



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1112, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

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Posting Language

Approve the Policy to Determine Funding Goals and Guidelines for the Austin Police Retirement System.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

March 29, 2023 - Recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee on a vote of 3-0 with Council Members Kelly and Fuentes off the dais.

March 17, 2023 - Recommended by the Austin Police Retirement System Board.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Police Retirement System (APRS) was established in state law by Article 6243n-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes. APRS provides retirement benefits to all commissioned law enforcement officers and cadets upon enrollment in the Austin Police Academy.

The purpose of the APRS Funding Policy is to align with best practices in pension management, as well as to implement the requirements for public retirement systems in Texas pursuant to Section 802.2011, Texas Government Code. Key requirements for the funding policy per statute include (1) collaboration by the plan (APRS) and plan sponsor (City of Austin) to develop the funding policy for the system and (2) for each governing body (plan and plan sponsor) to approve the funding policy for the system. This Funding Policy is in alignment with the recent changes made to the governing statute during the 2021 legislative session, which were supported by both the plan and plan sponsor.

The primary objective of the Funding Policy is to identify guidelines intended to produce actions by both the APRS and the City toward meeting the long-term pension obligations for the benefit of the members of the system.

This Funding Policy was a collaborative effort of the APRS and City staff.