

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
**Houma, Louisiana**

Annual Financial Report  
As of and for the  
Year Ended December 31, 2023

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
 Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
 Annual Financial Report  
 Year Ended December 31, 2023

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Terrebonne Parish Coroner  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
Houma, Louisiana

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Terrebonne Parish Coroner (the Coroner), a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Coroner's basic 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 respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Terrebonne Parish Coroner, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position 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 (GAAS) 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Coroner, 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 these 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 the Coroner's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 the Coroner'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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Coroner'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.

## ***Other Matters***

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 5 through 8, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund on page 29, and the Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability on page 30, respectively, 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.

### *Other Information*

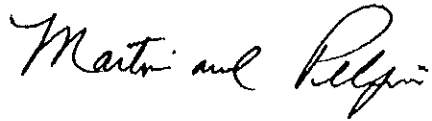
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Coroner's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head on page 31 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

This schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 May 4, 2024, on our consideration of the Coroner's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts,

and 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 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 the Coroner's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin and Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Houma, Louisiana  
May 4, 2024

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
Year Ended December 31, 2023

As management of the Terrebonne Parish Coroner (the Coroner), we offer readers of the Coroner's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Coroner for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Coroner's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$179,234 (net deficit) as of December 31, 2023.
- Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$20,661 during the year.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the Terrebonne Parish Coroner's basic financial statements. The Coroner's basic financial statements consist of the following:

**Statement of Net Position.** This statement combines and consolidates the governmental fund's current financial resources (short-term spendable resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations, regardless if they are currently available or not.

**Statement of Activities.** Consistent with the full accrual basis method of accounting, this statement accounts for current year additions and deductions regardless of when cash is received or paid.

**Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund.** This statement presents the Coroner's assets, liabilities, and fund balance for its general fund only.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance – Governmental Fund.** Consistent with the modified accrual basis method of accounting, this statement accounts for current year revenues when received except when they are measurable and available. Expenditures are accounted for in the period that goods and services are used in the government's activities. In addition, capital asset purchases are expensed and not recorded as an asset. The statement also exhibits the relationship of revenues and expenditures with the change in fund balance.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The accompanying notes provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.



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**BASIC FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of an entity's financial position. The Coroner's net position (deficit) was (\$179,234) at December 31, 2023. The largest portion of the Coroner's total assets is cash and cash equivalents (80.08%).

**The Coroner's Net Position (Deficit)**

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 179,820	\$ 179,238
Receivables	2,574	3,485
Due from other governmental units	6,700	4,300
Capital assets, net of depreciation	35,466	49,564
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>224,560</b>	<b>236,587</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred outflows from OPEB	277,097	312,982
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	18,567	15,740
Due to Terrebonne Parish Government	825	3,683
Compensated absences payable	2,238	2,238
Long term liabilities due > 1 year (OPEB)	410,877	407,871
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>432,507</b>	<b>429,532</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred inflows from OPEB	248,384	319,932
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	35,466	49,564
Unrestricted (deficit)	(214,700)	(249,459)
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (179,234)</b>	<b>\$ (199,895)</b>

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During the year, the Coroner's net position increased by \$20,661. The elements of the increase are as follows:

**The Coroner's Changes in Net Position (Deficit)**

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Charges for Services		
Operating services	\$ 369,719	\$ 218,224
General Revenues		
Intergovernmental	511,617	712,281
Interest income	19	17
Total General Revenues	511,636	712,298
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>881,355</b>	<b>930,522</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Public Safety		
Personnel services	606,033	648,795
Operating services	168,874	187,393
Insurance	32,968	34,583
Professional fees	18,040	17,600
Depreciation	17,554	16,631
Materials and supplies	12,091	12,732
Travel and miscellaneous	203	1,637
Repairs and maintenance	4,931	1,603
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>860,694</b>	<b>920,974</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	20,661	9,548
<b>NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>(199,895)</b>	<b>(209,443)</b>
<b>NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ (179,234)</b>	<b>\$ (199,895)</b>

As indicated above, net position increased by \$20,661, which indicates revenues were sufficient to cover expenditures incurred during the year.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS**

As of December 31, 2023, the Coroner had \$35,466 invested in capital assets.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Capital assets	\$ 252,565	\$ 264,372
Less accumulated depreciation	(217,099)	(214,808)
	\$ 35,466	\$ 49,564

Depreciation expense for the year is \$17,554. The Coroner acquired a stretcher with a cost of \$3,456 during the year.

**BUDGET**

The Coroner amended its budget once during the fiscal year. The budget for revenues was \$894,138, and the budget for expenditures was \$913,001.

The Coroner's budgeted revenues exceeded actual revenues by \$12,783, an unfavorable variance of 1.43%. The Coroner's budgeted expenditures exceeded actual expenditures by \$33,748, a favorable variance of 3.70%.

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Terrebonne Parish Coroner's finances for all those with such an interest. Call the Coroner's office (985-873-6440) and ask for Patrick Walker, M.D. if you should have any further questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or have a request for additional financial information.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
 Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
 Statement of Net Position  
 December 31, 2023

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 179,820
Receivables	2,574
Due from other governmental units	6,700
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>35,466</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>224,560</b></u>

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred outflows from OPEB	<u>277,097</u>
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**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	18,567
Due to Terrebonne Parish Government	825
Non-Current Liabilities:	
Compensated absences payable	2,238
Net OPEB liability	<u>410,877</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><b>432,507</b></u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred inflows from OPEB	<u>248,384</u>
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**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	35,466
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(214,700)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)</b>	<u><b>\$(179,234)</b></u>

See accompanying notes.

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
 Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
 Statement of Activities  
 Year Ended December 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Increase (Decrease) in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>					
Public Safety - current					
Personnel services	\$ 606,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (606,033)
Operating services	168,874	369,719	-	-	200,845
Insurance	32,968	-	-	-	(32,968)
Professional fees	18,040	-	-	-	(18,040)
Depreciation	17,554	-	-	-	(17,554)
Materials and supplies	12,091	-	-	-	(12,091)
Repairs and maintenance	4,931	-	-	-	(4,931)
Travel and miscellaneous	203	-	-	-	(203)
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 860,694</b>	<b>\$ 369,719</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (490,975)</b>
General Revenues:					
Intergovernmental				\$ 511,617	
Interest Income				19	
Total General Revenues				<u>511,636</u>	
Increase in Net Position					20,661
<b>NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>					<u>(199,895)</u>
<b>NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - END OF YEAR</b>					<u><u>\$ (179,234)</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
 Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
 Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund – General Fund  
 December 31, 2023

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	179,820
Receivables		2,574
Due from other governmental units		6,700
		189,094
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>189,094</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$	18,567
Due to Terrebonne Parish Government		825
		19,392
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>19,392</b>

**FUND BALANCE**

Unassigned		169,702
		169,702
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>189,094</b>

See accompanying notes.



**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
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 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance  
 Governmental Fund – General Fund  
 Year Ended December 31, 2023

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Intergovernmental	\$ 511,617
Charges for services	369,719
Interest	19
	<u>881,355</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Public Safety - Coroner:	
Current:	
Personnel services	638,690
Operating services	168,874
Insurance	32,968
Professional fees	18,040
Materials and supplies	12,091
Repairs and maintenance	4,931
Travel and miscellaneous	203
	<u>875,797</u>
Capital outlays	3,456
	<u>879,253</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	
	2,102
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Beginning of year	167,600
	<u>167,600</u>
End of year	\$ 169,702
	<u>169,702</u>

See accompanying notes.

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
 Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
 Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet  
 to the Statement of Net Position  
 December 31, 2023

Fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 169,702
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets of \$252,565 net of accumulated depreciation of \$217,099 are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund.	35,466
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Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB liability	277,097
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Long-term liabilities are not reported as fund liabilities because they are not due and payable in the current period, but are presented as liabilities in the statement of net position. Those liabilities consist of:

Compensated absences payable	(2,238)
Other post-employment benefits payable	(410,877)

Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB liability	<u>(248,384)</u>
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Net position (deficit) of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (179,234)</u></u>
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See accompanying notes.

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
 Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund  
 Balance of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities  
 Year Ended December 31, 2023

Change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 2,102
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Total change in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlays	3,456
Depreciation expense	(17,554)

Generally expenditures recognized in the fund financial statements are limited to only those that use current financial resources but expenses and liabilities are reported in the statement of activities when they are incurred.

Net change in OPEB obligation	<u>32,657</u>
Change in net position	<u><u>\$ 20,661</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Terrebonne Parish Coroner, (the Coroner) was created by the Terrebonne Parish Council, by virtue of the authority conferred by Chapter 3, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statute of 1950. The Terrebonne Parish Coroner is chosen by the voters of Terrebonne Parish and serves a four-year term. The Coroner is in charge of investigating all deaths, performing autopsies, providing mental investigations, mental evaluation and commitment, court ordered sanity commission exams, and examining possible sex offense investigations.

The accounting policies of the Coroner conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

**A. REPORTING ENTITY**

Because the Parish is financially accountable as related to the Coroner, the Coroner was determined to be a component unit of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, the governing body of the parish.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Coroner and do not present information on the Consolidated Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or other government units that comprise the governmental reporting entity.

The Coroner has reviewed all of its activities and determined that there are no potential component units that should be included in its financial statements.

**B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

GASB statements established standards for external financial reporting for all state and local governmental entities which includes a statement of net position and a statement of activities. It requires the classification of net position into three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of net

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)**

investment in capital assets. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, the Coroner considers restricted funds to have been spent first.

GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, enhances the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied. It establishes fund balance classifications that comprise hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. These classifications are defined as follows:

Nonspendable – This component of fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent due to form, including inventories and prepaid amounts. Also included are amounts that must be maintained intact legally or contractually.

Restricted – This component of fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Committed – This component of fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Coroner.

Assigned – This component of fund balance is intended to be used by the Coroner for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.

Unassigned – This component of fund balance is the residual classification for the Coroner’s general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)**

Stabilization Funds – This component of fund balance covers such things as revenue shortfalls, emergencies, or other purposes. The authority to set aside resources often comes from a statute, ordinance, or constitution.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Coroner considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Coroner considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Coroner provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

The Coroner's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements on all activities of the Coroner and the governmental fund financial statements.

*Government-wide Financial Statements:*

The government wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities for all activities of the Coroner.

The government-wide presentation focuses primarily on the sustainability of the Coroner as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues and charges for services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or activity is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or activity.

*Fund Financial Statements:*

The daily accounts and operations of the Coroner are organized on the basis of a fund and accounts groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of the fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following is the Governmental Fund of the Coroner:

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)**

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the Coroner. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

**C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

*Government-wide Financial Statements:*

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

*Fund Financial Statements:*

All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other uses) in net current assets. Governmental funds are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Charges for services are recorded when earned since they are measurable and available. For this purpose, the Coroner considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the Coroner because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Allocations of cost such as depreciation are not recognized in the governmental funds.

**D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The Coroner considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)**

**E. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

The financial statements for the Coroner contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the particular receivable is uncollectible. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the Coroner.

**F. CAPITAL ASSETS**

The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

**Government-wide Financial Statements:**

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000 or more are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable. Donated assets are valued at acquisition value on the date donated. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by the type of asset is as follows:

Equipment	3-10 years
Vehicles	3-5 years

**Fund Financial Statements:**

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Capital assets acquired for the Coroner's use prior to January 1, 2010 are property of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and are included in the capital assets of the Parish. Those assets are recorded in the financial records of the Parish.



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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)**

**G. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS / INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources, which represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods. The Coroner has deferred outflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit obligations.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources, which represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods. The Coroner has deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit obligations.

**H. ENCUMBRANCES**

The Coroner does not utilize encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in the fund general ledgers.

**I. OPERATING BUDGETARY DATA**

As required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1393, the Coroner adopted a budget for the General Fund. The Coroner did not amend its budget during the year. All budgeted amounts which are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year-end. The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis materially consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The General Fund budget presentation is included in the required supplementary information.

**J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Full-time employees of the Coroner can accrue up to 96 hours per year of vacation time on their anniversary date and accumulate up to 136 hours after 10 years. Unused vacation time is lapsed on the employee's anniversary date. The balance of unused annual leave is due to the employee at the time of termination. Employees of the Coroner also accumulate a maximum of 60 days of sick leave. However, sick leave is forfeited upon termination.

**K. USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates of the Coroner primarily relate to capital assets' useful lives.

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**NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Under state law, the Coroner may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of another state in the Union, or the laws of the United States.

State law requires that deposits (cash and certificates of deposits) of all political subdivisions be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana, and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision. The year-end balance of deposits is as follows:

	Bank Balance	Reported Amount
Cash	\$ 180,570	\$ 179,820

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Coroner's deposits may not be returned to it. As of December 31, 2023, none of the deposits were exposed to credit risk as these deposits were insured in accordance with state law by FDIC insurance.

**NOTE 3 – DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

The amounts due to the Terrebonne Parish Coroner's Office from other governments at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Acadia Parish Coroner	\$ 100
Ascension Parish Coroner	100
Assumption Parish Coroner	100
Avoyelles Parish Coroner	200
Iberia Parish Coroner	300
Iberville Parish Coroner	100
Lafayette Parish Coroner	400
Lafourche Parish Government	2,300
Natchitoches Parish Coroner	200
Orleans Parish Coroner	200
Rapides Parish Coroner	100
St. Bernard Parish	200
St. Landry Parish Coroner	600

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**NOTE 3 – DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Cont.)**

St. Martin Parish	100
St. Mary Parish Government	1,100
Tangipahoa Parish Coroner	400
Vermilion Parish Coroner	100
Washington Parish Coroner	100
	<u>\$6,700</u>

**NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>
Government Activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 140,353	\$ 3,456	\$ -	\$ 143,809
Vehicles	124,019	-	(15,263)	108,756
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>264,372</u>	<u>3,456</u>	<u>(15,263)</u>	<u>252,565</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	(126,412)	(4,991)	-	(131,403)
Vehicles	(88,396)	(12,563)	15,263	(85,696)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(214,808)</u>	<u>(17,554)</u>	<u>15,263</u>	<u>(217,099)</u>
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>\$ 49,564</u>	<u>\$(14,098)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,466</u>

Depreciation expense in the amount of \$17,554 was charged to public safety.

**NOTE 5 – COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Coroner has a long-term obligation for compensated absences. The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions during the year:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>
Compensated absences	<u>\$ 2,238</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,238</u>

In prior years, compensated absences have been liquidated by the Coroner's General Fund.

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**NOTE 6 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

Plan Description - The Terrebonne Parish Coroner's Office's medical benefits are provided through a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan and are made available to eligible employees, retirees, and their dependents as approved by the Terrebonne Parish Council and adopted by the Coroner. The Coroner funds the entire premium for medical and dental insurance on all employees.

Retirement eligibility provisions are as follows: for employees hired prior to January 1, 2013, to be eligible to continue coverage, retired employees must have at least ten years of service with the Parish and be eligible for retirement under one of the Parish-sponsored state retirement programs. For all employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, a retiring employee must have thirty years of service and reached age 55. Employees who, at the time of retirement, have not participated in the group insurance program for a minimum of five continuous years immediately prior to retirement shall not be eligible for retirement group insurance coverage. Additionally, retirees who chose not to participate in the group insurance coverage at the time of their retirement will not be allowed to join the group health insurance program at a later date. Effective January 1, 2015, all employees hired prior to January 1, 2013 shall be eligible to continue participation in group medical insurance coverage under the following vesting schedule: 1 to 15 years of service, 2.75% per year; 16 to 20 years of service, 3.75% per year; and 21 to 30 years of service, 4% per year. For example, the Parish will pay 80% of the premiums for group insurance coverage for an eligible employee who retires after 25 years of creditable service. The Parish will pay up to 80% of the group insurance premium or the maximum percentage of premium paid for active employees; whichever is lesser. Effective January 1, 2019, a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan for Medicare-eligible retirees is also offered.

Method of Determining Value of Benefits - The Coroner maintains the following plans covering eligible retired employees, spouses, and their dependents. First, a self-insured health plan for retirees with two benefit options; standard plan covers medical and prescription drug benefits or premium plan with the same benefits as the standard plan, but with lower member cost-sharing. Second, a self-insured dental plan. Third, retirees can continue their fully insured life benefits. The death benefit for retirees is equal to \$10,000 until age 70 and \$5,000 thereafter. Retirees with family medical and dental coverage, the spousal death benefit is \$2,500 and the child death benefit is \$1,000.

Medicare Advantage Plan – Effective January 1, 2019, retirees age 65 and over have the option of enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan. Approximately 85% of eligible retirees participate in this plan.

Employee Turnover Rates are based on the pension retirement system valuations, adjusted by a factor of 1.75 to be consistent with recent Parish experience.

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**NOTE 6 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Cont.)**

Fund Policy - The Terrebonne Parish Coroner's Office recognizes the cost of providing post-employment benefits (the Terrebonne Parish Coroner's Office's portion of the retiree insurance benefit premiums) as an expense when the benefit premiums are due and thus finances the cost of the post-employment benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. In 2023, the Terrebonne Parish Coroner's Office's portion of health care funding cost for retired employees totaled \$10,977.

The following changes were made to assumptions since the last GASB 75 valuation:

1. Discount Rate: The discount rate was decreased from 4.05% to 3.77%. See the next section for more details. This change resulted in an increase in the Total OPEB Liability.
2. Retiree Contributions, Medicare Advantage Premiums, and Expenses: Retiree contributions, Medicare Advantage premiums, administrative expenses and stop-loss premiums were updated to reflect the 2023 rates. These changes resulted in a decrease in the Total OPEB Liability.

The Total OPEB Liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified.

Measurement Date:	December 31, 2023
Actuarial Valuation Date:	January 1, 2022
Inflation:	2.50%
Salary Increase, including inflation:	3.00%
Discount Rate:	3.77%
Prior Year Discount Rate:	4.05%

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - The expected rate of increase in medical cost is based on a graded schedule beginning with 6% annually, down to an ultimate annual rate of 5% after five or more years. The expected rate of increase in dental cost begins with 3.5% annually, reduced to an ultimate rate of 2.5% after five or more years.

The discount rate was based on the December 31, 2023 Fidelity General Obligation AA 20-Year Yield.

There is one inactive employee currently receiving benefit payments along with five active employees. There are no inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments.

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**NOTE 6 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Cont.)**

Changes in total OPEB liability are as follows:

Balance at December 31, 2022	<u>\$407,871</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	6,191
Interest	16,382
Differences between expected and actual experience	2,879
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(3,787)
Benefit payments	<u>(18,659)</u>
Net changes	<u>3,006</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$410,877</u></u>

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Recourses Related to OPEB:

OPEB Expense		
Service cost	\$	6,191
Interest on liabilities		16,382
Difference between actual and expected experience		(4,352)
Changes in assumptions/inputs		<u>(32,398)</u>
Total OPEB Expense		<u><u>\$ (14,177)</u></u>

Deferred Outflows and Inflows	<u>Outflows</u>	<u>Inflows</u>
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$ 27,073	\$ 16,813
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	2,476	133,469
Change in proportionate share	<u>247,548</u>	<u>98,102</u>
Total Deferred Outflows and Inflows	<u><u>\$ 277,097</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 248,384</u></u>

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**NOTE 6 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Cont.)**

Amounts reported and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB expense will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Net Amount to be Recognized</u>
2024	\$ 6,623
2025	6,623
2026	6,623
2027	8,844
	<u>\$ 28,713</u>

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Coroner, as well as what the Coroner's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current discount rate.

	1.00% Decrease (2.77%)	Current Discount Rate (3.77%)	1.00% Increase (4.77%)
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$481,681</u>	<u>\$410,877</u>	<u>\$354,547</u>

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Coroner, as well as what the Coroner's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare trend rates.

	1.00% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1.00% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$345,633</u>	<u>\$410,877</u>	<u>\$495,960</u>

In prior years, OPEB liabilities have been liquidated by the Coroner's General Fund.

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**NOTE 7 – DEFICIT IN NET POSITION**

Net position is presented as net investments in capital assets and unrestricted on the Coroner's government-wide statement of net position. A component of the Coroner's net position is significantly affected by transactions that resulted in the recognition of deferred outflow of resources and inflow of resources and the balance of the related asset or liability is significant. As discussed in Note 6, the Coroner's recognition of OPEB obligations in accordance with GASBS No. 75 significantly affected the Coroner's unrestricted portion of net position as of December 31, 2023. The Coroner's net position at January 1, 2023 was a deficit balance of \$199,895. There was an increase in net position of \$20,661 which decreased the deficit balance to \$179,234 at December 31, 2023.

**NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Coroner is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illness; natural disasters; and employee accident and health benefits. The Coroner is covered under the Parish's risk management program for general liability, workers' compensation, group insurance and property insurance. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the Coroner's insurance coverage. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Coroner reimbursed the Parish \$189,810 for group insurance premiums, workers compensation premiums, general liability premiums, and property insurance premiums.

**NOTE 9 – LITIGATION AND CLAIMS**

The Parish administers all claims filed against the Coroner. At December 31, 2023, the Coroner had no litigation or claims pending.

**NOTE 10 – RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

The following is a summary of accounting standards adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are scheduled to be implemented in the future that may affect the Coroner's financial report:

GASB Statement 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The effect of implementation on the Coroner's financial statements has not yet been determined.



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**NOTE 10 – RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)**

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The effect of implementation on the Coroner's financial statements has not yet been determined.

**NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events were evaluated by management through May 4, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. It was determined that the following event occurred that requires disclosure.

On October 14, 2023, Patrick Walker, M.D., was elected Coroner by the voters of Terrebonne Parish. Dr. Walker took office on March 25, 2024.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
General Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental:				
Terrebonne Parish				
Consolidated Government	\$ 805,626	\$ 805,626	\$ 511,617	\$ (294,009)
Charges for Services	88,500	88,500	369,719	281,219
Interest	12	12	19	7
	<u>894,138</u>	<u>894,138</u>	<u>881,355</u>	<u>(12,783)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Public Safety:				
Personnel services	647,621	641,011	638,690	2,321
Operating services	172,000	172,000	168,874	3,126
Insurance	33,505	33,109	32,968	141
Professional fees	19,150	20,025	18,040	1,985
Materials and supplies	35,000	36,000	12,091	23,909
Repairs and maintenance	2,500	5,175	4,931	244
Bad debt	200	200	-	200
Travel and miscellaneous	3,025	2,025	203	1,822
Capital outlays	-	3,456	3,456	-
	<u>913,001</u>	<u>913,001</u>	<u>879,253</u>	<u>33,748</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	(18,863)	(18,863)	2,102	20,965
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING</b>	<u>136,475</u>	<u>136,475</u>	<u>167,600</u>	<u>31,125</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 117,612</u>	<u>\$ 117,612</u>	<u>\$ 169,702</u>	<u>\$ 52,090</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability  
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>						
Service cost	\$ 6,191	\$ 6,194	\$ 6,267	\$ 7,912	\$ 6,984	\$ 16,231
Interest	16,382	4,910	5,426	9,119	9,520	23,650
Changes of benefit terms	-	213,701	(8,694)	(39,935)	-	(3,508)
Differences between expected & actual experience	2,879	19,653	3,574	(149,235)	13,984	(24,473)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(3,787)	(94,305)	-	-	77,822	(354,545)
Benefit payments	(18,659)	(7,020)	(10,993)	(6,197)	(11,521)	(9,838)
<b>Net Change in Total OPEB Liability</b>	3,006	143,133	(4,420)	(178,336)	96,789	(352,483)
<b>Total OPEB Liability - beginning</b>	407,871	264,738	269,158	447,494	350,705	703,188
<b>Total OPEB Liability - end</b>	<u>\$ 410,877</u>	<u>\$ 407,871</u>	<u>\$ 264,738</u>	<u>\$ 269,158</u>	<u>\$ 447,494</u>	<u>\$ 350,705</u>
<b>Covered Employee Payroll</b>	<u>\$ 346,900</u>	<u>\$ 306,209</u>	<u>\$ 145,620</u>	<u>\$ 147,327</u>	<u>\$ 206,203</u>	<u>\$ 203,424</u>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	<u>118.44%</u>	<u>133.20%</u>	<u>181.80%</u>	<u>182.70%</u>	<u>217.02%</u>	<u>172.40%</u>

**Notes to Schedule:**

*Changes of Benefit Terms:* Effective January 1, 2019, a Medicare Advantage plan was introduced as an option for eligible retirees.

*Changes of Assumptions:* Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period.

The following are discount rates used in each period:

2018	3.71%
2019	2.75%
2020	2.00%
2021	1.84%
2022	4.05%
2023	3.77%

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB Statement No. 75, paragraph 4.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
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 Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and  
 Other Payments to Agency Head  
 Year Ended December 31, 2023

Agency Head Name: Dr. Charles Ledoux, Coroner

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$ 91,361
Benefits- insurance	21,376
Benefits- retirement	0
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Per diem	0
Reimbursements	0
Travel	0
Membership fees	350
Conference travel	0
Continuing professional education fees	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses	0
Special meals	0

This schedule is used to satisfy the reporting requirements of R.S. 24:513(A)(3).

**REPORT REQUIRED BY**  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Terrebonne Parish Coroner  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
Houma, 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 governmental activities and the General Fund of the Terrebonne Parish Coroner (the Coroner), a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Coroner's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 4, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Coroner's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Coroner's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Coroner'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



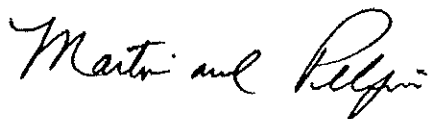
control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Coroner'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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Houma, Louisiana  
May 4, 2024

**TERREBONNE PARISH CORONER**  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
Schedule of Findings and Responses  
Year Ended December 31, 2023

**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Terrebonne Parish Coroner.
2. No significant control deficiencies were noted during the audit of the financial statements.
3. No instances of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
4. No instances of noncompliance under the provisions of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide were noted during the audit of the financial statements.
5. A management letter was not issued.

**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

No findings material to the basic financial statements of the Terrebonne Parish Coroner, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were noted during the audit.

**Section III – Federal Awards**

No federal awards were received during the year.

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Note: The prior findings relate to the December 31, 2022 audit engagement.

**Section I – Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements**

This section is not applicable.

**Section II – Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards**

This section is not applicable.

**Section III – Management Letter**

This section is not applicable.

**STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Terrebonne Parish Coroner  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government  
Houma, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Terrebonne Parish Coroner and its management are responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Terrebonne Parish Coroner has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are described on pages 38-53.

We were engaged by the Terrebonne Parish Coroner to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Terrebonne Parish Coroner and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

*Martin and Pelpin*

Houma, Louisiana  
May 4, 2024

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The required procedures and our findings, if any, are as follows:

Procedures performed on the Coroner's written policies and procedures:

**Written Policies and Procedures**

1. Obtain and inspect the Coroner's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories, as applicable:

a. Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for budgeting and found it to contain the requirements included above with exceptions noted below.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

b. Purchasing, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for purchasing and found it to contain all requirements above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

c. Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for disbursements and found it to contain the requirements included above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

d. Receipts/Collections, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for receipts and found it to contain the requirements listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.



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- e. Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy for payroll and personnel and found it to contain the requirements listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- f. Contracting, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy related to contracting and found it to contain the requirements listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- g. Travel and expense reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers

Performance: Obtained and read the travel and expense reimbursement policy and found it contained all requirements listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- h. Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy related to credit cards and found it to contain the requirements listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- i. Ethics, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

Performance: Obtained and read the written policy related to ethics and found it to contain the requirements listed above.

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Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

- j. Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Performance: The Coroner has no outstanding debt. This section is not applicable.  
Exceptions: Not applicable.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

- k. Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Performance: Obtained and read written policy for information technology disaster recovery/business continuity and found it to contain the requirements listed above.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

- j. Sexual Harassment, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Performance: Obtained and read written policy for sexual harassment and found it to contain the requirements listed above.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

**Board or Finance Committee**

2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
- b) Observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual

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comparisons on the general fund.

- c) Obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Performance: The Coroner does not have a board or finance committee, as the Coroner is an independently elected parish official responsible for all oversight of the entity. Accordingly, procedure 2 was determined not to be applicable.

**Bank Reconciliations**

- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select four additional accounts (or all accounts if less than five). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

Performance: Obtained the listing of bank accounts from management and received management's representation in a separate letter.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within two months of the related statement closing date;

Performance: Determined that randomly selected bank statements were reconciled within two months of the related statement closing date.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within one month of the date the reconciliation was prepared;

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Performance: Inspected documentation for management approvals of each randomly selected bank reconciliation.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

Performance: Determined that there were no items outstanding for more than 12 months on the bank statement selected for testing.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

**Collections**

4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than five).
5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site, obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation to the deposit.
- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
- d) The employee responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

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6. Observe from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the deposits and:
  - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location.
  - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Performance: The Coroner's office does not receive cash collections. All collections for the Coroner are received, deposited, posted and reconciled by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government in a fund on behalf of the Coroner. Transfers are made as needed to the Coroner's general operating account.

As a result of the above statements, this section does not apply to the Coroner.

**Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)**

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five locations (or all locations if less than five).

Performance: Obtained a listing of locations that processed payments for the fiscal period from management and received management's representation in a separate letter. Determined that only one location processed payments.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties, and observe that job duties are

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properly segregated such that:

- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

Performance: Obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions along with written policies and procedures for those functions to determine if there was a proper segregation of duties for initiating, approving, and making purchases.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

Performance: Obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions along with written policies and procedures for those functions to determine if there was a proper segregation of duties for processing and approving payments to vendors.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

Performance: Inspected policy manual and inquired of management as to separation of duties related to vendor files.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

Performance: Inspected policy manuals and inquired of management and employees as to the requirements listed above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- e) Only employees authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

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Performance: Inquired of management to determine that only authorized individuals approve the electronic disbursement of funds.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select five disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

Performance: Obtained the completed general ledger for the fiscal period and obtained management's representations in a separate letter. Randomly selected five disbursements using a random number generator for check numbers to test the requirements below.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

Performance: Determined that the five random disbursements matched their respective original invoices and that the invoices indicate that deliverables were received by the entity.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Performance: Determined whether the documentation for the five random disbursements gave evidence of the segregation of duties tested under #9 above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

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Performance: Determined that all electronic disbursements are payroll related; therefore, this procedure is not applicable.

**Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards**

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Performance: Obtained a listing of cards for the fiscal period from management and management's representations in a separate letter, noting there was only one fuel card.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select five cards (or all cards if less than five) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

Performance: Observed written approval, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Performance: Viewed selected statements to determine if any finance charges or late fees were applied to balances.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #13 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions. For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in



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meals.

Performance: Determined that the Coroner does not have any cards aside from its one fuel card, which has been excluded per procedure #14 enumerated above.

**Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)**

15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select five reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the five reimbursements selected:

Performance: Obtained a list of all travel and related expense reimbursements. Management's representation of the listing was confirmed in a separate letter.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)).

Performance: No travel reimbursements were based on a per diem; therefore, this procedure was not applicable.

b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

Performance: Inspected travel and expense reimbursements to observe that reimbursements using actual costs were supported by an original itemized receipt.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1g).

Performance: Reviewed documentation of the business/public purpose for each expense, including name of individuals participating in meal, if applicable.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

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Management's response: Not applicable.

- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Performance: Inspected each expense reimbursement request to find approval by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

**Contracts**

16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five contracts (or all contracts if less than five) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law, if required by law.
- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law.
- c) If the contract was amended, observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms.
- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the five contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Performance: Determined that there were no agreements/contracts initiated or renewed during the fiscal period; therefore, these procedures were not applicable.

**Payroll and Personnel**

17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

Performance: Observed the listing of employees and received management's

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representation of completeness in a separate letter. Randomly selected five employees, obtained their related paid salaries and personnel files, and agreed paid salaries to the authorized rates.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the five employees or officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave.
- b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
- c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
- d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Performance: Performed procedures under #18 above.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

19. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

Performance: Obtained a listing of employees terminated during the fiscal year from management, and received management's representation of completeness in a separate letter. Agreed the hours to the cumulative leave records, agreed the pay rates to the authorized pay rates, and agreed termination payments to the termination policy.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll-related amounts have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

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Performance: Obtained representation that employer and employee's portions of third-party related amounts were paid and filed by the required deadline.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

**Ethics**

21. Using the five employees from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

Performance: Observed the ethics course completion certificates for the employees/officials tested.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

- b) Observe that the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official was notified of any changes to the entity's policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Performance: Determined that there were no changes to the ethics policy during the fiscal period.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Performance: Inquired as to whether the Coroner has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.  
Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.  
Management's response: Not applicable.

**Debt Service**

23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Coroner approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

24. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one

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bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants.

Performance: As the Coroner does not have any debt, determined that procedures 23 and 24 could be excluded.

**Fraud Notice**

25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Performance: Inquired of management of any misappropriations of public funds or assets and determined that none were noted.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

26. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Performance: Inquired and observed such notice posted on the Coroner's premises. As the Coroner does not have its own website, the notice has been posted to the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government's website (Coroner's parent government).

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

**Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**

27. Perform the following procedures:

a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week and was not stored on the local server or network. If backups are stored on a physical medium, observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.

b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation,

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inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past three months.

- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

Performance: We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

- 28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Performance: Obtained a listing of employees receiving termination payments and management's written representation that the list is complete. For the one employee terminated during the year, observed evidence that the selected terminated employee has been removed or disabled from the network.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

- 29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- a) Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
- b) Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment

Performance: Determined that the five employees selected in the payroll and personnel section completed the required cybersecurity training.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

**Prevention of Sexual Harassment**

- 30. Using the five randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from

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management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Performance: Determined that the five employees selected in the payroll and personnel section completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

31. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website.

Performance: Determined that the Coroner has a sexual harassment policy; however, as the Coroner does not have its own website, it has been posted to the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government's website (Coroner's parent government).

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.

32. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Performance: Observed that the annual sexual harassment report was timely completed for the current year and included the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344.

Exceptions: There were no exceptions noted.

Management's response: Not applicable.