

**SCHOLARSHARE
ADMINISTRATIVE FUND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025**

The auditor's report and accompanying financial statements were prepared and printed in-house by GILBERT CPAs.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**ScholarShare Investment Board
Sacramento, California**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the ScholarShare Administrative Fund (the Administrative Fund) of the State of California, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the ScholarShare Administrative Fund of the State of California as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Administrative Fund, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Administrative Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of California as of June 30, 2025, the changes in its financial 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect

a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Administrative Fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic 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.

Gilbert CPAs

GILBERT CPAs
Sacramento, California

December 19, 2025

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

This section of the ScholarShare Investment Board's (SIB or Board) annual financial statements for the ScholarShare Administrative Fund (Fund) presents management's discussion and analysis of the Fund's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2025. Read it in conjunction with the financial statements that follow this section.

GENERAL BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND PROGRAMS

The California Legislature authorized creation of the Golden State ScholarShare College Savings Trust (Trust) in 1997 (Education Code Sections 69980-69994 (Act), establishing a "qualified tuition program" as defined in Section 529 (Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code)). The Act authorizes Trust investments for a specific beneficiary's advance savings for qualified higher education expenses at an eligible educational institution. The Board is the State entity responsible for administering the State's qualified tuition program, the ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan (Plan).

The Act authorizes SIB to collect administrative fees in connection with transactions of the Plan. The fees collected make up the ScholarShare Administrative Fund (Fund). The Fund is used, upon appropriation by the State Legislature, for the purposes specified in the Act. This self-funding structure allows SIB to fund services as required in the Act, such as investments, marketing, and administrative services related to the Plan, including operating costs, without cost to the State's General Fund. All fees are deposited into the Fund and all expenses are paid from the Fund pursuant to the Act. In addition, interest earned from the investment of the Fund in the State's Surplus Money Investment Fund is deposited directly into the Fund.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position was \$881,243
- Operating revenues were \$2,044,957
- The total cost of operations was \$2,977,033

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

OVERVIEW OF REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Fund present information as an Enterprise Fund which uses accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The financial statements include a Balance Sheet; Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position; Statement of Cash Flows; and notes to the financial statements.

- The **Balance Sheet** includes all of the Fund's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position for the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2024 and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to the Fund's creditors (liabilities) (see Table 1).

Table 1 Balance Sheet June 30, 2025 and 2024		
	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
<i>Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>		
Current Assets	\$ 5,052,636	\$ 5,021,157
Deferred Outflows of Resources	838,022	1,285,054
Total Assets and Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 5,890,658</u>	<u>\$ 6,306,211</u>
<i>Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>		
Current Liabilities	\$ 221,040	\$ 190,247
Non-Current Liabilities	4,333,220	4,010,839
Deferred Inflows of Resources	455,155	469,011
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 5,009,415</u>	<u>\$ 4,670,097</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 881,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,636,114</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 881,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,636,114</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 5,890,658</u>	<u>\$ 6,306,211</u>

The Fund's total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position were \$5,890,658 as of June 30, 2025. This total includes net pension liability in the amount of \$2,272,153 and net OPEB liability in the amount of \$1,926,000, included in non-current liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, in the amount of \$117,155 as required pursuant to GASB Statement 68 (GASB 68) and GASB Statement 71 (GASB 71), and in the amount of \$338,000 as required pursuant to GASB Statement 75 (GASB 75), respectively.

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- The **Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position** accounts for all revenues earned and expenses incurred by the Fund for the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2024. This statement reflects the results of the Fund's operations over the year (see Table 2).

Table 2

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes In Fund Net Position
For the Years then Ended June 30, 2025, and 2024

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
<i>Operating Revenues</i>		
Fees Revenue	\$ 2,044,957	\$ 2,164,576
Total Operating Revenues	<u>\$ 2,044,957</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,576</u>
<i>Operating Expenses</i>		
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,977,033	\$ 2,018,709
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,977,033</u>	<u>\$ 2,018,709</u>
<i>Non-Operating Revenue/(Expense)</i>		
Interest Income	\$ 196,577	\$ 170,500
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)	<u>\$ 196,577</u>	<u>\$ 170,500</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ (735,499)	\$ 316,367
Net Position – Beginning, as restated	<u>\$ 1,616,742</u>	<u>\$ 1,319,747</u>
Net Position – Ending	<u>\$ 881,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,636,114</u>

In fiscal year 2024-25 the Fund's change in net position was \$(735,499). This change in net position is a decrease from the Fund's \$316,367 change in net position in fiscal year 2023-24, resulting from the \$958,324 increase in total operating expenses from that year. The increase in operating expenses is due to an increase in salaries and wages, benefits, consultants and professional services, equipment, and training. Benefits expense in fiscal year 2024-25 includes a \$448,000 increase resulting from the updated actuarial estimate for the net OPEB liability. Beginning net position was restated as a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101 *Compensated Absences*.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

- The **Statement of Cash Flows** provides information about the Fund's cash receipts and cash payments during the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2024. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, capital and related financing, noncapital financing and investment activities. The statement provides answers to questions of where cash came from, what cash was used for, and what caused changes in cash for the reporting period covered (see Table 3).

Table 3 Statement of Cash Flows For the Years then Ended June 30, 2025, and 2024		
	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Cash Flows		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ 59,274	\$ (583,677)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	<u>194,496</u>	<u>160,466</u>
Net Increase/ Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 253,770</u>	<u>\$ (423,211)</u>
Beginning Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 4,095,658</u>	<u>\$ 4,518,869</u>
Ending Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 4,349,428</u>	<u>\$ 4,095,658</u>

The net increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$253,770, which is an increase of \$676,981 from the \$423,211 decrease in cash in the prior fiscal year, is due to the increase in cash provided by operating activities, resulting from an increase in receipts from interfund services provided and an increase in payments for interfund services used.

- The **Notes to Financial Statements** provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE FUND'S FUTURE

The Fund's operating revenues are directly related to the assets invested in the Plan. A number of factors affect these assets including, but not limited to, market conditions; the rate and amount of contributions from new and existing Plan participants; and withdrawals from Plan participants either for qualified and non-qualified expenses or rollovers out of the Plan. Anticipation of these factors remains unknown and may result in an increase or decrease in the Fund's operating revenues in future years.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Fund's financial position and is intended for distribution to a variety of interested parties. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Executive Director, ScholarShare Investment Board, 901 P Street, Suite 313-B, Sacramento, California 95814.

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BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents in state treasury	\$ 4,349,428
Accounts receivable	325,097
Due from other funds	329,679
Interest receivable	48,432
Total assets	<u>5,052,636</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:

Deferred outflows related to OPEB	344,000
Deferred outflows related to pensions	494,022
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>838,022</u>

TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

\$ 5,890,658

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$ 66,974
Due to other funds	2,628
Compensated absences	140,426
Loan payable - SMIF (SB 84)	11,012
Total current liabilities	<u>221,040</u>

NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:

Compensated absences	135,067
Net OPEB liability	1,926,000
Net pension liability	2,272,153
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>4,333,220</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,554,260</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:

Deferred inflows related to OPEB	338,000
Deferred inflows related to pensions	117,155
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>455,155</u>

NET POSITION:

Unrestricted	881,243
Total net position	<u>881,243</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS

OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION

\$ 5,890,658

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

OPERATING REVENUES:

Fees revenue	\$ 2,044,957
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OPERATING EXPENSES:

Salaries and wages	1,039,954
Benefits	1,349,030
Consultants and professional services	306,705
General expenses	85,091
Travel	59,370
Facilities operation	98,165
Equipment	13,477
Communications	14,275
Training	6,820
Printing	1,921
Postage	2,225
Total operating expenses	<u>2,977,033</u>

OPERATING (LOSS)	(932,076)
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NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE):

Interest income	<u>196,577</u>
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CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(735,499)
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NET POSITION, Beginning of Year, as restated	<u>1,616,742</u>
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NET POSITION, End of Year	\$ <u>881,243</u>
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Receipts from fees	\$ 2,051,145
Receipts for interfund services provided	218,184
Payments to employees	(1,632,756)
Payments to suppliers	(305,211)
Payments for interfund services used	<u>(272,088)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>59,274</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Interest receipts from Surplus Money Investment Fund	194,496
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>194,496</u>

NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS 253,770

BEGINNING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS 4,095,658

ENDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS \$ 4,349,428

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH

USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating (loss)	\$ (932,076)
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ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING INCOME TO NET

CASH USED BY OPERATIONS:

(Increase) decrease in:

Accounts receivable	6,188
Due from other funds	218,184
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	(121,000)
Deferred outflows related to pensions	568,032

Increase (decrease) in:

Accounts payable	12,606
Due to other funds	(1,856)
Compensated absences	(73,229)
Loan payable - SMIF (SB 84)	(34,852)
Net OPEB liability	574,000
Net pension liability	(142,867)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	(5,000)
Deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>(8,856)</u>

Net cash provided by operating activities \$ 59,274

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **JUNE 30, 2025**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. GENERAL

The Golden State ScholarShare College Savings Trust (the Trust) was formed by California Law in April 1999, to help individuals save for the costs of higher education. Under the Trust, an individual (Account Owner) opens an account on behalf of a designated beneficiary that the Account Owner names and the contributions can be allocated among a number of investment options. The California Law that formed the Trust also established the ScholarShare Administrative Fund (the Administrative Fund) to administer the Trust activities. The oversight of the Trust and the Administrative Fund is the responsibility of the ScholarShare Investment Board (the Board).

The Board entered into management agreements with TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. (TFI) until November 10, 2006, with Fidelity Brokerage Services, LLC (Fidelity) until November 6, 2011, and with TFI thereafter to serve as Program Managers of the Trust's accounts until the Account Owner requests funds. These accounts are not included in the financial statements of the Administrative Fund. Other auditors audit the financial statements of these accounts and a copy of the Trust's audited financial statements can be obtained from the ScholarShare Investment Board.

B. THE REPORTING ENTITY

These financial statements present information on the financial activities of the Administrative Fund. The Administrative Fund is a fund of the State of California and its financial information is included in the totals for the Enterprise Funds of the State of California's basic financial statements.

C. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Administrative Fund is a public instrumentality of the State of California and is treated as an Enterprise Fund. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized whereby revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred (when goods are received or services rendered). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. As a governmental entity, the Administrative Fund follows the accounting standard hierarchy established by the GASB.

D. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Receivables consist of administrative fees and interest earned on investments.

E. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund receivables and payables typically result from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenses occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, or (3) payments between funds are made. As of June 30, 2025, the interfund receivables and payables are indicative of short-term cash flow borrowings.

At June 30, 2025, the Administrative Fund had an amount due to Other Funds of \$2,628 for expenses paid by the funds on behalf of the Administrative Fund.

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At June 30, 2025, the Administrative Fund had an amount due from the General Fund of \$101,679 for expenses paid by the Administrative Fund on behalf of the General Fund and \$228,000 due from California Kids Investment and Development Savings (CalKIDS) Program Fund for expenses paid by the Administrative Fund on behalf of CalKIDS.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Capital assets are defined as assets with a useful life of at least one year and a unit acquisition cost of at least \$5,000. Equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over five years.

G. PENSION

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Administrative Fund's portion of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Miscellaneous plan (Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

H. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of Administrative Fund's portion of the State Substantive Plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

I. REVENUES

Monthly, the Administrative Fund collects from the Trust fund a fee for the purpose of paying for its operating costs associated with administering the Trust. In addition, the Administrative Fund earns interest on its funds pooled with the State of California's Surplus Money Investment Fund.

The Administrative Fund distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from the administration of trust activities.

When both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available, unrestricted resources are used only after the restricted resources are depleted.

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Administrative Fund employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts, depending upon the employee. These hours are accrued for all employees on the basis of monthly payrolls. The accrued liability for the compensated absences is recognized as an expense and liability in the Administrative Fund's financial statements. Upon separation, employees are paid for accumulated vacation days up to specified limits. Unused sick leave will not be paid out upon separation, however, upon retirement any unused sick leave may be converted to service credits with CalPERS.

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Accrued vacation and sick leave follow State employees from agency to agency and are not necessarily earned since the inception of the Administrative Fund. A liability for sick leave is accrued based on management's estimate of the portion that is more likely than not to be used in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101.

K. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Administrative Fund is a fund of the State of California, which is primarily self-insured against loss or liability. The State generally does not maintain reserves; losses are covered by appropriations in the year in which the payment occurs or it becomes fixed and determinable. The Administrative Fund has not had any claims subject to this coverage. Additional disclosures are presented in the basic financial statements of the State of California.

L. USES OF ESTIMATES

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

M. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

Effective July 1, 2024, the Administrative Fund implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This statement establishes recognition and measurement guidance for all types of compensated absences, including vacation, sick leave, and other paid leave benefits. Under this standard, a liability is recognized for leave that is more likely than not to be used (or paid or settled) rather than forfeited. The liability is measured using the employee's pay rate in effect as of the financial reporting date and includes salary-related payments. The standard was implemented during the year ended June 30, 2025, implementation of the standard required a restatement of beginning net position to record the compensated absences liability as of July 1, 2024. This implementation resulted in an increase to the compensated absences liability and a corresponding decrease to beginning net position of \$19,372 as of July 1, 2024, as reflected in the Statement of Activities.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN STATE TREASURY

The Administrative Fund considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents in State Treasury at June 30, 2025 were as follows:

Deposits in Surplus Money Investment Fund	\$ 4,321,000
Cash in State Treasury	<u>28,428</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents in State Treasury	\$ <u>4,349,428</u>

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The investments must be allowable through the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA), which is operated by the State Treasurer's Office, which is granted the authority by California Government Code Sections 16430 and 16480.4. Allowable investments are as follows:

- U.S. government securities
- Securities of federally-sponsored agencies
- Domestic corporate bonds
- Interest-bearing time deposits in California banks
- Savings and loan associations and credit unions
- Prime-rated commercial paper
- Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements
- Security Loans
- Banker's Acceptances
- Negotiable certificates of deposits
- Loans to various bond funds

The Administrative Fund invests excess cash funds in the Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF). All of the resources of SMIF are invested through the PMIA. The PMIA investment program is designated by the Pooled Money Investment Board and is administered by the office of the State Treasurer. As of June 30, 2025, the Administrative Fund has invested funds in SMIF in the amount of \$4,321,000.

Additional disclosure detail required by Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, No. 31, No. 40, and No. 72 regarding cash deposits and investments is presented in the financial statements of the State of California.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2025</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 154,031			\$ 154,031
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	(154,031)			(154,031)
Total capital assets, being depreciated	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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4. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	Balance			Balance		Due Within
	July 1, 2024, as restated	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2025		One Year
Accrued vacation	\$ 329,350		\$ (66,939)	\$ 262,411		\$ 127,344
Accrued sick leave	19,372		(6,290)	13,082		13,082
Total	\$ 348,722	\$	\$ (73,229)	\$ 275,493		\$ 140,426

5. RETIREMENT PLAN

All eligible Administrative Fund employees participate in the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), which is included in the State of California's (State) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as a fiduciary component unit. CalPERS administers the Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF). PERF is an agent multiple-employer defined benefit retirement plan. Funds, departments and agencies within the State, including ScholarShare, are in a cost-sharing arrangement in which all risks and costs are shared proportionately by participating State funds/agencies. CalPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for this plan. This report is available online at www.calpers.ca.gov.

The significant actuarial assumptions used to compute the actuarially determined State contribution requirements are the same as those used to compute the State pension benefit obligation as defined by CalPERS. The State charges the Administrative Fund for its share of the required contributions. For the year ended June 30, 2025, there were no contributions recognized as part of pension expense.

In addition to the Administrative Fund's contributions to the plan, during the year ended June 30, 2018, the State Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) made a contribution to the Plan of \$199,000, on behalf of the Administrative Fund, as required by Senate Bill No. 84 (SB 84) to fund future Net Pension Liabilities. The Administrative Fund established an Interfund Loan Payable to SMIF for this contribution as required by SB 84. This Interfund Loan Payable, is required to be repaid by June 30, 2030. The outstanding balance on the loan payable as of June 30, 2025 was \$11,012.

Generally, full-time and permanent part-time employees are eligible to participate in CalPERS. The benefits for the Plan are based on members' years of service, age, final compensation, and benefit formula. Benefits are provided for disability, death, and survivors of eligible members or beneficiaries. Members become fully vested in their retirement benefits earned to date after five or ten years of credited service.

The Administrative Fund's net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of the Plan is measured as of June 30, 2025, and the total pension liability for each Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 rolled forward to June 30, 2024 using standard update procedures. ScholarShare's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the State Controller's Office (SCO) projection for the Administrative Fund. The SCO identified a total of 29 entities that are reported in the State's ACFR which are proprietary funds (enterprise and internal service) and fiduciary funds (pension and other employee benefit trust funds), component units (discretely presented and fiduciary), and related

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organizations, that have State employees with pensionable compensation (covered payroll). The SCO calculated and provided these funds/organizations with their allocated pensionable compensation percentages by plan. The Administrative Fund's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date was 0.006551%.

As of June 30, 2025, the Administrative Fund reported net pension liabilities for its proportionate shares of the Plan's net pension liability of \$2,272,153.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Administrative Fund recognized pension expense of \$416,309. At June 30, 2025, the Administrative Fund reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Change in proportion	\$ 188,552	
Changes in assumptions	73,853	
Change in proportionate share of contributions		\$ (95,061)
Net differences between expected and actual experience	122,457	(22,094)
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	<u>109,160</u>	<u></u>
Total	<u>\$ 494,022</u>	<u>\$ (117,155)</u>

There were no contributions reported as deferred outflows of resources subsequent to the measurement date. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>
2026
2027
2028
2029

2026	\$ 113,006
2027	273,048
2028	19,071
2029	(28,258)

Additional disclosure detail required by Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, regarding the defined benefit plan are presented in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2024, which is the latest available on the State Controllers website at www.sco.ca.gov.

6. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The State also provides postemployment medical and prescription drug benefits to employees and dependents through CalPERS under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act, and dental benefits under the State Employees' Dental Care Act. The State, and certain bargaining units and judicial employees (valuation groups) have agreed to prefund retiree healthcare benefits. Assets are held in separate accounts by valuation group within the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT)

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administered by CalPERS, a substantive agent multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefits plan (State's Substantive Plan). Assets within each valuation group benefit retirees and dependents associated with that valuation group. CalPERS reports on the CERBT as part of it separately issued annual financial statements, which can be obtained from CalPERS on its website at www.CalPERS.ca.gov.

The State has identified 17 separate valuation groups within the State Substantive Plan. For each agency and/or fund, the SCO determined the proportion of OPEB employer contributions attributable to employees within those valuation groups. SCO then used these proportions to allocate the OPEB accounting elements from the June 30, 2024 State of California Retiree Health Benefits Program Actuarial Valuation Report to State agencies and their funds.

The Administrative Fund participates in the State's Substantive Plan on a cost sharing basis. The State funds the cost of providing health and dental insurance to annuitants primarily on a pay-as-you-go basis. The Administrative Fund recognizes the costs of providing health and dental insurance to annuitants based on their required contribution. Contributions to the State's Substantive Plan from the Administrative Fund were \$110,000 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

At June 30, 2025, the Administrative Fund reported a liability of \$1,926,000 for their proportionate share of the State's Substantive Plan net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024. The Administrative Fund's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the SCO's projection. The Administrative Fund's combined proportionate share, based on its attributable employee valuation groups OPEB employer contributions, as of June 30, 2024 was 0.0028243%.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, Administrative Fund recognized OPEB expense of \$448,000. At June 30, 2025, Administrative Fund reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in assumptions	\$ 81,000	\$ (236,000)
Differences between expected and actual experience	145,000	(94,000)
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	8,000	(8,000)
OPEB contributions subsequent to measurement date	<u>110,000</u>	<u></u>
Total	<u>\$ 344,000</u>	<u>\$ (338,000)</u>

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The \$110,000 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the Administrative Fund's OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	
2026	\$ (31,300)
2027	(30,600)
2028	(40,100)
2029	(28,000)
2030	(3,000)
Thereafter	29,000

Additional disclosure detail required by Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75, regarding post-retirement benefits are presented in the financial statements of the State of California, on the State Controller's website at www.sco.ca.gov.