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The Honorable Cathy Giessel, Senate President
The Honorable Bryce Edgmon, Speaker of the House
House and Senate Finance Committee Members
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Dear State Legislators:

AS 37.10.430(b) requires that:

> By March 15 of each year, the Department of Revenue shall, after consulting with the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, prepare a report setting out the balance in the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska) on January 1 and on December 31 of the previous calendar year. The report shall state the nominal, real, and realized return on the budget reserve fund compared to the nominal, real, and realized return on the permanent fund and the general fund during the previous calendar year.

The required report is attached.

Page 1 sets forth the fund balances for the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (CBRF) at January 1 and December 31, 2019.

Page 2 provides comparative annual rates of return for the CBRF, General Fund, and Alaska Permanent Fund. The difference in performance results primarily from the differences in asset allocation among the funds, the relative performance between comparable asset classes, and the differences in cash flow requirements among the funds.

Page 3 provides the comparative target asset allocations at December 31, 2019 of these funds. The General Fund, as a participant in the GeFONSI, has a moderate risk tolerance and high liquidity requirement, as such it is invested in fixed income securities (e.g., bonds and other debt obligations), with no investment in equities (e.g., stocks). Since the CBRF and the GeFONSI II have a slightly higher risk tolerance, in addition to their fixed income allocations, both have a modest allocation to domestic and international equities.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have on the attached report or the investment of the CBRF.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Mahoney

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Commissioner, Department of Revenue

Attachments
cc: House Finance – Foster, Johnston, Ortiz, Josephson, Knopp, LeBon, Wool, Tilton, Merrick, Sullivan-Leonard, Carpenter
Senate Finance – Stedman, von Imhof, Bishop, Hoffman, Wilson, Olson, Wielechowski

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Annual Report on the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund

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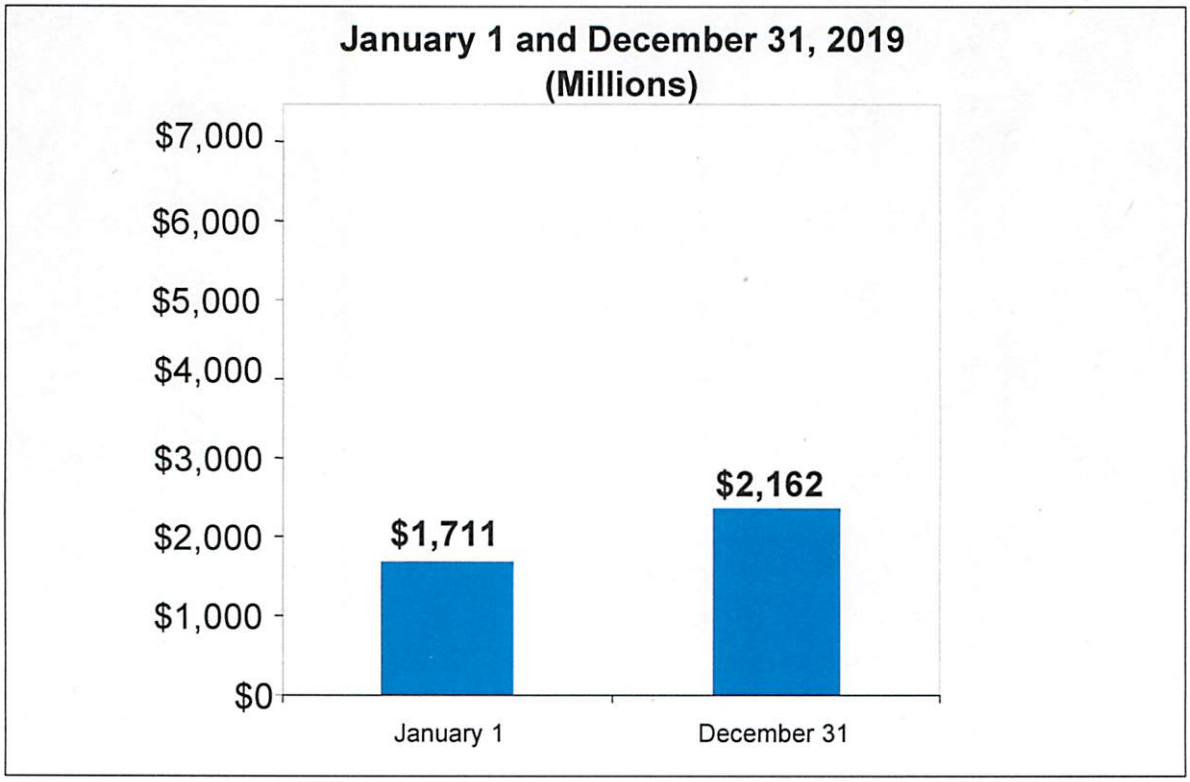
Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund Balances



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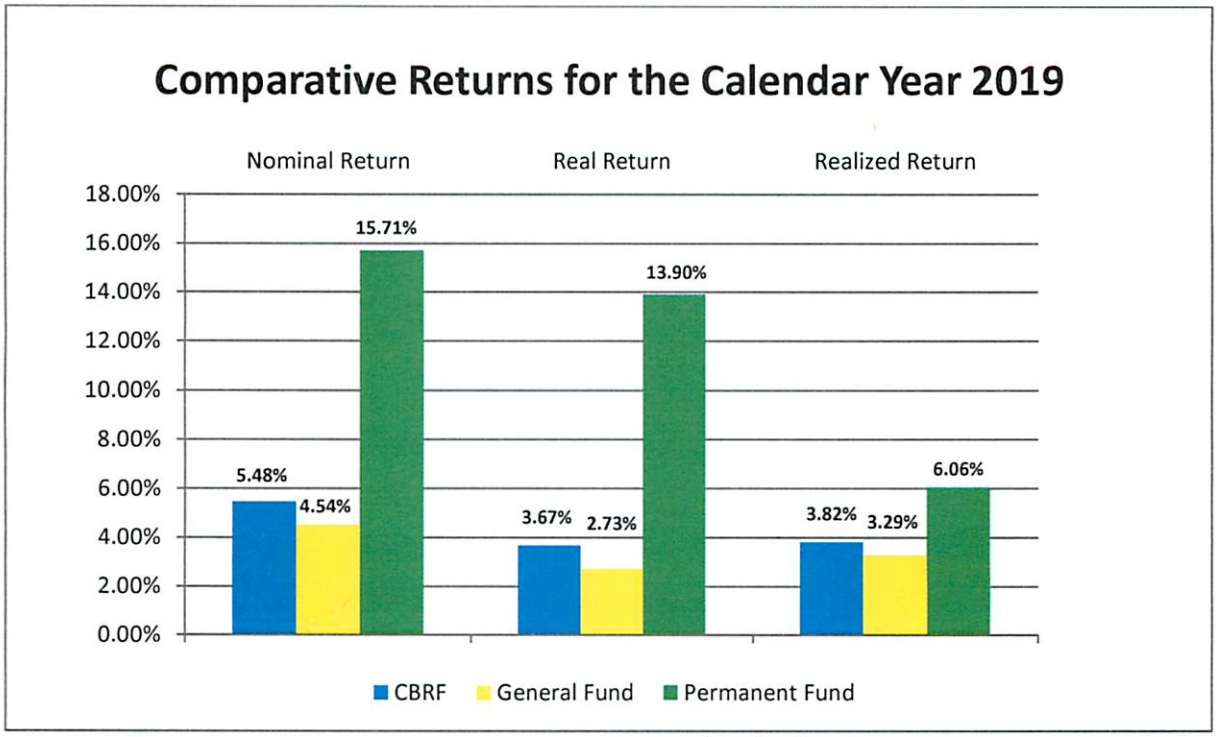

Fund	Nominal (Total) Return [2]	Real Return [3]	Realized Return [4]
Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund [1]	5.48%	3.67%	3.82%
General Fund [5]	4.54%	2.73%	3.29%
Alaska Permanent Fund [6]	15.71%	13.90%	6.06%

1 Reflects the rate of return for the CBRF main account. The subaccount was liquidated April, 2015 and all assets transferred into the main fund.

2 Data for CBRF and General Fund was calculated by staff of the Treasury Division. Total return includes all components of investment income, including interest, dividends and realized and unrealized gains and losses.

3 Total return adjusted for the effect of inflation (1.81%) calculated by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation per AS 37.13.145 (c).

4 Realized return. These amounts were calculated by staff of the Treasury Division as well as the Permanent Fund Corporation. Realized returns *do not* include unrealized gains and losses in investment income; therefore, *comparisons between realized and total return have no meaning.*

5 Does not include returns on the sale proceeds of Tobacco Settlement Revenue. Although part of the General Fund, these Investments are managed by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and had balances of $13.55 million and $11.00 million on January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 respectively.

6 All information related to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation is provided by Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation.

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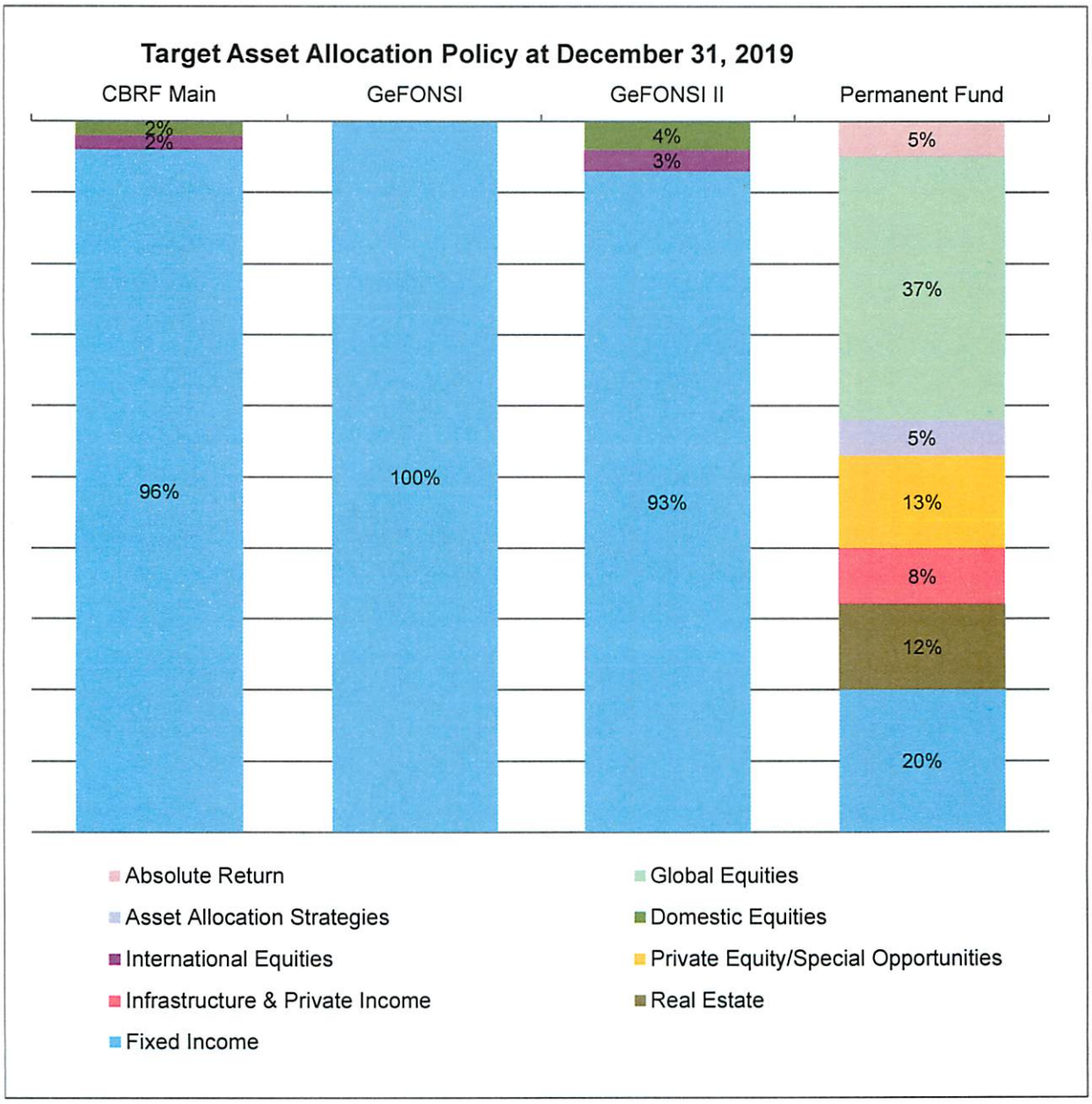
Calendar Year 2019 Target Asset Allocation Policies with Effective Dates for Selected Funds

Last Target Policy in CY2019	CBRF Main	GeFONSI	GeFONSI II	Permanent Fund
Absolute Return				5%
Asset Allocation Strategies				5%
Domestic Equities	2%		4%	
Fixed Income	96%	100%	93%	20%
Global Equities				37%
International Equities	2%		3%	
Private Equity/Special Opportunities				13%
Infrastructure & Private Income				8%
Real Estate				12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%