

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**  
(A Non-Profit Corporation)

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023  
With Independent Auditors' Report



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
McNeese State University Foundation  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of McNeese State University Foundation (a non-profit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of McNeese State University as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of McNeese State University Foundation 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.

### ***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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about McNeese State University Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### ***Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 and *Government 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 and *Government 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 McNeese State University Foundations 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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about McNeese State University Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

### ***Report on Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information included on pages 35 through 36 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 10, 2024, on our consideration of McNeese State University Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of McNeese State University Foundation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering McNeese State University Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Jay C. Williams, Co., P.C.*

November 10, 2024  
Lake Charles, LA

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,166,333	\$ 31,125,568
Unconditional promises to give	167,750	304,100
Lease receivable	-	14,940
Interest receivable	189,586	-
Prepaid expenses	37,281	23,887
Total current assets	39,560,950	31,468,495
Noncurrent Assets		
Investments	47,234,670	49,401,799
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	7,076,187	6,457,522
Property held for resale	1,885,518	1,885,518
Unconditional promises to give	13,596	177,168
Restricted assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,274,240	334,719
Investments	17,646,374	19,411,075
Donated property	911,150	911,150
Total noncurrent assets	78,041,735	78,578,951
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 117,602,685</b>	<b>\$ 110,047,446</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 538,831	\$ 287,499
Total current liabilities	538,831	287,499
Noncurrent liabilities		
Funds held in custody	8,287,717	7,860,154
Total liabilities	8,826,548	8,147,653
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	10,038,649	9,532,359
With donor restrictions	98,737,488	92,367,434
Total net assets	108,776,137	101,899,793
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 117,602,685</b>	<b>\$ 110,047,446</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended June 30, 2024		
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
<b>Revenue and Support</b>			
Contributions, net of write offs of \$45,780 for 2024	\$ -	\$ 10,235,280	\$ 10,235,280
Contributions in kind	-	242,948	242,948
Investment income, net of fees of \$260,500 for 2024	1,349,722	5,993,561	7,343,283
Rent	191,999	-	191,999
Realized gain on sales of property held for resale	-	-	-
Transfer to endowment	(20,000)	20,000	-
Other	23,760	-	23,760
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program expenses	10,121,735	(10,121,735)	-
	<b>11,667,216</b>	<b>6,370,054</b>	<b>18,037,270</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program expense	9,981,457	-	9,981,457
Supporting services:			
Development and fundraising	116,224	-	116,224
Management and general	1,063,245	-	1,063,245
	<b>11,160,926</b>	-	<b>11,160,926</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>506,290</b>	<b>6,370,054</b>	<b>6,876,344</b>
Net assets at beginning of period	9,532,359	92,367,434	101,899,793
<b>Net assets at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 10,038,649</b>	<b>\$ 98,737,488</b>	<b>\$ 108,776,137</b>

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**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES - (Continued)

	Year Ended June 30, 2023		
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
<b>Revenue and Support</b>			
Contributions, net of write offs of \$6,044 for 2023	\$ -	9,710,277	\$ 9,710,277
Contributions in kind	-	408,214	408,214
Investment income, net of fees of \$270,533 for 2023	944,526	5,098,106	6,042,632
Rent	92,201	-	92,201
Realized gain on sales of property held for resale	209,475	-	209,475
Transfer to endowment	(35,000)	35,000	-
Other	42,011	-	42,011
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program expenses	7,763,061	(7,763,061)	-
	<b>9,016,274</b>	<b>7,488,536</b>	<b>16,504,810</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program expense	7,481,202	-	7,481,202
Supporting services:			
Development and fundraising	95,188	-	95,188
Management and general	901,463	-	901,463
	<b>8,477,853</b>	-	<b>8,477,853</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>538,421</b>	<b>7,488,536</b>	<b>8,026,957</b>
Net assets at beginning of period	8,993,938	84,878,898	93,872,836
<b>Net assets at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 9,532,359</b>	<b>\$ 92,367,434</b>	<b>\$ 101,899,793</b>

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**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

June 30, 2024 and 2023

	June 30, 2024		
	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Development and Fundraising</u>	<u>Management and General</u>
University support	\$ 7,376,987	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships and awards	2,377,686	-	-
Salaries and benefits	226,784	-	501,678
Office operations	-	30,943	257,169
Meetings and development	-	85,281	21,167
Professional fees	-	-	46,820
Property expenses	-	-	91,927
Depreciation expense	-	-	144,484
	<u>\$ 9,981,457</u>	<u>\$ 116,224</u>	<u>\$ 1,063,245</u>

	June 30, 2023		
	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Development and Fundraising</u>	<u>Management and General</u>
University support	\$ 4,910,637	\$ -	\$ -
Scholarships and awards	2,064,427	-	-
Salaries and benefits	506,138	-	448,941
Office operations	-	23,697	272,433
Meetings and development	-	71,491	37,302
Professional fees	-	-	62,160
Property expenses	-	-	42,778
Depreciation expense	-	-	37,849
	<u>\$ 7,481,202</u>	<u>\$ 95,188</u>	<u>\$ 901,463</u>

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**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Cash flow from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 6,876,344	\$ 8,026,957
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by (used) operating activities:		
Net unrealized losses (gains) in fair value of investments	2,855,057	(8,845,163)
Net realized losses on sales of investments	1,123,557	3,780,129
Net realized gain on sale of donated property	-	(209,475)
Depreciation expense	144,484	37,849
Contributions restricted for investment in endowment	(3,200,643)	(3,675,253)
Bad debt written off	45,780	6,044
Change in assets and liabilities		
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Unconditional promises to give	254,142	44,624
Lease receivable	14,940	(14,940)
Prepaid expenses	(13,394)	(23,887)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	251,332	(133,697)
Funds held in custody, net	(232,114)	(231,087)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	8,119,485	(1,237,899)
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchases of investments	(136,196,305)	(20,657,960)
Proceeds from sales of investments	136,809,198	23,783,603
Interest receivable	(189,586)	-
Collection of due from university	-	35,100
Proceeds from sale of donated property	-	380,000
Purchase of property and equipment	(763,149)	(3,905,096)
Net cash used by investing activities	(339,842)	(364,353)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Contributions restricted for investment in endowments	3,200,643	3,675,253
Net cash provided by financing activities	3,200,643	3,675,253
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	10,980,286	2,073,001
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	31,460,287	29,387,286
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 42,440,573	\$ 31,460,287

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Organization and purpose

The McNeese State University Foundation (“the Foundation”) is a not-for-profit organization which was formed to promote the educational and cultural welfare of McNeese State University by accepting gifts for the purpose of providing scholarships for students, professorships for educational research, or such other designated projects for the benefit of the University. The principal sources of support are from alumni of McNeese State University as well as businesses and individuals located in southwest Louisiana.

##### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities. The FASB has established the Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) as the source of authoritative accounting principles to be applied in the preparation of financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”). Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for general use and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets that are contributions and endowment investment earnings subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature that may or will be met, either by actions of the Foundation and/or the passage of time. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates those resources be maintained in perpetuity. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation's net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for funding chairs and professorships, scholarships and fellowships, academic support and development, research support and institutional support programs specified by the donors.

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of donor-imposed restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

The Foundation reports gifts of land, buildings, equipment, and other assets as revenues without donor restrictions unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as revenue with donor restrictions. The Foundation reports expirations of donors' restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

# MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

#### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For accounting and reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash in bank, and all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted

Certain cash and cash equivalents are restricted as to use based on donor stipulations or contractual conditions. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, such restricted amounts were \$3,274,240 and \$334,719, respectively.

#### Promises To Give

Unconditional promises to give are recognized as revenue in the period received. Promises to give are recorded at their realizable value if they are expected to be collected in one year and at their fair value if they are expected to be collected in more than one year. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional. An allowance for doubtful accounts has been established based on management's assessment of collectability.

#### Investments

Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are measured at fair value in the statements of financial position. Income or loss on investments, including realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, interest and dividends, are allocated ratably to the participating funds. Investment gains on restricted net assets are classified consistent with the related investment income unless specific donor or legal restrictions dictate otherwise.

Realized gains and losses and declines in value judged to be other than temporary, are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Realized gains and losses on the sales of securities are determined using the specific-identification method. A decline in the fair value of investments below cost that is deemed to be other than temporary results in a charge to change in net assets and the establishment of a new cost basis for the investment.

In accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-07, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), the Foundation does not categorize, within the fair value hierarchy, all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

**Fair Values of Financial Instruments**

The Foundation's financial instruments, excluding investments which are described in Note 5, include cash and cash equivalents and unconditional promises to give. The Foundation estimates that the fair values of all these financial instruments at June 30, 2024 and 2023 do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of these financial instruments recorded in the accompanying statements of financial position.

**Contributions**

Contributions received are recorded as support with or without donor restrictions. All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is met), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions, as appropriate, and reported in the consolidated statements of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

**Property and equipment**

Purchased property and equipment is recorded at cost. Property and equipment donated to the Foundation is recorded at its fair value at the date of donation which is then treated as cost. The Foundation maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred; however, those that significantly increase asset values or extend the useful lives are capitalized. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives, on a straight-line basis. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method at rates based on the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	15 years
Equipment	5 years
Furniture	7 years

**Donated Property**

Donated property is reflected as a contribution in the accompanying statements at its estimated value at the date of receipt. Donated properties are not used for Foundation operations.

**Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

The carrying value of property and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. When considered impaired, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. There were no indicators of asset impairment during the year ended June 30, 2024 or 2023.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

**Funds Held in Custody**

The Foundation considers all state matching funds and unexpended income from these funds to be reported as funds held in custody. All funds held in custody are recorded at their estimated fair market value.

**Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue**

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the Foundation that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions received are recorded as support with or without donor restrictions. All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is met), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions, as appropriate, and reported in the statements of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

Rental income from operating leases is recognized over the terms of the related leases as the rent becomes due. Recoveries from tenants for operating expenses are recognized as revenues in the period the corresponding costs are incurred. Rental payments received in advance are deferred until earned. All leases between the Foundation and the tenants of the property are operating leases. Tenant rent charges for the current month are generally due on the first of the month.

**Contributed Services and Tangible Personal Property**

In accordance with the implementation of FASB ASC 958-720-25-9, the Foundation recognizes contributed services at their fair value when the services have value to the Foundation, require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would have been purchased if not provided by the McNeese State University. See Note 13 for further details.

The Foundation occasionally receives contributions of equipment. These contributions are used in providing services to the Foundation, for educational research, or such other designated projects for the benefit of the University. The contributions are recognized at the item's fair value at the date of donation, estimated using sales prices for items of similar condition.

For the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, the Foundation received the following noncash contributions, which enhanced the Foundation as a whole:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Professional services and other benefits	\$ 226,784	\$ 382,297
Equipment and supplies	16,164	25,917
	<u>\$ 242,948</u>	<u>\$ 408,214</u>

## MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

##### **Functional Expenses**

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and functional expenses. All expenses have been specifically identified with a program or supporting service have been charged to their program. The Statements of Functional Expenses present a reconciliation of expense by natural classification to expenses by function

##### **Required Transfers**

The Foundation has received various matching grants from the State of Louisiana under the Eminent Scholars Endowed Chairs and Endowed Professorships programs, which are only approved after certain levels of private funding have been raised. The Foundation must comply with certain policies, procedures, and regulations regarding the administration of these programs. One of the requirements of the Board of Regents for Higher Education's investment policy relates to increasing each program's endowment balance each year. Some transfers to permanently restricted net assets were made to comply with this policy.

##### **Income Taxes**

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal and state income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes on related income has been included in the financial statements.

The Foundation applies the accounting guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which sets out a consistent framework to determine the appropriate level of tax reserves to maintain for uncertain tax positions. The Foundation recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if the positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are recorded at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in the recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The Foundation has evaluated its position regarding the accounting for uncertain income tax positions and does not believe that it has any material uncertain tax positions.

The Foundation's federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Taxes (form 990) is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Foundation believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for a period beyond three years from the filing of those returns.

##### **Financial Instruments and Credit Risk**

The Foundation manages deposit concentration risk by placing cash, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit with financial institutions believed to be creditworthy. At times, amounts on deposit may exceed insured limits or include uninsured investments in money market mutual funds. To date, the Foundation has not experienced losses in any of these accounts.

# MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

#### **Financial Instruments and Credit Risk (continued)**

Credit risk associated with promises to give is considered to be limited due to high historical collection. Unconditional promises to give and substantially all donations are derived from local donors in Southwest Louisiana.

Investments which subject the Foundation to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of investments in long-term corporate and governmental fixed income instruments; equity holdings of domestic and international corporations; mutual funds which invest in various marketable securities and various hedge funds. The hedge funds utilize a variety of financial instruments in their trading strategies, including equity and debt securities of both U.S. and foreign issuers, public and non-public, as well as a variety of derivative instruments. Investments are made by diversified investment managers whose performance is monitored by the Foundation and the investment committee of the Board of Directors. Although the fair values of investments are subject to fluctuation on a year-to-year basis, the Foundation and the investment committee believe that the investment policies and guidelines are prudent for the long-term welfare of the Foundation.

#### **Advertising**

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation expensed \$18,673 and \$12,726, respectively.

#### **Cost Allocation**

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include office operations and meetings and development, which are allocated on the basis of specific identification.

#### **Reclassifications**

Certain balances from the 2023 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2024 financial statement presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on the previously reported change in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### **Leases**

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance as ASC 842, Leases, to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial condition. Most prominent among the changes in the standard is the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases. The Foundation adopted the standard and recognized and measured leases existing at, or entered into after July 1, 2022, using the modified retrospective approach, with certain practical expedients available. The adoption of ASC 842 did not result in any adjustments to net assets or changes in the timing or amounts of lease costs. Comparable periods continue to be presented under the guidance of the previous standard.

# MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

#### Leases (continued)

The Foundation determines if an arrangement is a lease at the inception of the contract. For leases with terms greater than twelve months, ROU assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the contract commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. ROU assets represent the Foundation's right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. Lease liabilities present the Foundation's obligation to make lease payments arising from these contracts. The Foundation uses a risk-free rate, which is derived from information available at the lease commencement date, in determining the present value of lease payments. The Foundation's operating leases in effect prior to July 1, 2022, were recognized at the present value of the remaining payments on the remaining lease term as of July 1, 2022.

Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that such options will be exercised. The estimated useful life of ROU assets is limited by the expected lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise. The Foundation's lease agreements generally do not contain any material residual value guarantees, restrictions or covenants.

The Foundation has elected to apply the short-term lease exemption to all classes of assets where leases that have a term of 12 months or less are excluded from the measurement of the right-of-use asset and lease liability.

### 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Foundation maintains deposit accounts with large, multi-state financial institutions. The balances at each of these financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in such accounts. As of June 30, 2024, the uninsured balance was \$2,904,911. The Foundation also has money-market holdings as part of its managed investment accounts in the amounts of \$11,084,758 and \$1,091,823 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, which are not secured.

Deposits with Louisiana Asset Management Pool ("LAMP") totaled \$31,144,562 and \$29,797,672 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Such deposits are secured by an interest in the underlying investment pool, consisting of U.S. Treasury and agency securities held by LAMP.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA – R.S. 33:2955. Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money markets funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA – R.S.33:2955(A)(1)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "investment grade (A-1 or P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and

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**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – (Continued)**

consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and a board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

**3. UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES TO GIVE**

Unconditional promises to give consist of the following:

	2024	2023
Restricted to departmental and scholarship funds	\$ 181,346	\$ 481,268

Management considers unconditional promises to give to be fully collectible as of June 30, 2024, therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary. At such time as management determines an amount to be uncollectible, it is written off. In the last two years, the Foundation has had some isolated incidences of a few donors declaring that they will not fund the remainder of their pledges to the Foundation. Unconditional promises to give in the amount of \$45,780 and \$6,044, as June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, were deemed uncollectible and written off.

The total amount of unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2024 and 2023 is expected to be collected as follows:

	2024	2023
Less than one year	\$ 167,750	\$ 304,100
One to five years	13,596	177,168
Total unconditional promises to give	\$ 181,346	\$ 481,268

Certain donors have stipulated in their wills to make donations to the Foundation upon death. The total amount of such conditional promises to give is \$4,486,868 and \$4,565,246 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As the donors have placed a condition on the donation, these amounts have not been recorded in the financial statements.

**4. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS**

The Foundation regularly monitors the availability of resources required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds.

The Foundation receives significant contributions with donor restrictions to be used in accordance with the associated purpose restrictions. It also receives gifts to establish endowments that will exist in perpetuity; the income generated from such endowments is used to fund programs. In addition, the Foundation receives support without donor restrictions. Such support is augmented by investment income without donor restrictions,

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**5. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS – (Continued)**

appropriated earnings from gifts with donor restrictions, and management fees to support the annual program funding needs.

The Board of Directors authorized the establishment of designated funds for an investment portfolio with the objective to seek growth of income and capital appreciation consistent with long term objectives to support the programs of the Foundation. The purpose of the investments will be to provide scholarships to support the University and its students.

The Foundation considers investment income without donor restrictions, appropriated earnings from donor-restricted contributions, and contributions without donor restrictions to be available to meet cash needs for general expenditures. The Foundation considers contributions with donor restrictions available for use in current programs with are ongoing, major, and central to its annual operations based on the donor’s restrictions. General expenditures include programmatic expenses, administrative and general expenses, and fundraising expenses expected to be paid in the subsequent year.

The Foundation manages its cash available to meet general expenditures, following three guiding principles:

- Operating within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability;
- Maintaining adequate liquid assets; and
- Maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long term commitments and obligations under endowments with donor restrictions and quasi-endowments that support mission fulfillment will continue to be met, ensuring the sustainability of the Foundation.

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the following schedule identifies financial assets that could be made readily available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet general expenditures:

	2024	2023
Total assets	\$ 117,602,685	\$ 110,047,446
Less: non-current and non-financial assets		
Noncurrent unconditional promise to give	13,596	177,168
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	7,076,187	6,457,522
Donated property	911,150	911,150
Total financial assets at year end	109,601,752	102,501,606
Less: financial assets designations and restrictions		
Amount held in custody for others	8,287,717	7,860,154
Amounts invested for others	17,254,137	17,153,910
Board designated endowments	4,411,681	4,411,581
Liquid assets with donor restrictions	73,496,014	67,844,852
Financial assets available for general expenditures over the next 12 months	\$ 6,152,203	\$ 5,231,109
Financial assets available for general expenditures over the next 12 months	\$ 6,152,203	\$ 5,231,109
Less: current liabilities at year end	538,831	287,499
Net financial assets available for general expenditures over the next 12 months	\$ 5,613,372	\$ 4,943,610

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**5. INVESTMENTS**

Investments in debt and equity securities with readily determinable fair values are stated at their estimated fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 7 for further discussion of fair value measurement.

The asset allocation of the Foundation's portfolio involves exposure to a diverse set of markets which involve various risks such as interest rate risk, market risk, and credit risk. The Foundation believes that the value of its investments may, from time to time, fluctuate substantially as a result of these risks.

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation's investments, carried at fair value, consisted of the following:

	2024			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain	Gross Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value
Corporate stock	\$ 23,002,082	\$ 3,356,452	\$ (777,004)	\$ 25,581,530
Real estate investment trusts	506,013	55,734	(1,444)	560,304
Mutual funds	38,392,518	414,456	(67,764)	38,739,210
	\$ 61,900,613	\$ 3,826,642	\$ (846,212)	\$ 64,881,044
	2023			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain	Gross Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value
Corporate stock	\$ 17,048,379	\$ 2,491,386	\$ (637,732)	\$ 18,902,033
Real estate investment trusts	2,138,207	98,511	(114,692)	2,122,026
Hedge funds	2,985,834	1,503,263	-	4,489,097
Exchange trade products	3,943,774	-	(65,062)	3,878,712
Mutual funds	43,164,286	-	(3,743,280)	39,421,006
	\$ 69,280,480	\$ 4,093,160	\$ (4,560,766)	\$ 68,812,874

Market risk could occur and is dependent on the future changes in market prices of the various investments held.

Investment earnings are reported net of investment related expenses in the accompanying financial statements. Net investment earnings consisted of the following for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

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**5. INVESTMENTS- (Continued)**

	2024	2023
Interest and dividend income	\$ 3,542,649	\$ 3,164,591
Realized gains (losses) on sales of investments	766,401	(4,469,862)
Unrealized gains on investments	3,294,733	7,618,456
Investment related expenses	(260,500)	(270,553)
	\$ 7,343,283	\$ 6,042,632

The Board of Directors has been advised by legal counsel that under Louisiana state law, the gains from sales of securities and increases in market value are to be treated as principal, and must be retained in endowment fund accounts. However, under the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act adopted in Louisiana, such gains and appreciation in value may be expended for the purposes designated by the donors if it is prudent in the judgment of the Board of Directors after considering the long and short term needs of the Foundation, its present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on investments, price level trends and general economic conditions.

If any donor stipulates that realized and unrealized investment gains should not be spent on the restricted purpose for which a fund was originated, then such gains will be added to investment principal and will not be expendable in the future. No such stipulations were present at June 30, 2024 or 2023.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below corpus. No such deficiencies of this nature were present at June 30, 2024 or 2023.

Investment income from interest, dividends and realized gains and losses are allocated to various activities and programs under the Foundation's investment policy. The portion that pertains to unrestricted and short-term donor restricted activities is reported as unrestricted revenue, and the portion that pertains to permanent endowment activities is reported as temporarily restricted revenue, because it could be expended on the restricted purposes of the endowments in subsequent periods.

In the prior year, the Foundation invested in a hedge fund. The investment was a sophisticated, multi-strategy, multi-manager program designed to achieve an optimal balance of upside return potential and downside protection. The investment offered a diversified strategy protecting and preserving the Foundation's capital and a hedged equity strategy providing long-term capital growth. Both strategies also work to deliver risk-adjusted returns by capturing the market's return potential but with much less volatility. The portfolios were constructed using a time tested, disciplined methodology focused first on risk management. The managers then work to identify strategies within a framework and to develop relationships with investment managers. The derivative instrument was designated as a fair value hedging instrument. The fund's fair market value was \$-0- and \$4,489,097 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Foundation's objective was to maximize its returns related to this investment.

The Foundation does not invest in individual hedge funds, but instead, monitors the activity and returns of the manager. The Foundation's investment committee continuously examines the returns of the manager to ensure the Foundation's investment objectives are reached. The returns from this hedge fund were reported and posted quarterly reflecting the fair market value as of the reporting date. The earnings on the hedge fund are included in investment income in the Statement of Activities.

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**6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 1,912,624	\$ 1,739,816
Building and improvements	5,350,314	4,597,211
Furniture and equipment	14,925	14,925
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>162,762</u>
	7,277,863	6,514,714
Accumulated depreciation	<u>201,676</u>	<u>57,192</u>
Total property and equipment	<u><u>\$ 7,076,187</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,457,522</u></u>

**7. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Financial Accounting Standard Board ("FASB") authoritative guidance for fair value measurements defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The guidance also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value. The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the guidance are described below:

Level 1 — Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Foundation has the ability to access.

Level 2 — Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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**7. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS – (Continued)**

Level 3 — Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. The methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values.

*Corporate stocks:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

*Real estate investment trust:* Common stock in real estate investment trust that are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

*Exchange trade products:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

*Hedge funds:* Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held at year end.

Furthermore, while the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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**7. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS – (Continued)**

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Foundation’s investments by the above FAS 157 fair value hierarchy levels as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Corporate stock	\$ 25,581,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,581,530
Real estate investment trusts	560,304	-	-	560,304
Mutual funds	38,739,210	-	-	38,739,210
Total assets at fair value	\$ 64,881,044	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,881,044

	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Corporate stock	\$ 18,902,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,902,033
Real estate investment trusts	2,122,026	-	-	2,122,026
Exchange Trade Products	3,878,712	-	-	3,878,712
Mutual funds	39,421,006	-	-	39,421,006
Hedge fund investments measured at NAV	-	-	-	4,489,097
Total assets at fair value	\$ 64,323,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,812,874

As of June 30, 2024, there were no assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

There were no purchases, issues or transfers into and out of Level 3 investments for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

The Foundation's investment in hedge funds at June 30, 2023 represented 10% ownership of all ownership interests in the fund. The hedge funds utilize a variety of financial instruments in their trading strategies, including equity and debt securities of both U.S. and foreign issuers, public and non-public, as well as a variety of derivative instruments. The fair value of the investments in this class has been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.

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**7. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS – (Continued)**

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on net asset value (NAV) per share as of June 30, 2023:

Instrument	June 30, 2023			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Hedge fund	\$ 4,489,097	Not applicable	Quarterly	95 days

**8. DONATED PROPERTY**

The carrying values of donated property consisted of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
650-acre farm, Lake Charles, Louisiana	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
96.86 acre farm, Kinder, Louisiana	358,500	358,500
Art work	202,650	202,650
	<u>\$ 911,150</u>	<u>\$ 911,150</u>

The Foundation has agreed that both farms would be used primarily by the Agriculture Department of McNeese State University and would never be sold.

**9. PROPERTY HELD FOR RESALE**

In August 2011, the Foundation purchased a Meat Processing Plant for \$899,549 and in 2014 they made improvements in the amount of \$69,778 for a total investment of \$969,327.

In December 2011, they purchased land on W. Sale Road for \$1,299,154. In June 2021, the Foundation made an agreement with a bank to exchange their property for a portion of the Foundations W. Sale Road property, reducing the original purchase price by \$396,964. The Foundation realized a gain of \$188,036 in regards to this exchange. The Foundations W. Sale Road property is recorded on their books at an investment of \$902,191.

In December of 2015, the Foundation received property in Jasper County as a donation, which was recorded on the Foundation books for \$14,000.

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**10. THE LOUISIANA ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND FOR ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS**

One of the Foundation’s primary objectives is to raise and manage funds to provide endowed professorships and chairs to the University. The Louisiana Endowment Trust Fund for Endowed Chairs and Professorships was created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1983 to provide state funds to eligible public and private institutions which would be responsible for providing matching funds obtained by gifts.

Endowed professorships are established at \$100,000 and endowed chairs at \$1,000,000. For endowments submitted for matching prior to July 1, 2017, the Board of Regents will provide 40% of the funding once the Foundation has acquired 60% of the principle through private gifts. Endowed professorships submitted for matching after July 1, 2017, will be matched at \$20,000 for every \$80,000 of private funding acquired while endowed chairs remained unchanged.

The Foundation is allowed to apply for the 40% match while maintaining the 60% private gift. Funds are pooled for investment purpose in the Foundation, but the Board of Regents’ 40% match is recognized as a liability to the Foundation under the caption “Funds Held in Custody.” The amount held for others in noncurrent liabilities at June 30, 2024 and 2023, that was attributable to the Endowed Chairs and Professorships, was \$8,287,717 and \$7,860,154, respectively.

The following is a recap of these endowments (both the Foundation and State portions) as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

June 30, 2024			
	Residual Income Over Expenses	Original Principal	Total
State portion:			
Amount invested for others	\$ 2,767,717	\$ 5,520,000	\$ 8,287,717
Foundation portion	4,352,896	8,280,000	12,632,896
Total endowed professorships and chairs	\$ 7,120,613	\$ 13,800,000	\$ 20,920,613
June 30, 2023			
	Residual Income Over Expenses	Original Principal	Total
State portion:			
Amount invested for others	\$ 2,340,154	\$ 5,520,000	\$ 7,860,154
Foundation portion	3,505,640	8,380,000	11,885,640
Total endowed professorships and chairs	\$ 5,845,794	\$ 13,900,000	\$ 19,745,794

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**11. NET ASSETS**

Net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2024 and 2023, were restricted for the following purposes:

	2024	2023
Eminent Scholars/Endowed Professorships	\$ 14,123,453	\$ 12,251,382
Scholarships	47,072,824	43,835,557
H.C. Drew Institute	9,596,634	8,822,270
Other University projects	8,057,854	7,510,173
Property held for resale	1,885,518	1,885,518
Donated art work	202,650	202,650
Donated real estate held for research projects	708,500	708,500
Institutional support	17,090,055	17,151,384
	\$ 98,737,488	\$ 92,367,434

Of the above amounts reported as net asset with donor restrictions, the following are permanently restricted to investments in perpetuity, the income from which is expendable to support the activities below:

	2024	2023
Eminent Scholars/Endowed Professorships	\$ 8,800,000	\$ 8,580,000
Scholarships	44,444,094	41,722,065
H.C. Drew Institute	6,000,000	6,000,000
Donated real estate held for research projects	708,500	708,500
Other University projects	6,726,702	6,450,860
	\$ 66,679,296	\$ 63,461,425

The Foundation's net assets without donor restrictions at June 30, 2024 and 2023, were comprised of undesignated and Board designated amounts to support the activities below:

	2024	2023
Undesignated	\$ 5,626,968	\$ 5,120,778
Board designated quasi-endowments and scholarships	4,411,681	4,411,581
	\$ 10,038,649	\$ 9,532,359

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**11. NET ASSETS – (Continued)**

*Board designated for continued University support and quasi-endowments and scholarships*

The Foundation's Board has designated funds to provide continued support for the University.

*Board designated for quasi-endowment and scholarships*

The Foundation's Board designated funds be set aside to establish and maintain a quasi-endowment for the purpose of securing Foundation's long-term financial viability and continuing to meet the needs of the Foundation. The Foundation's Board has also designated funds to provide scholarships for the University.

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by the donor as follows for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Projects specified by donors	\$ 7,564,965	\$ 5,176,395
Professorship awards	469,428	406,630
Scholarships and awards	1,851,758	1,601,297
In-kind distributions	8,800	74,393
In-kind salaries and benefits	226,784	333,821
Property held for resale transferred for general use	-	170,525
	\$ 10,121,735	\$ 7,763,061

**12. ENDOWED NET ASSETS**

The Foundation has established prudent investment and spending policies with the objective of maintaining the purchasing power of its endowed assets in perpetuity and providing a stable level of support to the beneficiaries. To achieve this objective, the Foundation's asset allocation strategy is reviewed periodically and adjusted to target a total return that covers inflation, administrative expenses, and spending allocations, while minimizing volatility.

Certain endowed funds are provided by the State of Louisiana as a match to qualifying private endowed contributions and are managed under agreement with the University for the University's benefit. These state matching endowed funds are further subject to the investment and spending policies established by the Louisiana Board of Regents, which has statutory authority to administer the matching funds program.

A spending rate is determined by the Foundation's Board of Directors on an annual basis, with consideration given to the market conditions, the spending levels of peer institutions, and the level of real return after spending measured over the long term. The spending rate approved by the Board is applied to the sixty-month moving average fair value of the investment pool of endowed assets. The objective is to provide relatively stable spending allocations. The net spending rate approved by the Board of Directors for each of the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was up to 5.00%. The Louisiana Board of Regents' spending policy dictates that no portion of the inflation-adjusted corpus, as defined by the Board of Regents, is to be allocated for spending.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 12. ENDOWED NET ASSETS – (Continued)

The Foundation's Board of Directors has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the date of the donor-restricted endowment funds, unless there are explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were no such donor stipulations. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation retains in perpetuity (a) the original value of initial and subsequent gift amounts donated to the Endowment and (b) any accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added. Donor-restricted amounts not retained in perpetuity are subject to appropriation for expenditure by us in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

The Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the organization
- The investment policies of the organization

The Louisiana Board of Regents spending policy dictates that the market value of each endowment at the end of the most recent fiscal trust fund year must exceed the original corpus of the endowment by an amount equal to the amount to be made available for expenditure in the next fiscal year for which a spending allocation is made. When the current market value of each endowment is below the original corpus, no spending is allowed.

The Foundation's Board of Directors has chosen to manage a portion of its net assets without donor restrictions as part of the endowed funds investment pool. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the market value of these Board Designated Endowed Funds was \$4,411,681 and \$4,411,581, respectively.

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**12. ENDOWED NET ASSETS – (Continued)**

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation had the following endowment net asset composition by type of fund:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2022	\$ 4,406,094	\$ 67,706,044	\$ 72,112,138
Investment return	-	3,648,280	3,648,280
Contributions	5,487	3,675,252	3,680,739
Transfer in (out) to create board- designated endowment funds	-	35,000	35,000
Released from restrictions	-	(2,245,670)	(2,245,670)
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2023	4,411,581	72,818,906	77,230,487
Investment return	100	3,606,842	3,606,942
Contributions	-	3,220,487	3,220,487
Transfer in (out) to create board- designated endowment funds	-	20,000	20,000
Released from restrictions	-	(2,437,981)	(2,437,981)
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2024	\$ 4,411,681	\$ 77,228,254	\$ 81,639,935

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**12. ENDOWED NET ASSETS – (Continued)**

The composition of endowed net assets, by fund type, at June 30, 2024 and 2023, was as follows:

	June 30, 2024		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor- restricted endowment	\$ -	\$ 77,228,254	\$ 77,228,254
Board- designated endowment	4,411,681	-	4,411,681
	\$ 4,411,681	\$ 77,228,254	\$ 81,639,935
	June 30, 2023		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor- restricted endowment	\$ -	\$ 72,818,906	\$ 72,818,906
Board- designated endowment	4,411,581	-	4,411,581
	\$ 4,411,581	\$ 72,818,906	\$ 77,230,487

**13. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY**

Pursuant to the affiliation agreement between the Foundation and the University, the University provides certain personnel services and usage of office space and equipment for Foundation operations. In return, the Foundation provides, solicits and manages funds for the benefit of the University. The Foundation recognized these contributed services at fair value in the amount of \$226,784 and \$353,877 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Foundation has certain transactions with the University in the normal course of operations. The transactions consist of reimbursement for salaries, which are processed by the University and reimbursement for certain expenses paid by the University on behalf of the Foundation, such as payments of scholarships and capital projects. Such expenses totaled \$6,738,002 and \$4,076,021 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Amount due to the University at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$330,943 and \$71,911, respectively. Amount due from the University at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$-0-.

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**14. OPERATING LEASE**

The Foundation leases a building to a tenant under an operating lease with an original term of 10 years, with an option to extend the term up to four times for five years each. The tenant pays monthly rent of \$14,940 to the Foundation.

Lease income is included on the Statement of Activities as rent. Cash receipts from operating leases are classified within cash flows from operating activities.

	2024	2023
Rental Income-Urgent Care	\$ 187,466	\$ 90,601
Rental Income-Common Street	2,400	1,600
Total lease income	\$ 189,866	\$ 90,601

The following is an analysis of the carrying amounts of the underlying assets related to operating leases:

	2024	2023
Urgent Care Building cost	\$ 4,452,670	\$ 4,452,670
Common Street land cost	809,983	809,983
Less: accumulated depreciation building	123,685	9,514
Total cost, net	\$ 5,138,968	\$ 5,253,139

The following is an analysis of the maturity of the undiscounted operating lease payments for the years ending on June 30:

2025	\$ 181,674
2026	181,674
2027	181,674
2028	180,074
2029	180,074
Thereafter	626,659
Total	\$ 1,531,829

**15. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Compensated absences for sick pay and personal time have not been accrued since they cannot be reasonably estimated. The Foundation's policy is to recognize these cost when actually paid.

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**16. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

The Foundation had the following non-cash transactions:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Appreciation in fair value of investments attributable to funds held in custody	<u>\$ 659,677</u>	<u>\$ 560,483</u>

Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 consisted of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,166,333	\$ 31,125,568
Restricted cash	<u>3,274,240</u>	<u>334,719</u>
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the statement of cash flows	<u>\$ 42,440,573</u>	<u>\$ 31,460,287</u>

**17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management of the Foundation has evaluated its June 30, 2024 financial statements for subsequent events through the date of the independent auditors' report, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

***SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION***

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES MADE ON BEHALF OF THE  
UNIVERSITY'S INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

June 30, 2024

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
DEVELOP THE DIAMOND	\$ (200,704)	\$ 34,000	\$ 1,300	\$ (168,004)
MCNEESE FOOTBALL CLUB	3,088	-	-	3,088
DIAMOND DINNER	11,337	191,758	178,484	24,611
FOOTBALL PARAPOKES	7,100	-	3,000	4,100
WILLIAM A OLIVER MEM GOLF TOURNAMENT	45,895	102,482	127,823	20,554
MCNEESE WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM	8,523	-	-	8,523
MEN'S BASKETBALL	26,420	286,262	331,117	(18,435)
MCNEESE BASEBALL CLUB	225,785	184,176	185,726	224,235
MEN'S GOLF TEAM	3,691	-	-	3,691
MAF ADVANCEMENT	1,577,422	1,800,952	2,173,992	1,204,381
COWBOY BAG BINGO	35,687	141,781	153,781	23,687
GIRL'S SOFTBALL	28,879	129,206	160,203	(2,118)
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR-GENERAL	6,931	39,948	47,360	(481)
STRIKER CHAPTER	6,261	-	6,261	-
MSU TRACK - GENERAL	86,839	144,126	152,663	78,302
DUGOUT CHAPTER	11,047	31,030	28,135	13,943
MSU TRACK & FIELD SCOREBOARD PROJECT	13,294	-	-	13,294
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL & STAMPEDE	33,792	28,678	54,349	8,121
FOOTBALL - GENERAL	128,176	113,342	232,879	8,639
DINGLER GOLF TOURNAMENT	49,550	30,420	79,218	752
MSU QUARTERBACK CLUB	49,787	12,700	37,558	24,929
PETROCHEM ATHLETIC ASSOC	47,722	54,826	102,549	-
MSU COWBOY CHAPTER	20,620	31,633	27,643	24,610
SOFTBALL DIGITAL BOARD	(10,000)	10,000	-	-
SPORTS MEDICINE	9,912	-	6,717	3,195
STUDENT ATHLETE SERVICES	1,769	-	-	1,769
VOLLEYBALL - GENERAL	33,727	27,528	59,357	1,898
GATSBY	1,000	308,899	308,899	1,000
STRENGTH DEPT	257	9,370	6,259	3,369
ATHLETIC FLOATING ACCOUNT	911	94,512	32,595	62,828
WOMEN'S TENNIS-GENERAL	104,930	160,280	266,969	(1,759)
SPORTS INFORMATION - POSTERS	147	-	50	97
COWBOY FOOTBALL FUEL	3,161	-	-	3,161
MARKETING/TICKETING/GAME OPERATIONS	4,075	975	3,807	1,243

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June 30, 2024

	<b>Beginning</b>			<b>Ending</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>
NCAA SAF	129,322	446,180	423,818	151,684
SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Comm.)	1,347	-	1,112	235
BASKETBALL ENHANCEMENT FUND	385,064	256,370	618,476	22,958
FOOTBALL ENHANCEMENT FUND	385,629	186,029	257,809	313,849
CARS FOR COWBOYS	-	1,200	-	1,200
MCNEESE BEACH VOLLEYBALL	-	8,459	1,478	6,981
MCNEESE SOCCER	23,877	34,463	31,104	27,236
BASEBALL FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS	(373,754)	125,100	-	(248,654)
ATHLETIC OPERATIONS	7,415	-	7,400	15
BULLPEN CLUB FOR BASEBALL ALUMNI	2,556	5,885	8,441	-
SOFTBALL ENHANCEMENT FUND	78	-	78	-
	<u>\$ 2,938,564</u>	<u>\$ 5,032,570</u>	<u>\$ 6,118,409</u>	<u>\$ 1,852,725</u>

COMPLIANCE  
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON  
AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Directors of  
McNeese State University Foundation  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the McNeese State University Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 10, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered McNeese State University Foundation's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of McNeese State University Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of McNeese State University Foundation's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether McNeese State University Foundation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Joseph Williams, Co., P.C.*

Lake Charles, Louisiana  
November 10, 2024

