

TEXAS TUITION PROMISE FUND®

(An Enterprise Fund of Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board)

Financial Statements

Year Ended August 31, 2019

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Independent Auditor's Report

To Members of the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board

We have audited the accompanying statement of net position of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (the "Plan"), an enterprise fund of Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, as of August 31, 2019, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Plan's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Plan, as of August 31, 2019, and the changes in net position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Plan and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, as of August 31, 2019, the change in its net position, or where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matter

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, as listed in table of contents, be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

BBA, LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
October 31, 2019

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019 and 2018

(Unaudited)

Management Discussion and Analysis

The information provided below is a discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (the “Plan”) for the period from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 and from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. The Plan is administered by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board (the “Board”). NorthStar Financial Services Group, LLC (“NorthStar” or the “Plan Manager”), serves as Plan Manager, and is responsible for the day-to-day operation and marketing of the Plan.

➤ Analysis of Financial Activities

The Plan is a prepaid tuition plan that allows a person (including 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental entities) to purchase one or more units that may be applied to the payment of a beneficiary’s undergraduate tuition and required fees at an eligible educational institution (“Tuition Unit” or a “Contract”). The Plan covers all or a portion of undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at any Texas public college or university. Tuition Units may also be converted to the lesser of (1) the tuition and required fees that would be covered by the Tuition Units or (2) the total purchase price paid for the Tuition Units plus or minus earnings or losses on the assets of the Plan (“Transfer Value”), to help offset the costs of tuition and school-wide required fees of attending eligible career schools, Texas private colleges and universities or out-of-state colleges or universities. The Plan offers three Tuition Unit types and each type of Tuition Unit is based on different cost of undergraduate tuition as described in the Plan Description.

The Plan started enrollment on September 10, 2008. A beneficiary may not use Tuition Units earlier than the third anniversary of the date the Tuition Unit was purchased. At any time, a purchaser may cancel or terminate a Contract and apply for a refund. The amount of the refund is based on the Refund definitions described in the Plan Description.

➤ Financial Highlights

The State’s newest prepaid tuition plan, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund opened for enrollment in 2008. The Fund is not guaranteed by the State of Texas. Through August 31, 2019, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund had approximately 37,000 active contracts at a value of approximately \$892 million. Receipts from purchasers in fiscal 2019 totaled \$58 million. The Plan’s funded ratio, that is the ratio of the sum of the market value of the assets and the present value of the expected future contract payments to the sum of the present value of expected future tuition and school-wide required fees, refunds and other expenses, is 116.3%.

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➤ **Condensed statements of net position as of August 31, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:**

Assets	2019	2018
Current Assets	\$ 25,190,194.00	\$ 25,779,431.00
Long-Term Assets	1,012,996,365.81	968,104,284.31
Total Assets	<u>1,038,186,559.81</u>	<u>993,883,715.31</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	76,864,523.09	69,024,488.06
Long-Term Liabilities	815,793,255.00	787,692,349.00
Total Liabilities	<u>892,657,778.09</u>	<u>856,716,837.06</u>
Net position, restricted	<u>\$ 145,528,781.72</u>	<u>\$ 137,166,878.25</u>

The majority of the assets at August 31, 2019 consist of investments at fair value. The majority of the liabilities consist of contracts and benefits payable.

➤ **Condensed statements of changes in net position for the years ended August 31, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:**

	2019	2018
Revenues and gains:		
Contract receipts	\$ 58,498,570.88	\$ 59,519,066.08
Contract refunds	(11,790,036.24)	(9,717,207.24)
Other revenues and gains	29,401,521.13	53,701,622.67
Total Revenue and gains	<u>76,110,055.77</u>	<u>103,503,481.51</u>
Expenses and losses:		
Changes in future contracts collections	33,495,885.00	51,656,758.00
Expenses and losses	34,252,267.30	27,295,697.10
Total Expenses and losses	<u>67,748,152.30</u>	<u>78,952,455.10</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>8,361,903.47</u>	<u>24,551,026.41</u>
Change in Net position, restricted		
Beginning of year	137,166,878.25	112,615,851.84
End of year	<u>\$ 145,528,781.72</u>	<u>\$ 137,166,878.25</u>

Contracts receipts for the period ended August 31, 2019 were \$58.5 million. Investment income of approximately \$29.2 million was earned from cash and investments.

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➤ Portfolio Performance

The following table provides the annual return, as of August 31, 2019, for each underlying investment and its benchmark.

Investment	Investment Return	Benchmark	Benchmark Return
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	1.34%	CRSP U.S. Total Market Index Total Return	1.35%
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund	-3.84%	FTSE Global ex-US All Cap Index (Net)	-3.86%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	0.10% ¹	MSCI AC World IMI	7.30% ¹
T. Rowe Price Global Growth Stock Fund	14.10% ¹	MSCI AC World IMI	7.30% ¹
PIMCO Total Return Fund	9.90%	Barclays Aggregate Bond Index Total Return	10.17%
Eaton Vance Floating – Rate Fund	2.22%	Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index Total Return	3.38%
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	10.52%	Barclays Aggregate Bond Index Total Return	10.17%
Parametric Defensive Equity Fund	3.90% ²	50% S&P 500 Index; 50% 90 Day U.S T-Bill	3.80% ²
GMO Global Asset Allocation Fund	1.62%	65% MSCI ACWI Index Net 35% Barclays Aggregate Bond Index Total Return	-0.28% 10.17%
SPDR Gold Shares	26.60%	S&P GSCI Gold Index TR	26.10%
PIMCO Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	-5.98%	Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return	-5.89%

➤ Outlook

As of August 31, 2019, the Plan has a surplus of assets over liabilities of \$145,528,781.72. The surplus represents the difference between the sum of the market value of the assets, the present value of the expected contract payments and the sum of the present value of the expected future tuition and required fees, refunds and expenses. There are no known facts or conditions expected to have a significant effect for the Plan to meet the Plan objectives next year and beyond.

¹ Performance indicated is 11/01/2018 through 08/31/2019. TTPF first investment in Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund and T. Rowe Price Global Growth Stock Fund was 10/04/2018.

² Performance indicated is 06/01/2019 through 08/31/2019. TTPF invested in Parametric Defensive Equity Fund 6/03/2019.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019

Assets

Current Assets:

Contracts Receivable	\$ 25,190,194.00
Total Current Assets	<u>25,190,194.00</u>

Long-Term Assets:

Investments at Fair Value (cost \$907,251,775.26)	906,200,938.81
Contracts Receivable	106,795,427.00
Total Long-Term Assets	<u>1,012,996,365.81</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,038,186,559.81</u>

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Contracts and Benefits Payable	76,427,192.00
Accrued asset management and administrative fees	437,331.09
Total current liabilities	<u>76,864,523.09</u>

Long-Term Liabilities:

Contracts and Benefits Payable	815,793,255.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>815,793,255.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>892,657,778.09</u>

Net Position, Restricted \$ 145,528,781.72

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019

Operating Revenues:

Contract receipts	\$ 58,498,570.88
Contract refunds	(11,790,036.24)
Fee income	215,297.89
Total operating revenues	<u>46,923,832.53</u>

Operating Expenses:

Change in future contracts collections	33,495,885.00
Benefit payments	29,308,605.52
State administrative fees	495,134.21
Asset management fees	4,448,527.57
Total operating expenses	<u>67,748,152.30</u>

Operating gain loss (20,824,319.77)

Non-operating Revenues:

Interest and dividend income	28,699,000.04
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	487,223.20
Total non-operating income	<u>29,186,223.24</u>

Change in net position 8,361,903.47

Net position, beginning of year 137,166,878.25

Net position, end of year \$ 145,528,781.72

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019

Cash flows from operating activities:

Proceeds from contract receipts	\$ 58,498,570.88
Payments for contract refunds	(11,790,036.24)
Payments made for goods and services	(4,924,325.75)
Proceeds from fee income	215,297.89
Payments made for benefit payments	(29,308,605.52)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>12,690,901.26</u>

Cash flows from investing activities:

Proceeds received from interest and dividend income	28,699,000.04
Payments to acquire investments	(312,326,132.01)
Proceeds from sales of investments	270,936,230.71
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(12,690,901.26)</u>

Net change in cash 0.00

Cash, beginning of year 0.00

Cash, end of year \$ 0.00

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Operating loss \$ (20,824,319.77)

Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:

Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Increase in contracts receivable	(2,425,720.00)
Increase in benefits and expenses payable	35,940,941.03
Total Adjustments	<u>33,515,221.03</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ <u><u>12,690,901.26</u></u>

Non-cash investing activities:

Net unrealized gain on investments: \$ 1,755,723.46

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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1. Nature of the Plan

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (the “Plan”) is an enterprise fund administered by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board (the “Board”). The Board is the trustee of the assets which are held in trust by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (the “Comptroller”). The Board is comprised of seven members with the Comptroller of Public Accounts as the presiding officer of the Board. Two Board members are appointed by the Governor and four members are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, with two of the Lieutenant Governor’s appointees recommended by the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. The Plan is a prepaid tuition plan that allows a person (including 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental entities) to purchase one or more Tuition Units that may be applied to the payment of a Beneficiary’s undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at an eligible educational institution. The Plan covers all or a portion of undergraduate tuition and required fees at most Texas public college or university, depending on the school selected and the type of units. Tuition Units may also be converted to Transfer Value, as defined in the Plan Description, to help offset the costs of tuition and school-wide required fees of attending eligible career schools, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges or universities, or medical or dental institutions. The Plan is intended to meet the requirements of a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (“Section 529”). NorthStar Financial Services Group, LLC (“NorthStar” or the “Plan Manager”), serves as Plan Manager, is responsible for the day-to-day operation and marketing of the Plan.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the “economic resources” measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”). Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The financial statements include the statement of net position, the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and statement of cash flows for the Plan. The statement of net position is a measure of the Plan’s assets and liabilities at the close of the fiscal year. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position includes purchases to and withdrawals from the Plan, as well as additions and deductions due to operations during the fiscal year.

b) Investment Valuation

The Plan values investments, other than money market funds and alternative investment funds, are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. Investments in alternative investment funds are valued at the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient. Money market funds are reported at amortized cost. The difference between the cost basis and the fair value of investments is reflected as unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, and any change in that amount from previous fiscal year end is reflected in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position as realized and unrealized gain on investments. See note 4.

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c) Investment Earnings

Investment transactions are recorded on trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are recognized as the difference between proceeds received and the original cost basis as determined using first-in-first-out method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Noncash dividends included in dividend income, if any, are recorded at fair market value of the noncash dividend as of the date received. Income and capital gain distributions from the underlying investments are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividend income and capital gain distributions are included in investment income in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fiduciary net position.

d) Income Taxes

The Plan was established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, which provides that the Plan shall be exempt from federal income taxes. Therefore, no income tax provision is required.

e) Fee Income

To maintain the actuarial soundness of the Plan, the Board imposes a one-time Administrative Fee of \$25.00 with the application when enrolling in the Plan and opening a new Contract.

f) Contracts Receivable

Contracts receivable are recorded at the actuarially determined present value of future obligations for contracts purchased, but not fully paid. The payments still due from contract owners are adjusted for interest and estimated collections.

g) Contracts and Benefits Payable/Expense

Contracts and benefits payable represent the actuarially determined net present value of education expenses that will be paid in future years for higher education. The contracts and benefits payable is adjusted and reflected as contracts and benefits expense for the effects of future increases and contract cancellations.

h) Contract Purchase/Benefits

Contract purchases and refunds/benefits are recorded on the valuation date following receipt of notice of the purchase or refund. Contracts include an 8.0% interest component for paying over-time on all installment contracts.

i) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Plan's financial statements were contracts receivable and payable which were recorded based on information provided by an actuary.

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3. Related-Party Transactions

The Plan bears certain ongoing fees, which are charged against the assets of the Plan, to provide for the cost associated with distribution, servicing, and administration. There are also indirect fees and expenses of the underlying investments in which the Plan invests.

a) *Management Fees*

The Plan pays an annualized fee on the combined average daily net assets of the Plan plus two other Plans administered by the State, Texas College Savings Plan® and LoneStar 529 Plan®, which is paid on a monthly basis to the Plan Manager for Plan administration and investment management services at the following levels:

Average Daily Total Assets Under Management	Program Management Fee %
Up to \$1.0B	0.535%
In excess of \$1.0B, but less than \$2.5B	0.485%
In excess of \$2.5B, but less than \$5.0B	0.435%
In excess of \$5.0B	0.385%

The asset management fee was \$4,448,527.57 for the year ended August 31, 2019.

b) *State Administrative Fees*

An administrative fee at the annual rate of 0.0575% of the average daily net assets of the Plan is paid to the Board on a monthly basis to offset the Board's costs of administering the Plan.

The administrative fee was \$495,134.21 for the year ended August 31, 2019.

4. Investments

The Plan invested primarily in investments of registered mutual funds which include: Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Stock Market Index Fund, Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund, T. Rowe Price Global Growth Stock Fund, PIMCO Total Return Fund, Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund, GMO Global Asset Allocation Fund, PIMCO Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund, and SPDR Gold Shares. During the year ended August 31, 2019, the Plan also invested in Parametric Defensive Equity Fund, LLC, a privately issued pooled investment company.

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The fair value of the investments as of August 31, 2019 are shown below:

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Domestic Equity Funds:		
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	1,020,716.653	\$ 138,990,986.64
Global Equity Funds:		
T. Rowe Price Global Growth Stock Fund	2,638,832.296	73,280,372.86
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	6,830,893.324	81,287,630.56
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund	835,728.583	90,709,980.40
		<u>245,277,983.82</u>
Fixed Income Funds:		
Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Fund	10,555,111.559	93,201,635.07
PIMCO Total Return Fund	11,738,284.119	124,191,045.98
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	5,975,529.708	66,985,688.03
		<u>284,378,369.08</u>
Asset Allocation Funds:		
GMO Global Asset Allocation Fund	2,035,042.780	64,897,514.25
Commodity Funds:		
PIMCO Commodity Real Return Strategy	6,364,666.450	36,278,598.77
Commodity Exchange-Traded Funds		
SPDR Gold Shares	297,791.000	42,807,456.25
Alternative Investment Funds		
Parametric Defensive Equity Fund, LLC		<u>93,570,030.00</u>
		<u>Investments at fair value (cost \$907,251,775.26)</u>
		\$ <u>906,200,938.81</u>

The Plan utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of its investments on a recurring basis. GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument in an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

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Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Plan’s own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following tables summarize the inputs used as of August 31, 2019 for the Plan’s assets and liabilities measured at fair value:

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Domestic Equity Mutual Funds	138,990,986.64	138,990,986.64	-	-
Global Equity Mutual Funds	245,277,983.82	245,277,983.82	-	-
Fixed Income Mutual Funds	284,378,369.08	284,378,369.08	-	-
Asset Allocation Mutual Funds	64,897,514.25	64,897,514.25	-	-
Commodity Mutual Funds	36,278,598.77	36,278,598.77	-	-
Commodity Exchange-Traded Funds	42,807,456.25	42,807,456.25	-	-
Total Mutual Funds	812,630,908.81	812,630,908.81	-	-
Alternative Investment Funds (a)	93,570,030.00	-	-	-
Total Funds	906,200,938.81	-	-	-

(a) In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, certain investments that are measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the table above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statement of Net Position.

There were no transfers between levels during the current period presented. It is the Plan’s policy to record transfers into and out of any level at the end of the reporting period. The Plan did not hold any Level 2 or Level 3 securities during the period.

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Certain investments are subject to investment risk based on the amount of risk in the underlying investments. The Plan has adopted GASB Statement No. 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures. The standard requires that entities disclose essential risk information about deposits and investments. The Plan Description provides greater detail about the investment policies and practices of the Plan.

The Parametric Defensive Equity Fund's (the "Fund") investment strategy is designed to capitalize on the observed historical tendency for equity index option premiums to trade rich compared to their theoretical fair value. The managing member of the Fund seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objective by employing an option based strategy that utilizes a fully covered option strangle (selling out of the money put and call options).

The Plan may generally withdraw all or any portion of its investment in the Fund as of the last Business Day of any calendar month, upon prior written notice to the Fund's managing member. Written withdrawal notices must be received by the Fund's managing member no less than five (5) Business Days prior to the effective date of the withdrawal unless the managing member, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise. The Fund's managing member may suspend withdrawals under certain conditions.

a) *Custodial Credit Risk*

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Plan will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. None of the Plan's deposits as of August 31, 2019 were exposed to custodial credit risk. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of the outside party. Constellation Trust & Company, the Custodian, is an affiliate of the Plan Manager. Other than cash, all investments are held direct to the Plan. The Plan does not have a formal policy for limiting its exposure to custodial credit risk. Because the Plan's investments are generally in mutual funds, this risk is significantly mitigated.

b) *Credit Risk*

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligations. In order to monitor credit risk, on a quarterly basis the Board utilizes an investment consultant to review and report to the Board detailed performance reporting and risk assessments on each of the underlying holdings of the Plan. The Plan invests directly in mutual funds, which are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("40 Act"). Each mutual fund's prospectus provides greater detail about the investment strategies and practices of the mutual funds, in compliance with federal regulations and specifically, the Form N-1A of the 40 Act. Form N-1A discloses information and policies about the mutual funds and its investment objectives, as well as information on the company structure and operations.

The Plan's investment pool had the following credit risk structure as of August 31, 2019 based on the Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NSRO):

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	Eaton Vance Floating- Rate Fund	PIMCO Total Return Fund	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund
A1/P1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Below A1/P1	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
AAA	0.00%	64.00%	67.68%
AA	0.00%	9.00%	3.46%
A	0.00%	13.00%	11.15%
BAA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
BBB	5.40%	8.00%	17.71%
BB	32.50%	3.00%	0.00%
B	53.40%	2.00%	0.00%
Below B	4.40%	1.00%	0.00%
Not Rated	4.30%	0.00%	0.00%
NRSO Totals:	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

c) Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single issuer. As of August 31, 2019, all investments held by the Plan were in pooled investments, therefore the Plan did not have any investments subject to the concentration of credit risk.

d) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the value fluctuations of fixed-income securities resulting from the inverse relationship between price and yield. The market value fluctuations of fixed-income securities that the Plan holds will not affect the interest payable on those securities. However, the fluctuations will affect the market value and in turn will affect the Plan’s net position. In order to monitor interest rate risk, on a quarterly basis the Board utilizes an investment consultant to review and report to the Board detailed performance reporting and risk assessments on each of the underlying holdings of the Plan.

The Plan’s investment pool had the following interest rate risk structure as of August 31, 2019:

Holding	Duration in Years
Eaton Vance Floating Rate Fund	0.24
PIMCO Total Return Fund	5.03
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	6.02

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e) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment in a foreign issuer. In order to monitor foreign currency risk, on a quarterly basis the Board utilizes an investment consultant to review and report to the Board detailed performance reporting and risk assessments on each of the underlying holdings of the Plan. However, the registered underlying investments' prospectuses provide greater detail about the investment strategies and practices of the underlying investments, in compliance with federal regulations and specifically, the Form N-1A of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Form N-1A discloses information and policies about the underlying investment and its investment objectives, as well as information on the company structure and operations.

f) Board Approved Actuarial Assumptions

Tuition Increases

- Public Senior College tuition increases were estimated at 6.3% for the 2019/2020 academic-year, and thereafter.
- Junior College tuition increases were estimated at 5.2% for the 2019/2020 academic year, and thereafter.

Investment Return:

- The long-term investment return of 6.30% is expected, with an allocation to net of expenses of 0.95% for a net return of 5.35%.

5. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events after the date of the Statement of Net Position have been evaluated through October 31, 2019 the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has concluded that there are no subsequent events requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.