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#### ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Board of Directors Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Marksville, Louisiana

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

#### **Supplementary Information:**

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles accepted in the United States of America required to 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.

The supplemental information contained in the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer appearing on page 21 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the representation of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express and opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on such supplementary information.

We are not independent with respect to the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department. Inc.

Ducote & Company
Certified Public Accountants
Marksville, Louisiana
May 8, 2024

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Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$122,246
Accounts receivable	21,259
Property, plant and equipment:	
(net of accum depr)	274,088
TOTAL ASSETS	417,593
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Interest Payable	574
Loan payable due in one year	23,818
Non-current liabilities:	
Loans payable	50,746
TOTAL LIABILITIES	75,138
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets	199,524
Restricted for fire protection services	142,931
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$342,455

#### FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Expenses	Program Operating Grants	Revenues Capital Grants	Net (Expenses) Revenues
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
Governmental Activities				
Public Safety:				
Repairs and maintenance	\$16,205	\$0	\$0	\$(16,205)
Parts and supplies	4,126	0	0	(4,126)
Insurance	12,272	0	0	(12,272)
Miscellaneous expense	28,834	0	0	(28,834)
Fuel expense	1,815	0	0	(1,815)
Utilities	3,526	0	0	(3,526)
Professional fees	2,850	0	0	(2,850)
Office expense	5,209	0	0	(5,209)
Interest expense	4,183	0	0	(4,183)
Depreciation expense	47,957	0	0	(47,957)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$126,979	\$0	\$0	(126,979)
General Revenues:				
Property taxes, levied for maintenance and opera	tions			108,953
2% Fire insurance rebate				16,602
Police Jury Contributions				1,080
Interest earnings				983
Miscellaneous revenues				2,271
Total general revenues				129,889
Change in net assets				2,910
Net position - beginning of year				339,545
Net position - end of year				\$342,455

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. COMBINING BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Volunteer Fire	Fire	Totals
	Pire Department Fund	Department Tax Fund	Governmental Funds
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$19,871	\$102,375	\$122,246
Accounts receivable	0	21,259	21,259
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,871	\$123,635	\$143,505
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Liabilities			
Interest Payable	\$0	\$574	\$574
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	574	574
Fund Equity:			
Restricted for fire protection	19,871	123,061	142,931
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	19,871	123,601	142,931
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$19,871	\$123,635	\$143,505

## FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$142,931
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position that are differrent because:  Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$1,325,990 and the accumulated depreciation is \$1,051,902.  Long-term liabilities not payable in the current period are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in the governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. These liabilities at year end consist of:	274,088
Notes payable	(74,564)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities at December 31, 2023	\$342,455

# FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Volunteer Fire Department Fund	Fire Department Tax Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Ad Valorem	\$0	\$108,953	\$108,953
Intergovernmental:			
2% Fire insurance rebate	16,602	0	16,602
Appropriation from police jury	1,080	0	1,080
Miscellaneous:			
Donations and fundraisers	2,271	0	2,271
Interest Income	164_	819	983
TOTAL REVENUES	20,117	109,772	129,889
EXPENDITURES			
Public Safety:			
Repairs and maintenance	2,068	14,138	16,205
Parts and supplies	3,518	608	4,126
Insurance	0	12,272	12,272
Miscellaneous	11,469	6,843	18,312
Fuel expense	0	1,815	1,815
Utilities	0	3,526	3,526
Training and education	2,544	0	2,544
Accounting and auditing	0	2,850	2,850
Meetings and dues	3,586	2,194	5,780
Uniform	2,199	0	2,199
Office supplies	4,909	300	5,209
Capital Outlay	0	11,632	11,632
Debt service	0	27,020	27,020
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	30,293	83,198	113,491
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(10,176)	26,574	16,398
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(10,176)	26,574	16,398
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	30,047	96,487	126,534
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$19,871</u>	\$123,061	\$142,931

## FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,& CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$16,398
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of ac	tivities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds	. However, in the statement	
of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimate	ted useful lives as depreciation	
expense. In the current period, these amounts are:	Capital Outlay	11,632
	Depreciation expense	(47,957)
Loan proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental	funds, but issuing debt	
increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repay	yment of loan principal is an	
expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces the	long-term liabilities in the	
statement of net assets and does not affect the statement of activiti	ies. In the current period,	
	Loan payment	22,837
Change in net position of governmental activities:		\$2,910

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### INTRODUCTION

The Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (the Department) was incorporated on March 13, 1985, as a nonprofit corporation as defined in Louisiana Revised Statues of R.S. 1950 Title 12, Chapter 2, as amended. The Organization operates under a Board of Directors consisting of a President, Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer and is elected on an annual basis. The members of the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., vote on all matters brought before the Board. The Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. serves approximately 1,693 structures and meetings are held quarterly. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies.

#### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The Department's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Department as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Department's major funds). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All activities of the Department are classified as governmental.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Department.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt obligations. Net Position is reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net costs of each of the governmental activities. These functions are supported by general government revenues (ad valorem taxes, intergovernmental revenues). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants including operating-specific and discretionary grants. The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability as an entity and the change in the net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions of the Department are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Department. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are classified into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate fund types. Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. All funds of the Department are governmental funds.

#### C. REPORTING ENTITY

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units, if any, should be considered part of the financial reporting entity. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability.

#### These criteria include:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the entity to impose its will on the organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the entity.
- 2. Organizations for which the department does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the department.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity. There are no component units meeting the above criteria requiring inclusion in the financial reporting entity.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### D. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department are organized and operated on a basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, or expenses as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds and are grouped in the financial statements in this report in the following categories:

#### **Governmental Funds-**

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

#### E. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental financial statements. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Ad valorem taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which such taxes are billed and collected. Other major revenues that are considered susceptible to accrual include earned grant revenues and other intergovernmental revenues.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when related fund liability is incurred, except the principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized as expenditure when due.

#### F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the department may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the Department may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### G. RECEIVABLES

Receivables are the result of unpaid assessed property taxes. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1<sup>st</sup> and are due and payable on or before December 31. All unpaid taxes become delinquent January 2 of the following year. The taxes are assessed by the Avoyelles Parish Assessor's Office and collected by the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office. The taxes are then remitted to the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury on behalf of Fire Protection District No. 2. The Fire Department is one of 14 members in the District. After deducting a fee of \$20,000 to defray the expenses of the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Protection District, each member is guaranteed a base amount of \$25,000. Any remaining funds are distributed to the members on a basis of structures served.

#### H. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets, which include property, plant, equipment, are reported in the governmental activities of the financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at aquistition cost or estimated cost if acquisition cost is not available. Donated assets are records as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets generally as follows:

Building and Improvements	15-30 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5-10 Years
Vehicles	10-20 Years

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

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

#### I. DONATIONS

Donations, both monetary and non-monetary (in-kind), are recognized as revenues in the statement of activities when they are received or when all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met.

In fund financial statements, donations are recognized in the appropriate governmental fund, general fund, or special revenue fund, depending on the donor's restrictions.

Donations are measured at fair market value at the time of receipt. This includes an assessment of the fair market value for non-monetary donations such as equipment or services.

If donations are restricted by donors, the use of these funds is limited to the specific purposes outlined by the donors and reported as restricted net position. Unrestricted donations can be used for any lawful purpose as determined by the Fifthward Volunteer Fire Department Inc.'s Board of Directors and is reported as unrestricted net position.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### J. BUDGET PRACTICES

The department is not required to formally adopt an annual budget. Therefore, the presentation of a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual, for the special revenue funds is not required.

#### L. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Sub-Department has no employees, all services are performed by volunteers and are only compensated for fire call outs except for the Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Treasurer who are paid an annual salary. Therefore, the department has no policy relating to compensated absences.

#### M. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental funds when due.

#### N. INCOME TAX

The Department is not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### O. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

In the government wide statement of net position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on net position that are externally imposed by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, or laws, etc.; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restrictions on net position are:

*Investment in capital assets* – consist of capital assets including restricted assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

**Restricted for fire protection** - consist of all funds to be used strictly for fire protection services.

Unrestricted net position – consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – consits of amounts that account be spent either because they are not in spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Committed Fund Balance – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the formal resolutions or ordinances of the Board of Directors – the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Department's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Directors and management have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance – includes all other spendable amounts.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Department's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned, and unassigned – in order as needed.

#### P. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires 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 and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2023, the department has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

Demand Deposits \$ 122,246

Total \$ 122,246

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Department's deposits may not be returned to it. To mitigate this risk, state law requires deposits to be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent institution. The department had no custodial credit risk at December 31, 2023.

At December 31, 2023, the Department has \$123,150 in deposits (collected bank balances):

Depository Account	Bank Balanc	<u>e</u>
Insured	\$	123,150
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by pledging the Department's trust department not in the Department's name		0
Uninsured and collaterlized		0
	\$	123,150

Even though pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, LA R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Department that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. The funds on deposit shall be collateralized an amount at all times equal to 100% by pledged "approved securities" as specified by LA R.S. 39:1225, as amended, to protect the funds of the Department. The Department does not have a formal written policy for custodial credit risk.

#### NOTE 3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The billed receivable balance at December 31, 2023, of \$21,259 consisted of property taxes due from the Fire Protection District No. 2 and Policy Jury quarterly payment.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### **NOTE 4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of changes in general fixed assets for 2023 as follows:

, ,	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions		Balance 12/31/2023
Land	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
Building & Improvements	225,344	0	0	225,344
Equipment	1,077,014	11,632	0	1,088,646
Total Capital Assets	1,314,358	11,632	0	1,325,990
Less Accum Depr	(1,003,945)	(\$47,957)	<u>\$0</u>	(1,051,902)
Net Capital Assets	\$310,413		-	\$274,088

#### NOTE 5. LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE

#### **Government Capital**

By resolution of the Board, the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department Inc. authorized the incurrence of indebtedness in the principal amount of \$215,983 for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck and equipment. On November 30, 2016, The Board of Directors entered into a security agreement with Government Capital to borrow \$215,983 at an interest rate of 4.294% payable over ten years. At December 31, 2023, the department had an outstanding principal balance of \$74,566. Future debt service requirements are as follows:

Year Ended	<b>Principal</b>	<u>Interest</u>	<b>Totals</b>
2024	23,818	3,202	27,020
2025	24,841	2,179	27,020
2026	25,905	1,115	27,020
Totals	\$ 74,564	\$ 6,496	\$ 81,060

A summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2023:

<b>Description</b>	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/2023
N/P- Government Capital	\$97,401	\$0	\$22,837	\$74,564

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### NOTE 6. LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES

At December 31, 2023, the Fifth Ward Volunteer Fire Department Inc. was not involved in any litigation that would materially affect the financial statements.

#### NOTE 7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through May 8, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No material subsequent events have occurred since December 31, 2023, that required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### FIFTH WARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. Marksville, Louisiana

### SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

No compensation was paid to the agency head, Bradley Daigrepont, for the year ended December 31, 2023	3.

#### Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings and Responses For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

#### **Prior Year**

There are no prior year findings for the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### **Current Year**

There are no current year findings for the year ended December 31, 2023.