
ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE

REVIEW REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

To Chris Trevino, Coroner
Ascension Parish Coroner's Office
Gonzales, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Ascension Parish Coroner's Office (Coroner's Office) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Coroner's Office basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

Accountants' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA, and the standards applicable review engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require us to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the Ascension Parish Coroner's Office and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountants' Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that budgetary comparison schedule on page 12, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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. Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information is the responsibility of management, and although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by 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, economical, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide assurance on it.

Other Supplementary Information

The other supplementary schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head included on page 14 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The other supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in the review of the financial statements. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz

June 27, 2024
Gonzales, Louisiana

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
Gonzales, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111,390
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 111,390</u>

NET POSITION

NET POSITION

Unrestricted	<u>111,390</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>111,390</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 111,390</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE

Gonzales, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Grants</u>	<u>Revenue and</u> <u>Changes in</u> <u>Net Position</u> <u>Governmental</u> <u>Unit</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General governmental	<u>\$ 349,009</u>	<u>\$ 132,039</u>	<u>\$ 259,728</u>	<u>\$ 42,758</u>
Change in net position				42,758
Net Position - January 1, 2023				<u>68,632</u>
Net Position - December 31, 2023				<u>\$ 111,390</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
Gonzales, Louisiana

GOVERNMENTAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111,390
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 111,390</u>

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE

Unassigned	<u>111,390</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>111,390</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 111,390</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
Gonzales, Louisiana

GOVERNMENTAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

REVENUES

Revenues - Ascension Parish Government	\$ 259,728
Revenues - other governments	125,800
Other income	<u>6,239</u>
Total revenues	<u>391,767</u>

EXPENDITURES

General and administrative	329,686
Professional services	<u>19,323</u>
Total expenditures	<u>349,009</u>
Net change in fund balance	42,758

FUND BALANCE

Beginning of year	68,632
End of year	<u>\$ 111,390</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of activities

The Ascension Parish Coroner's Office (the Coroner's Office) was established to provide certain services to the citizens of Ascension Parish. Certain expenses related to the Coroner's Office are paid by and included in the Parish of Ascension's financial statements. The services of the Coroner's Office include, but are not limited to, the following:

Death Investigations

Death investigation includes assisting in the investigation of accidental, unnatural, violent, and/or unexpected deaths within the jurisdiction of Ascension Parish. The Coroner's Office is also responsible for recording accurate information related to the decedent at the time of death, performing or assisting in performing death scene investigations, ordering autopsies, facilitating the flow of information to contracted pathologists, facilitating respectful and timely conveyance of the deceased to and from the hospital with area funeral homes and transport services. The Coroner's Office is required to maintain detailed records of deaths investigated and to assist with the preparation and maintenance of the death certificate as well as submission of the certificate to funeral homes.

Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Evaluation

The Coroner's Office is responsible for providing consultation, assessment and treatment for patients' psychiatric and/or substance abuse problems. The Coroner's Office is required to schedule and conduct interviews with parties interested in having individuals involuntarily or voluntarily treated for mental illness or substance abuse. The Coroner's Office is responsible for facilitating the process of maintaining an Order of Protective Custody to detain individuals for evaluation, and also to coordinate patients' evaluation with the appropriate professionals.

Medicolegal Forensic Investigations

Medicolegal forensic investigation includes scheduling and coordinating sexual and physical abuse examinations between physicians and requesting agencies, and collection of physical evidence from suspects' bodies when requested by law enforcement agencies.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basis of presentation

The accounts of the Coroner's Office are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The Coroner's Office has the general fund, which accounts for its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in this fund based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The financial statements include only those accounts and transactions which relate to the Coroner's Office.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities for all non-fiduciary activities. The government-wide presentation focuses primarily on sustainability of the government as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period.

Governmental activities are generally financed through intergovernmental revenues and charges for services.

The government-wide statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. 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 business-type activity, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements are very similar to the traditional government fund statements as prepared by governments prior to the issuance of GASB No. 34. Emphasis is now on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type categories. The Coroner's Office consists of one governmental fund, the general fund.

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Coroner's Office. It is used to account for all financial resources.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basis of accounting and measurement focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the 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 are generally included in the balance sheet. The operating statement of the general fund presents 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.

General fund revenues resulting from exchange transactions are recognized in the fiscal year in which the exchange takes place and meets the government's availability criteria (susceptible to accrual). "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after yearend. Charges for services are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the general fund liability is incurred.

The non-exchange transaction, in which the Coroner's Office receives value without directly giving value in return includes quarterly retainer fees received from the Ascension Parish Council.

Government-wide Net Position

Government-wide net position is divided into three components:

Net investment in capital assets – consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflow of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets. The coroner's Office has no net investment in capital assets at year end.

Restricted net position – consist of net position that is restricted by the Coroner's Office's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors. The Coroner's Office has no restricted net position at year end.

Unrestricted net position – all other net position is reported in this category.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Coroner's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basis of accounting and measurement focus (continued)

Governmental Fund Balances

In the general fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Coroner's Office has no restricted fund balance at year end.

Restricted - Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of Ascension Parish, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors. The Coroner's Office has no restricted fund balance at year end.

Committed – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by ordinance. This includes the budget reserves. The Coroner's Office has no restricted fund balance at year end.

Assigned - Amounts that are designated by the Ascension Parish Council for a particular purpose but are not spendable until a budget ordinance is passed. The Coroner's Office has no restricted fund balance at year end.

Unassigned - All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned amounts are available, the Coroner's Office reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Coroner's Office considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2023, there were no restrictions on cash balances. All amounts on deposit at financial institutions were covered by federal depository insurance at December 31, 2023.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Budget

The budget of the Coroner's Office was adopted as a department of the Parish of Ascension. The budgetary basis is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through June 27, 2024, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

2. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Coroner's Office receives quarterly retainer installments from the Ascension Parish Council. Revenue derived from the Council accounted for approximately 66% of total revenues for the year; the loss of this significant support would have a material adverse effect on the Coroner's Office.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE

Gonzales, Louisiana

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- positive (negative)</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Revenues - Ascension Parish Government	\$ 272,593	\$ 249,900	\$ 259,728	\$ 9,828
Revenues - other governments	119,196	143,487	125,800	(17,687)
Other income	-	-	6,239	6,239
Total Revenues	<u>391,789</u>	<u>393,387</u>	<u>391,767</u>	<u>(1,620)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
General and administrative	296,600	271,050	329,686	(58,636)
Professional services	34,914	36,489	19,323	17,166
Total Expenditures	<u>331,514</u>	<u>307,539</u>	<u>349,009</u>	<u>(41,470)</u>
Net change in fund balance	60,275	85,848	42,758	39,850
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>				
Beginning of year	-	-	<u>68,632</u>	
End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 111,390</u>	

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
GONZALES, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. BUDGETS

Budget Policy and Budgetary Accounting

A proposed budget is prepared by the Coroner prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

The annual operating budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis, covers the general fund. At the end of the fiscal year, unexpended appropriations automatically lapse. Budget amendments are approved by the Coroner and are included in the financial statements.

In connection with budget preparation, a portion of the unassigned fund balance of an individual fund may be designated for expenditures of the subsequent year. Such designation represents the extent to which the fund balance is used to balance the subsequent year's operating budget of that fund, as reflected in the legally adopted budget.

Basis of Accounting

The Coroner's fund budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Coroner's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Coroner's basis of budgetary accounting follows generally accepted accounting principles.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE

OTHER SUPPLMENATRY INFORMATION

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
Gonzales, Louisiana

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSTIAON, BENEFITS AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

AGENCY HEAD: DR. JOHN FRAICHE 1/1/2023 - 6/30/2023

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Non-employee compensation	<u><u>\$ 60,000</u></u>

AGENCY HEAD: DR. CHRIS TREVINO 7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Non-employee compensation	<u><u>\$ 40,000</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' report.

ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

2023-001 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

Criteria: R.S. 39:1311, *Louisiana Governmental Budget Act* (LGBA), provides that the political subdivision to amend the budget when total expenditures and other uses plus projected expenditures and other uses for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are exceeding to the total budgeted expenditures and other uses by five percent or more.

Condition: Actual expenditures in the General Fund exceeded budgeted amounts above the threshold noted above.

Effect: The Coroner is non-compliant with the Louisiana Governmental Budget Act.

Cause: The budget was not amended when actual expenditure exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%.

Recommendation: The Coroner should monitor budgets on a continual basis and amend the budgets appropriately in accordance with the statute.

Management's corrective action plan: Management agrees with finding. The Coroner will ensure budget amendments are in compliance in future years.

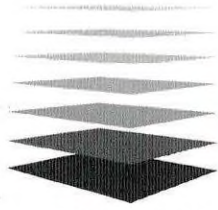
ASCENSION PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

2022-001 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

Condition: Actual expenditures in the General Fund exceeded budgeted amounts above the threshold noted above.

Current status: Similar finding reported in current year.



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DIEZ, DUPUY & RUIZ, LLC

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON

APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Ascension Parish Coroner
Gonzales, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Ascension Parish Coroner's Office (the Coroner's Office) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor on the Coroner's Office compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompany Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the year ended December 31, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Coroner's Office management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Coroner's Office 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 Coroner's Office compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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 as follows:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 36:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code), R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

No expenditures made during the year for material and supplies that exceeded \$60,000 or public works exceeding \$250,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

The Coroner's Office does not have a board of directors.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

The Coroner's Office has no employees.

4. Report on whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

The Coroner's Office has no employees.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year, and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

There are no employees paid from funds disbursed by the Coroner's Office. Additionally, the Coroner's Office does not have a formal board as the Coroner is an elected official. Finally, there were no disbursements identified that were made to the Coroner's immediate family member(s).

Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

The Coroner's Office provided to us their adopted budget and amendments.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there were any exceptions.

No minutes were recorded as the Coroner is an independently elected official and did not host any meetings and does not have a formal board.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures for the year exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

(a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

Each of the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

(b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

Each of the six disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Each of the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R. S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

The Coroner's Office did not host any meetings during 2023 and does not have a formal board.

Debt

11. Obtain bank deposits for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We scanned the bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

There were no payroll disbursements made as the Coroner's Office has no employees. No bonuses or advances or gift were identified during 2023.

State Audit Law

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The Coroner's Office submitted the review report in a timely manner and in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1A. (2); and that were subject to public bid law (R.S.38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Management represented that the Coroner's Office did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds or were subject to public bid law during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Prior Comments and Recommendations

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

The prior year report, dated June 19, 2023, included exceptions regarding actual expenses in excess of budgeted amounts, which was not resolved for the 2023 fiscal year.

We were engaged by the Coroner's Office 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 the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. 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 the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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 the Coroner's Office 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 the Coroner's Office compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz

Gonzales, Louisiana

June 27, 2024

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

_____ (Date Transmitted)

_____ (CPA Firm Name)
DIEZ, DUPUY & RUIZ, LLC
_____ (CPA Firm Address)
1124 S. BURNSIDE AVE, STE 300
_____ (City, State Zip)
GONZALES, LA 70737

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of 12/31/2023 (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes No N/A

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes No N/A

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes No N/A

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes No N/A

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes No N/A

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes No N/A

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes No N/A

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes No N/A

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes No N/A

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes No N/A

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes No N/A

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes No N/A

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes No N/A

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

 Coroner 6/24/24 Date