastal Academy (P0350)	No	End of 2022/2023 SY	16	School's charter was not renewed and so they closed their doors at the end of the 2022/2023 SY.			